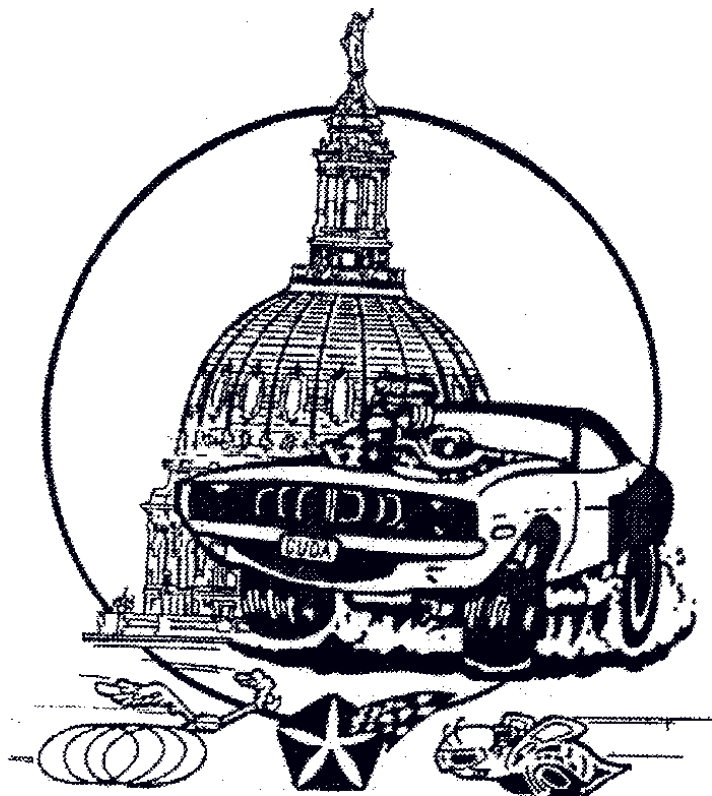


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM Gethsemane Lutheran church, Austin, Texas, located at 183 and Georgian Drive next door to the Humane Society.

The MMCA is open to all persons of good character. Yearly membership dues are \$25.00 per person. As a member, you receive a newsletter with free newsletter classifieds, a discount on parts at participating vendors, obtain access to a network of Mopar parts and paraphernalia, and become eligible to attend club functions as well as show off your Mopar. Non-members may place an ad in the newsletter for a \$5.00 donation. Copies of the newsletter are available for a \$1.00 donation.

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'74 PLYMOUTH BARRACUDA ... by Terry Siegmund

JULY 16, 1974 was a very special day in my life. That day I took delivery of my first NEW CAR. That car is the 1974 Plymouth Barracuda you see here. I was at the ripe old age of 18, and ready to trade away my 1967 Dodge Coronet 500 383. Have you ever noticed how non-Mopar people refer to any Mopar as a Dodge? My father asked me why I wanted another Dodge? I told him I didn't I wanted a Plymouth. My father was a Chevy man; his father was a Ford man. After much discussion and begging, my father accompanied me to Jay Smith Chrysler/Plymouth on 6th Street in downtown Austin. A truly friendly salesman, Dean Monroe, greeted us. As we sat in his small office, explained that I was looking for a new Barracuda, telling him all the reasons why I couldn't get one before. He gave me a sad look, shaking his head saying, "Well, they quit making those and we haven't had a new one on the lot since MARCH." I wanted to cry. This was my dream car, and now they don't make them anymore? I believe he must have thought I was going to cry, or throw up, by the look on my face. He quickly calmed my fears, saying, "We

gave him my telephone number before we left his office.

The ride home seemed dark - and depressing. How could I be this unlucky? I didn't sleep very well that night. The next day I got a phone call at work. Dean said, "Terry, we've found you a Barracuda." Later that day, I was again sitting in his office listening to his story. Seems they had actually found two cars, one was a used 70 440 car (should have bought it too), the other one, was the LAST NEW BARRACUDA available in Texas. It was at a dealership in Arlington. The price was \$4100. Dean gave me the details on the car, the engine, color, etc. The car met my liking. I bought it sight unseen! Being a Friday, it would take them two extra days to get the car and prep it for delivery. I could think about nothing else all weekend. The next Tuesday afternoon I got the call, it was ready! A friend took me to the dealership, I signed the final papers and stepped outside. A few minutes later it emerged from behind another building, being driven by a delivery driver. What a sight to behold. I finally had a BARRACUDA.



might be able to find you one at another Texas dealership, using our statewide computer system." He found some sales brochures and we went over what I would and would not accept. I

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Later that night I took as many friends as I could for a ride. I even made them take their shoes off before they could get in! I hope they later forgave me! I used this car for an everyday driver until 1987, accumulating just over 100,000 faithful miles. I started to slowly repair the interior first. It was at this time that I noticed there were no longer any Barracudas in any of the salvage yards in Austin. I joined the Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin shortly afterwards. I discovered they were hoarding and hiding all the parts (Just kidding). I had the car repainted in 1990 at Don's Paint and Body in Austin. When I saw how good the car looked when it came out of the paint booth, I decided not to put the white side stripes back on the car. The most common question I get asked is "What do you call that color?" Chrysler calls it code KJ6, Avocado Gold Metallic. I call it unique! However, if I had ordered this car, I would not have chosen this color. It looks different in sunlight, a different shade on cloudy days, and really different under florescent light. It has even been referred to as "The Big Jalapeno." It is a very difficult color to spot finish, you would be better off just repainting the whole car. Yet over the years, the color has really grown on me. I have seen just two other 74 Barracudas this color. There was a white vinyl top car in Austin (haven't seen it in years), another was at the 95 Mopar Nationals in Indianapolis. The other question I get asked was "Did it really come with an 8 3/4 rear end?" Yes it did. The white interior

impossible to find good white interior panels. Black ones-easy. I found some really good black panels and vinyl dyed them the correct off-white color. While the car was in the paint shop, I built a new 360 engine. This was really the first engine I got to design on a clean sheet of paper. It was built with TRW forged pistons, shotpeened crankshaft, rebuilt rods, ported 2.02 heads, Competition Cams Magnum 268 cam, Crane variable intensity lifters, Edelbrock intake, ARP fasteners, Thermoquad 4bbl carb. The entire assembly was balanced. I performed all the assembly. I wanted this engine to run easy 14-second _ mile ET's. The first time down the track netted a 14.76 at 94 mph! This package turns through a 727 Torqueflite tranny to that original 8 3/4 rear stuffed with 3.55 gears. The A/C compressor is the original, and it still works perfectly. The original spare tire is still in the trunk. I have all the sales brochures, the 36 canceled payment checks, even the temporary new car paper license tag from 1974. The glove box holds a photocopy of the original window sticker, along with the owners operating manual. I have won many trophies at car shows, but the ultimate compliment is the many thumbs-up signs people give me while driving by! It's really fun getting the annual vehicle inspection, seeing the big smile on the tester's face after pulling in from the test drive. Most of all, the car is just tons of fun to drive! Now that I have had this car over half of my life, it seems like it is a part of me. I can't imagine not having it.



is really a pain to keep clean. The bucket seats have been recovered several times. The back seat is still the original upholstery. It is next to

Even though it may not be a Hemi Cuda or an AAR Cuda, it will always be an irreplaceable part of me, and my life. Now I know I'm lucky.



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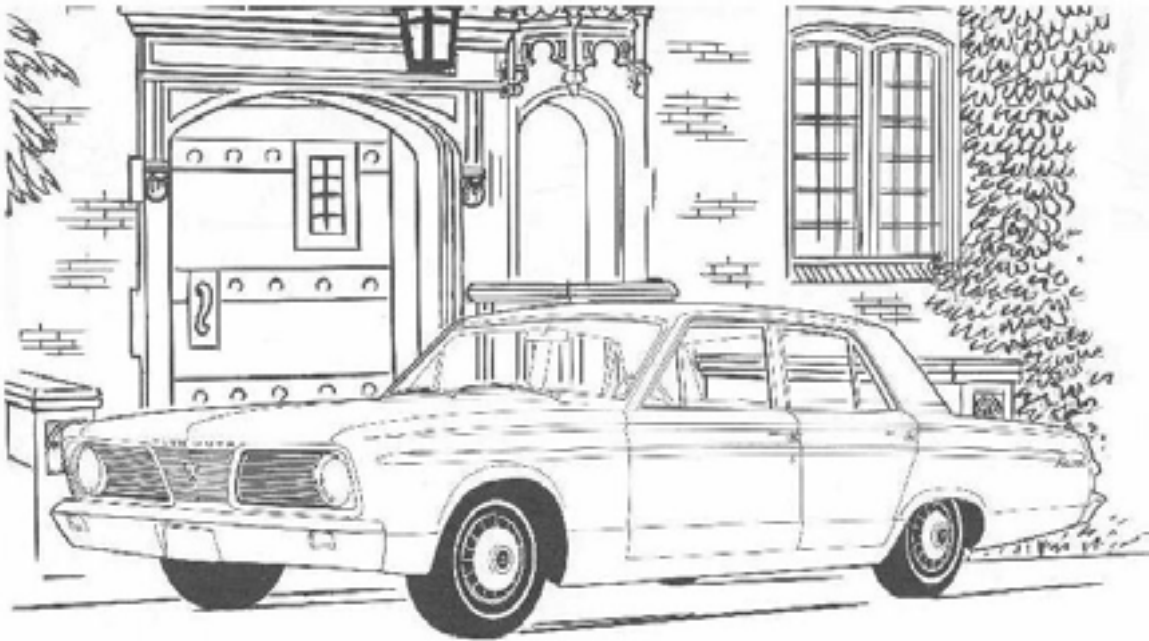
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- Engine quiet.....
- Needs minor work.....
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- Rebuilt engine.....
- Drive it away.....
- Desirable classic.....
- Rare classic.....
- Stored 20 years.....
- Ran when stored.....
- Never apart.....
- Solid as a rock.....
- Restored with 0 miles.....
- Restored with 2 miles.....
- Older restoration.....
- Good investment.....
- No time to restore it.....
- 95% complete.....
- Interests conflict.....

It really means:

- Too bad to lie about
- Beyond repair
- Recently washed
- Recently waxed
- Uses 90-weight oil
- Needs engine
- Junkyard doesn't even want it
- Because it all leaks out
- Cleaned the spark plugs
- Seller lives on a hill
- No one wants it
- No one wanted it, even when it was new (in a field)
- Won't start
- Bolts too rounded to loosen
- Rusted solid
- Won't start
- Won't stay running
- First owner washed it
- Couldn't be worth less
- Can't obtain parts
- Other 5% doesn't exist
- "Either that #!@*! thing goes or I go!"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2002

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Feb 22-24, 2002 Twenty-Seventh Annual Antique Auto Swap Meet

Sponsored by Wise County Antique Auto Club at Wise County Sheriff's Posse Grounds. Hwy 51 S. 80% of vendor items must be auto related. \$20 10x10 or 100 sq ft space inside (ground), \$20 10x20 or 200 sq ft space outside, all spaces \$5 additional after Jan 1. Mail registration only. Free admission. Info: Wise County Antique Auto Club, PO Box 360, Boyd, TX 76023; www.wcaac.com Decatur, TX.

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Sponsored by Mac's Pack at Wal-Mart Superstore, 2700 N US 281, 10 am-4 pm, registration 10 am-noon 1 new Teddy Bear or \$20 to benefit Burnet Co Sheriff's Teddy Bear Program, free admission, info: CA or Neva McMillin, 429 Co Rd 332, Bertram, TX 78605, PH: 512-355-3618; e-mail: camac@bigfoot.com; or <http://clubs.hemmings.com/macspack> Marble Falls, TX.

April 19-21, 2002 Tenth Annual Swap Meet and Car Show

Sponsored by New Braunfels Area Car Club at Comal County Sheriff's Fairgrounds, 801 E Common St, swap meet space 12x25 and car corral space \$25 pre-registration, \$30 at gate (for one on all three days), car & truck show \$15 pre-registration, \$20 at gate, 24 hour security provided, info: Barney or Louise Calvert, 100 Bear Creek Dr, New Braunfels, TX 78132, PH: 830-620-5950; e-mail: cal@axs4u.net for swap meet; Chalmers or Cindy Gable, 830-420-2856 for car show. www.newbraunfelsswapmeet.com New Braunfels, TX.

June 8, 2002 Twelfth Annual Southwest AMC Regional Car Show and Swap Meet

Sponsored by Alamo AMC Car Club, benefiting San Antonio Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, raffle, goody bags, info: Mike Strawbridge, 210-473-4496, TX; e-mail: mestraw@satx.rr.com or Tom Garza, 210-490-3992; e-mail: tamc@wireweb.net San Antonio, TX.

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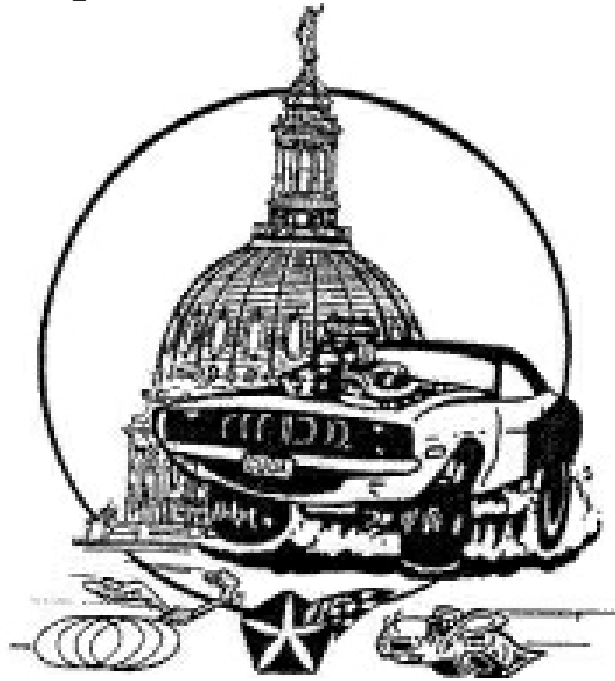
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