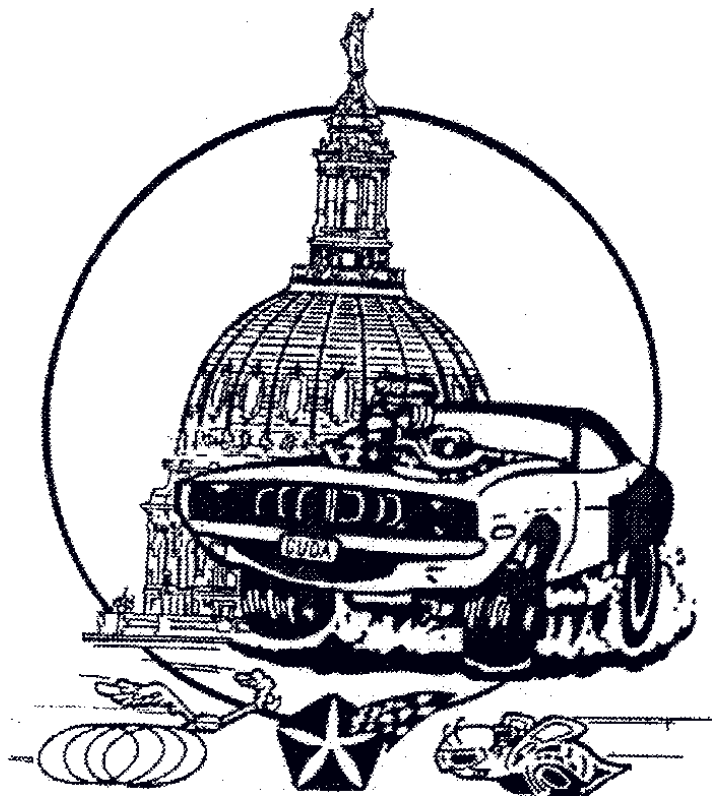


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of 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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Editorial

The "Freeze Your Buns Run" is this month. So, get out your jackets, umbrellas, and hip waiters for some fun in the junkyards. This trip will include DrMopars.com in Neiderwald and HW-71 Salvage. I hope to see everyone there. This is our largest group event of the year. Invite some friends to come along. They don't have to be into Mopars to have a good time.

In the last Month

Last month we had one of the most uncomfortable meeting I have ever attended. I, for one, enjoy the laid back attitude of our club, but as was shown, that can have its own problems. Feelings were hurt and tempers were inflamed, understandably. Let's try to avoid the mistakes, we made last month in the future.

Kit and Carol made their way back home to Ohio on the 24th. We would like to wish them the best of luck with their new lives in the snow.

Ending this on a positive note; (This should have been in last months newsletter.) Paulina

and Michael Mosley are now proud parents of two lovely twins. Eva Lady Bird and Alexander Jan were born on Thursday, December 26 at 10:57 pm at St. David's Hospital at just over 7 months. Both children and mother are doing fine. "No more intravenous feedings or other such stuff. We are now just waiting for the children to gain enough weight so we can take them home, probably first week or so of February." A few very cute photos can be seen here: <http://photos.yahoo.com/bc/michael.mosley@sbcglobal.net/>

Dues Blues

This months list is a whopper. Please remember to take a moment to send in your dues.

Michael Mosley	Harry Amon
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Shaikh Ahmad	Ed Sewell
Glenn Swaffield	Duana Gayle
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MMCA Discussion List is an easy way to contact club members, get technical advice, and find out about club events.

To join send an email to mopar_muscle-subscribe@topica.com



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2003

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 MMCA Meeting	5	6	7	8 Freeze your buns run
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Winter Swap Meet & Car Corral
16 Winter Swap Meet & Car Corral	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Feb 8 – Freeze Your Buns Run: Meet at the H.E.B. in Buda at 8:30. We will leave from Buda at 9am to Niederwald.

Feb 15 & 16 — Winter Swap Meet & Car Corral: Spaces \$25 & \$40, pre-reg cutoff Jan 15, 2003, contact: Tommy Foley, 254-859-5364, Conroe TX.

Monthly events:

River City Raceway, Marion, 2nd Friday of every month, Open Car Show for pre-1970 cars, car and driver free if in show, \$5 to pass car down the track after show. <http://www.rivercityracewayinc.com/>



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Poor Mans Mechanic

Would you like to free up a little weight and space near your headers or exhaust manifolds? How about a mini-starter? Costs to much you say? Not if you look for a used one. Starters from Dodge trucks from 1991 to 1995 use a mini-starter stock. The 6 cylinder and V8 use the same starter. I found 2 on the shelf at a local bone yard for \$30 each. With a little modification, I've found that if you remove the electric fitting from the starter for both the BB and SB V-8 applications. (Especially the BB) It fits the block and there are fewer hassles when trying to get it wired up. Sure beats the heck out of \$100+ for a new one. These will fit most applications, but you may have issues on a high compression engine and big block engines do need a little grinding on the side of the starter for a little block clearance. The starter may touch the block, which may not allow it to mount flush on the transmission case. In case you are wondering, these are light enough to install with one hand in an A-body with headers. You will never want to go back to your old large heavy starter again.

Good Luck,
Dustin C

Mopar Performance Parts becoming Mopar Speed Shop? www.moparts.com

As someone who is very close to this subject (you Detroit area members know who I am), the emphasis of the "Mopar Speed Shop" is to get the dealers behind the performance parts program. Of the 4000+ C/J/D dealers in North America, only a handful really push and promote Mopar Performance Parts. Over half of MPP's yearly sales come from WDs such as Summit, Jeg's, Mancini Racing etc. Therefore MPP would never eliminate them. Also, the name "Mopar Performance Parts" will not be replaced by "Mopar Speed Shop". In regards to the MPP catalog, the reason the '03 is not out yet is because there are over 100 new parts being added and rather than have a catalog which would be outdated by the 2nd quarter of this year, the decision was made to wait until there was firm dates on when the new products would actually be

available to consumers. Therefore look for the new catalog to hit around March.

Also, many Moparts members are concerned about the future of MPP. Even though there is a big push right now to capture the "The Fast and Furious" crowd (which is critical in keeping the "Mopar" name alive 20 years from now and connecting with the the next generation of young Mopar enthusiasts), MPP is by no means ignoring the loyal customers they have had for many years.

There are many new products in the pipeline not just for Neons, but also for small-blocks, big-blocks and Hemi's that will be introduced throughout '03. MPP will also continue to support many shows and venues such as the Mopar Nationals along with many local shows throughout the country.

Mopar is also addressing the quality issues that have given them a black eye for many years. Everything from crate engines to camshafts is being scrutinized and MPP engineering will be holding the suppliers accountable for shipping defective products to Mopar.

There is also a new program in the works that will include a Mopar restoration parts program. One of the many elements would include working with licensed suppliers by providing them with Chrysler blueprints and technical data to help them reproduce accurate and quality parts (i.e. sheetmetal, trim, etc.) for the muscle cars that we are passionate about.

The future for our Mopar hobby is very healthy and will continue to grow. The folks within MPP do care about the hobby and strive everyday to provide quality parts that are reasonably priced. And oh by the way, my name is David Hakim and I am the Marketing Manager for Mopar Performance Parts.

I will try from time-to-time to answer any MPP questions or issues that may arise on this site.

Thanks for allowing me to take this opportunity tell everyone what is going on within Mopar.

David Hakim
Marketing Manager for Mopar Performance Parts



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Top Fuel Facts

Some interesting Top Fuel dragster facts:

- * One dragster's 500-inch Hemi makes more horsepower than the first 8 rows at Daytona
- * Under full throttle, a dragster engine consumes 1 1/2 gallons of nitro per second, the same rate of fuel consumption as a fully loaded 747 but with 4 times the energy volume.
- * The supercharger takes more power to drive than a stock hemi makes.
- * Even with nearly 3000 CFM of air being rammed in by the supercharger on overdrive, the fuel mixture is compressed into nearly-solid form before ignition. Cylinders run on the verge of hydraulic lock.
- * Dual magnetos apply 44 amps to each spark plug. This is the output of an arc welder in each cylinder.
- * At stoichiometric (exact) 1.7:1 air/fuel mixture (for nitro), the flame front of nitromethane measures 7050 degrees F.
- * Nitromethane burns yellow. The spectacular white flame seen above the stacks at night is raw burning hydrogen, dissociated from atmospheric water vapor by the searing exhaust gases.
- * Spark plug electrodes are totally consumed during a pass. After _ way, the engine is dieseling from compression-plus the glow of exhaust valves at 1400 degrees F. The engine can only be shut down by cutting off its fuel flow.
- * If spark momentarily fails early in the run, unburned nitro builds up in those cylinders and then explodes with a force that can blow cylinder heads off the block in pieces or blow the block in half.
- * Dragsters twist the crank (torsionally) so far (20 degrees in

the big end of the track) that sometimes cam lobes are ground offset from front to rear to re-phase the valve timing somewhere closer to synchronization with the pistons.

* To exceed 300mph in 4.5 seconds dragsters must accelerate at an average of over 4G's. But in reaching 200 mph well before 1/2 track, launch acceleration is closer to 8G's.

* If all the equipment is paid off, the crew worked for free, and for once NOTHING BLOWS UP, each run costs \$1000.00 per second.

* Dragsters reach over 300 miles per hour before you have read this sentence.

Dodge unleashes Tomahawk Motorcycle to Reinforce Attitude

www.seatpack.com

Ram pickups, Hemi engines, high-performance variants - the driving force at Dodge today is to do things at the outrageous end of the attitude scale.

Dodge added emphasis to that stance with the Tomahawk, a motorcycle type vehicle that's little more than wheels and a seat hung off a 9.0-liter, 500-horsepower V-10 from the Dodge Viper SRT-10. The concept was rolled out at the

Detroit auto show on Monday, with Chrysler group COO Wolfgang Bernhard at the wheel.

Bernhard said the automaker is considering building several hundred units of the motorcycle and charging \$250,000 each. "We showed it to a couple of guys and they fell to their knees and started to cry, I have never seen anything like it," said Bernhard, who personally swore off riding motorcycles years ago "because I decided I wanted to live."

The Tomahawk can accelerate from 0-60 miles-per-hour in 2.9 seconds. Top speed is an estimated 300 mph, although the concept has been run up to only 100 mph.

Chrysler group design chief Trevor Creed said the concept was shown a year ago to Chrysler CEO Dieter Zetsche.

Rather than dismiss the Tomahawk sketch as a designer's fantasy flight, to Creed's surprise Zetsche said, "Of course we're going to build this concept, right?"



Chrysler Historical Timeline

1940 Walter Chrysler dies on August 18.

1945-1947 Chrysler supplies more than \$3.4 billion in military equipment including approximately 500,000 Dodge trucks to the U.S. and Allied forces during World War II. Chrysler's Sherman M4 tank is the main combat vehicle of the U.S. and its allies.

1947 -1950 Chrysler increases post-war production and adds 11 plants.

1950 By the end of the Korean Police Action, Chrysler participates in 31 government projects worth more than \$1.1 billion.

1951 Chrysler's engineering department develops the famous "Hemi" V-8 engine.

Taken from <http://users.erinet.com/30561/timeline.htm>



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Member Advertisement Section

Items For Sale

Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin 10th Anniversary License Plate Frames.

These are metal frames with black-on-white lettering. Frames are now officially real cheap!. **Contact Harry Amon (512) 345-5832** and he might just give you a pair (or charge \$5 each, \$8 for a pair).
12/98

Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin gift store

Check out the many item in our new gift store. From T-shirts to beer mugs to lunch boxes. Its got it all. Go to www.mopar.org and click on "SHOP".
10/02

'94 Dakota SWB V-6, dark blue, gray leather, Mark III conversion, auto, A/C, PS, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/Cassette, bed rails, sliding rear window, fender flares w/integrated running boards, bedliner, extended range fuel tank, alloy wheels, good set of 265/50x15 TAs, 115K miles, Clear title.

Kelley Blue Book value is \$3305 in fair condition, MMCA price \$2750. Known mechanical flaw is electrical with rear ABS. Price reflects discount for this problem.

Steven Dykes jsdykes@swbell.net
10/02

Parts for sale:

66 black A-body bucket seat backs. \$20 each
66 black A-body door panels(rough shape with good vinyl, needs new backing) \$50 pair
65 Barracuda drivers side rear wheel molding. \$15
65 blue Barracuda fold down rear seat(needs recovering) \$65
67 black Dart GT drivers side door panel \$30
E-body 2 spoke steering wheel (some rust, and chrome peel, near the center. No cracks) \$35
1985 Dodge Diplomat patrol car. No motor or transmission. Make offer.

Contact Dustin Cloud at hell_fish_65@hotmail.com
1/03

1973 Plymouth Duster, red, 2-door hardtop fresh 318, 144,000 miles, VIN: VL29G3B368432, Has original paint. Interior is perfect. Engine and transmission are new. Car is daily driver. Power steering and brakes and factory air. All new performance exhaust. \$3900, negotiable. **Contact: Bob Dormois, 3026 Gabriel View, Georgetown, Texas 78628-(512)-869-2619: e-mail bob.dormois@hypertherm.com**
2/01

-6 pack air cleaner
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10/02

early-to mid 70's 318 long block, disassembled, with 360 4bbl heads for sale. Make reasonable offer.
Wayne O'Neill 512-385-7950 Home, 512-627-8646 Cell

Items Wanted

61-71 Sweptline shortbed pick-up. AT /6 in excellent shape.
Joe 512-452-6400
01/03

1964 Dodge Dart GT convertible. Must be running/drivable and have a straight body. Preferred with a 273 engine and must have a push button automatic.

03/01
Call Dustin Cloud @ (512)836-9490

Looking for aluminum 360 intake manifold. Performer RPM preferred. Will trade Edelbrock 318 Performer. Also need a windage tray for a 318/340.

Contact Dustin Cloud at hell_fish_65@hotmail.com
11/02

Wanted: Hurst Competition 4 Shifter for E-body
Call Bryan Hall (512)-371-0389

Want to buy junk Mopars in Austin area
call Wendell at 512 376 6600 after 6 PM
10/02

1964 Plymouth Valiant
EMAIL bug123@ev1.net
(4/02)

Help Wanted/Given

Need help rebuilding 273 engine. Also, need help with minor bodywork to fix a few rust spots on a 65 Barracuda.

Contact Dustin Cloud at hell_fish_65@hotmail.com
10/02

Computer and some HTML help given. I will be glad to help any club members that need a hand.

Contact Dustin Cloud at 680-9958
12/02

General auto help available, looking to gain mechanical experience. I'll try to work around my busy schedule.

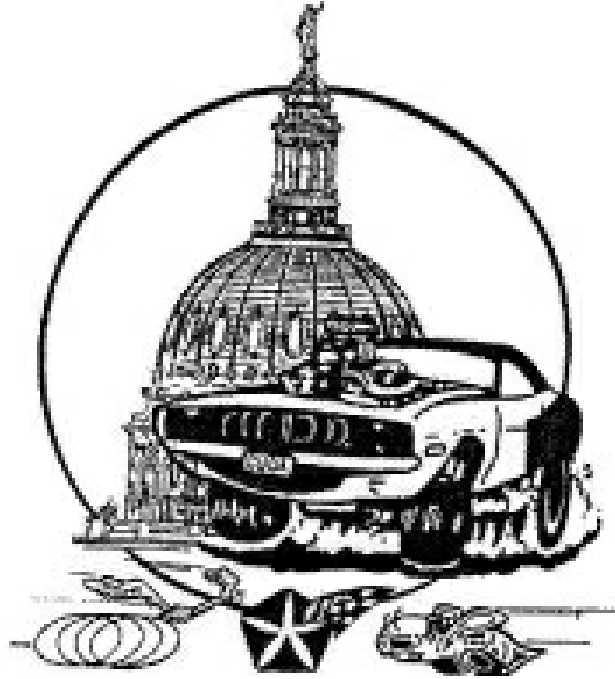
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