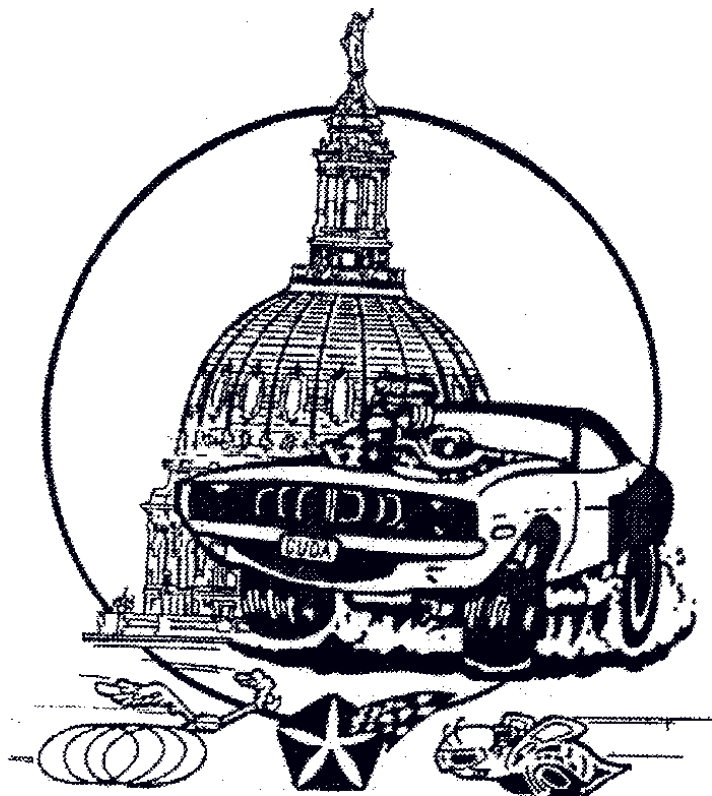


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of 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 holiday season is over. Once again life is back to normal. I hope all your families are safe and you got all the Mopar goodies you asked for. Here are a few things I learned from Christmas shopping this year.

- 1) Do it on-line if you can. It's hard to believe that with as many stores as Austin has, they are all packed during the holidays.
- 2) Most of your shopping can be done in the tool section of Sears.
- 3) www.bestbuy.com has Two Lane Black Top, the original Gone in 60 Seconds, and Vanishing Point in stock on VHS.
- 4) If you really wanted it, chances are so does everyone else. I couldn't find a Zip Zap at all. In case you are wondering, a Zip Zap is a small R/C car carried by Radio Shack that you can upgrade with performance parts.
- 5) Buying for yourself is so much easier than shopping for others.
- 6) Once I have kids, it will be 12 times worse. All you parent in the club, or anyone who braves Toys-R-Us in December and doesn't work there, I salute you! ☺

In the last Month

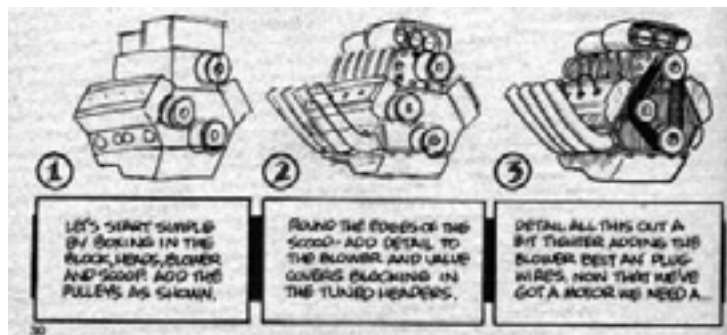
Last month the club held its annual Christmas party and "white elephant" gift exchange at Springhill restaurant. I hope everyone had a great time. Lucky me got sick and missed out on all the fun that entire weekend. Joe H. reported that the party was a nice laid back gathering and the twins van was without other Mopars to keep it company.

Dues Blues

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

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| Michael Mosley | Harry Amon |
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| Wendell Smith | Robert Moseley |
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Learn to draw a HEMI



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

January 2003

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Classic Car & Hot Rod Show
5 Classic Car & Hot Rod Show	6	7 MMCA Meeting	8	9	10	11 MMCA cruise night: Oak Hill
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Viper Powerfest 2003: Dyno Day
26 Viper Powerfest 2003: Drag race	27	28	29	30	31	

Jan 11 —MMCA monthly cruise night. This month we will check out the Oak Hill spot. This group gathers earlier and leaves earlier than the Round Rock group. Try to make it there by 6:30pm.

Jan 25 —Viper Powerfest - Chassis Dyno Competition

Jan 26 – Viper Powerfest - Drag race event: River City Raceway, Marion, TX (Approx. 30 miles east of San Antonio, TX)

Feb 15 —Freeze Your Buns Junk Yard Run. Date subject to change. Yards hit this year: Dr. Mopars in Niederwald and HW 71 Salvage.

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 Man's Mechanic

Free horsepower? Yep, you heard right FREE. I found out about an old trick to gain a few horses. In some engines, the pin in the piston is offset. This is done to help make the engine run quieter. By just turning the piston around on the rod, you can achieve a small gain in performance. This trick will not work for some pistons. Domed pistons being one. Good Luck, Dustin.

Razor

What does every Mopar fan need? Chrysler seems to think it's a Compass, an M80 and a Razor! Those are the names of the three concept vehicles Chrysler unveiled at the North American Auto Show.



The beautiful sport coupe pictured above is the Dodge Razor. This budget priced coupe is predicted to generate a lot of excitement. 0-60 in less than six seconds, a top speed greater over 140 miles per hour, a six-speed manual transmission, rear-wheel drive . . . what's not to love?

The Dodge Razor concept car is a joint effort between the Chrysler Group design studios in Auburn Hills, Mich., and Carlsbad, Calif. Dodge Razor's exterior was developed by Akino Tsuchiya and Kevin Verduyn, while its interior was executed by Chris Schuttera and John Sodano. They were inspired by classic European sports cars of the 1960s, which brought a modern minimalist design philosophy to the project. Searching for a name that reflected the car's energy and attitude, the Chrysler Group approached Razor USA to form a licensing partnership with the trendsetting and youthful Razor brand.

Dodge Razor has a simple shape with every line offering an abundance of emotion and purpose," said Tsuchiya. "Razor's dramatic proportions scream 'I'm bold, I'm powerful, I'm Dodge'. The in-your-face 'Orange Slice' body color reflects the same attitude." Adds Verduyn: "Working off an all-new platform, we could create extreme proportions. The long hood, high sills, wide body, narrow greenhouse and low center of gravity all indicate secure, protective performance."

To keep the Dodge Razor affordable should it ever reach production, many 'off-the-shelf' corporate suspension and underbody components were used. While the six-speed manual transmission was developed in Stuttgart, Germany, the engine is an upgraded version of Chrysler Group's 2.4-liter inline DOHC four-cylinder, now with a turbocharger and intercooler. The engine develops 250 bhp. (187 kW) and 230 lb.-ft. (312 Nm). Aimed at young driving enthusiasts, the Razor concept was designed with a targeted sticker price of US \$ 14,500.

Reflecting the design attitude of the popular Razor kick scooter, the design of the Dodge Razor suggests forward motion even when the concept is parked on an auto show turntable. It seems to be leaping ahead, with its rear wheels larger than the already massive front wheels. Its signature Dodge crosshair grille sits solidly on the front spoiler, while the exhaust tips are incorporated into the rear air deflector.

True to minimalist form, Dodge Razor's only ornamentations are the chrome bumpers, the racing-style billet-aluminum gas cap, the classic door handles and mirrors and the jewel-like lamp design. "This project really is about the power of purpose and purity," said Verduyn.

The same holds true for the interior. It offers the necessities for driving, nothing more. No power windows or mirrors, no radio or leather power seats, no frills whatsoever. Dodge Razor offers its two occupants lightweight, competition-style seats, four-point racing harnesses, storage behind their seats and the pure joy of driving. "Razor's interior is like a clean canvas. Our vision is that you would be able to get additional features through MOPAR to paint your ideal driving setting," said interior designer Schuttera.

The Dodge Razor's instrument cluster has an integrated tachometer/speedometer with analog reading of the revs and a digital read-out of the speed. This compact unit is flanked by easy-to-read gauges for temperature/oil pressure and fuel/battery. The interior is finished in body color and extruded aluminum. "We feel passionate about keeping it simple and honest," said Sodano. "Razor has a focused driver's interior, enhancing the experience of raw power as only a sports car can."

Packaged with the most necessary performance tools and functions, including two orange Razor scooters, and providing customers the opportunity to make its interior entirely their own, Dodge Razor offers driving excitement to go.

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Dodge Takes The Muppets Racing

Hollywood, CA - In celebration of The Muppet Show's™ 25th Anniversary, Action Performance Companies Inc., The Jim Henson Company and NASCAR® drivers will join the Muppets™ in Hollywood at Henson studios for Muppet RaceMania™ on Thursday, April 25, 2002 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Kermit the Frog™ will host the evening joined by Miss Piggy™, Pepe the King Prawn™ and many other Muppet friends along with NASCAR stars such as Dale Jarrett and Ricky Rudd. Guests will have the chance to view several of the Muppet racecars and all the mayhem and mania that has become synonymous with the Muppets.

Through a collaborative effort among The Jim Henson Company, the drivers, their teams and sponsors, Action Performance designed the special paint schemes for the 14 Muppet race cars from NASCAR, NHRA®, and the World of Outlaws series; The Muppet Show™ 25th Anniversary car; the drivers' uniforms; and helmets. Action Performance is also producing the replica die-cast collectible versions of the actual cars.

The Muppets will make their NASCAR racing debut on Sunday, July 14, 2002 at Chicago's Chicagoland Speedway. Young NASCAR stars Jeremy Mayfield and Casey Atwood along with seasoned veterans Rudd, Johnny Benson, Jimmy Spencer as well as NASCAR Winston Cup Champions Jarrett, Bobby Labonte and Bill Elliott will race with Muppet sidekicks.

NHRA drivers will join the Muppets for their second race appearance beginning on July 18, 2002 in Denver. The Muppets will ride aboard top fuel dragsters, funny cars and a pro stock bike. NHRA aces Whit Bazemore, Craig Treble, Tony Pedregon and Andrew Cowin each will race with a Muppet character. In this race, Pedregon will team up with Animal™ in a funny car owned by 11-time champion John Force. Meanwhile, top fuel dragster champion Shirley Muldowney and Pepe the King Prawn will burn up the track in Indianapolis on August 28, 2002.

Defending World of Outlaws series champion Danny Lasoski also will feature Animal on his sprint car beginning on July 19, 2002 at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio.

"The appeal of Jim Henson's Muppets crosses all boundaries," said Fred Wagenhals, Chairman, President and CEO of Action Performance. "People of all backgrounds and ages can identify with the Muppets because there is such a range of characters and personalities. Similarly, motorsports

appeals to a very broad range of people. The two complement one another wonderfully."

"We couldn't be more excited to work with Action Performance to bring the Muppets to NASCAR, NHRA and the World of Outlaws race series," said Michael R. Polis, Senior Vice President of Marketing Worldwide for The Jim Henson Company. "Action Performance has added a fun and creative flair to motorsports, and we know that the character cars will fully convey all of the magic and mayhem of the Muppets."

The Muppets respond to the Muppet racecars:

Kermit the Frog:

"Most people don't know this, but frogs are huge fans of NASCAR. We're very impressed at the number of bugs these guys can catch on their windshields and with how few laps it takes them to provide a full eight-course dinner!"

Miss Piggy:

"Moi is most appreciative of the attempt to glamorize the racing cars of today with moi's likeness. It's almost as exciting as being on the cover of Vogue...almost. Either way, I look forward to using moi's car and driver for my shopping trips as I find traffic too slow for my power shopping excursions around the world."

About The Jim Henson Company:

The Jim Henson Company, an established leader in family entertainment for more than 45 years, is a multimedia production company; one of the top character licensors in the industry; a leading publisher of children's books and home to Jim Henson Television, Jim Henson Pictures, Jim Henson Interactive, Jim Henson Home Entertainment and Jim Henson's Creature Shop™. The Company is headquartered in Los Angeles with offices and production facilities in New York and London. The Jim Henson Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of EM.TV & Merchandising AG based in Munich, Germany. The Jim Henson Company website is located at: www.henson.com

Chrysler Historical Timeline

1925 Maxwell Motor Car becomes Chrysler Corporation with Walter Chrysler as president on June 6.

1928 Chrysler Corp. buys Dodge Brothers, Inc. and begins production of the De Soto and Plymouth.

1929 Chrysler Corp. grows to become one of the automotive Big Three.

1934 Chrysler introduces the radically-styled Chrysler Airflow and De Soto Airflow vehicles.

1935 Walter Chrysler resigns the Chrysler Corp. presidency, but remains chairman of the board June 22.

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

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).
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Help Wanted/Given

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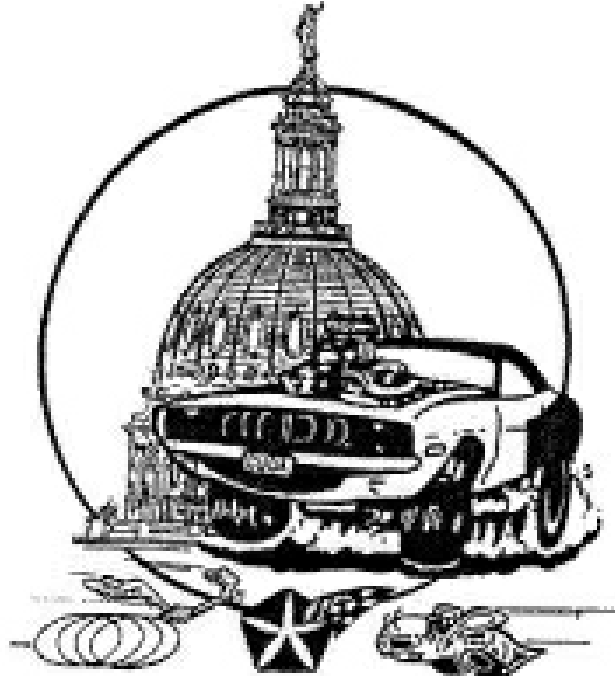
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