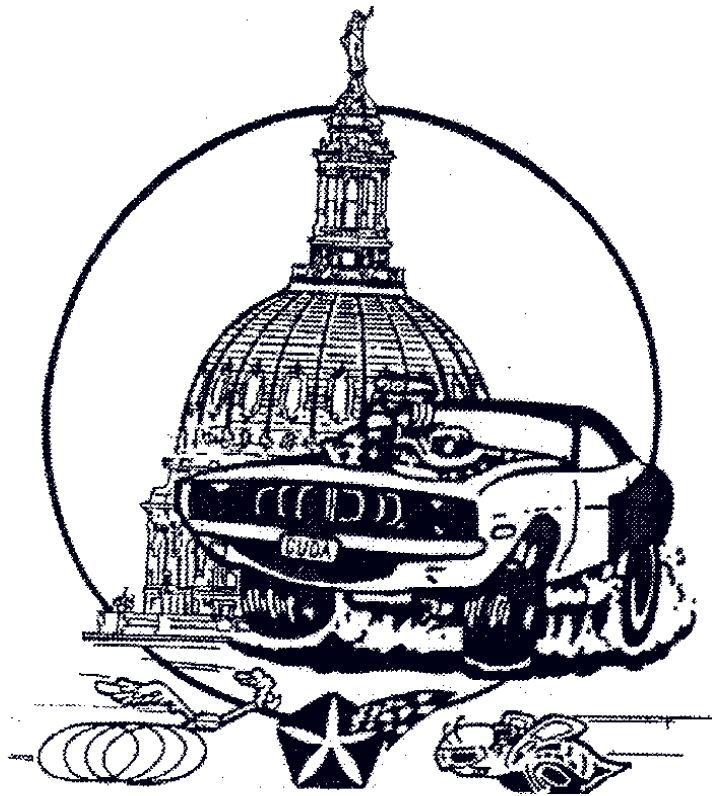


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the 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, access to a network of Mopar parts and paraphenalia, 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

How about this weather, huh? Wet or hot, it just can't make up its mind. This type of weather can play havoc with your car's paint job. Remember to keep it clean and waxed. It will help the paint stay nicer longer. Speaking of paint, I am in the process of getting one of my cars painted. I will supply a monthly article starting next month chronicling the steps I'm taking to have it done correctly. I will start with paint removal, then move to bondo removal and body work, and finally paint. Of course this is my first experience, so you may get to read all about my screw ups and accomplishments. Everything, except paint, I plan to do myself. It will be hard, but should be rewarding.

Coming Months

The 21st annual San Antonio Mopar show is in September. Lets try to make a great group showing and walk away with the "Club Participation" award, again.

This Month

This month Joe H. and Ed S. have written features for our reading enjoyment. If you would like to write a little something, please send it to me and I will include it into the newsletter.

We need a club event. Maybe a car cruise, rally, or poker run. Would anyone like to volunteer to set this up?

Dues Blues

Please remember to take a moment to send in your dues.

Amanda Presley
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Bryan Hall
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MMCA Discussion List is an easy way to contact club members, get technical advice, and find out about club events.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 MMCA Meeting	6	7	8 Mopar Nationals	9 Mopar Nationals
10 Mopar Nationals	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 San Antonio Rodders Car Show	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Aug 2 – Samuels Diamonds presents "Summer Sizzle" show and shine. Location: 5400 Brodie Lane. In the old Home Depot parking lot in Sunset Valley. Brodie Lane between 290W and William Cannon. Registration 8am - 11am. Awards are at 3:00pm. Price: \$20.00 to enter free to watch. Awards Given: Raffle, \$900.00 Diamond, Win a Kinetic Watch and more!

Aug 8-10 – Mopar Nationals, Columbus, Ohio. 2003 Theme "Tribute to the Dodge Dart". Info: www.moparnats.org

Aug 17 – San Antonio Rodders Annual Custom Car Show, Raymon Russell Park, IH-10 North, exit Camp Bullis Road, across from Fiesta Texas, San Antonio, TX. (Rain date: August 24). For more info, call: Clete Wertz 210-653-5169, or Steve Young 210-692-7012, or Stan Ferguson 210-648-3561.

Aug 23 – Big Bands & Cool Cars Top Ten Open Car Show, Chili's, Kerrville, TX. More info, call: 830-792-9830

Aug 23-24 – Mopars on the Mississippi Weekend. August 23rd - Cruise in at McDonalds at the junctions of Hwys 151 & 52 South. Cruise thru Dubuque will begin at 5:30. August 24th - Mopars on the Mississippi Car Show & Swap Meet - Dubuque Greyhound Park & Casino.

Aug 30-31 – 19th Annual, Southwest Mopar Mini-Nationals Audubon City Park, Garland, TX from the Dallas Mopar Club. There are 20 classes, as well as dozens of giveaways and door prizes. http://www.houstonmopars.org/2003/Mopar_MiniNationals_19th.pdf

Sept 6 -- Texas Classic Car Show at Rudy's BBQ. 9 AM to 3 PM. Entry fee is \$20 and the show benefits Make A Wish Foundation. More info at <http://www.texascscs.com>

Sept 11- 14 – Rosanky 6th Annual Swap Meet, Car Corral, and Car Show, Rosanky, TX. For more information, call Bo Franks at 512-360-3562 or email frankspromotions@ccms.net.

Sept 27 – Mopar Muscle Club of San Antonio Annual Show at Biff Buzby's Burgers, 12702 Toepperwein Rd., San Antonio, Texas. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Pre-registration is \$15 and must be submitted before September 10th, 2003. Late or day of entries will be registered from 10 am - noon and are \$25. For information, call: Joe Gonzales at 830-709-5908 or Lee Zimmerman at 210-863-0355 or Silvia Zemgals at 210-402-0329.

Monthly events:

RPM Raceway parking lot every Saturday night. Take the Business 35 exit in Roound Rock.

Albertsons parking lot every Saturday night at the Y in Oak Hill.

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Poor Mans Mechanic

Cheap Oil Cooler Modification

A cheap trick ... or secret... is Ford's Factory Oil Coolers that they put on all 2.3 Turbo motors. They were also found on the Police Mustang 5.0's. If you go to a junkyard and find a Turbo Coupe T-bird or Mercury XR4ti it will have a cooler on them.

- (1) Look at the oil filter. Remove it.
- (2) There is a 90 degree elbow there. It takes a 3/4 socket to remove it.
- (3) Then you will see a round coupler with two heater hose's going into it. This is the cooler.
- (4) Cut the two hoses.
- (5) There is a bigger bolt holding it to the block. You will need a 1-1/16 socket to remove this.

You now have an oil cooler.

Now all you do is

- (1) Clean it up
- (2) Put on *ANY* Ford motor that takes the Fram F8A or equal
- (3) Route your heater hoses into this unit making a loop so that the coolant is running through the cooler and back to the water pump.

You can go to the Junk yard and buy these for around \$10 to \$20. Then go buy 10ft of heater hose and hose clamps. Your engines coolant does ALL the work. It will cool your oil by 30 degrees and raise your coolant temp by 2 degrees. Racer Walsh sells them for around \$180.

This is a Ford upgrade, but should work the same on a Mopar since the same filter is used.

Good Luck,
Dustin C.

Chrysler Builds Steel Chariots

By Ed Sewell

The overwhelming success of the German "Blitzkrieg" of 1940 demanded that the US Army mass-produce its own tank, capable of competing on the modern battlefield where armor spearheaded the assault. On the 10th of July 1940, the US Armored Force was created as a direct result of the guidance of former Cavalry General Adna R. Chaffee. One day later the design was standardized as medium tank M3, ordered into production before the design was

even completed. One week later, the Army contracted with Chrysler to build an arsenal capable of 10 tanks a day at \$30,000 each. By the end of 1940, plans called for 14 _ tanks per day, 8 for the US and 6 _ for the British. Originally designed with a 37mm gun in a rotating turret, it was outclassed by Germany's upgrade to a 75 mm. To minimize redesigning the M3 turret to meet this threat, and in addition to the 37mm turret, the tank was modified with a 75mm mounted on the right side of its hull with limited traverse.

The original facilities at Rock Island Arsenal were unable to produce the quantity of tanks needed to supply 2 US Armored Divisions and the projected Lend Lease allotment of tanks to Great Britain. Previous plans were to use the heavy equipment experience of locomotive and railway factories to produce tanks, but their production output was slow and limited. The automotive industry had the best potential for mass production, so a new tank arsenal was to be constructed by September of 1941. Work began in September of 1940, with a minimum of two months needed to design 10,000 detail drawings necessary to guide production. The building was largely completed by March 1941, with the first tanks completed in less than 3 weeks...an incredible feat of engineering!

Chrysler completed the Detroit Tank Arsenal in April 1941 with the production of the first totally US Tank, the M3 General Lee. By July 1941 a target of 2000 per month was ordered! Production of the M3 version continued through 1942 with 4,924 built (which include British and American versions built by locomotive companies). At the end of this tank's production run, in December 1942, the various versions totaled over 5,600 produced!

Powered by a 9 cylinder 400 hp Wright R975 EC2 radial aircraft engine, with 2 inches of riveted steel frontal armor, 1 _ on the sides, the M3 featured two .30 caliber machine guns in the front plate, another coaxial with the 37mm gun turret, and one on a smaller turret atop the main turret (known as a cupola) for the tank commander to engage aircraft. Weighing 31 tons with a crew of 7 men, it carried 175 gallons of 92 octane, 50 rounds of 75mm, 178 round of 37mm, 9200 rounds of .30 caliber, and 12 grenades along with 1200 rounds of .45 caliber for the crew's personal weapons.

Eventually the aircraft industry had a greater need for the radial engines in their bombers and fighters. In June of 1941, Chrysler was requested

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to develop an engine that could be rapidly put into production to meet the demand. Chrysler quickly developed an interesting, but unusual alternative that came to be known as the "A57 Multibank", which will be covered in the next article...so stay tuned...and Drive Defensively, Own a Tank!!!

Song of the Slant Six

By Joe Hoppe

Among the wars
and the budget cuts
the virulent business
practices gnawing us
off at the knees
once we're tar-pitted
wolf-trapped in jagged jaws

There's comfort to be found
under the hood
of my old Dodge truck
slant six engine leaning
red, utilitarian and basic
framed by calming 60's turquoise

The carburetor is a simple can
a citadel a port in air
solid atop a six streamer river
the moat of an intake manifold
curving like a candelabra
graceful in its sweeping connection

While directly beneath
like a city's sewers
chunky hidden and hot
cast iron of exhaust manifold
casts gasses off in escape
down the long straight pipe slide
to a whole different dimension

Under the valve cover's vastness
tappets and rocker arms
click like a cockroach on its back
pivot like oil wells
across a Texas gulf coast night
slick pile drivers
for cartoon drops of Valvoline
to scamper across and in between

Further down
within that lintel
of a cylinder head
capstone to the solid block
valves open and close
on firestorms and tornadoes

to feed a throbbing
mightiness

Caked in carbon enough to date
in paleontological laboratories
I've scraped and wire wheeled
combustion chambers
into a pewter sunset sky

That glows dully
above slick and silvery
sleeves
of cylinder walls

Back on the outside
spark plug tunnels
--newly O-ringed--
bore through the head
through waterfalls
of 10w40
to shelter the plugs themselves
so they can supply
that precious spark

Electricity flows
from the shady side of this mountain
a searchlight a turret
a rook on a chessboard
of a spinning distributor
power station transmitting
40,000 volts
down high tension wire

This mountain
this city
this functional entity
is comforting in its constancy
a sweet distraction
where solutions follow design

I can lose myself
following its
sensible paths

Still metaphors come to mind
scraping knuckles across radiator fins
the air-conditioner compressor
blocks the bottom thermostat bolt
cold for hot
O it's all
so interdependent

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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, it's got it all. Go to www.mopar.org and click on "SHOP".

1966 Dodge Coronet 500, 383 4bbl, 400 not running yet, 727, 8 3/4, headers and duels, auto on the floor, Red/White. It's a straight, solid, west Texas car, doors and glass all operate smooth and tight, it has a small rust spot (baseball size) on the pass rear 1/4, Complete new white/black interior, all chrome and stainless trim intact, 70's American Racing rims (BBS like, honeycomb), orig. bias ply tires. Very complete car. Currently being restored, I'd just like to get what I have in it - \$3500 OBO or trade for what I really want 67-72 Dart with a V8 and hopefully a manual trans. email me at chris.ryon@parsons.com for photos.

Chris Ryon 512-699-0629 07/03

1968 Coronet project. 440 model with #'s matching 318 & column shift AT. 8-3/4, PS, bench seat. Treated with POR15, needs bodywork. Primered, originally PP1red, factory air (equipment is missing). Also missing driveshaft and front windshield. Completely taken apart, all trim and other parts are labeled. **Call Aria 512-323-5679 or email** aria@jwamopar.com. Photos available to email. Located near 45th & Duval. 01/03

'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 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) \$25

Tuff Wheel horn button. A few small cracks. \$10

1985 Dodge Diplomat patrol car. No motor. Make offer.

Contact Dustin Cloud at hell_fish_65@hotmail.com
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-6 pack air cleaner

-Big block heads, 2 each. Casting:

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Wayne O'Neill 512-385-7950 Home, 512-627-8646 Cell

62 Dodge _ ton (typewriter transmission), 64 Valiant (body altered), 65 Valiant (body/cassis altered), 66 Barracuda(Factory A/C, auto, console)
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Larry Robinson (254)770-9952 05/03

Items Wanted

Looking for old copies of Car-Toons magazine
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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.
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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.
Joe Hoppe 452-6400 01/03

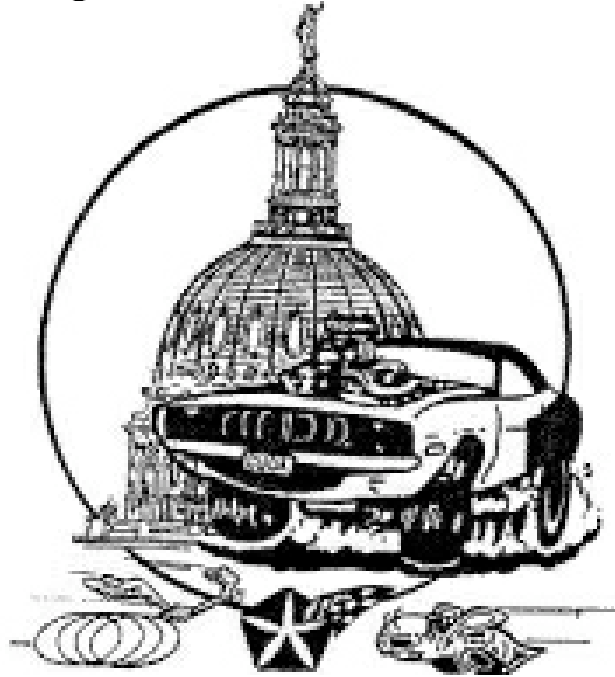
Frustrated with 68 Coronet project; need help finishing body work (bondo). I only have time to work on it on weekends and would love the help.
Aria 512-323-5679 or aria@jwamopar.com
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