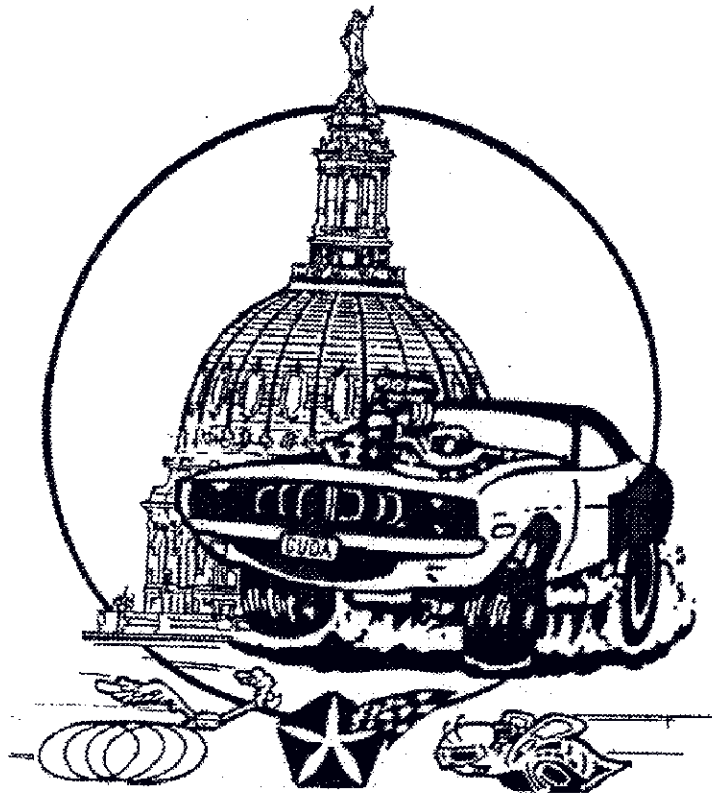


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of 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 \$15.00 per person. As a member, you receive a newsletter (Currently online at www.mopar.org) with free newsletter classifieds, a discount on parts at participating vendors, 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

How about a little rain?

Unless you have been away on a trip for the pass month, you have noticed all the storms the first weeks of June. Not just a little rain, but heavy down pour and flooding. I like a good rain, but when my garage starts to flood, enough is enough. Wet times like these remind you to keep an eye on your Mopar or any vehicle. Windshield wiper blades should be replaces every 6 months. Keep your tires properly inflated and check them for wear. A balance and rotation never hurt as well. Lastly, if you think you may need an alignment, now is the time. An alignment now is cheaper than trying to repair your suspension after an accident.

Take care in the rain!

This month July 2nd, it the monthly Putt-Putt Golf classic car show on Burnet Rd. Let make an effort to show that there are more muscle cars in Austin besides Mustangs and Camaros. .

Last Month(s)

The past few months we had our annual picnic at Northwest Park. Fun was had and sausage consumed. That Sunday, Fiona and Chris Ryon added one more to their household.(Fiona gets top billing, because she did the hard part. ☺) Their first child, Campbell Ryon, was born.

Dues Blues

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

Joe Hoppe	Dave Diskind
Steve Lacker	Craig Rowling
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This Month

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

July 2004

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Putt & Cruise Car Show	3
4	5	6 MMCA Meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Summer Sizzle Show and Shine

July 2 – Putt-Putt Golf on Burnet Rd. Miniature golf is buy one get one free if you bring a cool car. More info at <http://www.austinputtputt.com/Cruisenight.html>

July 6 – MMCA Club Meeting @ 6:30.

July 9 - 11 – Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals. For more info, go to: <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/schedule/chrysler/index.asp>

July 23 - 25 – 27th Annual Hill Country Swap Meet & Craft Show, Lady Bird Johnson Park, Fredericksburg, TX, (Hwy 16 South)

July 31 – Samuels Diamonds "SUMMER SIZZLE SHOW AND SHINE"
 Location: old Home Depot parking lot off Brodie Ln & 290W, in Sunset Valley (South Austin). Rain Date (Aug 7).
 Go to: www.samuelsjewelers.com. for more details. Organizer: Dan Ramirez.

Weekly/Monthly events:

RPM Raceway parking lot every Saturday night. Take the Business 35 exit.
 Van's Auto Parts parking lot (8701 Research Blvd) every Saturday night
 Albertsons parking lot every Saturday night at the Y in Oak Hill.



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Chrysler pumps up V-8 Hemi

Automaker works on larger 6.1 liter version to counter powerful engines from GM, Ford

By Brett Clanton / The Detroit News

AUBURN HILLS — Casting aside fears that rising gas prices will steer consumers away from gas-guzzlers, Chrysler is developing an even larger version of its popular V-8 Hemi engine, according to industry analysts and company sources.

The move comes as General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and others are supersizing engines and threatening to outmuscle the current 340-horsepower Hemi, a major marketing and sales success for DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group.

"Chrysler has to do something or they'll be left behind," said John Wolkowicz, a market analyst with Global Insight in Lexington, Mass.

The automaker is expected to build a higher-output, 6.1-liter Hemi to join the current 5.7-liter model, now available in Dodge pickups and SUVs as well as the Chrysler 300 Series sedan. As many as half of buyers choose the Hemi in those vehicles.

"Our industry sources tell us there will be a 6.1-liter Hemi," said Anthony Pratt, senior manager for global powertrain at J.D. Power and Associates.

Chrysler has begun putting the bigger Hemi in prototype models of the all-new 2005 Dodge Charger sedan, which is in test production in Brampton, Ontario, according to two company sources familiar with the project. The Charger is expected to reach showrooms next spring.

In the Charger, a bigger Hemi would provide more horsepower than the current 340-hp Hemi engine, Wolkowicz said.

"They could probably get 375 or 380 out of it with no problem at all," he said, putting the engine in league with the classic Hemi engines of the 1950s and 1960s.

In trucks, the bigger Hemi also could increase low-end torque, which would improve towing capacity, he said.

Though the larger Hemi will likely get lower gas mileage than its predecessor, it may not be enough to deter interested buyers, Pratt said.

"All things said and done, I think power is more important to the typical American car buyer than fuel efficiency," he said.

Ford Motor Co. also is working on a higher-output V-8

engine, known internally as the Hurricane, with a 6.2-liter displacement and 350-horsepower. Currently, Ford's biggest V-8 engine is the 300-horsepower, 5.4-liter Triton V-8.

Any new cars worth looking at?

If you like me, seeing most new cars and think they are pretty boring. Yeah, they have great gas mileage, but they all look alike. That is the mainstay, but not all are like that. At the Northwest Park picnic, we got to look over the new Magnum R/T. I thought, ok a new station wagon, but it is so much more. While looking down the sides, it looks as if a hot rodder chopped it about 2 inches, but its stock! Inside the interior is plush and comfortable. The gauges stand out and remind me of "futuristic" designs from comic books. Yes, that is a good thing. Under the hood sports a 5.7L HEMI and the transmission is where it belongs, behind the engine. Steve Statham, from Muscle Car Enthusiast, even put it through its paces at the track. He found that the family car is not slouch running in the 14's fully loaded.

A great big thank you to Steve and Muscle Car Enthusiast for letting us drool over this cool car.

Editor

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 Merkur 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* 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.

These have been found the Junk yard for around \$10 to \$20 . Then 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.

Member Advertisement Section

Texas Classic Car Show Registration Form September 11, 2004

Pre-register early to ensure your space

Join us for the third annual Texas Classic Car Show (TCCS) at Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q in Austin. Your \$20.00 registration fee entitles you to a **T-Shirt** (first 400), a **Raffle Ticket**, and the opportunity to win numerous **Door Prizes**. Awards will be given for Best of Show, Peoples Choice, Drivers Choice, and Club Participation. **Register early** to ensure your space. **All revenues** (registration fees, raffle sales, donations) **are dedicated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Central and South Texas!** Be sure to buy additional raffle tickets at only \$5.00 each (5 for \$20). Check out Texas Classic Car Show's web site (<http://www.texasccts.com>) for confirmation of your registration. Registration forms are available on the TCCS website. Registration confirmation will be posted at least weekly to the TCCS website. Rain date is September 25, 2004. **Please complete form below. Please print.**

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: Home () -- Work () --
E-Mail Address: _____
Vehicle: Year: Make: Model:
Other Info: _____
Name of Club/Entrants You Wish to Park With: _____

T-Shirt Size (Check one): Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

I plan to stay for the entire show until 4:00 pm (Check One) Yes No (Failure to check one is considered a No)
Parking for registrants desiring to leave before 4:00 pm will be at Great Hills Baptist Church (Satellite Show).
Mail form and \$20.00 check not later than August 31, 2004 to:
Patsy Waters, 11119 Alhambra Dr., Austin, TX 78759 **Make check payable to: Make-A-Wish Foundation®**

Event locations: Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q, 11570 Research Blvd./183, Austin, Texas (Main Show).
Great Hills Baptist Church (GHBC), 10500 Jollyville Road, Austin, Texas (Satellite Show)

Pre-Registered show cars should arrive at GHBC not later than 8:00 am. All vehicles (including pre-registered) must report to Great Hills Baptist Church to complete registration. A parking space for pre-registered show cars at Rudy's (Main Show) will not be guaranteed if you arrive later than 8:00 am. Entrants wishing to park together should arrive together. Parking at Rudy's (Main Show) is limited to the first 300 registrants, additional registrants will be parked at GHBC. Event ends at 4:00 pm. **Late registration is \$25.00 (after August 31, 2004)** After registration is complete at GHBC the first 300 pre-registered cars will be parked at Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q (Main Show), other vehicles will be parked at GHBC (Satellite Show). Free public parking and trailer parking will be at Great Hills Baptist Church (satellite show).

No "FOR SALE" signs will be allowed except in designated "FOR SALE" area at GHBC (Satellite Show). Additional fee of \$10.00 required and signs will be provided by TCCS. Check here if you want to have your vehicle in the "FOR SALE" area: (Make check payable to Make-A-Wish Foundation® for \$30.00 or \$35.00 after August 31, 2004)
Host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn located at 11617 Research Blvd. Austin, TX 78759 (Directly across from Rudy's) Rooms are \$89. Contact Sara Silver at 512-241-1600 and mention TCCS.
Registration, Public Parking and Satellite Show will be at Great Hills Baptist Church. For additional information about the show please contact Bob Vehon (512/338-1806), Alan Waters (512/346-0263) or Van Redin (512/331-6734).
Free shuttle bus service between the Main Show and Satellite Show will be provided for the entire show.

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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".

68-69 Coronet R/t Or 500 Trunk Trim, Stainless steel trunk edge trim \$100
Email Aria - deity@ariakristen.com

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

'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
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
1/03

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

Help Wanted/Given

Need help rebuilding a 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

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