



## Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin

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### Random Thoughts & Club Happenings

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Here we are again, heading into the dog days of an Austin summer! I know, spring isn't over yet but as hot as its been in my garage I feel entitled to start talking about summer. I hope everyone's projects are coming along well. I spoke with Terry Siegmund last week and I know he's been doing quite a bit of the heavy welding (floor pan, firewall, etc.) on his 67 Hemi GTX. The last word I got was that he had turned it around in the garage in order to begin welding on the right rear quarter. As for me, well my "2 weekend" cam swap in the '69 Coronet R/T has taken on a life of its own. All in all, I'm glad because I found a LOT of problems in there that I would never have guessed based on the way the 440 Magnum was running. Specifically, 12 out of 16 bent pushrods and a cam that was installed *extremely* retarded. I assume that the bent pushrods occurred when the factory timing gear failed on some previous owner. When I got the car, it had an aftermarket timing set which I replaced with a double-roller set. At that time, I just aligned the marks and let 'er go. The car ran quite well until I lost a cam lobe in February of this year- which is what started the whole project. Since I was planning on carefully degreasing-in my MP repro Magnum cam, I decided to practice on the old cam. Wow! on top of the bent pushrods, the cam was installed at 119°. Recommended centerline for the Magnum cam is 113°. I guess the fact that the cam worked as well as it did is a testament to the flexibility of the dual-pattern Magnum cam. Single-pattern cams like the MP 509 and "street Hemi grind" don't work well at all if they are

installed overly retarded. The Magnum cam likes a little more retard (113 instead of 106 degrees) but is apparently also much less sensitive to mis-alignment. Just to be safe, the new cam is in at 113 degrees, thanks to a set of MP offset bushings. Now if I could just persuade the machine shop to finish up reworking the 906 heads, I'd be ready to button it back up!

One of the things I often hear about the modern Chrysler car and truck lineup is, "Gee, I WISH they'd make a Ramcharger out of the new Ram pickup." Well, take a look at this picture:



Before anyone asks, NO, I did NOT doctor a picture up with Photoshop software! This is an actual 1999 Dodge Ramcharger. The only problem is, its only sold in Mexico. This picture came from the Chrysler Mexico website (<http://www.chrysler.com.mx>). If you have a chance, you might want to go check out that website. They have several interesting vehicles on the market in Mexico that can't be had in the US. How about a 16-valve turbocharged version of the Dodge Stratus? Sounds like a nice successor to the Daytona IROC R/T, doesn't it? Unfortunately, even in Mexico there is no rear-drive V8-powered muscle car.

There aren't a lot of shows coming up for the next couple of months. Exceptions include the Charger meet in Boerne on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the Fredericksburg Swap Meet in July. Kars for Kids was very good this year- definitely an improvement over last year. Turnout was up significantly, and Carol Neal told me that the last word she heard was that over \$20,000 was raised for the children's charity. The show is going on and congratulations to the new management! I for one plan to be there again next year. It was also great to see the Twins at the show in that shiny Green Charger. I dare you to get the other two painted for next year, guys (ducking and running for cover!)

I apologize for the late notice about the Blanco Classic Car show, but it *really* wasn't my fault! Honest! The show simply wasn't very well promoted. We didn't get the registration forms in the club PO box until *after* the deadline for pre-registration had expired. I did take my wife and

daughter out to the show, and I entered the daily driver in place of the very dis-assembled convertible. I have to say that the Blanco show is one of the best, if not *the* best shows in this area for families. My 5-year old was able to take her baseball and bat (among other items) and get together with other kids in the park for games and a picnic while the show was going on. The park is absolutely beautiful and a whole lot cooler and more comfortable than a dealership parking lot. There were fairly few Mopars entered, about a dozen divided between the “Mopar” class and the “Muscle Car” class plus a few in the antique and one street rod. Yes, I did say there was a Mopar street rod, and no I don’t mean a Plymouth coupe with a Chove-a-lot 350 engine. One of the most striking vehicles in the show, at least to me, was a 1928 (I think thats correct) Dodge Brothers pickup truck with a chromed 360 under the hood and a 727 under the floor. Many hours had gone into the beautiful wood-strip and metal bed on this truck, and it was a real crowd-pleaser. We headed home at about 2:30 and awards weren’t until 4 so I don’t know if the truck earned a trophy or not. Heck, I’d have given it one just for being non-Chevy-powered!

-Steve Lacker

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## Local Activities

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Don’t forget the Twins’ farm party! Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>. For information or direction, contact Dave or Dean Haight at (512) 346-3298

Once again this year, members of the club will be travelling to the Mopar Nationals in August. Contact Dave Haight for more information on this event.

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## Dues Blues

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These folks are due this month: Mike Mosley, Steve Knickerbocker, Glenn Swaffield, Ray Ewell, and Craig Rowling

Please see Harry or mail your dues in to the club PO box on the outside of this newsletter.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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June 5-6 1999 Boerne, TX Dodge Charger Meet info: Wes at (210)493-0750

June 12 Twins' farm party. For info call Dean or Dave at (512) 346-3298

June 26-27 Arlington TX 26<sup>th</sup> Edition Dallas Swap Meet at the Ballpark

July 23-25 Fredericksburg, TX Fredericksburg Swap Meet & Craft Show, Lady Bird Johnson Park, info: 915-388-2223

Sep 4-5 Garland (Dallas), TX Southwest Mopar Mini Nationals Audubon Park, Garland, TX. Show times: 9-4 daily; Registration: 8-12 Saturday, 9-11 Sunday; Awards: 2 PM Sunday

Sep 25-26 Houston, TX Tenth Annual Houston Mopar Show and Race at Houston Raceway Park.

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# Wanted

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(2) 15x8 inch Mopar Cop Car rims  
Rallye hood or Fiberglass 6-pack (T/A) hood for Challenger  
Sure-grip 3.23 or 3.55 for 8-3/4

**Call Mike Cox (512) 303-3100**

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Schumacher/Creative Services 6 to LA V8 kit

73 + A-body 8\_ or 8.75 rear axle assembly – 3.23 or 3.55, serviceable, SG preferred  
73 + Disk Brake Master Cylinder & lines through proportioning valve.

Tuff wheel  
4 Cop car wheels  
Battery trunk mount conversion  
LA V8 electronic distributor, control module and wiring  
OE un-silenced air filter assembly for Carter TQ  
LA engine gaskets, bearings, timing chain

**Call Steven Dykes (512) 218-4752**

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## WANTED

FOR 1967 GTX RADIATOR #2785934

CALL **TERRY 'E BODY' SIEGMUND (512)451-1454** 12/98

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B-body big yoke 3.23 SG rear end for a 73 Satellite, Rallye hood or 6-pack hood for a 73 Challenger, Console mount for cassette player. Call **Mike Cox, (512) 303-3100**

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Taillight Assemblies for 1968 Barracuda. Call **Mike Mosley, (512) 832-5270** 12/98

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## For Sale

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**Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin 10<sup>th</sup> 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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Cragar SS mags (2) 15x7, (2) 15x10- good shape, \$175

340 cast iron intake, \$100

X-heads, \$250/pair

LA purple cam .284 (NIB) \$100

LA single plane intake, \$100

LA six-pack intake, \$200

A-833 4-speed w/ pistol-grip E-body, \$500

4-speed console, \$100

Rallye guage w/ wiring, E-body, \$100

(2) 72-74 Challenger taillight assy., \$75 / pr

(3) Challenger doors w/ glass, \$100 each

(2) Standard guage sets, E-body, \$50 each

MAKE AN OFFER, Wife says all must go!

73 Satellite Sebring 2-door hardtop, 318, auto, right rear quarter damage (have goold rear half), \$1500 OBO

**Call Mike Cox (512) 303-3100**

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**For sale or trade:**

OE spreadbore 4 bbl manifold for LA V8 – EGR plugged

9” K&N air filter assembly – Fits squarebore 4 bbl carburetors – NEW

(Element used in assembly below lowers cover 3/4 inch)

OE Chrome, un-silenced air filter assembly for 273 4 bbl w/o CAP

OE 2 bbl manifold for LA V8 – No Smog

Hurst Competition Plus 4-speed shifter mechanism – needs overhaul

Hurst 4-speed installation kit for A, F, & J-body – NEW

Rectangular floor shifter boot and trim plate for cars w/o console – NEW

M/T cast aluminum valve covers for LA V8. Will not fit adjustable rocker arms.

Small valve (1.78/1.5) LA V8 cylinder head assemblies (2), good valves & springs, approx. 75K miles, does not have hardened valve seats.

Plug-in trailer wiring tap for 95-96 Ram or Dakota – NEW

Schumacher S6 to B/RB – mounts and isolators. – NEW

OE '68 Mopar AM radio, thumbwheel controls

**Steven Dykes- (512) 218-4752**

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-1970 383 HP engine- \$300

-18-spline 4-speed trans- \$400

-23-spline 4-speed (close ratio), apart- \$200

-Aluminum bellhousing- \$150

-Big block heads, 2 each 906, 915, 452, 346 castings

-Exhaust Manifolds for 70 E-body 383

-MP parts, never used, call for prices (want to recover investment- less than what MP charges now!): 509 cam, adjustable pushrods for 440, rocker arm package, roller timing chain, chrome rocker shafts, MP distributor for 440, 933 valve springs.

- New Hayes street/strip clutch and pressure plate (BB/4-speed/coarse spline)

-New Year One 6-pack air cleaner base

Call **Isaac Jackson (512) 282-6261**

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73 Dodge Challenger rolling body w/ NIB trunk floor- \$1000

E-body parts:

non-air dash pad, very good condition- \$100

(2) Rallye guage sets w/ wiring- \$100 each  
(2) Standard guage sets- \$50 each  
Interior panels, black, fair condition-\$125  
Compete front header panel w/ grille- \$100  
Front bumper- good- \$75  
Doors w/ glass, L&R, interior and exterior trim, \$100 each  
LA engine purple cam, .284, NEW in box, \$100  
Small block 6-pack setup, \$500  
3-speed manual trans w/ shifter- \$35  
(2) 73 Challenger Taillight assemblies- \$100 pair

Make offer for all of above Call **Mike Cox, (512) 303-3100**

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340 Windage tray, used large and small Rallye Wheel centers (both styles), 71-74 driver's side  
340 HP exhaust manifold, 360 Thermoquad intake, 3 small bolt pattern mag wheels with tires, 4  
used 205/70-15 tires, A-body front and rear sway bars. **Harry Amon (512)345-5832**

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### For Sale:

#### **20 GALLON SHOP PARTS WASHER**

ALUMINUM RIGHT ANGLE OIL FILTER ADAPTER FOR SMALL BLOCK

360 ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTOR

70-74 CUDA REAR 1/4 GLASS W/REGULATORS

MANY OTHER 'E' BODY ITEMS !

**Terry (512) 451-1454**

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**1972 Plymouth Satellite.** 360 CID 2-bbl, auto, complete, great interior, excellent chrome, road  
wheels, dual exhaust **Enrique Guerra, 512-388-7942**

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**Parting out 400 mopars, 1953 to 1976, southeast of Austin. Open Saturday and Sunday. 512  
376 6727 ask for Wendell.**

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