



Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin

Random Thoughts & Club Happenings

NEWS FLASH! NEWS FLASH!! I've finally started getting my '73 Satellite Custom 4-door back in shape to be my alternate daily driver. But that's not the big news. The big news is that Performance Suspension Technology (PST) has released a front-end kit for 73 and up B-bodies with polygraphite bushings! Finally, we late B-body owners can make our cars handle as well as early B, A, and E-body owners. According to the sales rep I spoke to on the phone the B-body polygraphite kits appear in the March PST catalog, and I ordered one of the first sets back in February. I'll let everyone know how these kits work out. I'm a little leary of being a guinea pig, but I've waited several years to rebuild the Satellite's front end in hopes that PST would do this. I guess the wait paid off for me this time! PST's phone number is 1-800-247-2288.

In other news, I've finally gotten to work on the club car roster. I had high hopes of getting it ready to pass around at this month's meeting, but a last minute business trip killed that idea. I won't risk disaster by doing something stupid like promising to have it ready next month, but that's certainly my goal.

Steven Dykes and I had an interesting conversation by way of E-mail last week. The company formerly known as American Motors may be officially a part of Chrysler, but most of us in this club don't tend to think a lot about vintage AMC vehicles. Still, there is a growing interest in AMC. Although most AMC cars have a reputation of being "assembled with parts leftover from *real* American cars, the truth is that AMC had some solid engineering and rather fast muscle car

packages at one time. 390 and 401-powered AMC's are nothing to take too lightly! Steven ran across an interesting set of pictures while doing some investigating. It seems that at least a few AMC Javelins were made into police cars.

Steven wrote:

Back in the late 50s-early 80s nearly every motorist had the opportunity to see a Mopar cop car. Most, however, have not seen one from Ma Mopar's red-headed step-child, AMC. The attached photos are of a '72 Javelin in Alabama State Trooper trim. I was doing research for a project and found these on the Alabama DPS web site.



There were a hundred or so of these monsters delivered throughout the state. All were equipped with the 401 V-8 and Torque-Command (aka Torqueflite) transmissions. They were purchased through dealers in Birmingham and Montgomery. I believe the Montgomery cars went through the DPS garage for a little "improvement". A trooper told me they were good for about 140 but would blow the bottom end out of the engine if held there very long. (Penske had the same problem with the Trans-Am motor based on the same engine family. He solved the problem by fitting a pump to scavenge oil out of the valve covers.)

Interesting, don't you think? Thanks to Steven Dykes for the info and photos

-Steve Lacker

Local Activities

This is the month for our cruise and picnic with the San Antonio and Houston Mopar clubs. The date is Saturday, March 27. We will meet here in Austin, and drive down to Bastrop together. Details will be finalized at the club meeting, so if you're interested in going please give one of the officers (listed at the front of this newsletter) a call!

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

There will be another planning meeting for Kars for Kids on March 4, 7 PM at ASI Corporate office 4513 Burlison Rd. Kars for Kids is going forward despite the change in organizers. The new organizers are asking for volunteers and input toward planning this year's show.

Dues Blues

Our ever-watchful treasurer says the following folks' memberships are several months out of date. Please see Harry or mail your dues in: Mike Mosley John Molloy, and Alvin Harrell

These folks are due this month: Dave Wolgast Steve Knickerbocker, Glenn Swaffield, Enrique Guerra, Steve Dykes, Kit Neal, Ray Ewell, Mike Cox.

Please see Harry or mail your dues in

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 14 1999 San Jacinto Battleground, Houston Old Car Picnic

Mar 27 Bastrop TX Texas Mopar Clubs Joint Picnic! Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Dallas Mopar Clubs meet in Bastrop, TX at about 10am head to a picnic area at the State Park. There will be a group meeting in Austin and driving down to Bastrop together. Call one of

the club officers for information.

Apr 23-25 New Braunfels TX New Braunfels Swap Meet, New Braunfels fairgrounds,
Info: 830-572-2626

Apr 29-May 2 Fort Worth, TX Spring Pate Swap Meet Texas Motor Speedway

May 8 Austin, TX 11th Annual Kars for Kids Sonic Drive-in at 134 E Riverside
Drive

May 15 Blanco, TX Blanco Classic Car Show, Blanco State Park, PH 830-833-570

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

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

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

Wanted

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.

Disk Brake setup for A-body

73-76 A-body calipers, caliper adapters, splash shields, lower control arms w/ sway bar tabs.

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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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.

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

Comete 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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