



## Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin

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### Random Thoughts & Club Happenings

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Spring's coming fast, and once again I find myself without the 'vertible during some of the best weather. Last year saw a major rework in the engine bay (new valves, headwork, detailing, painting, etc.) and this year sees it having another stint in the body shop for repair work. The good news on that front is twofold: 1) all the parts I need have been procured (more below) and 2) my insurance company (Hagerty Classic) paid up without a hiccup. Now I have to wait and see how much my rate goes up, and hopefully I won't just get dropped when renewal time comes around.

Back to the parts front. As I reported in last month's newsletter, I found almost everything I needed for the repairs at our clubs "Freeze your Buns Junkyard Run." The elusive part was the "power bulge" style hood. After a pretty intense search by internet, phone, word of mouth, and every other way I could think of... I wound up on the phone with "Mopar City" in Oregon, Illinois. They had the hood, claimed it was in great shape, and so the deal was closed. The hood arrived and lived up to its billing. I can't say they were exactly cheap, but given the apparent rarity of the part I can't complain. After all, I was about ready to buy a plain flat hood or "two scoop" hood just so I could put the car back together. Put them on your list to call next time you need MoParts! Their number is (815)-732-7751

Steve Lacker

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# Feature Article

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## **FLUID DAMPER BALANCERS ON BIG BLOCKS**

By Terry Siegmund

When getting ready to install a Fluid Damper Balancer on "LUCY'S " 440, that I had purchased at the MOPAR NATIONALS, I remembered I had read somewhere that there would be a pulley alignment problem requiring aftermarket pulleys. After some quick measurements, I realized that this damper has almost the same external dimensions as a stock Street Hemi balancer! This will allow you to use the Street Hemi crankshaft and water pump pulleys. This will only work on a non a/c setup. Use the 69-71 Street Hemi crank pulley along with the 69-71 Street Hemi water pump pulley and all the pulleys will align. Using the 66-68 Street Hemi crank pulley along with the standard big block non a/c water pump pulley will also work. Both of these require a dual pulley alternator and you may have to swap out the alternator pivot bracket, and possibly require the use of a Hemi fan belt. This didn't require any extra expenditure from me because I had all the items in my arsenal, but I want to save everybody time and money who is thinking of installing this balancer. By the way, the engine does seem to run a little smoother and the timing marks are easily read with a timing light.

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# Dues Blues

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Up for renewal in February and March: Wendell Smith, Steve Barron, Ron Chinn, Carl Samos, Kit Neal, Jeff Worsham, Enrique Guerra, and Steven Dykes. See Harry Amon at the club meeting, or mail in your dues to the return address on the newsletter!

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# Local Activities

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Planning meetings for Kars for Kids began in October, and the show is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> 2000. Call Denise or Sherri at 462-0393 for info.

This months club event is the cruise to Bastrop. See calendar below for details, and plan to be there! Its always a great time.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**March 25 Bastrop, TX Joint club cruise and picnic with the San Antonio and Houston Mopar clubs. Bring your own food and drink. We'll meet at the Callahan's on highway 183 (near the new airport) in time to leave by 9:45 AM. We'll meet the other clubs at either the Wal Mart or HEB in Bastrop at approximately 10:30, and caravan to the park. For final details and info, call Steven Dykes**

April 26-30 Fort Worth (Texas Motor Speedway) Pate Swap Meet

**May 13 (NOTE DATE CHANGE!)** Austin Texas Kars for Kids at the Sonic Drive-In at 134 E. Riverside.

May 26-28 Waco, TX 25th Annual Waco Mini-Nationals. Cameron Park East. Waco, TX Open car and truck show. T-shirts, dash plaques, awards. Info: 713-932-8806

June 3 - 4th Boerne, TX The 12th Annual National Dodge Charger Meet, Boerne, TX for 1966 to 1978 Dodge Chargers. The Charger meet is free: no entry fee! Contact Wes at 830-981-5383 for more information and to let him know you are attending

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# Wanted

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Want to buy junk Mopars in Austin area  
**call Wendell at 512 470 8484**

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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**

5/99

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**Wanted:** "Tuff" steering wheel  
**Call Steven Dykes (512) 218-4752**

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## WANTED

1967 PLYMOUTH BODY SERVICE MANUAL  
RADIATOR #2785934

**TERRY 'E BODY' SIEGMUND (512)451-1454 11/99**

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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**

1964 361 ENGINE, COMPLETE, NEEDS REBUILD

1968 318 ENGINE, COMPLETE, NEEDS REBUILD

1973 318 SHORTBLOCK, NEEDS REBUILD

M/T ALUMINUM 426 HEMI VALVE COVERS

2 NOS 1968 DART HEADLIGHT BEZELS

**Call Terry Siegmund (512)451-1454 (3/00)**

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## **Unique Plymouth for sale by original owner:**

Triple-black 1968 Plymouth Fury VIP 2-door, special-ordered with:

**440 Super Commando engine**

**4-Speed manual transmission**

**Factory A/C**

**Factory installed "Auto Pilot" cruise control**

Sure-Grip rear axle

Power disk brakes

6-way power driver's seat with headrest

4-way passenger's seat

power windows

tilt/telescoping steering wheel

Factory AM/FM

Unusual factory option combination was arranged with Chrysler factory representatives by Austin Chrysler/Plymouth dealer Jay Smith in 1968 for the original buyer, who is now selling the car. Car was garaged most of its life and has original paint, original vinyl top, and original

vinyl/cloth interior- all in good condition (never wrecked, no tears in vinyl or fabric).  
Approximately 70,000 original miles. All trim intact. Car runs and drives, needs new fuel tank  
(running with a temporary auxiliary tank). **Serious buyers please call Jack at (512)  
452-7165 to arrange to view car.** (1/00)

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**For Sale:**

Upper Control arms, spindles, caliper adapters from '75 A-body  
direct replacement for 73-76 A-body - upgrade to larger ball joint and  
disk brake for 67-72 A-body. Includes new (less than 3000 miles) 10.5"  
rotors, studs, brake pads, bearings and seals. Also includes  
professionally rebuilt calipers w/ new seals and steel pistons. Asking  
\$250 for all. **Call Mike Mosley at 671-6490 evenings or leave message.**

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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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-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, roller timing chain, 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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**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 10 AM-5 PM  
15% discount to club members with this ad- Last saturday in March or first saturday  
in April**

**Web: <http://www.drmopar.com>**

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