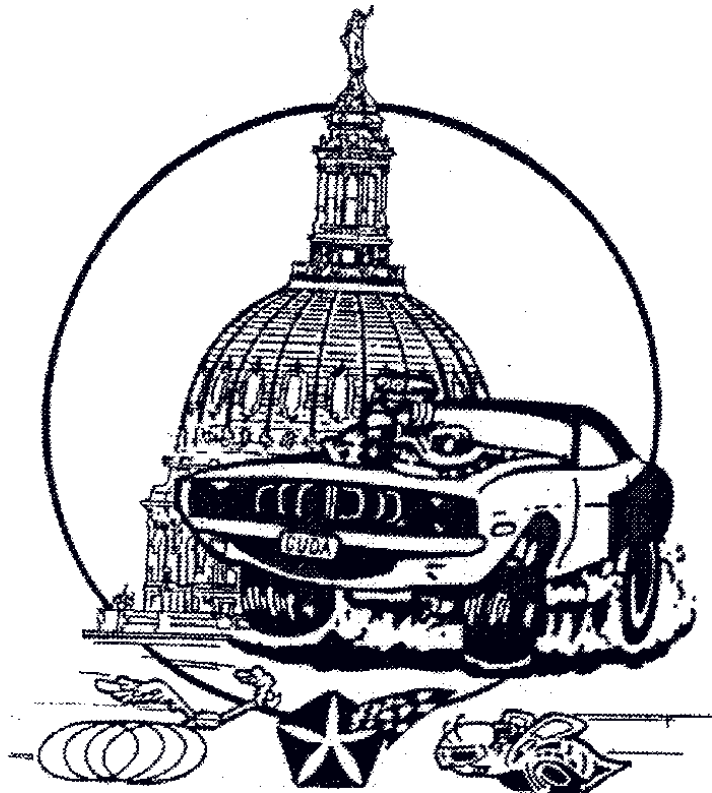


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of 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 \$25.00 per person. As a member, you receive a newsletter with free newsletter classifieds, a discount on parts at participating vendors, obtain 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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Picnic
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Kars For Kids
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

May 4, 2002 Northwest Park Picnic

Saturday May 4th at Northwest Park in Austin, Texas. Bring yourself, your Mopar, your family and food for BBQ lunch. Grills available, the fast food option is nearby also

June 8, 2002 Twelfth Annual Southwest AMC Regional Car Show and Swap Meet

Sponsored by Alamo AMC Car Club, benefiting San Antonio Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, raffle, goody bags, info: Mike Strawbridge, 210-473-4496, TX; e-mail: mestraw@satx.rr.com or Tom Garza, 210-490-3992; e-mail: tamc@wireweb.net San Antonio, TX.



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Pictures from the April 20th picnic at Bastrop's Fisherman's Park



Driving a '66 Barracuda I Bought on Ebay
Back Home to Austin from Sioux Falls, SD
By Joe Hoppe

The Missouri rolls south out my right window
everyone's flowing towards a fine Friday night
every time I open up my brand new hotrod some
the engine gets too hot and I have to rein her in
in the warm May air blowing over the V-8's hum
brings weekend promises and thoughts of romance
to this river rolling land where it isn't quite summer

My car is full of mysteries and trash
things the previous owner claims he did
things he never got around to doing
like the flopping headliner
cassette player w/o speakers
tickets to an adult singles
harvest dance held last fall in Aberdeen
four distributors bending spare
chrome strips in the trunk

It looked so fine
flatbedded across the airport parking lot
purple majestic metal flake
big roundy glass back
with those odd angles and almost fins
fat tires on studded aluminum wheels

Unverifiable claims
ported heads and built transmission
though you can't deny the MSD ignition
Offenhauser intake and Carter four barrel
sit custom under a chrome aircleaner
for all to see
traction bars high school obvious
trick rear end dubious
trunk punctured
by a flat black spoiler
that goofy go-wing has got to go

I handed over the certified check
hopeful
without too much regret

Omaha is a flexifan installed in the twilight
under humming auto parts store parking lot lights

I-80 to Lincoln is a steady white needle
over blue rolling hills with lengthening shadows
temperature gauge steady
so long as the speedometer's left of sixty

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Joe's Poem Continued

Lincoln is a NAPA store Saturday 8 a.m.
a thermostat and a long time to find a top hose
a gallon of coolant and some jumper cables just in
case

The parts guys talking about a buffalo
sherriffs had to shoot when it ran wild
downtown in a little place not too far away
thing of it was, it was a sacred white buffalo
they're born white, but then after a while
they turn brown, the cops didn't know

Biscuits and sausage and hashbrowns
with the farmers in the café next door
red caps and sweatshirts supporting the 'Huskers
the sun shines sweet on green antifreeze
trickling in overflow beneath my purple car

Kansas is as America as conceivable
two lanes with yellow dashes
draw the gas pedal to the floor
blasting around farm trucks
sporting big orange triangles on behind
up to a hundred
quicker than I would have bet

Three hundred and eighteen cubic inches
of American muscle American power
pulling mighty here I am
blasting in the kind of car
my dad, my mechanic grandfather
my test driver uncle
my garage owning cousin
all stood around with the hood open
those family gatherings way back

At ninety miles per hour
on a road so deeply black
all the roughness gets absorbed
immediately beneath its surface
I'm so happy to be here driving
it feels like like I'm fulfilling
a birthright

When the front end starts floating
it gets noted as a simple
and temporary inconvenience
nothing that can't be fixed
eventually

Down through El Dorado
there's no denying
the temperature gauge
is climbing

A slowed down Saturday afternoon
sweeps me sleepy into Wichita
which is a brand new carburetor

Underneath the dirty aircleaner
that old Carter was barely held together
with JB Weld and twisted wire

A cast of helpful onlookers
offer assistance with the new Edelbrock
which has to be trucked
from a store across town
Four bolts a filter and a couple return springs
experts who race Trans Ams and big blocks
hook me up with linkage
An old biker pays me \$20 for the old Carter
spouting parts man mythologies
about rarities and secret IDs

On the toll road south in the morning rain
I'm drinking Prairie Rain bottled in plastic
when the oil pressure gauge starts dropping

That needle drifting to the left
the temperature needle drifting right
I'm drifting southwards
in a comforting mist

If I could only get that water
to flow up under the hood
cool off the engine some

The fading oil gauge
brings horrific visions
the engine seizing at seventy
and taking the transmission with it
or maybe just an oil pump
still hard as hell to get to and repair

Finally a truck stop that carries
Motor Honey
I can only hope
it will fulfill its promise
spreading and strengthening
the oil already in the crankcase



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sweeten it along on its job
and keep the pressure up
Wayward gauges confine me to
sixty on this wide and smooth
and open toll road
I sit strung within
a web of systems
eyes on the road
eyes on the temperature gauge
eyes on the oil pressure gauge
eyes on the mirrors
hands on the wheel
foot on the gas pedal
nerves from my back
isolated and stretched
to every single point within this car
keeping it running
keeping it together
through sheer awareness

Through Northern Oklahoma
I flash back to boiling over
almost every time this car has stopped
and have a revelation
The one thing left untouched
The radiator cap

Jokes of buckle on the Bible Belt
haunt the search for a parts store
open on an Oklahoma Sunday morning
Blackwell, Tonkawa, Perry
nothing until
Oklahoma City
And then not until after noon

The cap I've been running
is rated at eight pounds
not nearly enough pressure
to keep the hot fluids liquid
when what's called for
is sixteen psi

I clamp the new cap down
and not ten miles out of town
there comes that sick sweet smell
of spraying antifreeze
the correct pressure just
too much for the old radiator

Seams along its top have blown
sending green sticky streams
arcing over the hot engine
smelling like some county fair midway

hot grease and rancid cotton candy

I pour in some water from the bottle in the trunk
and head south singing
making up my own lame-ass rhymes
using Davy Crockett's great line:
"You can go to hell/I'm gonna go to Texas"

I don't quite make it a hundred miles
before the engine's
way far into the hot zone
again

Oklahoma has fine rest stops
green grass to lie on and plentiful water
The caretaker's doing his community service
bright orange plastic vest ziptied on inescapable
must be hot
uncomfortable in all kinds of ways
he thinks my car is a beaut

Another water break then Dallas
where a Sunday evening rush hour
slaloms between under-construction roads
shiny pick up trucks all want to do eighty
down concrete shoots without any shoulders

Sunday evening coming down hard
a catfish dinner with all the fixings
doesn't do much
to shore up my weariness
miles to go before I sleep

Miles to go and miles to go
the sun starts to slant
my situation gets less clear cut
I could hole up here and find
a radiator repair shop manana
Monday morning get my oil
looked at too maybe I've just fried
it cooked the viscosity right out of it
maybe a simple oil change will
do come Monday morning manana

A serpent stretches in the parking lot
mottled four feet long
soaking up the asphalt's warmth
before the evening cool sets in

Some kind of water snake
its tail brighter than its body
like that part hasn't had
a chance to fade yet



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**brown and tan and black and
shining ivory white**

**I stand still and close
watching its black tipped tongue
flipping out and back until
the snake glides up over the cement curb
into unnaturally green grass
down towards an irrigation ditch
toward its home
and makes up my mind
to head towards mine
North of Waco there's a truck stop
Carl's Corners has its own zip code
a mom and two kids waiting for someone
a '72 Chevy flatbed overburdened
with a '66 Chevy stepside
strapped to its back
spewing gravel unmuffled
down the access road**

**They're out of premium
so I'm stuck with regular
they sell me three bucks worth
of octane booster
to even things out**

**South on I-35
the NAFTA highway now
my roundbacked car is a speed bump
a fifty five mile per hour impediment
but this is what it takes
to keep the gauges in place**

**The night air helps the temperature some
after two cans of Bars Leak
that radiator is only shooting pinhole streams
the oil pressure rides low but steady**

**Even within my weariness
there's no denying the beauty of lightning
shooting down across the plains
forty miles in front of me**

**The storm passes from right to left
flashes and clouds lit from underneath
I never get close enough to hear it
but there's an opened up smell
mist trailing off the damp pavement**

**Then Austin and familiar neon
a thumbs up from a kid in a tuned plastic car
past midnight I keep on rolling**

**past my house
for the car wash**

**The Barracuda shines in the driveway
when I go inside to wake my wife**

Thanks Joe

Pictures from the Northwest Park Picnic





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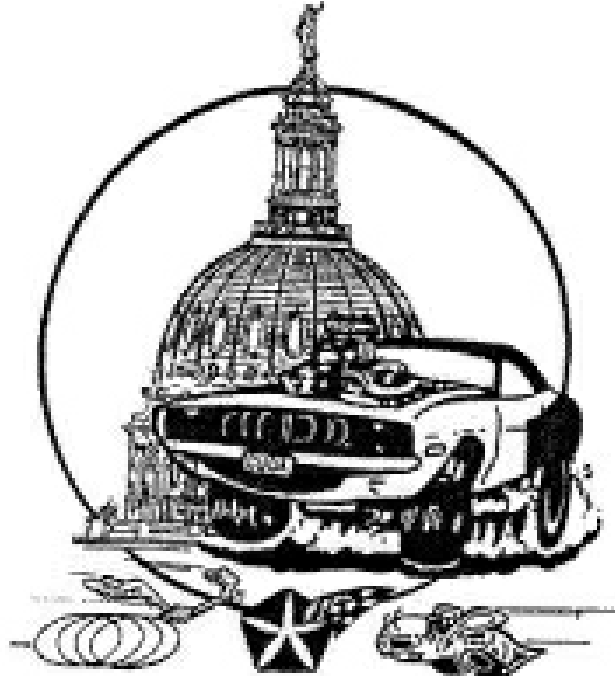
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