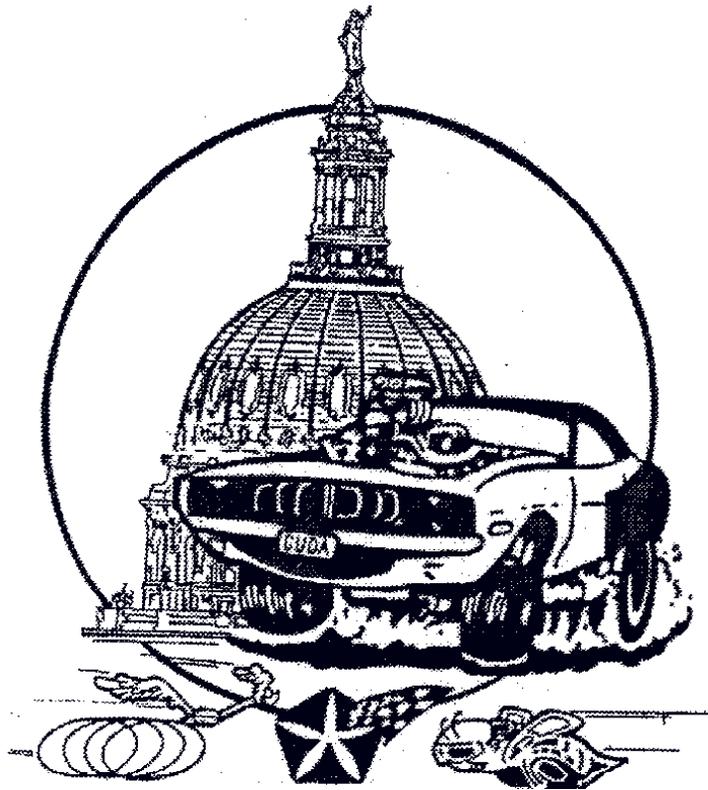


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of 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, access to a network of Mopar parts and paraphenalia, 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

A special note to all the members in P-Ville. Early last month I had dinner at Baby A's on Howard Ln. As luck would have it, some bozo broke into my truck and made off with my tool box. I found out that this is becoming very common in this area. Please be careful if you have to go to this Baby A's or Home Depot.

Andrew at MarketPlaceAustin has asked us to put on another show around October. If any one would like to lead the car show team, please let me know.

## Last Month

This past month, we had the annual MMCA picnic at Northwest park. A small group turned out to the park. With the sad looking weather (and poor announcements from me) the picnic was still a blast. Thanks to everyone who made it out.

## This Month

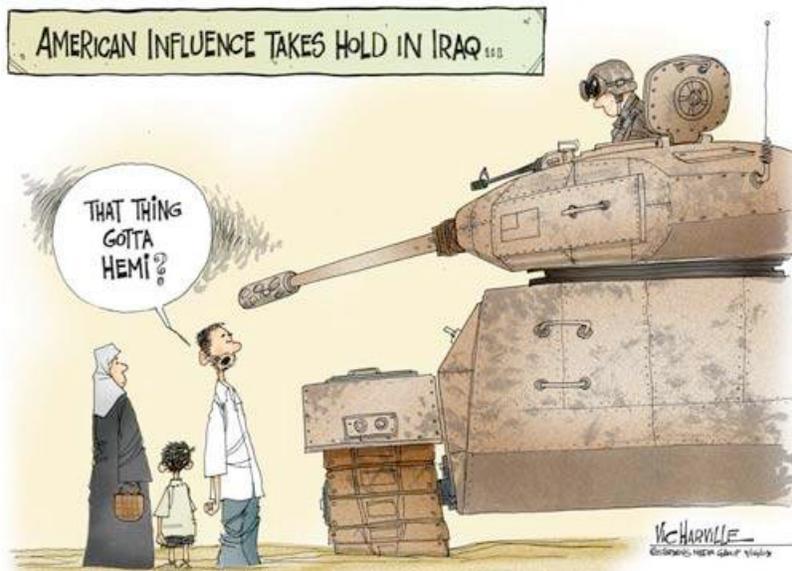
Well, as you may or may not know, I had some problems getting last month's newsletter out on time. I hope to fix that problem. From now on, they should be out the first week of every month.

## Dues Blues

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

Amanda Presley  
Tim Josserand  
Bryan Hall  
Mike Jones  
Issac Jackson

Joe Matush  
Craig Rowling  
Robert Moseley  
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**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](mailto:mopar_muscle-subscribe@topica.com)



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June 2003

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 MMCA Meeting	4	5	6 Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour	7 T & C Car Show Twins farm Party
8 AMC Regional Car Show	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Big Dawg & lil Pooch shootout	21 Air Capital Mopar Meet
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 SA Car Club Showdown	30					

June 6 – Hot Rod Magazine: Power Tour concludes in Arlington, Texas. See [www.hotrod.com](http://www.hotrod.com) for more details.

June 7 – Annual Farm Party at Dave and Dean Haight's farm.

June 7 – 2nd Annual Torque and Chrome Car Show in Katy, TX. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date June 21, 2003. Online registration at <http://www.torqueandchrome.com/carregistrations> Call Damian at 713-956-0540 for more information.

June 8 – 12th Annual Southwest AMC Regional Car Show and Swap Meet, sponsored by the Alamo AMC Car Club, benefiting San Antonio Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. It will be held at Biff Buzby's in San Antonio at I-35 and Toepperwein Rd. There will be a raffle and goody bags. Info: Mike Strawbridge, 210-473-4496, email: [mestraw@satx.rr.com](mailto:mestraw@satx.rr.com) or Tom Garza, 210-490-3992, email: [tamc@wireweb.net](mailto:tamc@wireweb.net)

June 20 – Big Dawg & Little Pooch Shootout, San Antonio Raceway, Marion, TX. <http://www.sanantonioraceway.com>

June 21 – 18th Annual Air Capital Mopar Meet, presented by Wichita Area Mopars, New Market Square, 21st Street North & Maize Road, Wichita, Kansas. <http://www.wichitamopar.com/meet/index.htm>

June 29 – Car Club Showdown, San Antonio Raceway, Marion, TX. <http://www.sanantonioraceway.com>

#### Monthly events:

River City Raceway, Marion, 2nd Friday of every month, Open Car Show for pre-1970 cars, car and driver free if in show, \$5 to pass car down the track after show. <http://www.rivercityracewayinc.com/>



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### Poor Mans Mechanic

None this month. If you have any tricks, please send them to hell\_fish\_65@hotmail.com

Good Luck,  
Dustin C



### Giving the Aztec a Run For Its Money

<http://www.autonews.com/>

### **Automotive News**

You've seen the concept—now how 'bout a glimpse of the real deal? Here's our spy guy's shots of the forthcoming 2005 Dodge Magnum SRT-8 sportwagon in production trim undergoing testing at Chrysler's Arizona test facility. While the concept revealed in Los Angeles featured a 430-horsepower supercharged 5.7-liter Hemi V8, the production model due in early 2004 will likely hit the market with a 340-hp Hemi under the hood.

Magnum and a sister Chrysler model based on the 300C concept shown last month in New York represent Chrysler's next-generation front-engine, rear- and all-wheel-drive LX replacements.

The cars borrow some 20 percent of their parts from Mercedes, including suspension, transmission and steering hardware. A third potential LX model, the Airflite concept that debuted in Geneva, is a five-door sport hatchback powered by a 3.5-liter V6 driving the rear wheels.

### Chrysler Historical Timeline

1992 Chrysler introduces the Dodge Viper, a 2-seat V-10 roadster, Chrysler's first vehicle designed by a platform team.

1996 Chrysler breaks ground for the Chrysler Historical Museum.

1996 Chrysler introduces the Plymouth Prowler.

1996 Chrysler is named "Company of the Year" by Forbes Magazine.

1996 IndustryWeek named Chrysler among the 100 best managed companies.

1998 Chrysler and Daimler-Benz AG agree to combine their businesses in a merger of equals.

Taken from

<http://users.erinet.com/30561/timeline.htm>

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## **Fuel-Saving Tips Part 1**

<http://autos.msn.com/advice/standardart.aspx?contentid=4018909&src=News>

No matter where you live and what you drive, you can maximize every gallon of fuel. Here's how:

### **Regular Servicing Is Important**

Keep your vehicle well maintained with regular servicing to keep it operating at peak efficiency. An inefficient engine—with fouled spark plugs, for example—won't make optimum use of fuel. Be sure the air filter and the fuel filter are clean. Put in new ones if they're not. A new oxygen sensor alone can improve gas mileage by as much as 15 percent, according to AutoZone, a car parts store. Don't forget little things like the air in your tires. Having tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure can improve gas mileage by as much as 6 percent, while periodic wheel alignments can help improve fuel economy up to 10 percent, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Clean out that trunk, cargo area or pickup bed. Take out unneeded items that only add weight to your vehicle. Extra weight decreases gas mileage. According to AutoZone, every 200 pounds of unnecessary weight shaves one mile per gallon off your fuel mileage.

### **Be a Different Driver**

Change your driving style. Accelerate gradually, drive smoothly and with care and you could see as much as a 20 percent gain in fuel economy compared with what you'd get with an aggressive driving style, the EPA says. Skip those jackrabbit starts and sudden pedal-to-the-metal maneuvers if you want to save gas. Anticipate stops so you avoid sudden braking, and take a long view of the road ahead, coasting safely to an intersection in front of you where you see traffic stopped.

Don't speed. A car or truck moving at 55 miles an hour can get about 15 percent better fuel economy than the same car going 65 mph. Use your vehicle's navigation system, if you have one, in your travels to new locales. This can save you from getting lost and wasting gas. (Editors note: Yeah, that's going to happen ☺)

### **Drive Smart**

Don't be idle too long. Don't waste fuel by sitting in that drive-thru lane at McDonald's or Taco Bell. Park and go inside instead. Don't let your vehicle idle as

you wait outside the elementary school to pick up your children. Idling uses more fuel than turning the engine off, waiting for your youngsters and then restarting the engine.

When you're in slow city traffic, keep the air conditioner off, if possible. Roll down the windows and open the air vents to keep you and your riders comfortable. That air conditioner is a burden that uses fuel, and if you're tooling around town, you can see a "very slight" improvement in gas mileage by keeping it turned off, a Mercedes-Benz spokesman said.

### **Plan Ahead**

Combine your errands into one trip, rather than taking multiple trips from home. Organize your stops so they're near each other and so you don't retrace your path. You may even be able to park in one central spot and walk between some of your stops rather than driving and parking at each one. For large gatherings like family reunions and church picnics, organize a carpool. If the distance to these events is long, Budget Rent a Car Corp. suggests even renting a 15-person van to maximize fuel savings vs. driving a number of separate vehicles in these circumstances.

Plan your trips so you go out during less-congested times of day. When there's less traffic, you're more apt to be able to drive smoothly. Use navigation aids on the Internet or in your vehicle to keep from getting lost—and thus wasting fuel—when you're headed to a new, unknown location.

### **Weather Effects**

Note that road and weather conditions have a role, too, in the fuel economy of your vehicle. Driving into a 20-mph headwind can reduce fuel economy by as much as 6 percent. Driving up a mountain road with a 7 percent grade can cut fuel economy by as much as 25 percent. Driving on gravel and in slush and snow requires a bit more fuel, too.



# Member Advertisement Section

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## Items For Sale

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### 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](http://www.mopar.org) and click on "SHOP".

**1968 Coronet project.** 440 model with #'s matching 318 & column shift AT. 8-3/4, PS, bench seat. Treated with POR15, needs bodywork. Primered, originally PP1red, factory air (equipment is missing). Also missing driveshaft and front windshield. Completely taken apart, all trim and other parts are labeled. **Call Aria 512-323-5679 or email** [aria@jwamopar.com](mailto:aria@jwamopar.com). Photos available to email. Located near 45<sup>th</sup> & Duval. 01/03

'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](mailto: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

67 black Dart GT drivers side door panel \$30

67 Dart GT drivers door \$75

E-body 2 spoke steering wheel (some rust, and chrome peel, near the center. No cracks) \$25

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

-6 pack air cleaner

-Big block heads, 2 each. Casting:

915(\$300), 906(\$250), 452, 346 (\$200)

**Call Isaac Jackson (512) 251-8999** 8/00

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**Web:** <http://www.drmpar.com> 10/02

early-to mid 70's 318 long block, disassembled, with 360 4bbl heads for sale. Make reasonable offer.

**Wayne O'Neill 512-385-7950 Home, 512-627-8646 Cell**

62 Dodge \_ ton (typewriter transmission), 64 Valiant (body altered), 65 Valiant (body/cassis altered), 66

Barracuda(Factory A/C, auto, console)

Mopar tech. library- Shop manuals and magazines

225 /6 & 318 V8; Disassembled, shop work done, new parts

**Larry Robinson (254)770-9952** 05/03

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## Items Wanted

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1964 Dodge Dart GT convertible. Must be running/drivable and have a straight body. Preferred with a 273 engine and must have a push button automatic.

**Call Dustin Cloud @ (512)836-9490** 03/01

Want to buy junk Mopars in Austin area

**call Wendell at 512 376 6600 after 6 PM** 10/02

1964 Plymouth Valiant

**EMAIL bug123@ev1.net** (4/02)

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## Help Wanted/Given

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Need help rebuilding 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

Frustrated with 68 Coronet project; need help finishing body work (bondo). I only have time to work on it on weekends and would love the help.

**Aria 512-323-5679 or** [aria@jwamopar.com](mailto:aria@jwamopar.com)

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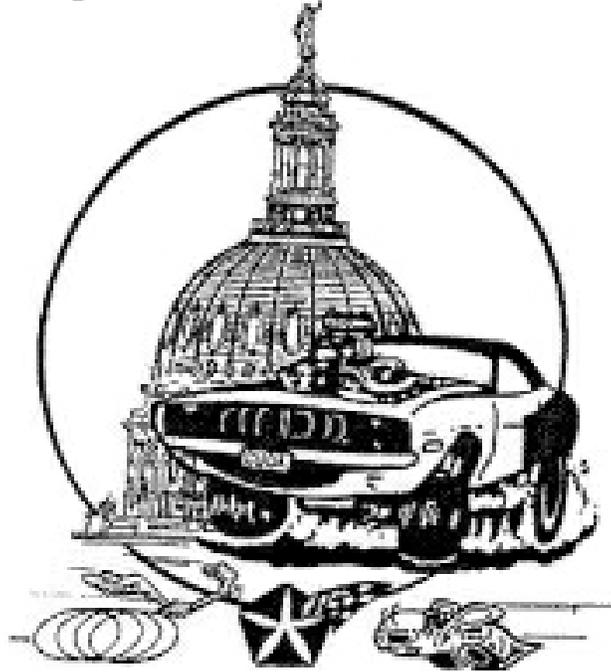
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