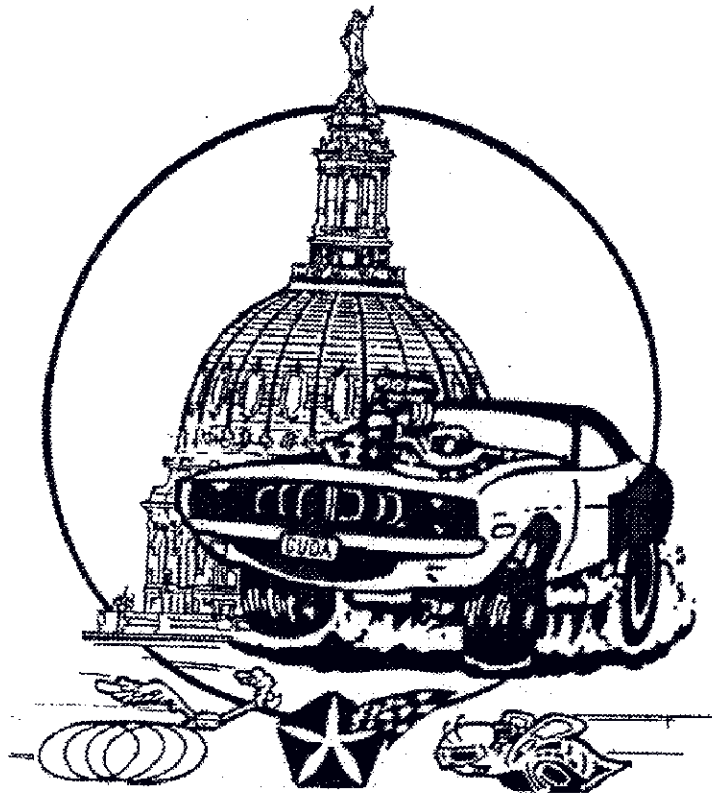


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of 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 \$15.00 per person. As a member, you receive a newsletter (Currently online at www.mopar.org) with free newsletter classifieds, a discount on parts at participating vendors, 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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Editorial

Good ole safety! I'm getting a full dose of it now days. The company I work for is trying to get OSHA approved. It's amazing the items that could "hurt" you. It's also a real eye opener on some very dangerous hazards that are over looked. I know if an inspector looked in my garage, he would most likely run out of paper writing up hazards. I bet there are a few others in the club the same way. This has made me take a step back and look around me. I have started to reorganize my garage and sheds. My plan is to make it safer for the wife. Not a bad time to go out and take a look at their own shops/garages/work places. The last place you want to trip over something is while using power tools.

Be safe out there!

This Month

This month is a fun month. Start is off on the 3rd at the Burnet Rd. Putt-Putt. Make an effort to attend. You don't need a running car to enjoy other peoples rides, plus some putt-putt, video games and even a pinball

tournament. The following weekend is the Rosanky swap meet. On the 18th is the San Antonio Mopar show. This is always a good time.

Last Month

Last months big event was the Mopar Nationals in Columbus, Ohio. Reports say it was a blast to attend.

Dues Blues

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

Larry Robinson
Steve Lacker
Steve McGuire
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I'm looking for members with artistic flair. I would like to see original Mopar related or car related art within these pages. Please submit works to hell_fish_65@hotmail.com

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Putt & Cruise Car Show	4
5	6	7 MMCA Meeting	8	9 Rosanky Swap Meet	10 Rosanky Swap Meet	11 Rosanky Swap Meet
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 San Antonio Mopar Muscle and Classic Car Show
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Sept 3 – Putt-Putt Golf on Burnet Rd. Miniature golf is buy one get one free if you bring a cool car. More info at <http://www.austinputtputt.com/Cruisenight.html>

Sept 7 – MMCA Club Meeting @ 6:30.

Sept 7-11 – Rosanky Annual Swap Meet, Car Corral, and Car Show, Rosanky, TX. For more info, go to <http://www.ctmah.org/events.htm>.

Sept 16 – Open Classic Car Show, Rolling Oaks Mall, 1604 & Nacogdoches, San Antonio, 830-438-2878

Sept 18 – 22nd Annual San Antonio Mopar Muscle and Classic Car Show, Biff Buzby's, Toepperwein Rd, San Antonio, TX. http://www.moparmuscleclub-sa.org/Car_Shows/MMCSA2004/Registration_Form_2004.doc

Sept 30-Oct 3 – San Antonio International Auto Show, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX.

Oct 2-3 – 15th Annual Houston Mopar Show & Race, Hosted by the Houston Mopar Connection Club, Houston Raceway Park, Baytown, TX. Mopar Show-Swap Meet-Car Corral Gates open - 8am. For info contact: Ken Ward at kaward@sbec.com - Show Cars, Alex Tennyson at Moparalex6@hotmail.com - Race Cars, Gary Quay at mopargary@aol.com - Swap Meet.

Oct 10 – McKinney Dodge Car Show. McKinney, Texas, Rain date October 17. Email: Robert Vaughn at rev93@earthlink.net

Weekly/Monthly events:

Van's Auto Parts parking lot (8701 Research Blvd) every Saturday night

Albertsons parking lot every Saturday night at the Y in Oak Hill.



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"Tell me about that HEMI®?"

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

The DaimlerChrysler Corporation has recently put up a new website based completely around the Hemi. With history, timelines and engine specs of every Hemi from the 50's to the current offering, it is a site to check out.

The New 6.1L Hemi 425-hp Chrysler 300C SRT-8

[DaimlerChrysler's press release]

Chrysler Adds Even More Horsepower to HEMI® with New 2005 Chrysler 300C SRT-8

Pebble Beach, Calif., Aug 13, 2004 - With 85 more horses under the hood, the momentum continues for the Chrysler 300 and its legendary HEMI® engine. Today, the Chrysler Group revealed the 425-horsepower 2005 Chrysler 300C SRT-8, which arrives in showrooms next spring.

"With a nearly 50 percent take rate, the HEMI is a critical ingredient to the success of the Chrysler 300," said Dan Knott, Director - Street and Racing Technology (SRT). "With the new 2005 Chrysler 300C SRT-8, we are now adding even more horsepower to the HEMI and even more performance to the Chrysler 300C."

Preliminary performance targets for the 300C SRT-8 are 0-60 mph in the low 5-second range and quarter-mile time in the high 13-second range.

Powertrain

The 425-horsepower, normally aspirated 6.1-liter HEMI is the highest specific-output engine ever offered by the Chrysler Group. Its 69.8 horsepower-per-liter rating exceeds even that of the legendary 1966 "Street HEMI." Torque is rated at 420 lb.-ft.

Although the Chrysler HEMI was born in the 1950s and entered into legend in the 1960s and '70s, today's version took much of its inspiration from the original - particularly the namesake hemispherical combustion chambers that provide power and efficiency.

When SRT set out to develop a more powerful HEMI for the Chrysler 300C SRT-8, they were mindful of the engine's heritage, which led to adopting traditional HEMI engine cues, such as an orange-painted cylinder block and black valve covers.

The SRT powertrain engineers who developed the Chrysler 300C SRT-8's engine achieved more horsepower by adding more cubic inches, increasing the compression ratio, redesigning the cylinder head intake and exhaust systems for increased flow, and increasing engine speed.

To get more displacement, SRT engineers bored out the diameter of the cylinders in the Chrysler 300C SRT-8's HEMI by 3.5 millimeters each, to increase the total displacement to 6.1 liters from 5.7 liters. Compression ratio was also increased to 10.3:1 from 9.6:1, unleashing more energy in the combustion process.

Engine breathing was increased with new high-flow cylinder heads, a specially designed intake manifold, and exhaust

"headers" with individual tubes encased in a stainless steel shell, all unique to the 2005 Chrysler 300C SRT-8's 6.1-liter HEMI engine. Larger diameter valves and reshaped cylinder ports in the heads allow for maximized air flow. The intake manifold was designed with larger diameter runners for higher-speed tuning. Exhaust is routed through a larger-diameter (2.75-inch vs. 2.5-inch) exhaust system with 3.5-inch chrome tips.

Performance-oriented camshaft profiles were developed to balance total vehicle requirements, simultaneously allowing more air in and out of cylinders. This increases performance and manages a higher engine speed, which is another method to increase horsepower. SRT engineers increased the HEMI's peak engine speed nearly 15 percent, to 6,200 revolutions per minute (rpm) from 5,400 rpm. Intake and exhaust valve stems are hollow, and the exhaust valve stems are filled with sodium to help dissipate heat more efficiently.

The high-performance 6.1-liter HEMI is further strengthened with a host of redesigned components, including a reinforced engine block with increased coolant flow, forged steel crankshaft, high-strength powdered-metal connecting rods, floating-pin pistons (cooled by oil squirters), and an oil pan modified for reduced oil foaming.

The 6.1-liter HEMI's power is channeled through an A580 five-speed automatic transmission with specially calibrated AutoStick® driver-selectable range control, which offers fully automatic or manual shifting selection. A heavy-duty four-flange prop shaft sends the torque from the transmission to an upgraded differential and axles.

Ride and Handling

The Chrysler 300C SRT-8 is conditioned for outstanding ride and handling across the dynamic range that customers are likely to experience.

Chassis setup for the Chrysler 300C SRT-8 is aimed at all-around performance with a number of enhancements, including tuned dampers, specially tailored spring rates and suspension bushings and larger-diameter anti-sway bars. New front and rear suspension knuckles contribute to a ride height lowered one-half inch from the Chrysler 300C. And, the Electronic Stability Program (ESP) has been specially tuned for the SRT-8's performance handling characteristics.

The Chrysler 300C SRT-8 connects with the road via a new wheel and tire assembly consisting of 20-inch forged aluminum wheels shod with high-performance Goodyear F1 three-season tires (four-season tires are an available option) with asymmetrical tread. Tire dimensions are a beefy 245/45/20 in the front, and 255/45/20 in the rear.

Braking performance goes hand-in-hand with the new Chrysler 300C SRT-8's outstanding accelerating and speed - and the braking system was specially designed to slow and stop the car safely and predictably. At the same time, this system was designed to provide benchmark braking performance, setting a new standard for sedans in its class. All four wheels feature stout performance calipers developed by Brembo - well-known in racing and high-performance circles - equipped with four pistons for even comparing performance. Up front, the Chrysler 300C SRT-8 has 360 x 32mm vented rotors, with 350 x 26mm vented rotors in the rear.



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Design

Befitting its high-performance character, the new 2005 Chrysler 300C SRT-8 exterior styling is a sophisticated treatment that resonates with the Chrysler brand's premium character.

Modified front and rear fascias help direct air flow, particularly through unique ducts that help cool the brakes. In addition, a specially designed rear deck spoiler, while refined in appearance, is also functional - increasing rear downforce by 39 percent without increasing drag.

Other unique touches to the Chrysler 300C SRT-8's exterior include body-color front and rear bumper inserts, body-color grille insert with chrome collar, body-color mirrors and door handles, and unique SRT badging.

Two exterior colors are available: Bright Silver and Brilliant Black.

Street and Racing Technology

Street and Racing Technology creates some of Chrysler Group's most distinctive, performance-oriented products. SRT has developed six vehicles, each of which is the performance leader in its class - the Dodge Viper SRT-10, Dodge SRT-4, Dodge Ram SRT-10, Dodge Ram SRT-10 Quad Cab and Chrysler Crossfire SRT-6 Coupe and Roadster.

Chrysler Considers Plans For Million-dollar Supercar: Report

DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group is leaning towards producing the ME Four-Twelve "supercar," that it showed as a concept earlier this year, the Detroit News reported Thursday.

"Its more likely than not," Chrysler CEO Dieter Zetsche told the News.

A decision is expected before the end of the year, according to Zetsche who said Chrysler would contract out the production of the 850-horsepower car.

A halo sports car, similar to the Dodge Viper, the ME Four-Twelve has been touted as the fastest street car in the world, capable of doing 0-to-60 mph (0-96 km/h) in under three seconds and of reaching speeds of 240 mph (386 km/h).

Zetsche told the daily that the automaker is considering two business cases: making just seven units a year -- asking price one million dollars, or dropping the price and making 1,000 units.

The car was shown as a concept at the Detroit auto show in January.

New PT Dream Cruiser unveiled

AUBURN HILLS, MI -- Powered by a 220-horsepower high-output turbocharged engine, the latest version of the Chrysler PT Cruiser was unveiled Wednesday in Michigan. The new 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser Dream Series 4 will be available this fall as a limited production version of the Chrysler PT Cruiser Convertible.

"Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser Series 4 in deep lava red has the makings of a true collectible," said Ron Smith, Vice President Marketing, DaimlerChrysler Canada. "It is the ninth customized Chrysler PT Cruiser joining the Flames,

Woodie, PT Dream Cruiser Series 1, 2, and 3, PT Turbo, Chrome Accents and PT Cruiser Convertible."

Announced in conjunction with Detroit's famed Woodward Dream Cruise, the Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser Series 4 will begin production this month. For North American markets, each vehicle will have a reserved, sequenced Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). For international markets, the vehicle will be called "Chrysler PT Street Cruiser Series 4."

The Canadian Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2005 Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser Series 4 will be \$33,635 with manual transmission and \$34,985 with automatic.

In addition to its unique exterior paint and matching cloth convertible top, the Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser Series 4 will feature chrome grille accents and 17-inch Satin Silver-painted 15-spoke wheels. Dream Cruiser Series 4 badging, complete with Deep Lava Red accents, is featured on the decklid.

New for 2005, the Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser Series 4 comes with a standard premium Infinity(R) audio system that was designed specifically for the Dream Cruiser. Designed to be the ultimate PT Convertible, standard features on the Dream Cruiser Series 4 include AM/FM radio with an in-dash six-disc CD changer and a chrome shifter bezel on automatic transmission equipped vehicles. Other standard features found on the top-of-the-line PT Cruiser Convertible GT model include new-for-2005 bright accents on the pedals, chrome door lock knobs, leather-wrapped steering wheel with satin silver spokes, power windows, locks and mirrors, remote keyless entry, driver seat power height adjuster and manual lumbar adjuster, heated seats, fog lamps, theft alarm, Sentry Key(R) theft-deterrent system, rear glass window with electric defroster, air conditioning, rear 50/50 split fold and tumble seats, a pass-through cargo area, a sport-tuned suspension with ABS four-wheel disc brakes and low-speed traction control, and driver and passenger side air bags.

Chrysler PT Cruiser and Chrysler PT Cruiser Convertible vehicles are built at the Toluca Assembly Plant in Mexico. From its launch as a production vehicle in February 2000 through July 2004, 722,862 Chrysler PT Cruiser vehicles have been sold worldwide.



Member Advertisement Section

Items For Sale

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

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68-69 Coronet R/t Or 500 Trunk Trim, Stainless steel trunk edge trim \$100
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1966 Dodge Coronet 500, 383 4bbl, 400 not running yet, 727, 8 3/4, headers and duels, auto on the floor, Red/White. It's a straight, solid, west Texas car, doors and glass all operate smooth and tight, it has a small rust spot (baseball size) on the pass rear 1/4, Complete new white/black interior, all chrome and stainless trim intact, 70's American Racing rims (BBS like, honeycomb), orig. bias ply tires. Very complete car. Currently being restored, I'd just like to get what I have in it - \$3500 OBO or trade for what I really want 67-72 Dart with a V8 and hopefully a manual trans. email me at chris.ryon@parsons.com for photos.
Chris Ryon 512-699-0629 07/03

'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 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
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

-97 Ram SST 5.9 engine, The parts on the 5.9 engine are RT heads P5007141, Intake Valve Stainless P5249878, Exhaust Valve stainless P5249876, Valve Springs .520 lift P 5249464, Retainer P4452032, , Roller Rockers 1.7 P5007404, Valve Covers-Black P5249343, Intake manifold 2bb Single plane P5007398, RT Cam P5249549, Headers P5249963. The Comp Cam is a custom and is new never installed. The engine made 220 rear wheel HP and 260 ft lbs. torque. would like to go as a package. The engine is complete with water pump, damper and flexplate.

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