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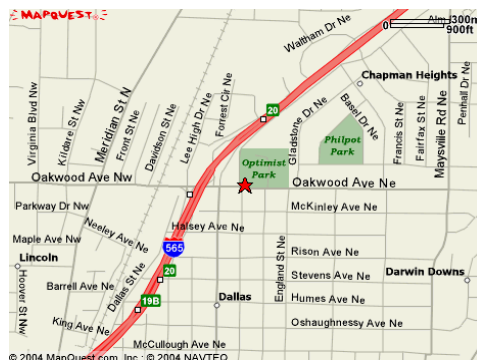
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Next Club Meeting

The next meeting is 18 August 2007 at The Optimist Club, from 0800-1000a.m. Attached is a map showing where the club is located.

This month's club meeting will focus on an issue that may be a bit out of the ordinary for some of you but may in fact be useful for any of you that own late model Chrysler products. The Glover's will be discussing the replacement of timing belts on the widely used 3.2 liter family of engines. We will also dedicate some time to discuss any particular car topics you may have regarding your personal project. This edition also covers a serious topic in the Editors Page, check it out.



703 Oakwood Ave, Huntsville, AL, 256-427-5775

If you are on the Memorial Parkway, exit on Oakwood going east. The Optimist Recreation Center is the 2nd left past Andrew Jackson Way.

July Meeting

We had a great July meeting, as we gathered at our usual location. We covered “Show & Go” results, entertained topics for next year and swapped stories about the show and the cars/owners that were present. We also had an in-depth discussion about our club functions and things that we do differently from other clubs or don’t do at all. The most notable item that came out of the discussions is that we don’t do a very good job at assisting each other on our projects. So, you will notice a new section in the format of this letter called “Wrenching”. The section will cover member projects that are in need of attention along with a place and time to gather for us to lend assistance. Generally, these events will be held at the member’s home who needs assistance or we may get two or three cars together in one place to lend assistance.

July Cruise-In

We had a great turnout for the July cruise-in. The nice weather brought out a huge gathering and a total of 9 cars. There were 2 Charger’s, 2 Daytona’s (84 and 86), Zoller’s GLH and their “Beast” Pickup, 2 Challengers, and the Hazzard Sheriff Car along with the General Lee. We hope to have an even bigger turnout at the August Cruise-In! Make plans now to join us.

Wrenching

Ok, here comes our first “Wrenching” event. It will be on the 18th after our club meeting. We will be the guest of George and Marcia Snellen and will meet at their house. In fact I will paste his invite here.....

Tell you what guys....

Let’s meet Aug 18, after the monthly meeting. We adjourn to my place and install the hood on my Satellite (only takes a little muscle) and get it properly aligned (takes a little brains and time). If we figure out a method to aligning hoods, we’ll also align the hood on my 73 Barracuda. It’s never been right, despite several attempts to get it right. When we’re done, or give up, we have a cookout lunch.

George

Jud will also be bring his General Lee over for panel alignment after we figure it all out, and may also bring the new 72 Satellite Cop car for a good old fashioned front end alignment.

Cruise-In Corner

Upcoming Cruise-In Dates:

Saturday, August 18th



TVMC would like to welcome all Mopar car owners to the Dairy Queen off Highway 72 located in Madison, Al. No prizes or trophies, it's just a fun get-together for us Mopar fans to hang out and talk Mopar. Remember, we hold them on the **3rd Saturday at 7:00 PM.**

2007 TVMC Events

- **7 August 2007 5:30 pm Officer meeting at Huntsville Dodge**
- **18 August 2007 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**
- **18 August 2007 following meeting, Wrenching at the Snellen's**
- **18 August 2007 7:00 pm Cruise-In at DQ on 72**
- **4 September 2007 5:30 pm Officer meeting at Huntsville Dodge**
- **15 September 2007 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**
- **15 September 2007 7:00 Cruise-In at DQ on 72**

Website

If you have events or other things that need to go on the TVMC website, contact John Burnham and Jud Hudson to have it inserted. They have done an outstanding job with the TVMC Website and are in need of information to post. Don't forget that we are looking for club members to post pictures of their cars on the website. Send those car pictures to Jud today. We are also looking for tech information to post. If you have 1st hand experience with any Mopar subject, please write it up and send it to Jud for posting. Discuss the things that went well and the things you wished you had done differently.

2007 Regional and National Events

August 10 - 12, Columbus, OH (THIS WEEKEND!!!)

- It's time for the Mopar Nationals!
- Info: www.moparnats.org

September 22-23, Lebanon, TN

- Music City Mopar Club 18th Annual Car and Truck Show located at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center.
- Info: www.musiccitymoparclub.com

September 28-30, Bristol, TN

- 8th Annual Mopar Thunder car show and race held at Bristol Dragway. It's three big days of drag racing, car show, swap meet, and Manufacturers Midway.
- Info: www.bristolmotorspeedway.com

For additional event coverage, visit www.moparmuscle magazine.com

Editor's Corner

Hello again. I will diverge from my normal ramblings to discuss a very important topic. Elections! No, I'm not going to dive into the talking-points fray that we seem to be bombarded with 24 hour a day, and we are over a year away from the general elections! Campaigning seems to have taken the path of commercialized Christmas. It comes earlier and earlier every year.

No sir, what I want to talk to you about is the TVMC Officer elections which occur every year. Now is the time to get serious about electing new officers to lead our motley crew of Moparite's into the next year. According to our By-Laws we elect club officers in September every year. So, now is the time to consider who you would like to see in the leadership jobs. At the time of this letter being posted on through to the stroke of midnight on the 31st of August, we will be accepting nominations for all officer positions. An open nomination period will also be open during the general membership meeting on the 18th. Please forward all nominations to your club president or vice president, or forward them to me via this my email or to the club email address found on the top of this letter. Remember there is no rule prohibiting you from nominating yourself if you are interested in an office.

Elections will be held by secret ballot during the general membership meeting on September 15th. Proxy or absentee ballots will not be allowed unless approved by your club officers in advance.

Just remember this one very important thing. All general members in good standing with the club will be eligible for nomination if present or not.

Additionally, our Vice President, George Snellen has offered another idea for your news letter. So, beginning in this issue we will periodically feature a section called Product Reports. This section will feature one or two product reports provided by you the members. George has led off with two items he feels that would be beneficial for you, the readers and members of the club, to know about. I will be soliciting you the membership for input into this section of the newsletter. Chris Loudon, I know you have items to submit! So, start thinking of things you have used that we need to know about.

If you have any items or issues you would like to bring before the general membership, please email me and I will include it in this newsletter. We are currently looking for Tech issues and presentations to present at the general membership meetings. I also invite you to send me any Swap Shop items.

I'm looking for other member project photos to go in future issues of the Newsletter Project Page. Send me yours today!

PRODUCT REPORTS

What it is: Poly Loc engine mounts. Unlike OEM engine mounts which can debond and pull apart, they have an internal lock which prevents them from pulling apart due to engine torque

Where you can get it: Schumacher Creative Services They have a full page ad every month in Mopar Muscle

How much do they cost? \$150 a pair plus \$10 shipping

How do you use them? They look like OEM engine mounts and bolt in like OEM mounts. Difficulty of installation is low to moderate, depending on the engine, body, manifolds and accessories which may restrict access to the engine side of the mounts.

How well do they work? Due to the internal metal lock, they will absolutely, positively hold the engine securely on its mounting pads.

What they don't tell you: The Poly Locs are much stiffer than OEM mounts. In my installation, this caused an unpleasant vibration in the 600 - 700 RPM range. I retuned the engine for a smoother idle to reduce the noise of idling in gear (automatic). Also, the Poly Locs are 3/8 inch taller than the OEM mounts, so I had to pull the radiator and relocate the shroud brackets to regain clearance between the fan and the shroud.

Overall evaluation: These are essential if you want to keep the engine securely planted with an original look. After having an almost new engine mount pull apart in my 72 Satellite, I wouldn't run a big block without them.

What it is: Eastwood gas tank sealer kit

Where you can get it: Eastwood

How much does it cost? \$40 for the kit, plus \$10 shipping, plus about \$20 for muriatic and acetone procured from a home supply store like Lowe's or Home Depot

How do you use it? The process isn't hard, after you remove the tank from the car, but it's time consuming. To make a long story short, it goes like this.

- a. Rinse the tank with soapy water.
- b. Rinse the tank again with soapy water.
- c. Mix the metal cleaner and slosh it in the tank, then allow the tank to rest on each side for 10 minutes.
- d. Mix some muriatic acid and slosh it in the tank and rest the tank on each side for 5-10 minutes.
- e. Repeat the muriatic acid wash until the interior surface looks metallic instead of rusty. My rusty tank took 3 runs with the acid to start looking pretty good.
- f. Put the etching primer in the tank, slosh and rest the tank on each side for 5-10 minutes. (If you add up all the minutes, you'll see this is taking a lot of minutes.)
- g. Put a quart of acetone in the tank and slosh thoroughly.
- h. Repeat g with another quart of acetone
- I. Put the sealer in the tank and roll the tank all around to distribute the sealer on all surfaces. Wait a few minutes and repeat.
- j. Cure the tank for 48 hours with a small stream of air blowing through the tank.

How well does it work? After 2 days curing in the hot sun, the sealer has formed a very tough surface inside the tank. Only time will tell how the sealer adheres to the interior of

the tank. The process did produce a surprisingly clean metal surface for the sealer application. However, I observed that the muriatic acid was the most effective rust remover, so if you just want to get the rust out of a tank, you might just use the muriatic and acetone to get a reasonably clean surface.

Overall evaluation: This is the way to go if you need to restore a tank that can't be replaced, or if your tank is solid with only surface rust. Considering the cost and time involved, I wouldn't recommend it to try to salvage a tank with leaks due to rust, if the tank could be replaced.

Mo Par to ya
George

Project Page

I hope you enjoyed the many ways to use that trusted friend, WD-40 that we featured in last months Project Page. This month's Project Page will be a bit different from what has been presented in past issues. You're going to get a glimpse of what is ahead for the general membership meeting on the 18th. My wife's Chrysler. Here is one shot of the timing belt swap.



How will I get to that belt in all this clutter? I wish this was a 71 B body!

Swap Shop

For Sale

If you have items listed here, please shoot me an email to verify if it is still good.

Member John Bynum has a set of new reproduction lower door panel's front/rear for 1971-1974 B-bodies for sale. Parting out 69 Coronet 2 door, 66 Monaco 2dr 383, auto/console car, 71-72 Chargers, & have some 73-74 Road runner parts. Also an antique Home Comfort Wood Cook stove in excellent shape. He may be reached at 931-967-4499 or by email at johnwbynum@bellsouth.net

Member Rocky Rozelle has a 69 Barracuda hood - \$75, a 68 or 9 Road runner grille - \$75. Rocky also knows of a 67 Charger is for sale Gold with Black Vinyl Top, Factory 440, Disc Brakes, 1 of 17 with push bumper. It would rate 8 or 9 on a 10 scale. Taking any offers over \$14,000
Contact Rocky at 497-0110.

Member George Zoller has the following items for sale.
1985 2.2 T1 engine (G HEAD) ran great when pulled, wiring harness, logic (hot chip) & power modules. Auto and Stick flywheels, good clutch and pressure plate \$400.
2 ea. 535 Trans one set up for linkage the other for cable shift \$50 ea. And other stuff let me know what you need, I might have it somewhere.
1990 Jeep Wrangler 93000 miles runs great, brush bars etc. \$3500
Contact George at 256-679-1316 or gz11@dcx.com

Member Chris Loudon has a 2000 Intrepid 2.7 V6 automatic, 135,000 miles. A/C, P/S, CD, P/W tilt cruise. Good brakes, drives pretty good and runs good, GOOD MPG. Could use a set of tires and has a loose spot in the steering. Has an oil leak from the front seal. Pretty clean tight and solid. Asking price is \$1850.00 or best offer.

Chris is also parting out a 1978 Cordoba and can be reached at (256) 420-4027 or pettyfan43@ardmore.net

Member Pete Shreeves has a 1974 Ford 429 4bbl w/transmission, complete, will swap for used 440/auto or other big block. Pete 503-0902.

Pete also relays the following: This fellow stopped by the house and talked with my son. He is moving and needs to consolidate his car projects. This is one he would like to find a new home for. I didn't get a lot of details but it sounds like a mostly-there car with some new things like steering and transmission. 1968 Dart GT bucket seats, some missing parts, needs quarters, call Johnny (256) 520-6646

New member Robert Lewis has a 1967 440 with 727 Torqflite. The engine and transmission are a numbers matching set. The engine is date coded 10-66 for any of you looking for a date correct power train set up for your project. The engine still has standard bores and is complete minus the carburetor, distributor, and valve covers. Price is \$1500.00 negotiable. Robert can be reached at 256-603-5134 or robert.g.lewis@us.army.mil

Member Roy Gronau: I have a 440 engine for sale that I was going to transplant into my Javelin. It came out of my 74 Cuda. I am asking \$3500 for it. Here are the specs that I was given when I purchased the car (I drove it around the block a few times before giving the car to Dixie Hot Rods in Athens to convert it into a prostreet and it ran fine).

It is a 440, 40 over with flat top pistons, 280-480 hydraulic cam, 2 carter 500 4 barrels, Drove it a couple of years and has been garage kept ever since, bought a dragster that's why I quit driving it. Everything was new when I put it in there. The compression ratio is 10 to 1. It will run on pump gas or the vp 110 at the race track. Oil is 20/50 Castrol.

Let me know your are interested in it - thanks,
Roy 256-665-6387



Wanted

Member Paul Wright is looking for a shift linkage upgrade for my 1986 Omni GLH? I also need a front turn signal lense, a rear bumper, and a couple of other parts. Anyone that has one can contact me via <paul@bbenterprises.com>.

Member Judson Hudson is looking for the following items:

“I’m looking for parts to convert my 68 Charger to a 69, and need the following”:

- I Piece for Grill
- Grill Trim
- Middle Section of Grill
- 69 Tail panel
- 69 Hood Latch for Grill
- I’m willing to trade too! Great Mint Condition complete 68 Charger Grill for a Mint 69 Grill. Rust free 68 tail panel already drilled out from car, will trade for a workable 69 tail panel.
- Judson can be reached at judhudson@knology.net

(The club does not accept responsibility for typographical errors, incorrect prices and other claims as to condition, or owner claims. Direct contact with the seller is required for confirmation of the above.)