

MOPAR CONNECTION

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Martha's Moments

Okay so you say it's been awhile since the last newsletter...I know! It's been a long haul during these last few months and well...no excuse. Sorry!!!

A lot has happened in the past few months...the Mopar Fall Fling at Liberty Motors, the poker run, and bowling. There have been deaths (Wally Park, father of NHRA), weddings (Jim Faline married Cheri in October), and Christmas.

We have played games, bowled, showed cars (and trucks), and talked shop. No matter how you look at it...we all have been busy.

I hope as we continue to grow as a club, that we all remember that no matter what happens through the next year, we will be the club that has fun and promotes not only MOPAR but promotes ourselves as members of the community.

On a personal note...I hope that 2008 will treat each of you well and hopefully we will see each of you at one of this year's events. We hope to continue some and invent others.

Best Wishes and MOPOWER to YA!!!!!!

16th Annual Mopars in the Hills Car Club Christmas Party

It's that time of the year again when we get together and fight..for..our right...to PAARTY!!! This year it will be held at the AFL-CIO Labor Temple on St Patrick St. on January 19th at 6:00 pm. It is located directly across the street from the Boyd's Drug Mart on St Patrick. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Chicken, pop, and place settings will be provided by the club. If you choose to drink any alcoholic beverages that is your responsibility to provide it.

And as always the SMACK DOWN gift exchange is on again for this year. Please bring a gift (a unisex gift is appreciated) ranging in the \$10-\$15 to play the Gift exchange. If you have any questions, please call Martha @ 787-5695, Jeremy @ 484-0669, or Scot @ 342-9243.

Also remember that we will also be electing Club officers for the next year. Start thinking about who you want as next year's officers.

Mopar Fall Fling at Liberty Motors

The morning dawned a warm and sunny day on September 29th. The Liberty lot was made ready for the invasion of Mopars that was sure to appear. By 11 o'clock the lot was full with 31 vehicles entered in the show. From Road Runners to Dakotas there was a body style for everyone.

The winners of the trophies were: Dealer's Choice 1st Place: Jack Janis' '71 Duster, Dealer's Choice 2nd Place: Mike Cartwright's '79 Road Runner, Dealer's Choice 3rd Place: Erich Eisenbraun's '72 Duster, People's Choice: Clinton and Amy Jones' '70 Challenger, Club Pick: Monte Drolc's '70 Cuda, and Most Potential: Todd Chase's '69 R/T Coronet. Congratulations to all of the winners. Also thanks to all who helped make the show a success.

Next years show will be held September 27th. I look forward to seeing all the cars and trucks from this year and more new ones. Plan to attend and have some fun!!!

Poker Run

Playing poker on the run with 13 cars and 21 people turned out to be a blast!! With stops in Sturgis, Lead City park, Latchstring Inn in Spearfish Canyon, The Spearfish City Park, and then the Pizza Ranch in Spearfish where the club bought pizza buffet for everyone. At each of the stops we played a game for a card to be put in our hand. I would like to thank each of hosts that set up the games at each stop. Each game was a blast to play.

To say the least everyone had a lot of fun, even the kids who got into playing the games too. We hope to continue the poker run this next year. Hope to see more of you. You don't know what you missed!!!

Mile High Nationals

Recently I received my ticket renewal notice for the '08 Mopar Parts Mile High Nationals. If any of you have toyed with the idea of checking out this annual SpeedFest/Mopar extravaganza this would be the year to do it. Here's why.....

#1 It's the only event on the NHRA schedule sponsored by Mother Mopar and there are classic Mopars, prototype Mopars, Big Blue M flags and Mopar souvenirs everywhere you look.

#2 2008 marks the 50th anniversary of Bandimere Speedway so it's a sure bet there will be oodles of special stuff...wheel-standers perhaps...or Jet cars...or Vintage race cars slugging it out...I don't know what they have planned but they pulled out all the stops ten years ago for their 40th so I'm expecting big things.

#3 During the off season Bandimere, in their never ending effort to improve an already world class drag racing facility, ripped up the entire quarter mile racing surface and replaced it with concrete. Drag racing fans know this will mean very fast racing and I expect all the track records to fall.

#4 The state of Colorado has finally solved the traffic nightmare of this event by constructing a new interchange on C470 just north of the track. This means that entering and exiting the event will be much, much easier.

#5 For a Mopar loving race fan this is the most bang-for-your-buck fun you can have. A weekend pass with full pit access is only \$130. True, you have to factor in motel, food, souvenir and travel expenses but it's worth every penny.

Interested? To order tix call 1-800-664-8946. See you there!

Scot

Uncle Scot Wants Your \$\$\$\$

Just a reminder that membership dues will be gratefully accepted at the Club Xmas party/Birthday bash. We will also be raffling off some way cool Mopar stuff and it would be nice to sell the last of our T-shirts so bring your check book. Dues remain \$20-family and \$15-single. T-shirts are \$15. Raffle tix will be \$1 each or six for \$5 or thirteen for \$10. Moneys collected are used for newsletter expenses, renting the party building, chicken/pop for the party, paying for the '08 car show T-shirts etc. Your complete lack of financial self-control would be much appreciated.

Counts Car Club Car Show

The Counts Car Club Car Show will be held on February 29- March 2 at the Rapid City Civic Center. We have again secured the back wall for the club. If you are interested in putting your car or truck in the club display, please let one of the officers know so that we can save you a spot. The entry fee is \$35 and is your responsibility to get your car registered with the show beforehand. We have not found out how many cars we are limited to but we can say we have room for at least 9 spots.

We are also going to watch the doors again this year. Any help is very much appreciated. Most of you spend the weekend there and they are happy to have us help out.

SOMETIMES THOSE STORIES ARE TRUE

If you've ever listened to one of those tall tales about a priceless Mopar gem discovered hidden in some old chicken coop you probably, like me, listened with 50% wonder and 50% skepticism. Well, check out the Feb issue of Mopar Muscle. A barn in central Illinois has been the home of a '71 Hemi four speed Cuda since 1974. Car was parked with 11,000 miles on it and the only non original parts are the battery, the neg battery cable and a short piece of rubber fuel line. Loaded with options, this treasure was parked by the original owner... because it kinda scared him to drive it! A few too many horses under the hood for the 18 year old to feel comfortable with. Amazing.

So the next time you're driving by some old barn let your imagination run free ...'cause you never know what may be gathering dust inside

Scot

HOW DEEP ARE YOUR POCKETS?

So you say you'd like to have one of those new Challengers? If you want one of the first three that roll off the assembly line you'll need a little luck....and a friendly banker.

The hot new Dodge with serial #1 will be auctioned at the Barrett-Jackson DroolFest this January with the proceeds going to a children's charity.

Serial #2 will be auctioned off later in '08 with Dodge dealerships bidding for the honor (and profit to come) of having this coveted machine on their lot. The proceeds from this auction will go to United Way.

The third modern muscle Mopar to roll out of the factory will be auctioned off on E-Bay later this year with the date yet to be announced. Go water that money tree in the back yard and cross your fingers! Personally, I'm counting on the Powerball to come through for me.

Scot

Classifieds

For Sale: 1979 ¾ ton Heavy Duty 2wd Club Cab. 149,000 miles, 360, 4-spd, 16" wheels/tires. Interior in very good condition. LF fender damaged, some rust around rear wheel wells. Tires are 4 years old and have good tread. Tailgate is like new. Well cared for and runs great. Uses one quart of oil every 3,000 miles. Dependable workhorse. \$1200 obo Don/Annette Rathert 348-8948 or contact Scot @ 342-9243.