

MOPAR CONNECTION

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Martha's Moment

Some of you know that Bob and I went on a vacation...to Las Vegas Baby!!! We had a blast!! We actually went for Mopars at the Strip, the local car show, swap meet, and drag races. What a show!! At first glance as you drive into the complex, you think to yourself...WOW!!! The complex holds 4 different tracks- a NASCAR track named after Dale Earnhardt, the Bullring, a short track for sprints, modifieds, and motorcycles, a track for cart-racing, and the Strip, the drag racing track. The Mopars at the Strip was held at...the Strip.

When we walked into the area, we noticed the many toy boxes of the Mopar Race cars. I was overwhelmed with the manufacturers Row with Year One, 440 Source, Mopar's Direct Connection, the Paddock, and others. It was a Mopar Haven. But the rumble of thunder coming from the other side of the stands caused Bob and I to walk faster to see what the commotion was. The thunderous rumble came from the mightiest Mopars... the Hemi Super Stocks, factory race cars of late 60's. These formidable monsters held our attention ringing true the American Pride of pure Muscle. Running 8.87-8.93 seconds in the quarter, the herd of 12 elephants stomped the ground with their earth shaking Hemi power. Pulling the wheels off the line and hurling down the track on its rear wheels until at the 200 foot mark, the Super Stock Barracuda sets the front end down to continue on its mission to the finish line.

We also saw the World's Fastest Viper GTS, a Top Alcohol AAR 'Cuda Funny Car, and for those of you who read your Mopar Collector's Guide, we gazed (well Bob stared) at the Magazine's sponsored '69 Road Runner driven by an 18 year old, 4 foot 11 inch...GIRL!!

We did do some sight seeing too. We went to Hoover Dam (an Awesome sight), walked 40 miles through the many casinos, went through the Titanic Exhibition, went into M & M World, saw the largest Coke bottle, ate at the Hard Rock Café, and drank yards of margarita's. It was a great 5 day vacation to a place we had never been. I hope we take another Mopar event vacation soon.

Until next time...**Mopar To YA!!!!**

Club Jackets

Many of you have expressed an interest in new Club jackets. For those of you who weren't at the last meeting, I have done some looking into the jackets with Imagine That! A Screening company owned by Craig and Cory, our friends who started printing our T-shirts years ago.

They found our original purple nylon baseball-style jackets with the quilted lining. We have a couple of options to choose, one option is screen printing on the front and back with the club logo in white, or embroidered logo on the front in white. Both options of coats will run \$65.00 with tax included. We have to choose only one because of the set-up fees.

They found another jacket not in purple. It would be the Royal Blue (like the Mopar Blue) poplin jacket with the embroidered front logo on it. This jacket would run \$55.00 with tax included.

If you are interested in a jacket please let me know. I will take orders for the jackets until June 9th. Jackets must be paid for before they are ordered. Contact Martha @787-5695.

The Counts Car Show

For those of you who didn't show a car or attend the Counts Car Show in February you missed a great show. The attendance in spectators was up compared to previous years, but the car count was down...about 10 cars down from the Mopar club alone. This was due to the fact that this year clubs were limited to 7-10 cars in displays. The last couple of years we have had 18-23 cars in our display. We heard lots of comments about the Mopar Club not having the bottom of the Rushmore Room filled!

Most of the cars in the display won trophies. They are: Erich and Lana Eisenbraun's 72 Duster-1st Place Mopar Custom, Jim and Kathy Roling's 69 R/T Coronet- 1st Place Mopar Muscle, Mike Cartwright's 77 Road Runner- 1st Place Mopar Late, Monte and Heidi Drolc's 70 'Cuda- 1st Place Mopar Original, Don And Jodi Bruckner's 72 Barracuda- 2nd Place Mopar Custom, Patti and Steve Pendegrast's 69 Charger- 2nd Place Mopar Muscle, Juan And Wendy Paz's 70 Challenger- 3rd Place Mopar Custom Classic, Bob and Martha Watkins' 72 Duster Drag Car-1st Place Competition Pro Drag, Jerry Armstrong's 68 Charger-1st Place Mopar Radical Custom. Bob McLachlin's 70 Challenger did not place due to late entry. Congratulations to all the participants. Hope to do it again next year!!

Mopars in the Hills Car Show

For those of you who have forgotten or are not aware, Our Club Car show, Mopars in the Hills at Dodge Town will be held June 23rd. We will begin to set up canopies, banners, registration, shirt sales, and food trailer @ 7:30 am on Saturday. We need everyone's help as it takes everyone to make the show a success. Nancy Haney and Kevin Losing have volunteered to run the Food Trailer this year. They are in need of people to help sell hotdogs, sloppy Joes, nachos, and pop. Any amount of help would be greatly appreciated.

We have found a place in Canton, SD that sells Cool trophies at a bargain price. The trophies we are going with this year are of a gas pump with Mopar insignias and a dash plaque. These trophies are for the Top 8 , Top Truck, and the Bruce Urquhart Memorial trophies and will cost us \$25.00 each. We will have 2 Larger trophies for the People's Choice and Dealer's Choice at a cost of approximately \$35.00 each. We will also purchase dash plaques with the T-Shirt design on it. These will be used on the Trophies and given to each participant and club member in attendance. We are ordering 100 at a cost of \$1.00 each.

Speaking of the T-shirts... they are in the design process and hopefully will be ready to print by the middle of May. They will be ash gray with the Mopar Logos of past years and the present "M" logo in the middle. We will be ordering very few mediums and XXL sizes, so if these are your sizes, buy early so that you don't miss out on these Cool shirts!

Also Door prizes are needed. Please try and get at least one door prize. We would like to be able to give a door prize out to every participant in the show. We have done this every year so far, so let's keep up the tradition. Even if it's a meal from McDonalds, it is still a door prize that someone would get.

If you have any other ideas or comments about the show, please contact one of the officers. Their numbers are Martha Watkins 787-5695, Jeremy Farr 484-0669, or Scot Rathert 342-9243.

May Day Run... No More

Due to dwindling attendance for the previous years' May Day Run (usually because of weather) we are scrapping the run in favor of an end of the summer Poker Run. The date for the Poker Run will be decided at a later date. Look for Info in the coming issues.

Classifieds

This is the section that allows you the member to advertise for items for sale, items wanted , or items for trade. It could be a whole car or an interior screw that is needed to complete your project. We have all needed a part that some one in the club may have. **So don't be shy... advertise!!!**

For Sale: 360 Vibration Dapper, an w-2 (Offset) Rocker Shafts,
Call Mike Cartwright @ 430-5159.

For Sale: 360 J heads, need work, \$40.00 Call Kevin Losing @484-4516.

Member's Ride

This is the section that we spotlight a members car or truck that they own and to introduce you to the member with their Mopar story. For most of us, the story is the hunt and purchase of our dream. For others it's the restoration of the dream. So take time to meet a member each newsletter and get to know them a little better.

You may have seen this spotlight last month but because the picture was accidentally left out, we decided to run it again with the picture out of fairness to Don and Jodi and their Barracuda.

Members: Don and Jodi Bruckner

Car: 1972 Plymouth Cuda

Don and Jodi have been members of the Black Hills Mopars since 2000. They have 2 children Jessie, who is in the Air Force, and Tyler and his wife, Lily, who have been Don and Jody's Designated Driver at many of the Club Christmas Parties. Don has been a Mopar lover since his high school days in Aberdeen, where he drove a Duster. Jodi, on the other hand, didn't understand cars, but she knew horses. So Horsepower met up with...Horse Power!!

Don bought his 'Cuda in 1999 from the second owner. Since the purchase, he has painted the car, put a new interior in, new tires and wheels, new exhaust, a 340 engine and 727 tranny. He has added a 'Cuda stripe to complete the look.

Don has been known to leave black marks on the street and in driveways with the car. He has also raced it at Sturgis with a best time of 9.30 in the 1/8th mile and at Pierre with a best time of 14.30 in the quarter.

So if you see Don and Jodi in their 'Cuda, you can bet they are leaving black 'Cuda marks behind.

Events Calendar

The events listed are subject to change. We will make sure to notify you here of a change. If you have other dates of shows or swap meets please let us know so that we can post them in this section.

April:

21-Club Meeting at Flags and Wheels, 7:00 pm

May:

5-Mopars at Thunder Mountain, Denver, CO
19-Club Meeting at Flags and Wheels, 7:00 pm

June:

2-3-Mopars in the Park Car Show and Swap Meet, Shakopee, MN
8-10- Thunder on the Prairie Rod Run, Alliance, NE
8- Parent Cruise Night, 7pm (line-up at 6pm in Civic Center parking Lot)
9- Art on Wheels Car Show, 10am-2pm, Hill City, SD
9-Wild Wheels at Bear Country USA Car Show, 5pm-9pm, Rapid City, SD
9-10-Center of the Nation All Car Rally, Belle Fourche, SD
16-Club Meeting at Flags and Wheels, 7:00 pm
23-Mopars in the Hills Car Show at Dodge Town, Rapid City, SD

July:

1-Mile High Show and Shine, Lead, SD
6-8-Black Hills Rod Run, Hill City, SD
21-Club Meeting at Flags and Wheels, 7:00
21- Mile-High Mopar Nationals, Bandimere Race Complex, Denver, CO

Aug:

11-The Dam Run Car Show, Pierre, SD
18-Club Meeting at Flags and Wheels, 7:00 pm

Sept:

1-Devils Tower Car and Bike Show, Devils Tower, WY
15-Club Meeting at Flags and Wheels, 7:00 pm
29-Mopar Fall Fling @ Liberty Chrysler, Rapid City, SD

Oct:

20-Club Meeting at Flags and Wheels, 7:00 pm

Nov:

17-Club Meeting at Flags and Wheels, 7:00 pm

Dec:

No Meeting because of the Holidays