

MOPAR CONNECTION

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Martha's Moment

The Mopars in the Hills Car Show is behind us and it was successful despite the other two car shows in the area, the Ellsworth Open House, the extreme heat, and the car count down. Oh... and did I mention the EXTEME HEAT!!!!!! But all in all it was a great show with 39 participants, many being "new" old cars from the area.

Now we have to gear up and start working for the Mopar Fall Fling at Liberty Chrysler. We hope to have cooler weather and hopefully a better turn-out. If you have any suggestions for the show please let one of the officers know. Your input is needed to continue to improve the shows.

Thanks to all who helped out for the Mopars in the Hills Car Show...from getting door prizes, parking cars, registration and sales, working the food trailer, and set-up and tear down. Without you there wouldn't have been a show. You are what makes the Black Hills Mopars a Great Success. THANKS!!!!!!

Until next time....MOPAR TO YA!!!!!!

Martha

Mopars in the Hills Car Show

June 23rd dawned warm and sunny, promising to be a scorcher. And it didn't break it's promise with a 103? sunny day! The car count was down, but we competed with lots of activities in the Rapid City area. We had many new faces (and cars) at the show which was exciting. Buddy and Deanne Belzer finally have a done GTX and what a beauty!!!!

This year we had some improvements...Dash plaques for each car along with some freebies, new trophy design (Gas pumps), and a raffle for a Snap-On clock with a Green 69 Super Bee which was won by none other than Scot "Lucky" Rathert, and a tool set from NAPA-West which was won by Pat Hardinger. The raffle netted the club an extra \$115!!!!

Mopars in the Hills Car Show-continued

We still have several t-shirts available to anyone who missed out. Please come to a meeting or call an officer to get your very own COOL CLUB SHIRT!!!!

There were many nice cars in attendance and would have liked to give all a Trophy but the budget just couldn't handle it. The winners in no particular order are:

Peoples Choice: Buddy Belzer's 1970 Plymouth GTX

Dealers Choice: John Grunewalt's 1969 Dodge Super Bee

Top 4 '69 and older: Chris Shmid's 1969 Plymouth Road Runner
Randy Smart's 1967 Dodge Coronet 500
Patty Pendegraft's 1969 Dodge Charger
Jim Roling's 1969 Dodge R/T Coronet

Top 4 '70 and newer: Monte Drolc's 1970 Plymouth 'Cuda
Bob Watkins' 1970 Plymouth GTX
Thad Olson's 1973 Plymouth 'Cuda
Les and Joann Loos' 1971 Dodge Demon

Best Truck: Pat Hardinger's 1979 Dodge 'Lil Red Express

Every year we give a trophy honoring Bruce Urquhart, a member of the club who passed away in 2002. His love for his car inspired us to create a memorial trophy in his name. It is given to a person at the show that may never win an award with their vehicle but who shows enthusiasm and love for not only the club but the Mopar Brand. This year was a tough choice but in the end I made the final choice with lots of input from several club members.

This year's Bruce Urquhart Memorial Trophy was presented to our friend, Scot Rathert. Scot has been a member from the start of the club in 1992. He has held the position of Secretary/ Treasurer several times over the years. His dedication to the Mopar Brand is very evident every year when he goes to the Mile High Nationals, when he shops at Wal-Mart and Toys "R Us and finds a new Mopar car, or when his wardrobe consists of nothing but Mopar T-shirts in various colors and the sleeves cut off. Congratulations, Scot!!! You deserve it!!!

I would like to thank all the club members who volunteered in making the show a success. Let's continue the enthusiasm with the Fall Fling Car Show at Liberty in September. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Let any officer know if you have any ideas to improve the shows.

A Death in the Family

On July 10, 2007 we lost a very dear friend, Milo Rypkema, owner of Dodge Town. Milo was a truly remarkable person and a friend to all who knew him. He treated each person as if he had known them their whole life and made them feel as if he did.

Milo and his brother, Lloyd owned and operated a Mobile Service station and a General Tire distributorship known as Eddie's Tire and Glass. In 1966, Milo sold the Tire business and bought a Dodge dealership on Kansas City St and Fifth St, which we know today as Dodge Town.

Milo also had a passion for the Angus Breed of cattle and made his home in the Black Hills in Hermosa on the Mt Rushmore Angus Ranch. He has received many awards for his passions not only in the Angus industry, but with his many interests in gourmet cooking, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rapid City Rotary Club.

We offer our condolences to the family which include his wife RayeDeane, his daughter Marsha, sons Mike, Marty, and Eddie and their families.

Milo has inspired many and will be missed. Goodbye, my friend!!!

Mopar Fall Fling

We have named the Liberty Car Show that has been held in September, "Mopar Fall Fling" at Liberty Chrysler. We are going to try to step up our involvement and make it just as exciting as the Mopars in the Hills at Dodge Town. Again we need volunteers to help with registrations, helping Erich cook Hamburgers and Brats, taking money for food, and for each of you to bring a vehicle to show. We may plan the poker run to follow and stop somewhere for dinner. Watch for more information!!!

If you have any ideas please bring them to the attention of the officers. We could use any ideas.

Officers and Numbers

It has come to my attention that phone numbers for the officers may be needed to contact us, DUH!!!! So here they are: President- Martha Watkins (787-5695), Vice-President- Jeremy Farr (484-0669), Secretary/ Treasurer- Scot Rather (342-9243).

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.

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

8-Coys All Car Swap Meet, Bandimere Race Park, Denver, CO

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

29-Mopar Fall Fling @ Liberty Chrysler, Rapid City, SD, 10AM-2PM

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

Club Jackets

Because of interest in the jackets at the show, we have extended the order date to August 23rd. The jackets are \$55 for the two choices: Purple Nylon with the white embroidered club logo on the front, or Royal Blue (Mopar Blue) poplin with the white embroidered club logo on the front. Please contact Martha @ 787-5695 if interested. They have to be paid for before the order is put in.