

MOPAR CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER OF THE BLACK HILLS MOPARS CLUB

WINTER 2009

Martha's Last Moments

As the last days of our club year come to an end, I sit here thinking about all the things that have happened to the club in the last two years that I have been President. We no longer have the May Day Run, because of the unexpected weather that can and has occurred. The long awaited Challenger rebirth came about to the delight of not only Mopar fanatics but to any car enthusiast. We added a fall car show, The Mopar Fall Fling at Liberty with a poker run afterwards. The club has gained several new members and families a testament that the Mopar lover is still around. We lost several iconic Mopar and car people: Mylo Rympkema (owner of DodgeTown), Dick Landy (Mopar drag racer and performance parts guru), Scott Kalita (funny car driver), and Brent Willan (owner of the Speed Center). We have lost others, too many to mention, and all will be missed.

As the last days of my time as President of the Black Hills Mopars, I think about the many people who have helped to make the club what it is today. I would mention names but I am sure I would leave someone out and hurt some feelings. So I just want to thank each and everyone of you for being a part of not only the best car club around but of being a friend to me. I hope you continue to strive to keep Mopar alive in the Black Hills area.

Mopar to each of you!!!

Martha

Club Christmas Party

It's that time of year when the verbal warfare begins and the lusting of others possessions begins...no I am not talking about the ten commandments but the annual gift exchange at the Club Christmas party being held on January 17th at 6 pm at the AFL-CIO building on St Pat. almost across from Boyd's (it was held at the same place as last year for the old timers). Pizza, pop or water, and place settings will be provided by the club. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you want an alcoholic beverage, as some of you do, please bring it as it will not be furnished. Also remember that this is an adult party. We have other events through the year with families in mind but at this one it's adults only.

Now for the MIGHTY... GIFT... EXCHANGE! If you plan on participating in the gift exchange (which everyone is encouraged to do) please bring a gift in the price range of \$10-\$15. The gift will be put on a table and a ticket will be given to you. After the meal, the fighting...I mean the gift exchange will begin.

Election of New Officers for 2009

It's that time of year that we elect new officers to guide the club this next year. Give some thought to who you would like to see continue the club in a forward motion. If you are willing to donate time, energy, and writing skills (the newsletter) please let someone know so that they can nominate you. Elections will be held at the Christmas Party.

Also remember that club membership dues are again due for the 2009 year. This money is used to purchase items needed to send out newsletters, have our annual bowling party in November, eat pizza after the Poker Run, buy pop and chicken for the picnic and the Christmas party. Our membership is \$15/single membership and \$20/family membership.

The Mopar Fall Fling at Liberty Chrysler

The sun was shining, the air a comfortable 70°, and the wind blowing 40 mph!!! Typical South Dakota weather! But the show went on, and ended without a hitch, although Erich's cooking skills were put to the test. We had 27 cars and trucks entered, some new to the show. Don Patnoe, owner of Liberty Motors had his hands full to pick his top 3 picks. Liberty Top 3 Picks were Charles Tague's '73 Plymouth 'Cuda, Les and JoAnn Loos's '71 Dodge Demon, and Don R. Perdue's '67 Plymouth Barracuda. Peoples Choice went to Bob Watkins' '70 Plymouth GTX. The club members present were asked to vote for their favorite car or truck at the show. The Club Pick Trophy went to Brett Sergeant's '70 Dodge Super Bee. Last year Chico McNeil and Mike Cartwright thought it would be a good idea to promote not only the showy cars but also the cars and trucks that may not win an award but deserve recognition. The Most Potential Award went to Ed Metz's '98 Dodge Dakota. Congratulations to all the winners!

After the show a Poker Run was held, traveling through Rimrock Canyon to Norris Peak Road. We played games at Canyon Lake Park and at the beginning of Norris Peak Road. We continued on to Nemo Guest Ranch where we stopped for a potty and drink break and played a game of Lawn Darts for a card. We piled into our cars and headed to Sturgis thru Vanocker Canyon. We played our last game at the City park in Sturgis and raced out to meet up at the Pizza Ranch for dinner.

Winners of the Poker Run were for third place and \$20...Mike Cartwright, 2nd place and \$30...Jim Roling, and 1st place and \$50... Dani (I don't know her last name now but it will be Sargent!). Congratulations Winners!!!

Classifieds:

For Sale:

- '70 and Up big block 10 1/2" bell housing w/inspection cover, no cracks or repairs, \$275>
- '71-'74 B & E body automatic console, \$125.
- '72-'74 Challenger grille w/emblem, slight warpage at top of grille, \$25.
- 1-14" A body rally wheel w/4" bolt pattern, \$25.
- Small block 727 transmission, \$75.
- '75 Dart Swinger, rebuilt 318 w/ performance cam, 360 heads, Edelbrock intake, carb, and valve covers, has headers, rebuilt 4-speed transmission, decent body, chrome wheels with good tires, rebuilt front end, Great starter car or good driver, \$2500 Possible trades on other Mopar parts or cars considered.
- '70and Up B or E body 4 Speed transmission, 23 spline with big front bearing and big block bearing retainer, \$275.
- Parting '72 Duster, call with you needs.
- A body 3 speed transmission, \$75.
- Pair of '68 Road Runner taillights complete, \$40.
- '69 Super Bee taillights, complete, \$65.
- '70-'72 Dart hood, nice, \$125.
- '70-'72 dart deck lid, \$75.
- '70-'72 Duster hood, \$100.
- '70-'71 Duster deck lid \$75.
- Jim Beam Dodge Challenger Decanter, Plum Crazy, nice condition, no whiskey, sold in the early 90's, \$60.
- Holley 600 Double Pumper carb with fuel line, \$75.
- Craftsman roll around toolbox with matching top box, red, good condition (18"Dx26"Wx58"T), \$275.
- Big Block 906 heads, disassembled, cleaned and checked for cracks, \$30.
- Auto Meter Sport Comp tach, excellent condition, \$35.

For any of these items listed or for any other items you may need or want to get rid of Call Bob Watkins at (605) 787-5695.