

# MOPAR MUSCLE

Official newsletter of the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club.

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## Club meeting:

The August regular ETM club meeting will be at the Hot Rods 50's Diner in Alcoa. Members will meet at the Rice dealership on Alcoa highway at 6:00pm. Caravan to the restaurant. Meeting at 6:30pm.

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## *My Space in the Garage ...*

*By Judy Holman*



I began this month's article when Mike and I returned from the Chryslers at Carlisle Mopar car show. We arrived Wednesday night settled in and got a good night's sleep to get ready for the 3 day weekend of walking. We were on the show field Thursday afternoon walking around the swap area, looking at the cars entering the pavilion for display, and talking to the folks setting up the manufacturers midway. While walking this area, I saw it. Slick, mean, and has 707horsepower! It was the 2015 Challenger Hellcat. This is definitely the car of cars. As I was taking pictures of this car so was Steve Magnante of the Barrett/Jackson auctions. We both agreed that we would like to test drive this car (if this were possible, I'd still be on the road). Friday morning arrived early. We parked the truck on the hill in our class. They always park the trucks on the hill. We pitched the tent, loaded the wagon with the cooler, hats on our heads, and set off for the swap area. So many parts just not for our cars. But you still look. Saturday evening is best time to be at Carlisle - the burnout contest. As the cars were lining up, Dodge



brought the 2015 Charger and Challenger Hellcat. After they explained all the features these cars have, they were asked to do a burnout. The Hellcat did! Twice!! The first time he forgot to take the traction control off. To see this burnout, visit the Chryslers at Carlisle web site and click on the sub-lime green Challenger. This was the best advertising for selling a car I'd ever seen.

The 26th Annual "Fun In The Sun" All Mopar Car Show has been rescheduled - to Saturday, September 20. The flooding that occurred the morning of the show became a safety issue. Over 4 inches of rain at the tunnel and the pond went over its banks in 2 areas and was headed for the show field. The Chilhowee Park officials offered us an opportunity to reschedule. After talking with club members and the owners of the 7 cars in attendance, John and I canceled the show for that day. It was the best thing to do. We are now doing a media blitz. Getting the word out through e-mails, phone calls, Advance Auto, the newspaper, and our web site. We also need your help. Talk the show up again and pass out the new flyers (they will be at the club meetings). Hope to see everyone at the meetings.

***“Fun In The Sun” by John Foster, Car Show Director***

Those of you that braved the weather on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, to attend the Fun In The Sun Car Show at Chilhowee Park, I was very impressed and thank you for all your efforts to bring out your vehicles. Those of you that stayed home waiting for the weather to improve, I understand. Club members, thank you for your relentless efforts to work in the rain and get things ready for our loyal participants and fans. Whether you were at the park or at home, you know that Mother Nature delivered a morning filled with heavy rain that flooded some areas of the park making it virtually impossible and unsafe to try and conduct our show for many reasons. Never before, have we started the car show under such adverse weather conditions, and I don't believe we have ever had to cancel our show because of rain in 25 years. Through the gracious folks at Chilhowee Park, they were kind enough to offer us a rain date based upon availability, so that our show could be given another chance to take place as planned. After a couple of meetings, it was determined that the best option would be **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. All the details of the show will be the same as what was planned for on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

A few items to be aware of:

- The new date and details will be posted on our web site [www.easttennesseemopars.com](http://www.easttennesseemopars.com)
- If you pre-registered and provided a phone number or an email address, you will be contacted with the new show date.
- If you pre-registered and checked in at the show, please bring your registration card back with you. If you forget your card or it has been ruined because of the rain, we will replace it.
- If you pre-registered and did not check in because of the rain, your goodie bag, dash plaque and T-shirt will be available to you on the day of the show.
- We will be making up a revised flyer with the new rain date and trying to get them posted where ever we can to get the word out.
- You can help us, by passing the word out to all interested individuals of the new date... Again it is **September 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**Because of the change in dates, we need all available club members to volunteer to help out, as we are a little light now...**

This is still going to be a great show with plenty of Fun In The Sun!!! See you there....

Thank you, John



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Check your address label  
for your membership  
expiration date.  
**Send your updated mem-  
bership application and  
money to:**

**Jim Hill  
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**ETM  
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**Welcome these new members to the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club**

**Welcome back these members who renewed their membership**

Danny & Darlene Turley, Brent & Debbie Ledgerwood

**Happy Birthday to these club members**

**August**

Phil Foster      Phyllis Gibbons      Erik Vogeley

Ted Stephens      Faye Clark



***ETM EVENTS/CAR SHOWS FOR 2014****(calendar will show 3 months in advance (space permitting) any meetings/events for ETM members)*

- Aug. 2 Regular ETM club meeting will be at the 50's Diner in Maryville. We will meet at the Rice CDJR Dealership on the Alcoa Highway at 6:00pm and cruise to the diner. Meeting begins at 6:30pm.
- Aug. 9 \*Sears Car Show/Cruise at Knoxville Center Mall (formally East Towne Mall). No registration fee just bring your car! There will be trophies awarded. The Sears crew will be grilling out. Start time is around 10:00am.
- Aug. 16 Annual ETM Picnic at Norris Dam. Several of us will be up there early to hold the pavilion. Grilling the hamburgers & hotdogs will begin at 11:30. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or 2. Bring your lawn chairs and games. RSVP to Judy by August 13.
- Aug. 28 ETM Board Meeting/Car Show Committee meeting - place to be determined. Meeting begins at 7:30pm
- Sept. 6 Regular ETM club meeting at the Knoxville Rescue Squad. Meeting at 6:30pm. Cruise to supper after the meeting.
- Sept. 20 Rescheduled "Fun In The Sun" All Mopar Car Show - Chilhowee Park Fair grounds. Everything from the July date will be good for the new September date. Info: John @ 865-898-0558.**
- Sept. 25 ETM Board/Car Show Committee meeting. Place to be determined
- Sept. 27 \*Music City Mopar Car Club - 25th Annual Mopar Car & Truck Show. Wilson County Fair Grounds, I-40 to exit 239 toward Lebanon. Registration: 8am - noon, \$20. for more information call: Stan Hardcastle at 615-948-4204. (I will have flyers to this show at all club meetings)

\* indicates that ETM will be in attendance at this event

## ***FOR SALE/WANT ADS***

All For Sale and Want Ads will run for 3 newsletter issues. Please notify ETM if you wish to run your ad longer or make changes. Be sure to include a contact number or e-mail address. Send all inquires to ETM, P.O. Box 51401, Knoxville, TN 37950. Or e-mail them to [etm@knology.net](mailto:etm@knology.net)

### **Wanted:**

Items for the want/for sale ads

### **For Sale:**

### **Other Stuff:**

- If you are in the west Knoxville area - the Conoco gas station on Kingston Pike between West Hills and Walker Springs Road has 100% gas in regular and premium (this station is next to the Auto Zone). Accepts cash and credit cards.
- Atomic Speed Shop is owned by club member Robert Elwood. His specialty is Mopar! Give him call for your Mopar needs.



Premier Mopar Engine Shop  
High End B-Body Restorations  
Quick Turnaround – No Deposit  
10% Off Labor for ETM members  
Super Flow SF-502 Engine Dyno on its way  
**114 Union Valley Rd, Oak Ridge TN,  
865-272-3619**

## HELLCAT!

### The 2015 Dodge Challenger Hellcat

BY: Chris Yaroch

Chrysler main has gone and done it again. Just when you think it couldn't get any better, it did! Chrysler Corporation ushered in the best rendering of the Dodge Challenger to date. Dodge unveiled the new 2015 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat. The last time something this awesome and this American bore the name of Hellcat was World War II.

The new SRT Hellcat is powered by the 6.2 Hemi, force fed with a stock supercharger. This combination has pushed the ponies on this motor to a whopping 707 horsepower. Numbers like this landed the Challenger Hellcat in the same ballpark as exotic sports cars like the Lamborghini.

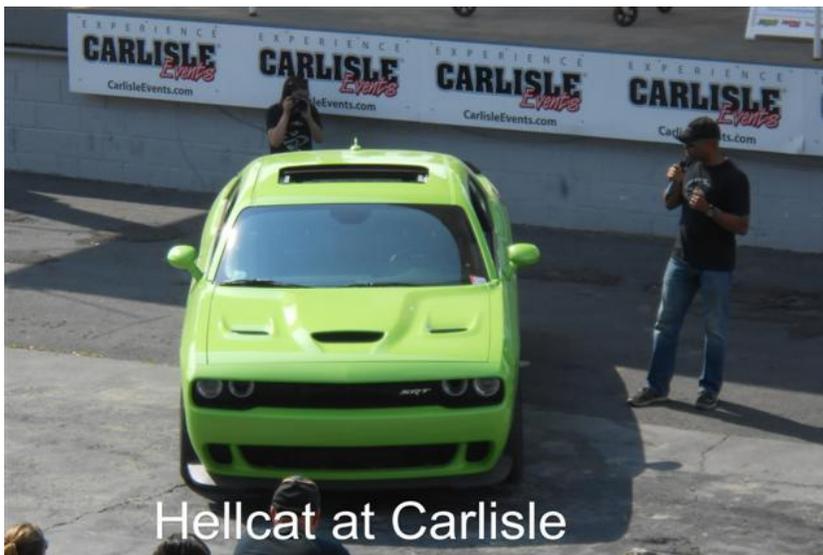
This car is propelled by a Tremec 6-speed with a larger, high capacity clutch. There is also an 8-speed Torqueflite automatic transmission for those so inclined. There has been recent news about the redesign and the advancements of the Torqueflite transmission.

Design cues abound in the new SRT Hellcat. Many details hale from the 1973 Dodge Challenger. Some of the more obvious are the grill, taillights and center console that mimic those from the original 1973 model.

Not to disappoint, there are other subtleties built in. The Hellcat sports a new custom gauge face. Also, the Hellcat comes with premium Laguna leather seats and a heated steering wheel.

Other interesting side items include the driver's side parking light delete. The designers of the Hellcat did this to create an air catcher for the cold air intake. It was noted that the Hellcat spent 35% more time in the wind tunnel to achieve maximum aerodynamics.

This car has certainly put the modern muscle car world on its ear. The estimated price tag for this beast is around \$80,000 and will be worth every penny to those who buy it!



The Hellcat - capable of turning 11's in the 1/4 mile. Grocery store here I come!

Update: after talking with the folks at the Rice CJDR dealership, the least expensive Hellcat will start at \$61,000. Judy

ADVENTURES IN M-BODYLAND  
(Or... "It's not stopping!!!")  
BY: Chris Yaroch

So it's late October and my Dippy now will stop with the aid of a vacuum pump. This is a good thing considering trick-or-treaters will be roaming the neighborhood within a few days. The last thing I need to do is waffle a ghost, Rainbow Bright or a Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtle with my fire breathing Diplomat.

The mechanical part of my project appeared to be coming to a close. The front end was back together, the motor was nestled between the frame rails, the transmission hooked back up, headers on and the car sounded pretty awesome. I showed up to Rex's shop with credit card in hand and paid the bill. When I saw it... my wallet cried.

I fired up the Diplomat and was thrilled by the vibration of the car that the motor was making. The whole car would shake while it idled. I pulled out from Rex's shop and headed towards home.

As I pulled up to the light at the state highway, some kid in an Asian import tuner pulled up next to me. He looked at me and gunned the engine. He wanted to race... how cute. His little rice-burner had that ridiculous sounding muffler on it, the kind that sounds like a ticked off bumble bee when you rev the motor. You know... "Ruuuummm, blaht-blaht-blaht-blaht!!!" It was hard not to laugh. So I revved my engine. Needless to say, I deafened ol' boy and he got the message as he skulked off to the first side road available. -Don't mess with this Mopar-

The car was fun for the first two weeks. I would take it out on the open road and revel in the rumbling of the engine. One day, out on the interstate, I decided to put my foot into the pedal to see what my newly rebuilt 318 was capable of. The hammer went down and... I was disappointed! The motor seemed anemic as I put my foot into the gas pedal, I wasn't expecting an NHRA launch by any means, but surely the motor should have responded some, shouldn't it???

So, back to Rex's I went. I explained to Rex what was happening, or more correctly, what *wasn't* happening. After a week or so, Rex called and gave me the news. "You'll need a different carb!" Oh great... that means more money!

I went to Rex's shop and he explained to me that the Carter Competition carb wasn't cutting it because the secondaries worked off of engine vacuum, something my LA block didn't have because of the radical cam. I dutifully went to the local Advanced Auto and got a brand new, in the box, 750 cfm Holley Carb with mechanical secondaries... completely unaware that such a thing existed about square bore and spread bore. (more on that in a minute)

I dropped off the carb to Rex and instructed him to swap it with the Carter. I also told Rex that I wanted to keep the Carter Competition carb, After another week goes by, I was told my car was ready. It's now mid-November.

I show up and Rex explains to me the difference between spread bore and square bore carbs. Seems I bought a square bore carb and my cast iron intake from the Racine assembly plant is a spread bore. \*rolling my eyes\* But, he made it work. He also informed me that Holleys are fickle and needed lots of work in tuning. I should have bought an Edelbrock. They work straight out of the box, no tuning necessary. He couldn't have told me that before I bought the carb!?!

As I get back home, I gazed under the hood at all the work that had been done. I noticed that Rex had sprayed the interior of the engine compartment with rattle can spray paint. It looked pretty nice with the newly painted motor in it. Then I noticed that data plate was gone. -WHAT THE... ???- The car's pedigree, that small piece of steel with the little number and letter codes, validating that it was a bona fide police interceptor was *gone* !!! Then I noticed that my old carb wasn't in the car as per my request. I called the next day about both items. I was told Rex took the data plate off to paint the engine compartment and didn't remember where he put it... and he didn't know I wanted to keep my old carb. -REALLY?!?!- When I went back to get my Carter Competition, Rex informed me that he had installed it on another car. -SERIOUSLY???!- Now... I'm pretty mad!

I drove the Diplomat for several months and discovered that the carb ran a tad rich. Rex worked on the carb a bit, but informed me that because of the compression and the radical cam, it would be tough to get the carb dialed in without putting it on a dyno. Next month, we'll figure out why we drive on parkways and park on driveways.

Lesson learned: Can't say in polite conversation!

## 2104 Karns High School Car Show

**BY: Chris Yaroch**

Members of the East Tennessee Mopars attended the 2104 Cedar Bluff Baptist Church/ Karns Community Fair car show. The show has grown some this year with a total 102 cars present for the show. It was a typical hot, sunny day in Tennessee for the attendees.

Club members present were Jim Hill, John Henry and Chris & Katie Yaroch. There were a total of six Mopars in the show field at this year's event. Members participated in judging, fellowship with Mopar enthusiasts and enjoyed the local festivities.

As is the norm, door prizes were awarded with one such prize going to John Henry. Halfway through the event, Jim Hill was getting the itch to win something and bought several 50/50 drawing tickets. Whether it be luck, karma, or intuition, Jim Hill won the 50/50 drawing, walking away with \$138.00! The running joke became that the prize was gas money for Jim to get home.

As usual, this was an open event and the predominance of the show field was Chevys and Fords. ETM Club members managed to hand out car show flyers to several Mopar owners. Overall, a fun show and we hope to see other ETM members next year!

## **Annual ETM Club Picnic**

**When: Saturday, August 16**

**Where: Norris Dam**

**Time: Members will be at the pavilion early to hold it - lunch at 11:30am**

**What to bring: 2 covered dishes, your own soft drinks, lawn chairs, outdoor games**

**RSVP: to Judy by August 14.**

### **Menu (select what you would like to bring)**

**Hamburgers & hotdogs**

**Buns for both**

**Potato salad/ mac salad/other salad**

**Baked beans**

**Chips**

**Watermelon**

**Other good stuff**

**Desserts**

**Paper plates**

**Paper towels**

**forks/spoons/knives**

**ketchup/mustard/mayo**

**charcoal**

**anything else you can think of**

**Editor's Notes**

By Judy Holman



Wow, what a month. Did anyone buy a boat? I hope that our club members to the north - Norris and Lake City, and to the south - Blount county had very little damage from the recent storm.

I want to thank club member Chris Y. for all the great articles for this newsletter.

I don't know about you, but I want Jim Hill to buy my lottery ticket. Congrats

Jim on your 50/50 win at the Karns car show. Our next club activity will be our annual picnic at Norris Dam. The competition will continue at the corn hole game! Watch out for Jim, Debbie, and Cinda. They will be the one's to beat. Remember to RSVP to me either by calling or sending an e-mail.

Speaking of e-mail, your club treasure, Mike, has saved the club a little money by changing our e-mail from Knology to g-mail. The grace period to use either is the next 30 days. Please change the club's e-mail address to [etmcarclub@gmail.com](mailto:etmcarclub@gmail.com).

Visit the club's web site: [easttennesseemopars.com](http://easttennesseemopars.com). Drop the club a message now and then.

\*This is a reminder to all club members, when renewing your membership, please fill out a club application and send it with your money. **Check your address label for your renewal date.** **For the club members who receive their newsletter via e-mail, I will remind you of your renewal date.** This helps to keep our records accurate.

\*If you know of a local car show or cruise in or receive a flyer from a Mopar show, let me know. Let's spread the word about a great family outing - a car show!

***East Tennessee Mopars Club Wearables***

**Polo shirts:** sizes are small to xxxl prices: \$22 - \$24

(white shirt with ETM logo and your name embroidered on the front)

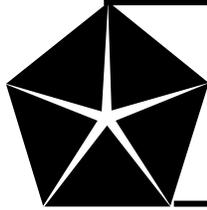
**Black Satin jackets:** sizes are small- xxxl prices: \$60 - \$62

(ETM logo and your name embroidered on the jacket)

**Hats - \$9 each**

(ETM logo embroidered on the front)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### I Currently Own the Following Automobiles

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

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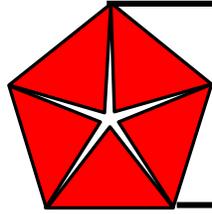
My favorite type of car event/activities are: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the club newsletter by (circle one):      e-mail      regular mail

#### LIABILITY RELEASE (please read and sign)

- 1. I, the undersigned, hereby release the officers and members of the club known as the "EAST TENNESSEE MOPARS" from any liability for damage, theft, loss of life, or accident related to club activities.
- 2. I agree to abide by the by-laws of the club.
- 3. Annual dues \$20.00 (family membership)

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



*EAST TENNESSEE*  
**MOPARS®**

PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR

**26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**"FUN IN THE SUN"**  
**ALL MOPAR CAR SHOW**  
**AND SWAP MEET**

**Rescheduled to: September 20, 2014**

LOCATION: CHILHOWEE PARK FAIRGROUNDS  
3301 EAST MAGNOLIA AVE - KNOXVILLE, TN 37914  
REGISTRATION: 9:00AM - NOON, SHOW: 9:00AM - 4:00PM.

*Proceeds to benefit the*  
**Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad**

**Drive through Judging**

Decisions of the judges are final  
Car Show judging: 10:00am-1:30pm

**50/50 Drawing   Live D.J.   Model Car Contest**

**General Admission: \$8.00 (children under 12 free with adult admission)**  
**Free parking for general admission visitors**  
**Car Registration: \$20 (Includes car and 2 admissions)**  
**Dash Plaques for First 100 Entrants**  
**Swap/Vendor Registration: \$20/space & 2 admissions**  
**Car Corral Area Registration: \$20/space & 2 admissions**  
**Please make checks payable to East Tennessee Mopars**

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