

# MOPAR MUSCLE

Official newsletter of the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club.

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## Club meeting:

The ETM regular monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1 at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Several members will cruise to a restaurant for supper after the meeting. Join us!

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

*By Judy Holman*



Happy New Year to All! I hope that everyone is coping with the crazy weather. I am very proud to be back in as YOUR club president. We have planned many events and activities for our club to participate in. And the list continues to grow. Be sure to RSVP for the annual Valentine Dinner to be held at Calhoun's On The River, Saturday, February 15. This year our home base for monthly meetings will be the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad. We will meet there for the months of February - May and then again from September - November. During the summer months our meetings will be held at outdoor events. Watch the Calendar of Events for updates.

So, how's everyone's car/s doing? Right now my Road Runner and Belvedere II are up for the winter. Maybe. The Road Runner might come out in March for a club activity. (more info on this at the club meeting). We've been working on my Ram 3500. Replacing the interior - seat covers, carpet, and dash. It is amazing how fast mildew returns until you are able to find the source. The dealer we purchased the truck from pressure washed the carpet without taking the carpet out of the truck. Running my hand over the carpet, I didn't feel any water. It felt dry. So plug in the car air fresheners. Open a box of baking soda. Nothing help. When we were finally able to pull the seats, we found water! Needless to say, my truck now looks better and has a nice smell to it. Jim Hill has the engine of his Sports Fury pulled. Piston trouble. Brent Ledgerwood's '48 Plymouth has a new wiring harness and is taking shape. I can't wait to see this car back on the road. John Henry looked good behind the wheel of his new Charger.

As my president's newsletter heading states - I am just one car (person) in this great car club garage. I hope during this year to see old friends and make new ones at our club meetings and events. All of our activities and events are open to club members and their friends. So I would like to be the first to extend an invitation to the members of the former Smoky Mountain Mopar Club to our Valentine Dinner and to cruise with us to Floyd Garrett's museum.

Let's keep this great car hobby alive. Until next month ...

## “Fun In The Sun” by John Foster

Christmas and New Years have come and gone since our last newsletter went out. I hope the holidays were enjoyable for you and your family, and you have been able to stay warm through all the cold weather we have been having.

Believe it or not, we are less than 6 months away from our Fun in the Sun Car Show to be held on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Chilhowee Park. Over the past couple of months, I have been busy meeting with trophy vendors and reviewing options for trophies –vs- plaques. At our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, we voted and it was decided that we would stay with trophies. During the board of directors meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the trophy proposal was reviewed and the budget unanimously approved to move forward and award our trophy business to the new vendor. Trophy colors will be reviewed at the next meeting.

At the Saturday February 1st meeting, we will turn our attention to the T-Shirt design, so please be thinking about how it should look, and what type of Mopar cars/trucks we should have in the design, that will be the most desirable and purchased by the participants and spectators. Meeting time is 6:30 PM at the Knoxville Rescue Squad located at 512 N. Chilhowee Drive.

Next on the list is to prepare our car show invitations and stuff envelopes for mailing to our list of likely participants. We plan to do this during our next board meeting on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Shoney's restaurant on Chilhowee Drive just east of 640 down from the fairgrounds. My understanding is our mailing list is about 300, so we definitely need your help to stuff envelopes and affix stamps...please plan on attending!

Congrats and “Thank you” to the ETM team who have worked so hard to get our web site established and up and running. We will be adding exciting information, upcoming events and more car show pictures as time permits. If you have not seen it yet, check it out. [www.easttennesseemopars.com](http://www.easttennesseemopars.com)  
Now that the web site is up and running, you can go to the link and print out a 2014 Car Show Registration form, fill it out and mail it to: East Tennessee Mopars PO Box 51401 Knoxville, TN 37950 or email it to: [etm@knology.net](mailto:etm@knology.net) I want to encourage you to print out a few extra forms and keep with you to hand out to any Mopar candidates you meet.

Thanks and best regards, John



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expiration date.  
Send your updated mem-  
bership application and  
money to:

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**Welcome these new members to the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club****Welcome back these members who renewed their membership**

Bobby & Janet G.    Jim & Judy Glasscock    Jim & Barbara Payne  
Hugh & Sharon Clark    Raymond & Faye Clark

**Happy Birthday to these club members****January & February**

Bill Robinson

Barbara Baker

Barbara Payne

Darlene Turley

Bobby G.

Raymond Clark

Keith Barry

Kevin Barry



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

- Feb. 1 Regular ETM monthly meeting to be held at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad. Meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Cruise for supper after the meeting.
- Feb. 15** \***Annual ETM Valentine Dinner to be held at Calhoun's on the River. Dinner at 5:00pm. Please RSVP to Judy by February 13. (call or e-mail)**
- Feb. 20 ETM Board/Car Show Committee Meeting - Shoney's Restaurant on Rutledge Pike/I-40. Meeting will begin at 7:30pm. We will be stuffing envelopes and mailing our car show flyers.
- Feb. 21-23 News Sentinel "New Car" Auto Show, Knoxville Expo Center.  
Info/tickets: knoxautoshow.com
- March 1 Regular ETM monthly meeting to be held at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad. Meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Cruise for supper after the meeting.
- March 15** \***ETM Cruise to Floyd Garrett's Muscle Car Museum in Sevierville. We will meet at the Shoney's parking lot (Rutledge Pike) at 10:00am. Cruise to the museum then lunch at the Starlite restaurant. Everyone's welcome. Bring a friend!**
- March 27 ETM Board/Car Show Committee Meeting - Buddy's BBQ on Broadway/I-640. Meeting will begin at 7:30pm.
- Apr. 5 Regular ETM monthly meeting to be held at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad. Meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Cruise for supper after the meeting.
- Apr. 5** \***Thunder Road Festival/Car Show - more info as I get it.**
- Apr. 24 ETM Board/Car Show Committee Meeting - place to be determined  
Meeting will begin at 7:30pm.
- Apr. 26** \***Cruise Against Cancer 6 - to be held at the Lowe's Home Improvement, 120 Epley Rd., Newport, TN Info: cruiseagainstcancer@yahoo.com No entry fee but donations are greatly appreciated.**
- July 19** **26th Annual "Fun In The Sun" All Mopar Car Show. Chilhowee Park Fair Grounds, Knoxville, TN Presented by the East Tennessee Mopars. Info: John @ (865) 898- 0558**

\* indicates that ETM will be in attendance

**Special note to all of the Mopar clubs we exchange newsletters with and our club members -**Please send information, flyer, about any up and coming car shows, cruise-in's, etc... whether it is an open show or an all Mopar car show. Send all information to: [etm@knology.net](mailto:etm@knology.net) Thanks.

## 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:

### For Sale:

### Other Stuff:

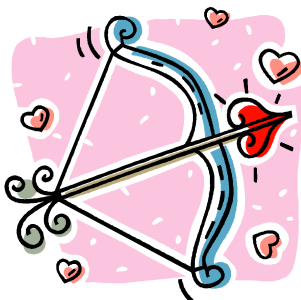
- If you are in the west Knoxville area - the Conoco gas station on Kingston Pike between West Hills and Walker Springs Road has 100% gas in regular and premium (this station is next to the Auto Zone). Accepts cash and credit cards.
- Gregg & Trent Professional Auto Detail - bumper to bumper, fabric, upholstery , all ... License, bonded, and insured. Call Gregg for more information. (865)266-0773 (Gregg is the restaurant manager at Calhoun's on the River. I spoke with him after our Valentine Dinner - Judy)

## *Love is in the Air*



*The annual East Tennessee Mopars Car Club Valentine's Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 15, at Calhoun's on the River restaurant. Dinner (seating) will be at 5:00pm. It is important that you RSVP to Judy by February 13. So mark your calendar, wash your Sunday going to meeting clothes, get a baby sitter, and put gas in the car and join us for a great evening of food, fun, and friendship.*

*(This is an adult only event.)*



East Tennessee Mopar Club  
Minutes  
January 4, 2014

East Tennessee Mopar Club met on January 4, 2014 at 6:30 at the Knox County Rescue Squad. Fourteen (14) members were present. President Judy Holman called the meeting to order

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Judy commented that the Christmas Party was a success with lots of great food and fun.

**New Business**

**By-Laws**

It was recommended that Article 1 of the bylaws be revised to include *Imperial*. Jim Hill made a motion to approve the revision followed by a second to Joe David Stansberry.

It was recommended that Article II of the bylaws be revised to include *Imperial*. Joe David Stansberry made a motion to approve the revision and Jim Hill seconded the motion.

**Club Meetings**

Club meetings for 2014 will be at the Knox County Rescue Squad. It was suggested that during the warmer months the club could meet at outdoor locations. Raymond Clark made a motion to approve the 2014 location and Jim Hill seconded the motion.

**2014 Activity Calendar**

January - Cabin Fever - January 11-12

February - Valentines Dinner, February 15 at Calhoun's on the River at 5:00.

March - Floyd Garrett March 15

April - Rockwood Show

May - Cove Lake Cruise In Mopar Mania May 31

July - Car Show

August - Club Picnic, August 16, Norris Dam

September - Music City Show, September 13 or North Georgia Show

October - Corn Maze, October 25, Maple Lane Farm

November - Open

December - Christmas Party, December 20, James White Fort

**Board Meetings**

January - Texas Road House, West Town at 7:30 on January 23 at 7:30

February - Shoney's, Rutledge Pike, at 7:30 on February 20 at 7:30.

**Web Site**

East Tennessee Mopars website is 90% complete. Members should be able to access the blog soon.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No Report

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

A financial report was presented. The only activity will be the maintenance fee for the club copier.

There were no questions regarding financials.

**CAR SHOW**

John Foster, Car Show Director, updated the Club regarding the car show. John said that show flyers will be available for Cabin Fever later this month. There was discussion about presenting trophies or plaques and after discussion the club decided that trophies were more popular. John and Judy will continue to work with vendors for the best value in trophies.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Clark  
Secretary

## ADVENTURES IN M-BODYLAND

(... or, I have to drive *where*???)

BY: Chris Yaroch

Sooooo... last month, I FINALLY got my motor put back into its rightful place, right smack between the fenders of my Dodge Diplomat. This month, I'm going to veer off the beaten path a little bit, but it still ties into the project cars we all love (...to hate, sometimes).

In 2003, Fort Smith, Arkansas was on a crash course with summer. It was the first week of June and I was making my way westbound on Rogers Avenue in search of dinner. It was 6:00 pm on the button and I was heading up the hill past the mall. The sun was right *there* in our eyes! Everyone heading west had the evening sun right in their eyes and you couldn't see diddley squat.

As I headed up the hill, some super-genius decided he wanted to make a left into a liquor store. He was at the *exact* top of the hill... sitting directly in the sun light. Next thing ya know –**BAM-BAM**- Yep, we rearended this guy and stacked the cars up in the middle of the street.

I was driving my *other* M-body, a 1987 Dodge Diplomat that was a former K-9 car for the Cedar Falls, IA. Police Dept. (As evidenced by all the dog hair all over the underside of the rear seat). No major damage to the car, but the front clip was in pieces all over the pavement and I had a punctured trans cooler line that was spraying transmission fluid in a lovely mist out front of my car. So, it had to be towed.

The next day, I set about scouring salvage yards looking for an M-body front clip. Easy... right? There were scads of them that were taxis and they should be plentiful in salvage yards. Or so I thought. This was about to turn into an adventure!

The first yard I checked, they had no Diplomats or Gran Furys, but cheerfully informed me they sent the last one out a week before to the crusher. \*ASTONISHED LOOK\* OK, how is this helpful???

Off I go to the next salvage yard. I found a big salvage yard right across the river in Moffet, OK. They had piles of cars upon cars. Surely there's a Diplomat or two in there, right? As I inquire in the office, they inform me they don't deal in anything older than 10 years old. Are ya frickin' kidding me!?!

I trundle my way up the road to another salvage yard. As I pull into the parking lot, I see lots of old cars. I mean, OLD cars. Cars from the '50, '60s, '70s and up. Maybe this is the place???

So I head in with high hopes. "Nope. Haven't had any in 3 months. Sorry." -SERIOUSLY???

Now, I head north past Van Buren towards Sandy Springs. I pull into a salvage yard in the middle of nowhere and meet "that guy". You'll figure out what I mean about "that guy" in a minute.

I walk in and the overweight, slack-jawed, dullard of an owner asks point blankly, "Whaddaya want?" As I inquire about the availability of any Dodge Diplomats or Plymouth Gran Furys, he cuts me off mid-sentence and booms out, "If you're asking about the B-body, it ain't for sale!!!"

What the...???

No, you moron!!! So I tell him, "You know... old Dodge and Plymouth police cars?" He looks at me blankly and replies, "Oh. I dunno. Go out back and take a look."

I stroll out of the office and make my way up the path to the back of his property. As I walk through the wooded area, I finally realize what he was talking about. Sitting on the edge of the path, with a tree growing up between where the engine used to sit, was a blue 1969 ½ Dodge Charger 500 with the flush mount grill. Yeah... THAT GUY!!! The guy that won't sell it or fix it. Content to let it just rust into the ground. Anyhow... no dice on the search. Disheartened, I head back to Fort Smith empty-handed.

Finally, after a lengthy search on the world wide web, I find one in a junk yard in northern Wisconsin. We struck a deal, agreed on a price and it was shipped via UPS. One week later, I got it and busily set about mounting it on the front of my car. Next month, we'll spin hay into gold.

Lesson learned: Never make an assumption. You make an a\*\* out of you and umption!!!

## THE NEW YEAR

By: Chris Yaroch

Greetings club members and fellow Mopar fans! There is all kinds of delicious goodness of all things Mopar going on in 2014. A lot of news has been coming out from Chrysler Corporation of things to come!

**Dodge Scat Package-** The Dodge Scat Pack is BACK!!! In recent auto news, Dodge has announced the reintroduction of the fabled Scat Pack through the new Dodge Scat Package for 2014. Chrysler Corporation made the bold move to bring it back in observance of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scat Pack.

The new Scat package will be offered on the 2014 Dodge Challenger, Dodge Charger AND the Dodge Dart. They'll have special styling unique to the packages and, holding true to the original Scat Pack, three stages of performance! It seems Dodge has finally listened to the demands of the customers and is haling back to its muscle car roots on this one for the Mopar faithful.

**Mopar Challenger-** The Mopar Challenger is back for another go-round. Chrysler Corporation has announced another run of the Mopar Challenger, this time in white! They will do a special run of 100 limited editions of a white version with new graphics and badging. The show stopper for the 2014 model is the addition of a "stock" Shaker hood! (functional, no less!) The 2014 Mopar Challenger will also be optioned with any of the three performance stages offered for the newly unveiled Dodge Scat Package.

**Mopar Police Cars-** 2014 dawns, again with only one offering in the large class pursuit sedan market. The 2014 Dodge Charger Pursuit is the only full-sized police car offered in North America for a consecutive run. There has been no plans or re-emergence of any full-sized cop cars from Chevy or Ford. Not only is the 2014 Dodge Pursuit the only *real* squad car being offered to law enforcement, it's also bringing more goodies to the table for this model year. Chrysler Corporation will start offering all-wheel drive (AWD) versions of the Dodge Pursuit and higher performance braking systems. These will be tested at the 2014 Michigan State Police vehicle evaluation. After a close to 20 year hiatus from police work, it's nice to see Dodge po-po cars back on top!

**... and finally...** Chrysler Corporation has tipped its hand to some big news for Mopar performance enthusiasts. The cat was let out of the bag by comedian Jeff Dunham in his Project Ultraviolet. Chrysler will be releasing a Gen-3 426 ci Hemi crate engine!!!

Hope everyone stays warm. Spring is just around the corner and it will be time to break out those Dodge, Chryslers and Plymouths (... and Imperials)! Enjoy and keep'er between the line!!!



**Editor's Notes**

By Judy Holman

As I put the finishing touches on this newsletter, the temperature is dropping and snow is falling. Dang it's cold! Be sure to check the pipes in your house and the anti-freeze in your car.

The club web site is up and running. We are still tweaking several parts. We will be adding a section for club members cars. Along with links to other clubs .

Be patience. Check it out: [easttennesseemopars.com](http://easttennesseemopars.com).

You gotta love the continuing saga of the M-Body. Chris, thank you so much. A lot of winter projects are getting done. As your newsletter editor, I would love to hear about them. Send in an article. Pictures if you have them.

The Calendar of Events is growing. Keep sending in any dates and info on car shows and cruise in's.

I received an e-mail from James Peach, the membership director of the Music City Mopar club. We exchanged car show information and agreed that we need to keep in touch and get the clubs together at a show or event. As James put it - "us gear-heads need to help each other!"

\*\*A note to all members - if your e-mail address has changed or you don't remember putting it on your application, please e-mail me at [etm@knology.net](mailto:etm@knology.net) so I can update our records.

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!

I need articles about your Mopar or a show that you have attended. Include pictures if you have them. e-mail them to me at: [etm@knology.net](mailto:etm@knology.net).



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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### I Currently Own the Following Automobiles

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

If you need additional space write on the back

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: \_\_\_\_\_