

MOPAR MUSCLE

Official newsletter of the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club.

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Club meeting:

March meeting of the ETM will be held at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad on March 1. Eat at 6:30pm. Remember, it's pizza night at the squad.

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ETM Update

By Judy Holman

If you do not subscribe to the Knoxville News Sentinel newspaper, you missed Mopar history. Front page, across the top: The car they are talking about is Eddie McMillan's awesome Challenger.



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Mike and I just returned from the new car "Car Show" that was held at the Knoxville Convention Center. The Fiat Chrysler area had several cars missing this year. There were no Chrysler caravans, or Pacificas to look at. For 2018, the Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk with the 6.2L Supercharged V8 with 707 horsepower will be available. No information on this car other than what is in the Jeep brochure. Even with the empty spots the crowd was good. Everyone eyeing the 2018 Challenger Hellcat. Personally I loved the 3500 Ram, diesel, with a quad cab, long bed, 4x4, leather interior, and a whole lot more!

I received an e-mail last week from a Mopar enthusiast that I've not heard from since 1989 - Mark Otnes! For the members who were around when ETM was founded this named should ring a bell. Mark was the one who started ETM back in April of 1988 in the parking lot of the old K-Mart on Kingston Pike. He is doing well and now lives in Illinois. He says hi to everyone and wishes ETM continued success. In his words: "Go ETM!"

At this month's meeting at the Rescue Squad, it's Pizza Night! There will be cheese, sausage, and pepperoni pizzas to enjoy. Remember to bring your own soft drinks and maybe a dessert/appetizer to share. The Rescue Squad members on duty are invited to sit down and join us. Let's eat around 6:30pm with a meeting to follow. Hope to see you at a meeting or event.

Judy



30th Annual "Fun In The Sun" - Car Show Update

Our 30th car show is really coming together. The count down has started, with approximately 120 days until show time. WOW! As of this newsletter: flyers have been sent out, website updated, we have 8 t-shirt sponsors, trophy sponsors are still coming in, several specialty trophies have been sponsored, door prizes are starting to take over my workroom, kid's door prizes are filling up my toy bins, I will be visiting Chilhowee Park next week to discuss details, insurance coverage is in the works (now that the flyer is done), we have selected the cars for the car show t-shirt, and our guests have been confirmed. Now it's time to get the word out as you attend shows/cruise in's. Flyers will always be available at every meeting up to show time. If you need flyers before that, just give me a call. As you collect door prizes and goody bag items, please ask for a business card. All businesses/individuals will be added to the sponsors list and announced at the show.

Calendar:

March: discuss dash plaque design, trophy sponsors, car show "Day of Show" jobs list

April: "Day of Show" jobs list, begin discussion of show lay out

May: approve design for the car show shirts, collect door prizes, and goody bag items

June: All monies are due by the June 7 meeting. All door prizes and goody bag items are due by the workers meeting on June 19.



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

Ken Robbins
Membership Director

ETM
P.O. Box 51401
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Make checks payable to ETM

Welcome these new members to the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club

Frank & Cathy Dorman, proud owners of the '56 Dodge Coronet Lancer

Welcome back these members who renewed their membership

Tony & Sherry Redmon

Jim & Barbara Payne & Walt Hamski

Erik & Shelby Vogeley & son Sam

Happy Birthday to these club members**March**

Celebrating his 100 birthday this month - Walt Hamski

Sandy Hill

Carol Johnston

Brent Ledgerwood

Linda Walters

Regina Cochran

Ken Robbins



Happy Belated Birthday to Tom Clark.

ETM EVENTS/CAR SHOWS FOR 2018

(calendar will show 3 months in advance (space permitting) any meetings/events for ETM members)

- Mar. 1 (Thurs)** Regular ETM monthly meeting to be held at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad. We are having a pizza night! There will be pizza for supper for ETM and the great volunteers at the squad. Be sure to bring a soft drink. Desserts would be appreciated.
- Mar. 17 17th Annual New Orleans Mopar Car Show. Info: www.BigeasyMopar.org or call Paul @ 504-415-5731
- Apr. 5 (Thurs)** Regular ETM monthly meeting to be held at Shoney's Restaurant on Rutledge Pike at I-40. 6:30 to eat, 7:00 to meet.
- Apr. 5-8 Charlotte Auto Fair
- Apr. 15 (Sun) Coffee & Cars at West Town Mall - 8am - 11am
- Apr. 19-21 Grand Rod Run (spring), Pigeon Forge, TN
- Apr. 28 Mopars at the Battleship Mobile, AL Info: 251-653-5154, southernmopar.com
- May 3 (Thurs)** Regular ETM monthly meeting to be held at the Steak'n Shake. Emory Rd. at I-75. Eat at 6:30. Meet at 7:00. Bring a lawn chair. We will meet in the parking lot after dinner.
- May 12 (Sat) Mopar Car Show - Piedmont Mopar club, Farmington, NC. Piedmontmopar.com
- May 12 (Sat) MoParty Picnic (more details on the way) Check out the website: www.moparty.com
- June 7 (Thurs)** Regular ETM monthly meeting to be held at Chilhowee Park.
- June 16 (Sat) Tennessee Valley Mopar Club 20th Anniversary show & go at Huntsville Dragway
Info: tvmoparclub.com, Bob @256-655-3644
- June 23** 30th Annual "Fun In The Sun" All Mopar Car Show. Chilhowee Park - Midway Side.
More Info: Judy at 865-691-6002, or etmcarclub@gmail.com,
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Future Shows/Cruise in's

- Carlisle Chrysler Nationals - July 13-15
Coffee and Cars at West Town Mall - July 15, and Oct 28
Music City Mopar Car & Truck Show - Sept. 22

Recommended Mopar friendly businesses.

- There are several 100% gas stations in and around the Knoxville area. Several are changing their premium grade to a mid grade of 90 octane. The Weigel's Station on the corner of Western Ave. and Cumberland Estates has 100% gas with 87, 89, and 93 octane.
- Atkins & Son Transmission, 4001 Rutledge Pike, Knoxville, TN (865) 524-3059
- Advance Auto Parts - Knox County, Oak Ridge, Seymour
- NAPA Auto Parts - Magnolia Ave. Knoxville
- Atomic Speed Shop is owned by club member Robert Elwood. His specialty is Mopar! Give him a call for your Mopar needs.
- Looking for that Mopar part, give club members Ted and Jackie a call at Stephens Performance. All they do is MOPAR!

**Stephens Performance**

For All Your Mopar Needs
9321 Hwy 207, Anderson, AL
(256) 247-1332
Call and ask for Ted or Jackie

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 **865-272-3619**
114 Union Valley Rd, Oak Ridge TN,

For Sale/Want Ads**For Sale:**

1972 Plymouth Cuda Gas Tank, bought new and had powder coated black, a few imperfections,. Complete with sending unit. \$100 Call John Foster (865) 898-0558



1965 Plymouth Valiant 2-Door Convertible Signet 200, triple blue, all numbers match, Chrysler slant 6, 3 on the tree, 137,385 K original miles.

The car is a one owner, bought new in Dec. '64, with original keys, radio that still works, and maintenance/repair records including bill of sale and title. It has been partially restored twice: repainted, engine rebuilt, interior updated, and power top replaced. It has been garage stored in recent years, maintained, refurbished and in #3 condition. Driver's side mirror is removed, but have original plus replacement still in the box to be installed. Odometer stopped at 129,600 K mi., but owner kept written record of mileage. This car is ready to drive and still turns heads wherever it goes. It needs continued maintenance and TLC by someone who will enjoy it like this family has for many years.

It was appraised at \$10,000. Asking price is \$9,500 or best offer. Serious inquires may contact owner at [865.456.0862](tel:865.456.0862).



Love Was In The Air (aka: annual ETM Valentine's Dinner)

Despite the rain that had been falling all day, 20 ETM members came out to Enjoy a wonderful Valentine's dinner at the Longhorn Steakhouse.



Jim and the girls!



Jim & Karen



Mike & Judy



Tom & Linda



Rob & Robin

"The Gang"



Walt & Judy



Danny & Darlene



Jim & Barbara



Joe David & Cinda



Greg & Linda



Tony & Sherry

THE BEST LAID PLANS

By Rev. Mopar

As die hard Mopar fans we have had to put up with many things over the years, but one of the more irksome things for those who race is the haunting lyrics of the Beach Boys telling the tale of a fuel injected Sting Ray cleaning the clock of a 413 Super Stock Dodge. Granted, it's a cool song, but not altogether accurate.

1993 marked the 40th anniversary of the Corvette and the big hoopla that GM always has in Bowling Green, KY was especially huge on this occasion. It so happened that the "powers that be" wanted to have lots of side spectacles for the crown, and at the suggestion of Dallas Jones, owner of both Beech Bend Raceway Park and Music City Dragway, suggested a re-enactment of the iconic Beach Boys song "SHUT DOWN" as one such attraction.

Now this got the juices flowing among the Corvette contingent. "Hey, that would be really cool" they thought. But they had to find a Max Wedge Dodge willing to be the sacrificial lamb at the plastic altar. Once more Dallas had the answer. "Call Tony Ashburn in Nashville, he has one". With the idea percolating and the wheels set in motion, the event organizers contacted Tony and he agreed to bring his car up for the big event IF they would allow him to bring his '70 Dart 340 and allow Donna (my wife) and I to bring the Holy Roller II for some MOPAR vs Chevy match racing, they agreed (how he pulled that off I will never know). The only bad thing was they waited until four days before the event to firm up the arrangements.

Tony called us and asked if Donna would be willing to drive the big Dodge as she as a more experienced racer and he was a bit skitish about racing his beautiful car. Being no one's dummy, we totally agreed and got ready to take the short jaunt from Nashville to Bowling Green. If we had been able to get a better feel for the car by running at Music City before we went, this story would be even funnier as a simple pinion angle adjustment would have helped tons.

Arriving at Beech Bend, Dallas Jones met us and ushered our three rigs to our designated place in the pits. After going through the greetings he pulled me aside and said, "Hey Rev., the car you are to race is a bit of a ringer. It's fuel injected but it is not 327 but a 383 stroker with worked heads and he has already run 12.36." I simply raised my eyebrows, smiled, and went on my way to prepare our rides.

Pulling the big Max Wedge (not true to the song, a 1964 fully loaded Polara - last of the B bodies with that name) into the staging lanes after warming it up, we popped the hood so passers by could see the show quality work Tony had performed. Of course the Corvette folks gave it little notice except to yak among themselves that this was the car that was to race the '63 split window Sting Ray. A man passing by, his son a step or two ahead and paying no attention to the Dodge when the man grabbed the kid by the collar, pulled him back, and said to him: "Now THAT'S an engine!"

Making our way around to the staging lanes we saw the beautiful Sting Ray we were supposed to race. Show quality and track ready for sure. As we lined up to head to the burn out box all the folks stormed the fences while those in the stands all stood up. The roar of the big 426 (yeah I know, it's not a 413) was so much different than that of ANY chevy we had heard on the premises and this fact did not go unnoticed by the crowd. Donna, who had never raced this particular car, executed a flawless burn out, carefully staged the car, cut a near perfect light, and ran 11.86 at 117.8mph. You could have heard a pin drop.

We made our way back around for our second time trial and noticed the 'vet on jacks, slicks off, an axle pulled, and no real panic in the pits. Rounding the curve into the staging area, Donna performed another flawless burn out, inched to the line, staged carefully, cut another near perfect light, and ran 11.84 at a staggering 118.9mph. Once again silence. We were told that the Sting Ray was broken and wouldn't be able to race.

Proud to say that Tony's Dart blistered several street legal 'vettes and the Holy Roller II (our 1969 Fastback Barracuda) was the quickest and fastest car on the grounds and the spectators couldn't believe that a woman drove the mean wheel standing MOPAR. My rewrite of the last verse of SHUT DOWN goes like this: "Pedals to the floor hear MY dual quads drink, now the Sting Ray's hopes are a startin to shrink. He's hot with fuel injection but it's understood I HAVE A RAM INDUCTED ENGINE SITTING UNDER MY HOOD. Shut it off, shut it off, buddy now you've been shut down." sing it with pride - MOPAR RULES.

Editor's Notes

By Judy Holman



A big thank you to club member Rev. Mopar (David Koopman) for the great article on how to put a 'vette in its place. He has written several other articles that will appear in upcoming newsletters. Another big thank you to club members John Foster and Jim Burtner for sending in lists of local car shows/cruise in's. Members, keep that information coming. Car show season is right around the corner (hard to believe), so lets mark the calendar and get our Mopars out in force! We did a terrific job in 2017. This year looks to be even better.

Club Wearables - car show season is ending but Christmas is right around the corner and wouldn't you look good wearing a shirt or jacket with your name and the club logo on it? Please note that once your order is placed, it will take about 3 weeks to get your items. Place your order at any regular club meeting. All items must be paid for at time of ordering.

Club baseball hat: \$8 (ETM logo is embroidered on the front)

Club Polo shirts: S - XL are \$22 each

Club Polo shirts: XXL - XXXL are \$24 each

Club Jacket, black satin: S - XL are \$60 each

Club Jacket, black satin: XXL - XXXL are \$62 each

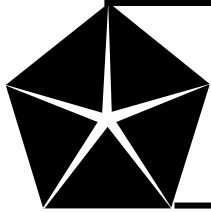
Club Sweatshirts (hoodies): S - XL are \$26 each

Club Sweatshirts (hoodies): XXL - XXXL are \$28 each

These are embroidered shirts and jackets with the ETM logo and your name. See Judy to place your order. Order now for car show season!

*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, Ken Robbins, the club Membership Director, 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!



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I Currently Own the Following Automobiles

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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

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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: _____