

MOPAR MUSCLE

Official newsletter of the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club.

Established April, 1988

easttennesseemopars.com etmcarclub@gmail.com

Club meeting:

November's club meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1 at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad. This is Chili supper night also club elections. Make plans to attend.

Volume 31

Issue 10

October 2018

From Judy's Desk

The October regular club meeting was very well attended. We had 24 members show up at the Steak-n-Shake. All those Mopars in the parking lot looked impressive. Old muscle and new muscle. It doesn't matter.

It's a MOPAR! There was a lot of talk about shows that several of us attended and there's more shows on the calendar. If you will be attending the Advance Auto Cruise In - Trunk or Treat, remember to bring a bag of candy. This cruise in is about the kids. The Coffee and Cars at West Town Mall will be the last one this year. Arrive early. The parking lot fills up fast.

The November club meeting will be held at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad on Thursday, Nov. 1. We are having a chili supper at the squad before the meeting. A food sign up sheet went around at the October meeting. There is still a few things needed. If you will be attending and bringing in something, please call or email me and let me know what it is. Remember, BYOSD (bring your own soft drinks). At this meeting, the club will be holding our yearly elections. All positions will need to be filled, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, Car Show Director, Board Members, and Newsletter Editor. Requirements are: You need to be an ETM member for at least one year and be able to attend ETM meetings (monthly and car show). If you have any questions concerning any of the Offices/Directors positions, just ask me.

With the fantastic growth of the club, we are looking for another place to hold our annual Christmas party. Several places were mentioned at the October meeting that I am looking into. All info on this club get together will be at the November meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting.

Judy



Inside this issue

Birthday's	3
Officers & Bd	3
Calendar of Events	4
Mopar Businesses & For Sale Items	5
Car Shows & Cruise In's	6-7
Rev. Mopar - The Future of Our Hobby	8-9
Club Application	11

Car Show Update

Yes, you read this right. The 31st Annual "Fun in the Sun" All Mopar Car Show is on the books for Saturday, June 22, 2019. It is time to review our flyer and make any necessary changes. We will need a completed flyer by January. So, the Car Show Committee will need to meet during the month of November. This committee is made up of any ETM member that would like to take an active part in the planning of the "Fun in the Sun" car show.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 15. We will eat and meet at the Shoney's Restaurant located at 4032 North Broadway. I will have a committee sign up sheet at the November regular club meeting.



Mopar Muscle is a monthly newsletter published for and about the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club, P.O. Box 51401, Knoxville, TN. 37950. A non-profit group organized by enthusiasts of Chrysler built motor vehicles. "Mopars" is a registered trademark of Chrysler Motor Corporation, and the variation used by the East Tennessee Mopars is with permission.

ETM Officers, Directors, and Board Members

President	Judy Holman	(865)-691-6002
Vice President	Joe David Stansberry	(865)-922-7129
Secretary	Darlene Turley	(865)-828-4060
Treasurer	Mike Holman	(865)-691-6002
Membership Director	Ken Robbins	(561)-312-8648
Car Show Director	Judy Holman	(865)-691-6002
Board Member	John Foster	(865)-898-0558
	Jim Hill	(865)-690-5313
	Danny Turley	(865)-828-4060
Newsletter Editor	Judy Holman	(865)-691-6002

etmclub@gmail.com

REMINDER

Check your address label for your membership expiration date.

Send your updated membership application and money to:

Ken Robbins
Membership Director
ETM
P.O. Box 51401
Knoxville, TN 37950

Make checks payable to ETM

Welcome these new members to the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club

Bob & Becki Brehmer, proud owners of a '55 Dodge Truck

Butch Schmenger, proud owner of a '17 Challenger T/A

Welcome back these members who renewed their membership

Mike & Judy Holman

Jim Hill

Bill Hargis

Happy Birthday to these club members

October

- | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bobby Cochran | Cathy Dorman | Debbie Foster |
| Jim Glasscock | George Hackett | Bill Hargis |
| Holly Hargis | Lee Ann Hodges | Lisa Knighton |
| Jim Payne | Tony Redmon | David Taylor |



ETM EVENTS/CAR SHOWS FOR 2018

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

- Oct. 13 (Sat) Great Smoky Mountain Auto Fest. Smokies Stadium. Info: 865-908-1904
- Oct. 13 (Sat) Cruising Chapman Car Show, Bargain Hunters Antique & Flea Market of Knoxville, 4006 Chapman Hwy. 10am - 3pm.
- Oct. 16 (Tues) Lemonade for Lungevity, The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 S. Northshore Dr., Knoxville, 4pm - 7pm. All donations will go towards lung cancer research.
- Oct. 27 (Sat) Advance Auto Trunk or Treat Cruise In - 9139 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, 10am - 2pm. Remember to BRING A BAG OF CANDY!
- Oct. 27 (Sat) St. Mary's Fall Festival and Fast N' Classy Cars Show - 327 Vermont Ave., Oak Ridge, 10am - 2pm. Hosted by Fast N' Classy
- Oct. 28 (Sun) Coffee & Cars - West Town Mall. Arrive EARLY. The parking lot fills up fast.
- Nov. 1 (Thurs)** ETM monthly meeting at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad. This is Chili Night. Chili dinner with all the fixin's. Please call /email Judy and let her know what you will bring. This is also election night for the club! Make plans to attend. 6:30pm to eat and meet afterwards.
- Nov. 3 (Sat) 6th Annual Crown College Car Show. \$30 per vehicle and includes 1 free lunch ticket. Cars will need to enter between 7:30am-9:30am. Crown School of Trades & Technology, 2307 Beaver Creek Dr., Powell. TN
- Nov. 3 (Sat) Run to the Hills Car Show - Annual Toy Drive and Car Show. Cherokee Park, Morristown. TN 8am-5pm, Registration \$25, Spectator: \$5, Info: 865-804-6617.
- Nov. 10-11 Florida Mopar Association's 31st Annual Sunshine State Mopar Show and Swap Meet, *Featuring Mopars with Big Daddy Don Garlits*. 8am-4pm. New location: Florida Agriculture Center & Horse Park, 14200 County Hwy 475A, Ocala, Fl. (rain or shine)
- Dec. 15 (Sat)** Annual ETM Christmas Party - more info to follow.

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., Middlebrook Pike, & Kingston Pike, 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:**

1964 Plymouth Savoy 4 dr.451cid stroker engine (by Rev. Mopar Racing), Tranzact built 727, Coan Torque converter, 4.10 Sure Grip differential, frame connected, front disc brakes, full 3in exhaust. Nice paint, great interior, and way too much more to list. Great sleeper. (best ET 11.94 at 111.3 at U.S. 131 Dragway) Contact Rev. Mopar at (865) 660-2440. Asking \$15,500.

Wanted:

Rear bumper and brackets for 1968 Dodge Coronet. Also, hood hinges with springs for 1967-1976 A Body. Call Keith Johnson (865) 789-1796

1965 Plymouth Satellite Hard Top. Any V-8 combo. Call Rev. Mopar (865) 660-2440

Car Shows and Cruise In Update!

Advance Auto Cruise In



Rumble at the Fort



3 ETM Challengers made the Top 20 at the Rumble at the Fort Car Show - Ken Robbins, Terri Frazier, & Bobby Cochran.

Enjoying a stop at the "The Hop" before cruising up the Foothills Parkway to Look Rock



Pictures courtesy Bobby Cochran

Parkway Drive In Car Show - a great venue for a car show. ETM was there in force. We had 10 cars in the show field. When awards were announced, Top 25 category winners had no Mopars. The Top 5 Modern Car category was another story. ETM members were awarded 3 out of the 5!! In the Club Participation category we tied with the Misfits club with 10 cars each. A coin was flipped to see who would win the trophy. The Misfits took it home. After awards, several of us stayed to watch the movie, American Graffiti.



The Future of Our Hobby

By Rev. Mopar

As has been articulated so often before, I am quietly seeking a 1965 Plymouth Satellite to “play” with. The search has been arduous as there seems to be very few examples worth buying out there and when one is found, the pricing is astronomical. This experience alone is what is prompting me to question what direction our passion for MOPAR cars is heading.

The adage: “IF IT’S OLD, IT’S GOLD”, once offered up in a mocking tone to those who considered the age of an object for sale the primary determining factor in pricing, is now accepted as totally valid. True, age does play a part in the value of a vehicle, but it is not the sole determining factor. Another idea that has come into vogue is the idea that because something is RARE, it is worth more. This is only true to a point as I will demonstrate in a moment.

In my quest for the illusive Satellite, I have visited TONS of web sites with cars for sale. From EBay to B Bodies Only, the cars I find are “out priced”, especially for what they are. I saw, for example, a 1969 Plymouth Belvedere coupe with a slant six, air conditioning, and some other odd options listed for \$30,000. True, the car was super clean, but when you consult Haggerty and see the maximum value for a 100 point car of this kind, is it only in the \$17,000 range as it is not a Road Runner or a 383 cars. Even then it only fetches in the low \$20,000 range. Would you pay 30K for a car that can only be insured for \$17,000? True, some would.

I currently have a 1968 Cord (yes, you heard that correctly) Warrior. It was built on the Cord assembly line in Tulsa, OK. It is ONE OF EIGHT Warriors (short wheelbase) with a Chrysler 440 power plant. Sadly, this car, though OLD and easily restored, is not worth much at all. My guess is that I could generate as much interest in this as a six cylinder Belvedere. It is very RARE but, again, not worth much.

I enjoy watching Graveyard Carz on Velocity. The meticulous restorations they create are beyond question incredible, but the value of the finished product, regardless of what they might say, probably rests at 50 to 60 percent of the cost of the resto alone. Thing is, many owners imagine these efforts to be an investment which will yield a return when, in reality, they are like a bird’s nest and need to be incubated and that takes time.

I was totally stunned recently when I visited Hodge Restorations and witnessed the incredible work they perform. Leland is a great guy and make no bones about the fact that you restore a car to KEEP. I like his attitude and understanding. While there we saw a 1969 Super Bee that was as original as it gets and in very good condition, yet the guy wanted it to be completely restored. Le told the guy he didn’t want the job as survivor cars represent a better value than do restos and this car was head and shoulders above most he had ever seen.

Privately done restorations, though painstakingly difficult and very time consuming, have been the backbone of our hobby as has racing. In both cases it should be understood that the money and time you expend in either, brings the car to a desired level for YOUR benefit and seldom adds to the overall value of the car. In short, do your building and resto work for the joy of it because you will seldom even recover what you have spent on the project.

Continued on page 9

So what is the future of our hobby? Will we have to add a “Professional Restoration” and “Professional Modified” class to our shows? Probably, as the cars that are produced are, in almost every case, better than privately done home restorations and are becoming more plentiful. Will we have to watch as the richest among us gobble up all the really cherished cars at astronomical prices only to win a two foot trophy? It’s headed that way. More and more of us are becoming spectators rather than participant as the pricing of things gets further and further out of reach. The one thing we can do, and I see as the function of a club, is to HELP fellow members seize on good opportunities so we can continue as participants. The love of MOPAR’S isn’t diminishing, but there are forces that see only the “turn” in buying and selling them without regard for the rich heritage. Let’s help one another with our projects. You can count on me if you ever need professional engine services at a reasonable and friendly price as I do this for the love of the hobby and sport, not the profit.

Mopars Make a Clean Sweep at the Broadway Baptist Church Car Show



Editor's Notes

By Judy Holman



Because of unforeseen technical difficulties, the newsletters have been running late. Everything should be fixed in the next few weeks. Keep sending pictures and info on show or cruise in's you have attended.

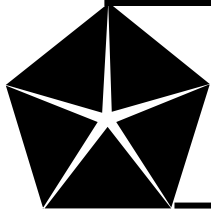
Club Wearables - car show season is ending but Christmas is right around the corner and wouldn't you look good wearing a shirt or jacket with your name and the club logo on it? Please note that once your order is placed, it will take about 3 weeks to get your items. Place your order at any regular club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



EAST TENNESSEE
MOPARS®

Membership Expires _____

(checked when received)
Club T-Shirts: _____

P.O. Box 51401
Knoxville, TN 37950
etmcarclub@gmail.com easttennesseemopars.com

OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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. _____ |

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)

- 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.
- I agree to abide by the by-laws of the club.
- Annual dues \$20.00 (family membership)

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____