

# MOPAR MUSCLE

Official newsletter of the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club.

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## Club meeting:

The February meeting will be held at the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Feb. 7. Pizza night.

The March 7th meeting will be held at the Gondolier Restaurant, Middlebrook Pike at Cedar Bluff Rd. 6:30pm to eat with the meeting to follow.

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## *On the Road Again...*

The January club meeting had a terrific turn out at the Shoney's Restaurant. The club took care of some yearly business - our By-laws. Each article was read and open for discussion. Article IV: Meetings - wording was changed to, Meetings will be held at a place and time to be voted on by the club. Mike gave a Treasurer's report. All bills for 2018 have been paid. He is now getting ready to do the clubs tax return. The calendar for the year was discussed. Meeting places have been set through the month of July. Please check the Calendar of Events page in this newsletter.



The next club activity is the Annual Valentine's Dinner. It will be held on Saturday, February 16 at Longhorn Steakhouse. (West Town Mall parking lot next to Dillard's) Seating will be around 5:00pm. Dress is casual. Please RSVP to Judy, call 865-691-6002, or email etmcarclub@gmail.com by Friday, February 15.

Hope to see you at a meeting/activity.

*Judy*

## Car Show Update

The Car Show Committee finalized the flyer. We were unable to have a special guest because of a conflict of dates. We have 2 hotels - the Comfort Inn & Suites at the West Hills exit for our guests coming from the south and west, and the Best Western Inn & Suites at the Strawberry Plains exit for our guests coming from the north and east to serve as our host hotels. They are offering good rates for our show weekend.

We are still looking for trophy sponsors. I will have invoices ready at the meetings. All monies and door prizes are due by June 1.

### Calendar:

February Club Meeting: we will be folding flyers and stuffing envelopes. Getting ready to mail.

March Club Meeting: selecting awards and dash plaques



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**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**

John Fletcher, proud owner of a '66 Barracuda

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

Jim & Karen Burtner

John & Debbie Foster

Joe & Carol Roberts

Happy Birthday to these club members

February

Tom Clarke

Ron Madden

Barbara Payne

Whitney Sandefur

Eric Stolz

Darlene Turley



## ***ETM EVENTS/CAR SHOWS FOR 2019***

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

- Feb. 7 (Thurs)** February Regular ETM Car Club meeting. Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad  
**Feb. 16 (Sat)** **Annual ETM Valentine's Dinner. Will be held at Longhorn Steak House. West Town Mall parking lot next to Dillards. Being seated around 5:00pm. Please RSVP to Judy by Friday, February 15.**
- Feb. 22-24  
(Fri - Sun) Knoxville News Sentinel New Car Auto Show. Knoxville Convention Center.  
701 Henley Street. Knoxville.
- Mar. 7** March Regular ETM Car Club meeting. Gondolier Restaurant - Middlebrook Pike at Cedar Bluff Rd. Eat at 6:30pm with the meeting to follow.
- Mar. 30** Chattanooga Cruise-In (venue has change!!!) is moving to Camp Jordan. Host Hotel is the Hampton Inn right outside the park. (mention the cruise-in for a discount rate).  
(Sat) Presented by Coker Tire
- April 4 (Thurs)** April Regular ETM Car Club meeting. O'Charley's Restaurant, 117 Cedar Lane (off South Mall Rd.) Eat at 6:30pm with the meeting to follow.
- May 2 (Thurs)** May Regular ETM Car Club meeting. Applebee's Restaurant, South Mall Rd. 6:30 to eat with the meeting to follow.
- May 3-5  
(Fri - Sun) 45th Annual Street Rod Nationals South, Chilhowee Park, Knoxville.
- June 1  
(Sat) 3rd. Annual Old Fashion Car Show. 5930 Lyons View Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.  
Registration: \$20. Top 20 and other awards. Info: 865-719-6201,  
darrowdavenport@gmail.com
- June 22** **31st Annual "Fun in the Sun" All Mopar Car Show, Chilhowee Park Midway**  
**(Sat)** **Side. Info: 865-691-6002, www.easttennesseemopars.com.,**  
**etmclub@gmail.com. Presented by the East Tennessee Mopars.**

**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  
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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 \$12,000.

**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

Steering column for automatic - '72-'79. Call Danny (865) 368-4061

Mopar 4sp parts. Anything related: trans parts/or completed units/shifters/linkage/pedals/ bell housing/flywheels. What do you have? Call Bill (865) 680-6930

1965 Plymouth Belvedere or Satellite parts. What do you have? Call Bill (865) 680-6930

## Out with the old? WHOA, maybe not.

By Rev. Mopar

I am intrigued with the idea of swapping a Gen III HEMI into just about anything. It seems so very right, especially with the desire on the part of MOPAR enthusiasts to actually get out and drive their pride and joy. However, is this the ONLY way to go? One New Year's day chant: "Out with the old, and in with the new", might be a bit hasty when it comes to jumping into a project in the broadening world of MOPAR.

A call came in from a customer of mine asking a pretty interesting question. "Hey Rev., can an older vintage engine be made to run as efficiently as these new ones?" My reply was neither "yes" nor "no" but rather: "Why would you ask such a question?" Come to find out this individual has a really nice '68 Roadrunner which he would like to modernize but he would like to keep the original 383. Now I was forced to answer his initial inquiry, saying it was a provisional, not certain, answer, but NO. Before you jump all over me for this reply, bear in mind it is PROVISIONAL, in short CONDITIONAL, since mechanically almost anything can be done if one has the desire, talent, money, and equipment to make it happen.

To break it down I told him a quick story about the innovations in the post WWII era which have ushered in greater power and efficiency. The switch to 12 volt systems, the alternator, electronic ignition, improved manifolding, and all the rest. Thing is, progress didn't cease at that point, it has continued to march on. Lighter components engineered to more exacting tolerances, improved casting techniques, better machine procedures, fuel injection, multi gear transmissions, efficient lock up converters, and most importantly, the COMPUTER.

Since my friend wanted a 383, I outlined some things we could do to come close to making his dreams come true. Beginning with the block, corrections need to be made to the bore angularity (if core shift is noticeable), the lifter angularity (to be anywhere near as efficient as a modern HEMI, they have to be bushed also), the oiling needs to be considered as well. Studs in the main caps, more modern rear main seal and saddle, the lightest weight rod, piston, and ring combo you can possibly find, and then a good balance job. Moving on, in the head department, even the after market stuff is more race oriented (focusing on full throttle power output rather than overall efficiency) than would be desired for a great all around competitor to the modern stuff. Someone who really knows their way around heads can advise you better than a regular machine shop guy. I would wager that Matt Hensley would easily set you straight on the correct direction to go in your quest.

Then would come the stuff where formulae would have to be applied to get things really cooking. Custom cam grind, locked out MSD distributor and GRID system (programmable with your lap top), good dry flowing manifold (remember, we are going to have to switch to EFI), headers with individual EGT's (exhaust temperature sensors) to assist the GRID in keeping things all in proper order, and rollerized EVERYTHING.

I realize this is an over simplification and I could go on even further, but the tedium would probably drive you to a huge headache. No need for that. Suffice it to say, even with this kind of investment and using a 5 or 8 speed transmission with a decent converter, there is no rock solid guarantee your 383 will be quite as versatile, drivable, or economical as a 5.7 or 6.4. It WOULD, however, run like stink. Old or new, stock or modified, it is as it has always been: "Swear by them or swear at them", but NOTHING beats a MOPAR.

## Editor's Notes

By Judy Holman

At the January meeting we started the new calendar of Events/Activities for the club. We would like to do a parade this year. Please send any information you get on local parades. Also, continue to send in any info on shows/crusie in's.



**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

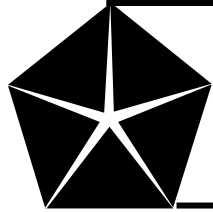
Club Sweatshirts (hoodies): XXL - XXXL are \$28 each

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!

Membership Expires



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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. _____ |

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_





