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The Prez Sez

By Rick Sorak

Fellow Mopar Faithful,

The meeting location this month is Perkins @ 1340 S. Germantown Rd, Tues, August 5th, 6:30 to eat, 7:00 just for the meeting. This meeting location is very nice, please come check it out in your old Mopar.

The July 12th show and shine happened. Me, Don Thomas, and Keith Holley were the only club members to show up....We did have a couple kids in a 4 dr. 72 dart come by, and stay for the duration and they said they will try to make the next meeting. It was hot, but we had a nice shady spot and room for more folks.....Where were ya? (Those of you who were in Carlisle, PA @ the Nat's and Ray Fudge are exempt from answering (Ray had a family event scheduling conflict))

There were a couple minor repairs performed, 2 Darts got their idle adjusted, and I diagnosed a missing carb linkage that was preventing the accelerator pump from working on the 72 Dart. The kids said they had another carb to get the linkage from.

All in all the event was a success but would have been better if we had a larger turnout. All I have to say is based on the turnout to this event and to Jody and Kelvy's show in June, is that the Mopar crowd in this town has no enthusiasim anymore.....The events will continue, and hopefully they will come. Don had a great idea, To have another one of these somewhere where we could go jump in a large body of water, when it gets too hot....The only spot I could think of was Arkabutla lake's day use area's, Anyone have a better location idea? (As Arkabutla's day use areas are closed ATM due to high water)

All Right Everyone, this months meeting is **not** on the 1st, So I'm expecting a good turnout.

Drive a Mopar!

Rick

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Treasurer's Report as of 7/17/08

Beginning Balance	\$ 3295.46
Deposits	\$ 51.49 (Merchandise sold, interest)
Disbursements	\$ 0
Ending Balance	\$ 3346.95

Last Months Meeting Attendance:

Members Present: 19

Guests: 3

Total Present: 22

Car Shows

Mopar Nationals- Columbus Ohio- August 8- 10, 2008 2nd Annual
Rags To Riches Old 78 Tour- August 16, 2008 (view details at
<http://www.midsouthmopars.com/events.htm>)
Mid South Nationals- Sept. 26-28, 2008
Bartlett Fall Festival Sept. 27, 2008
Music City Mopars- September 27- 28, 2008
Bartlett Christmas Parade- December 6, 2008

Monthly Club Events:

Club Meeting: August 5th at Perkins Rest. @ 1340 S.
Germantown Rd @ 6:30P.M.

Aug. Event : Aug 16th Cruise to Tupelo car museum with
Mopar madness

Sept. Event: Club picnic @ Stan Walkers

JULY MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2008

The first day of the month is a tough day to have the club meeting. Several members admit to forgetting to mark their calendars and end up missing the meeting. Without our secretary Jerry Morris present things just don't go as smoothly.

There were 19 members and 3 visitors present. Wil and Delba Samuels expressed an interest in joining the club but no member applications were available. Ginny Fitzpatrick drove her Dodge Dakota step side and attended by invitation to tell us about the availability of club tee shirts and polo shirts at a very reasonable price. We have a catalog and pricing sheet, now all we need is an order for 20 shirts and everyone interested can get a shirt in the color of their choice. Bring a check to the Aug. 5th meeting and we'll get some new shirts ordered. Fritz gave the treasurers report in Mike's absence and Mike later sent an updated email to the membership. \$50 worth of club merchandise was sold at the July meeting and the money added to the treasury.

Rick brought up the lack of enthusiasm from most event staff members; he put everyone on notice that they could be "fired" if they don't perform in the near future. Rick also asked for additional volunteers to assist the current group.

Joy McKenna and Jeanie Crombie agreed to coordinate a club picnic in late September, after which Stan and Martha Walker offered the use of their new home and property for the picnic site. Date, time, directions and other info to be announced.

At Rick's request five Mid South Mopar members attended the other clubs car show in Millington. In general they were not well received and the show was a big disappointment. No real fence mending the two clubs occurred but at least we made the effort. The ball is now squarely in their court.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. The after meeting parking lot gathering was excellent.

THE ED SAYS

For those of you who figured it out by now, I have taken up the newsletter, and I'm soliciting submissions for an old / new feature, the Car Of The Month Article. I'd venture that most people in the club have no idea what everyone else owns, so this would be a good way to introduce members, and their cars, to one another.

Getting your car in is quick and painless, all I need from you is at least one, or up to six photos- at minimum one exterior shot, plus interior, engine, or any other worthy areas, and some basic info. You can use the Mopar Of The Month form on the midsouthmopars.com website as a guide. I'm trying to put together a good newsletter but it takes input from everybody, so how about it? Any article submissions, ideas, trivia questions, op / ed or anything else you may have is definitely welcome. I have created a new email address for newsletter submissions, MSMEditor@yahoo.com, please send your contributions there. BTW, if you get an email from Ed Itor, it's not spam so don't delete it; that's the name I set the email account up in. Thanks in advance for your cooperation! Kenny

TRIVIA

Did anybody guess the answer to last month's question? Well if you guessed Gone In 60 Seconds- the original version, not the Nick Cage one- then Bravo Zulu to you!

Okey dokey, for this month I have a little more local question. In what year did Lakeland International Raceway close?

CAR SHOW REPORT

Kenny O'Neil visited a car show at Bartlett Veterans Plaza on June 7. This show was well attended, with over 100 cars counted by the time I left. I counted several Mopars there, including Ronnie Stocks '68 HEMI Charger R/T and Bobby Buffalo with his DeSoto. Great job docking that land barge, Bobby! I also saw several of my friends from River City Rod & Custom, who had almost all of their personal and shop cars on hand. It was a nice little show, I missed having my '36 there. I have put it on my list for next year.

During the weekend of June 27-29, 2008, Kenny O'Neil went to the Goodguys Nashville Nationals. For those who have never been, this is absolutely one of the most fun shows I've ever attended. The show is huge, drawing in excess of 2,000 participants. There is something for everybody, from rat rods to street rods to customs and musclecars. There was a '72 Cuda that was unbelievable, done in the current pro touring style. There was a live band at the show both days who also played at a Saturday night party at the host hotel. There must have been 50 or 60 vendors, at least 100 cars in the car corral including a top banana '70 Challenger R/T, 440 4 speed and a '71 Charger R/T. Air Ride Technology also had a slalom course set up for people to try their hand at whipping their cars through the cones. I have attended this show every year and have no plans to miss next year. There were dozens of Memphis area cars there including a large group from Memphis Street Rods. No farther than Nashville is, a club trip should definitely be organized for next year.

HOT OFF THE LINE

In a bit of sad news, two time NHRA top fuel champ Scott Kalitta, son of legendary racer Connie Kalitta, was killed on Saturday June 21, 2008 during qualifying at Englishtown. He was pronounced dead at the hospital after his funny car burst into flames and crashed into a pole at the end of the track at 300 plus mph. He leaves his wife and two children.

Kurt Busch put the number 2 Miller Lite Dodge into the winners circle in New Hampshire on June 29 at the Lenox Industrial Tools 301 race.

The NHRA announced that, beginning with the July 11 - 13 Mopar Mile High Nationals in Denver, in response to the death of Scott Kalitta the race course for the fuel classes would be reduced from 1320 feet (1/4 mile) to 1000 feet. This would reduce the speeds of the top fuel dragsters and funny cars by approximately 20 to 30 mph, and greatly reduce the stress the engines are under. The decision received widespread support from the fuel drivers.



Car of the Month

This first in a hopefully long line of Mopars Of The Month is a 1963 Chrysler 300 J belonging to Fritz Crombie. Fritz purchased his beautiful black 300 in August 1992, from the original owner's son in Ft. Worth, Texas. He had wanted a Chrysler 300 ever since his father had sold a 1956 300 B. Not the same as the garden variety 300's, the letter cars are generally harder to find and much more expensive. His car needed reassembly but was solid and complete, and he was up to the challenge. Best of all the price was right. He took delivery of lots of boxes filled with lots of parts, and is happy to say that he got all the correct screws in all the correct holes. Fritz relates that one of the more challenging aspects of the restoration was the power brake booster; not mounted to the firewall like you'd think, it is actually remotely mounted under the fender in front of the left front tire.

One of the more interesting trips Fritz has taken with his 300 J was to a 300 National Convention in Nashville in 1994. The car hadn't been repainted yet and the gas tank hadn't been serviced. About every 50 miles of the trip he had to stop and flush or replace the fuel filter after it would clog.

One of his favorite things about his Brute (the nickname for the lettercars) is when you crank up that big 390 horse 413 and hear the solid lifters, and the sound of the engine breathing through its dual ram inducted Carter four barrel carbs. Simply put, it's exciting.

Fritz still has a few things he would like to address on the Chrysler, including a little interior work, installing a silencer pad under the hood, and installing a set of high speed rated tires.

In addition to the 300, Fritz, who joined Mid South Mopars in 1998, also owns a 1956 Imperial 4 door hardtop, a 1979 Little Red Express, a 1981 Imperial 2 door hardtop, and a 2001 Chrysler Town and Country.

Many thanks to Fritz and Jeannie for all their years of service to Mid South Mopars.

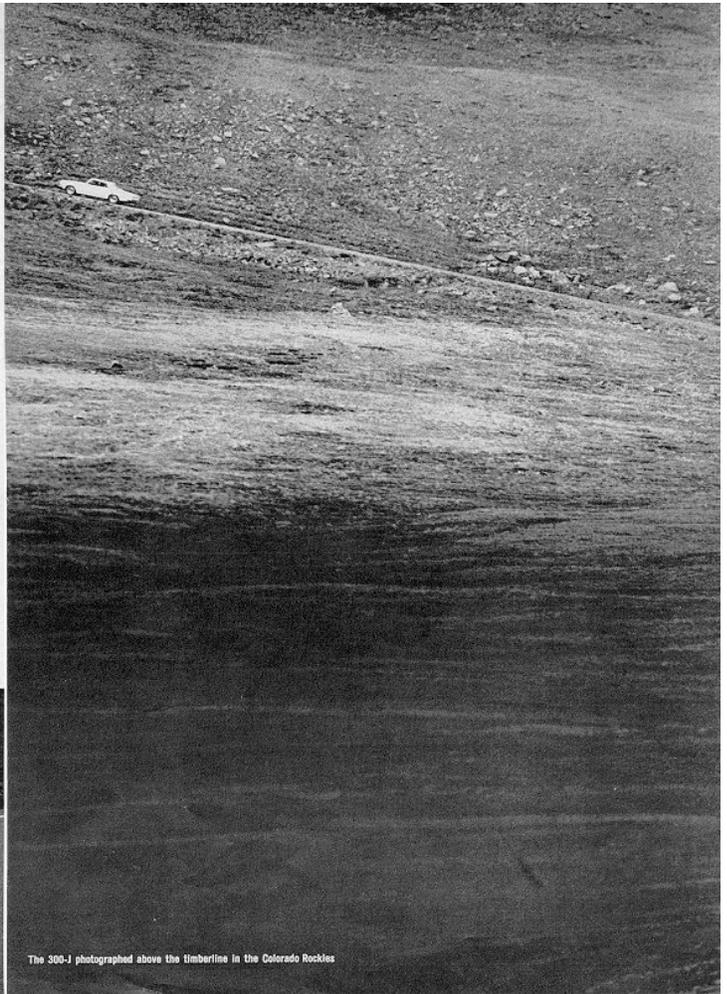
COMING-OUT PARTY AT TWELVE THOUSAND FEET



You see a glint of white in the Colorado high country. You hear a throaty growl echoing the passage of one of America's most respected Grand Touring cars. And then you can be told that this is the new 300-J—the rare one that Chrysler builds—enjoying one of its favorite sports: mountain climbing. The “J” is the ninth and newest of a famous breed. It is not built in large numbers. Instead it's designed for the rare kind of man who wants a no-compromise automobile for all its worth. The “J's” worth includes: big-bore ram-injection 413 V-8; torsion-bar suspension like you'll find on the Indy “500” cars; quick steering; superb cornering control; sports-racing tires; deep comfort in specially contoured bucket seats; stopping power to match the go; plus Chrysler's 5-year or 50,000-mile power-train warranty.* If an automobile of the grand class is, to you, an exciting challenge, arrange a trial run at your Chrysler dealer's. But soon. **CHRYSLER 300-J**

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The 300-J photographed above the timberline in the Colorado Rockies



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Looking to buy or sell cars or parts? List your for sale or wanted cars and parts on the sheet circulated at the monthly club meeting, mail in your request, or e-mail your request to 528hemi@gmail.com

For Sale

- 1- Dana 60 super stock rear end, 4.10 gears & 3.54 ring & pinion. \$1200 firm
- 2- 2006 Chrysler 300 Heritage Edition, black, Hemi, all bells and whistles, leather, moonroof, take up notes.
- 3- 1941 Plymouth business coupe, 318 auto, ac, ht, pb, ps, \$16,500 Ray Fudge 901-476-7572
- 1- Mopar Performance A904 deep trans pan, brand new never used, \$75
- 2- Edelbrock D4B small block intake, good used condition, \$60
- 3- E Body dashmat, black, barely used, \$15
- 4- Small block Mallory dual point distributor, \$35
- 5- One pair (2 seats) three point retractable seat belts, grey, brand new in package, \$85
Kenny O'Neil 383-9851
- 64 fury 426 street wedge block, please email or call

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73/4 B-body front windshield-no tint-must be mint-George Mueller 832-3917

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I collect patches and I am looking for Mopar Patches.
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