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The Prez Sez

By Rick Sorak

Fellow Mopar Faithful,

Well with Jerry doing such a great job with monthly minutes, my job here does not need to include recaps of the meetings anymore, so I'll try to be more creative....My job as club cheerleader and chief promoter is not very encouraging. After improving the club's main website and adding another completely interactive website, www.msmpars.ning.com, a few members have joined but none have contributed anything.....Come on people these websites are only be as good as we make them!

I guess someone in the club made mother nature mad....As the Feb. monthly meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to the storms. I hope all our members survived this event ok.

We're gonna try again March 4th, @ Country Home Buffet, 6105 Stage Rd, hopefully mother nature will cooperate this time!

I received this email: Cars and Cycles Against Cancer June 7th Historic Walker Park, Blytheville Ar.

Here is how bad I want your car club to participate in our show. If you guys will make this a club event the Mayor will present your club with the key to the City and we will give your club a Police Escort from the city limits to the show. How cool is that??

There are several clubs from Memphis already planning to make it a day trip and drive up old Hwy 61 together that day.

Here is what we have going on. tail gate party Fri night June 6th. Sat June 7th early morning Dice Run and then the show. Live entertainment, great food, tons of door prizes and two great raffles. The first for \$3000 cash and the second \$2000 cash.

The first 300 to register get a plaque and T-Shirt. \$20 entry fee but only \$15 if you jump in before May 7th. For more info call me at 870-763-9043 or e mail me here at barrett1@sbcglobal.net

Are we interested ?

P.S. Please remember to renew your membership for 08, If you stop getting a newsletter in the mail after this one, this is why....**Thanks** to all those who have all ready renewed for the GREAT coming up 08 yr.

P.S.S. The Discount list has been moved to the website. www.midsouthmopar.com/discounts.html



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Treasurer's Report as of 2/06/08

Beginning Balance	\$ 3265.39
Deposits	\$ 65.00 (Dues & Interest)
Disbursements	\$ 108.04 (Newsletter, Annual TN corporation fee)
Ending Balance	\$ 3222.35

Last Months Meeting Attendance:

Members Present: 0 Cancelled due to storms

Guests: 0

Total Present: 0

Car Shows

May 2-4 Blue Suede Cruise Tupelo, www.bluesc.com

May 10th Big M Motorfest, www.cruzinsouth.com

June 7th Cars and Cycles Against Cancer Historic Walker Park, Blytheville Ar, barrett1@sbcglobal.net

July 11-13 Mopar Carlisle 2008,
www.carsatcarlisle.com/chrysler/details.asp

Monthly Club Events:

Club Meeting: March 4th at Country Home Buffet on 6105 Stage @ 6:30P.M. (This is the old Ryan's we used to meet at.)

That's all folks, but not for long! We're gonna be busy come spring!

Name: Rick Sorak

How long have you been a member of Mid-South Mopars? Not real sure, long time, member #49 outta 200.

How long have you owned your car? :Which one?, I own 8 Mopars, I bought the 1st, a '68 318 Charger when I was 17 and drove it in high school. It's the car that started my addiction.

What is the year, make and model of your car? :I also have a 68 Coronet R/T, a '64 Polara vert, (4) '70 Challengers (/6, 318 vert, 383 and 451) and a '72 318 Challenger, all automatics, except the Charger it now has a Tremec 5-sp.

What made you decide to pick this model? :In 1981 I was 17 and looking for a 60-63 Ford Falcon, but an ad appeared in the newspaper for a \$900 '68 Charger. I called the number and the old woman who answered was selling the car because she could no longer see well enough to safely drive it. I had previously met her and seen the car about 6 months earlier, while working @ Ruby Begonia's Pet emporium. I immediately went and bought the car. I'm its 3rd owner, It was originally bought for a MS. farmer's daughter to drive to college.

Tell us about the restoration of your car, be sure to include any unusual challenges during the resto. : The Charger or any of my cars are not completely restored. 2 of the Challengers are very nice original unmolested cars and this is as close as I get. I have a '70 383 Challenger in the garage completely disassembled and once it gets painted and put back together it will qualify. I'd say the biggest challenges of any restoration are time and \$\$\$\$. The rest is easy.

Describe some interesting experiences or trips you have made with your car. :My parents had a '72 240Z they had bought new, when my dad was selling Datsuns for a living. In '84 they decided to get rid of it and buy a new 300Z. I made a deal and gave the Charger to my sister for her 1st car and they gave me the 240Z. After a couple years of driving the Charger it's transmission died and my sister gave it back to me. I fixed the trans, and then a couple years later found a cheap \$200 running 440 to replace the 318. This 440 is currently in the '64 Polara.

Complete the following statement: The thing I like best about my car is....: Concerning the Charger the body lines are just gorgeous and the 528 Hemi engine never disappoints, every time I've floored it, it just roasts the rear tires!! I also love my '70 Challenger vert and plan to own it and the Charger till the day I die.

What are your future plans for your car?: Which one?, I ask... The Charger needs to have the bell housing re-centered behind the engine (it's off, I did a poor job the 1st time) and a roll cage installed, and its paint finished. A good buddy of mine just bought a pipe bender and notcher....The Challenger vert, Someday I hope to build it a much healthier small block....anyone have a used 5.9 magnum they want to get rid of? I hope to restore the other cars someday as life allows. I'm currently replacing the trunk pans and extensions in the '68 Coronet and doing some of the other body work it needs, mechanically this car is just about new. The /6 Challenger will be the next big project, It needs it's engine gone thru and a new coat of paint and an interior. I've recently replaced several seat covers for the 1st time and this job is not that hard at all. This seems to be the way of most things, car related. Meaning that I've avoided some jobs for years thinking that they were too hard, but once I dove in, I found out that most of my fears were completely unfounded and the job in the end not too hard at all. Rebuilding automatics and recovering seats certainly fall into this category for me. Thanks for the time to read my drivell.

Rick



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Mid-South Mopars Swap Meet

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

65 Coronet 500 parts (misc.) Stan Walker
901-292-6656

Big Block Push-button tranny \$500/obo; Big block parts
you need it, I prob got it... Rick Sorak 454-5052

1977 LWB Dodge truck parts, Body and chassis parts,
1985 – 1979 NOS truck parts.

Rick Campbell
Home 622-429-1944 Cell 901-491-1943

Wanted

Used 5.9 Magnum engine wanted Rick 454-5052

64 fury 426 street wedge block, please email or call
thanks, Jerry, 865-382-8216 jerfo8@bellsouth.net

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

1991 Dodge service manual
Keith Holley 901-490-3549

1972 A-body AM/FM Radio
I collect patches and I am looking for Mopar Patches.
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