



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18th - Christian Classic Cruisers
July 19th - Club Meeting @ Billy Bob's
September 27th - Cowtown Mopars Show @
Allen Samuels Loop 820



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SHOW WINNERS

The winners at the June 20th "Christian Classic Cruisers" car show where:

Marty Robinson
Tommy Martin
Dave Mandato
Lisa Key

(Not Ken Key . It's hard to win with an unassembled Cuda.)
Do we need a new class in our car show called "unassembled"?

In a correction to last month's newsletter, please congratulate John Altus, who also won a Top 40 award at last Month's Allen Samuels Alliance show.



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From The Desk of El' Presidente

July is here and the year is flying by. I hope everyone enjoyed the Independence Day holiday. The day commemorates the efforts of our forefathers and their fight for freedom. The men and women of the US armed forces support those efforts today. Please join me in offering support and gratitude to these volunteers who gave up their homes, families, and lives for the good of the country.

Many club activities slow down during the hot summer months but they don't stop. We have our club show at Allen Samuels Dodge on September 27. Plenty of work remains to be done. We also have cruise nights with the Christian Classic Cruisers as well as other local events happening. Be sure to get the cars out for a little fun and let others enjoy seeing them on the road.

Keep the wheels turning

Kevin Alexander

BY THE MINUTES

I regret to report the passing of former club member and friend of many Richard Elms. We are going to miss the barefoot guy.

CMPT meeting 6-21-9

Start 1610

- 1 welcome Mark back from his accident.
 - 2 Mark Buchanan reports on Mopars At The Motorplex meeting on 6-20-9
 - 3 Kevin Alexander discusses Sept 27 annual club show, awards, and class organization.
 - 4 Dave Mandato reports on cruise to Christian Classic Cruisers show on 6-20-9.
 - 5 Kirk Maisenbacher will place a shirt order this week
 - 6 The 50/50 pot was won by Steve Stoval \$23.
- Meeting ends 1650

Attending: Sandy, Bernie, Morgan, and Megan Powell, Ken Angyal, Kevin Alexander, Kirk Maisenbacher, Frank Smith, Dave Mandato, Mark Buchanan, Dan Robinson, Bryan Carpenter, Art Crump, Phil Taylor, Mark Neeley, Steve Stovall, Michael Bearce, Ken Key, Barry Hanson, and Kurt Schuster

Cheap tech tip to stop your seat belt flaps from flopping: Get some cheap women's hair barrettes from the dollar store. They are almost the right size to clamp the flap portion to the belt.

Rich Lemmon

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MOPARS AT THE MOTORPLEX 2010

The tentative date for Mopars at the Motorplex 2010 is April 24. Spread the word!!!!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Cowtown Mopars Performance Team would like to welcome our new members to the club. **Russ Rowe & Deb Nekhom, Jimmie McMillan, Larry Butler, Mark Neeley, Alex Boyer.** Don't hesitate to email a board member if you ever need anything. Someone can point you in the right direction of that part that you need or someone that can help.

Current CMPT dues are as follows:

Single Membership, New \$25 / Renewal \$15
Family Membership, New \$35.00 / Renewal \$25

Membership applications are included on the last page of the newsletter and are available on the club website.



From the “Stuff Chrysler should have built” files:

The Chrysler ME-412 and the Jeep Gladiator pickup. Both were displayed at the 2005 Dallas Auto Show.



Remember to check for up to date events and club news at <http://www.cowtownmopars.com>

Also, remember to check the club message board at: <http://www.aimoo.com/forum/freeboard.cfm?id=415517>
Or click the “Message Board” link on the club website.

CHRYSLER ADVISORY BOARD

Many People may not be aware of the group started by Chrysler LLC known as the Chrysler Advisor Board, or CAB. It is a group of people that operate on a private internet chat forum for Chrysler's benefit, giving opinions and answering questions asked of them. I was on the CAB since it was first started and I must say it is very interesting.

The site regularly has high ranking people on the site for live chat sessions. The most interesting to me was Ralph Gilles, lead designer of the 300C and Charger, as well as the 2009 Ram. He is now the VP of design, and he has very interesting insight. He spoke vary candidly of Chrysler getting rid of the angular design of the past few years and getting back to smooth flowing designs. If the 200C is any indication, I believe him.

I have been a part of the CAB for over a year, they have asked us many interesting questions regarding what people want in their vehicles, quality perception, customer service, and the list goes on. If you ever wanted the ear of someone at Chrysler, I highly suggest joining the CAB, as they are always looking to add people to their knowledge pool.

Go to <https://community.chryslerlistens.com/app> and click on "Not A Member".



Chrysler 200C Concept Car

Debuting on the 2009 Auto Show circuit, the 200C is a Hybrid concept that is in the midsize segment, presumably to replace the Sebring.





The Go Fast(er) Department

Mark Buchanan - Race Team Coordinator

HEY SEVENTIME TMCCC CHAMPIONS!!!!

We have hit summer break for the TMCCC race season and man is it HOT! I checked the points on the TMCCC web site and the Mustang Club had a good day in Denton last month. They are now only 45 points behind us. We need to remedy that September 13th at the Motorplex. See ya there!

My recovery from my accident has been progressing well. THANKS for all your concerns! That in itself made me feel better. When I was preparing to go back to work after 4 weeks off I contacted the place I had been working for almost 26 years and found out I no longer had a job to come back to. So, now I need a job. If you can help with that let me know. THANKS!

See ya
Beep! Beep!
Mark Buchanan
Race Team Coordinator



TEXAS MUSCLE CAR CLUB CHALLENGE 2009

The following is a list of the remaining TMCCC races for 2009.

Challenge Ennis	April 26th	Texas Motorplex	Ennis
Challenge Denton	May 31st	North Star Dragway	Denton
Challenge Ennis	September 13th	Texas Motorplex	Ennis
Challenge Denton	September 20th	North Star Dragway	Denton
Challenge West Fall	October 18th	Texas Raceway	Kennedale
Challenge Denton	October 25th	North Star Dragway	Denton

The awards banquet will be in November, date to be announced.

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Mopar Events Schedule

Just in case you actually needed a reason to drive your Mopar!!

July 18th - Christian Classic Cruisers - 7pm. We usually meet at Rosa's Café an hour prior to the show starting.

July 19th - Club meeting at Billy Bob's Texas

September 27th, 2009 - Cowtown Mopar Roundup 9am to 3pm, Allen Samuels Dodge North Loop 820.

ITEMS WANTED

Mopar A-body 8 3/4 rear housing, do not need center section or axles. Prefer local pickup.
Mark Kuzia 214-458-4418 or email: mskuzia@yahoo.com

1969 Dodge Coronet - Also need glass and interior pieces for 68-70 B-body post car.
Mark Buchanan 214-727-4324 or email: bbuchanan8@juno.com

ITEMS FOR SALE

2007 Kawasaki Ninja ZX1000D, 2,650 miles, 3 year transferable extended factory warranty, \$6,950 (purchased May 3rd 2008).

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B&M Supercooler, AN fittings, polished, only a few hours of run time 11x4": \$20

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July Car Of The Month Mark Neeley's 1968 Dodge Charger



Thanks for the Memories

Old memories sometimes never die and that was the case with Mark Neeley's 1968 Dodge Charger. The first Mopar that really ever grabbed Mark's attention was his first one. A 1969 Dodge Charger 383 HP car painted factory Sunfire yellow, with black hood stripes and a black vinyl roof. The first car was purchased in `1982 as Mark was looking for transportation for high school. This was in the heyday of the Dukes of Hazzard and the Dodge Charger they drove was already legendary. Mark worked a summer job saving everything he could to purchase the right car when he found it and soon that car was the Sunfire '69 Charger that he purchased for \$1000.00 thanks to an angry father's attempt to correct his drag racing son's ways.

The memories created by that first Sunfire Yellow Charger, which was sold as Mark graduated and prepared for college, led Mark to purchase this 1968 Charger in Arkansas in 2004, while looking for a nice driver quality car, Mark found this one and the memories came flooding back about the 69 of his youth. He knew at that point that the 1968 Charger was coming to live in Texas. The car is a numbers matching 383 HP model with a 727 Torque Flight and 3.23 gears. Mark installed new disc brakes up front and a Just Suspension Super Stock front end rebuild kit, along with Cragar SS wheels and B.F. Goodrich tires. "The car has been more than a pleasure to drive and own. When I parked it in the garage the first night, I kept looking out there at it to make sure it was really there. I know this sounds crazy, but it even had the same smell as the first one".

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Membership Form

Date _____

Type of Membership: New _____ or Renewal _____
Single _____ or Family _____

Please Print or Type

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Occupation _____

Single _____ Married _____ Spouses Name _____ # Of Children _____

Your Vehicles

Year	Make	Model	Driver/Show/Race	Stock/modified
1) _____				
2) _____				
3) _____				

How were you referred to the club? _____

Personal Information-Name, Address, Phone number, etc are placed in to a club roster and made available to club members. Cowtown Mopars will also attempt to get club-pricing discounts for its members. This will require providing the vendor with a club roster to very affiliation.

Cowtown Mopars can include my information in the the club member roster: YES _____ NO _____

Cowtown Mopars can include my information in the club discount roster: YES _____ NO _____

Signature _____ Amount Paid _____ Check # _____

Initial Single Membership: **\$25** Renewal Single Membership: **\$15** (**\$25** if paid after May 1st)

Initial Family Membership: **\$35** Renewal Family Membership: **\$25** (**\$35** if paid after May 1st)

Membership renewals not paid by May 1st of each calendar year will be assessed fees as if an Initial Membership.