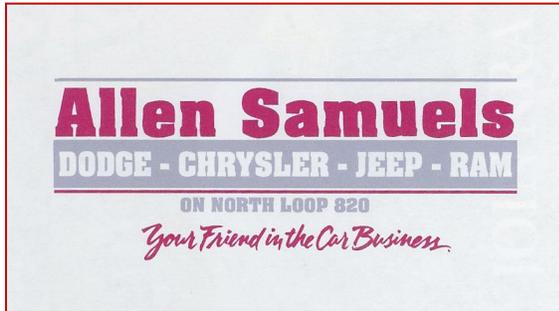




UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 12** - Cowtown Cars and Coffee, 8 am-12n, Montgomery Plaza, 7th St, east of University Dr, FW
- Apr 13** - MCCC, 8 am start, Texas Raceway, Kennedale, TX
- Apr 19** - CMPT Car Show and Club Meeting, 10 am-3 pm
Allen Samuels CDJR, N. Richland Hills, TX
- Apr 27** - MCCC, 9 am start, North Star Dragway Denton, TX



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Cowtown Cars and Coffee, every second Saturday, 8 am to 12 noon, between Montgomery Plaza and Target store, west 7th St, Ft Worth. No fee. Sponsored by AutoBahn Motorcars, usually free coffee and donuts. Best time 8 am to 10 am.

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK



"IT'S SHOW TIME"!!!

It's April and that means our annual car show. I hope you plan to come out and support our club. Please bring your car or truck new or old to this years show. If you don't have anything to bring please join us any way. Your participation is very important. I would even say mandatory. It will be a great time as always. This will be my last installment to the monthly newsletter as president. The car show will be my last official duty as Cowtown Mopars Performance Team president. As it was last time I served it has been a lot of fun working with a great bunch of people. Thank you all for your support!! You all have made it easier and a lot more fun.

Mopars at the Motorplex is this weekend. There have been some changes but this is the biggest local Mopar event in our area and it needs our support. As Bill has mentioned it will be a little different this year because of no club involvement, but let's give it a chance. I hope to see you there.

Mark

BY THE MINUTES



Cowtown Mopars Meeting
at Springcreek March 16, 2014
Start 1720

A. Events

1. TMCCC Race at Kennedale was canceled due to weather and was to be re-scheduled for March 23.
2. Mike Bearce reported that discounts are available for pre-registering for the MATM on the Motorplex website.
3. April is our annual Cowtown Roundup Show.
4. May 10, club picnic at Bill Boon's.

B. Nominations and election

1. Stumpy Brownell was nominated for the post of Membership Director.
2. All positions are unopposed officers were voted in by unanimous acclamation of members present.

C. 50/50 pot or \$40 won by Don Deering.

D. June meeting moved to 4th Sunday due to Father's day conflict.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Frank Smith, Membership Director



Time to renew your membership for 2014

Club dues for 2014 are due now. You do not have to fill out a new registration form if your contact and vehicle information are the same.

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Hey current members!

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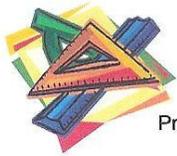
Howard Farris
Shane Farris

From The Veep's Desk

Well, not much to talk about, the races keep getting put off. I've been too busy to hit any local car shows, got my back yard torn up, but made some progress on project Jeep J-10. So far looking good, runs and idles, now to find and repair the trans leak, get it inspected. Hope to have it legal for the car show, been seeing a lot of really nice classics on the road last week or so. I guess on their way to shows. I hope everyone is doing well. Barry, you need your car on the road soon, let me know if you need help with the heads. I am really looking forward to seeing a Hellcat Challenger soon, wifey needs to win the lottery so she can buy me one, LOL.

That's all from my desk,

Phillip



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Be sure to visit the Facebook page: [Cowtown Cars and Coffee](#)

Off The Wing by Barry Hansen



Tears in my beer. MCCC at Kennedale rained out two weeks in a row. Here's hoping for good weather for Mega Mopars at the Motorplex and MCCC at the Motorplex the next day.

NHRA news...Gator Nats in Gainesville, Antron Brown runner-up T/F, Allen Johnson winner Pro Stock in his new HEMI Dart. Summit Nats in Las Vegas, Tony Schumacher winner in T/F.

Chrysler announced it will build a "brand new" 1959 Fiat 500. Exact same sheet metal on the outside (not updated styling, the same) updated everything else. Check out pictures on the internet. Now, if they would do that to some other cars, say, oh, a 1970 Challenger or 1969 Charger exact replica body on a 2014 chassis.

Jeep announces a brand new "mini" Jeep called the Renegade. Designed in the United States, assembled in Italy. To compete with RAV 4s, Honda CRVs and that ilk. Except it is slightly larger and will be "trail rated" unlike those posers. Pictures on the internet look good, pre-release automotive journalist test drives bringing rave reviews.

1964-2014 50 years of the 426 HEMI. What more needs to be said? Except maybe, when oh when will Chrysler bite the bullet and offer a 7.0 liter (426 cube) Gen 3 HEMI. They are missing a huge media and advertising campaign they could wrap around the whole thing. You're 50 only once.

While visiting our new granddaughter in Omaha got to see the new Ron Howard movie "Rush". Story centers around the Formula One 1976 season between Niki Lauda and James Hunt. As with most of Ron Howard's movies, a quality product, possibly his best since Apollo 13. For the ladies a romance story between the racing. Very good racing and location scenes. May I recommend as a must see, a must own for me.

Also enjoyed their Direct TV. Got hooked on the "Velocity" channel. "Overhauled", "Legendary MotorCar" and a few others from Speed Channel ended up there. Especially enjoyed two new shows. "Wheeler Dealers" has two guys in England (one a buyer/seller, the other a mechanic) finding cars to fix up and sell. Seems to prefer Mopars, came as far as CA and TX for a Charger and Challenger to send back to England via boat to fix up as solid drivers and sell. Both sold well. Also found a couple of Mopars in England they turned. Another favorite was "Graveyard Carz". They only work on Mopar Muscle, doing a resto or resto and upgrade and sell. The nasty rust buckets they find and turn into showroom quality cars is amazing. Found out Time Warner cable has Velocity here, just been missing it for a couple of years.

That ain't right dept...the engine and trans is out of the Daytona. Parts all over the garage. Ramcharger hard starting, had a miss, needed some attention. A quick diagnosis points to a bad coil so I grab the new coil off the Daytona. Starts and runs great. A whine from the alternator. Grab the alternator off the Daytona. Alt is quiet and shows charging better. Upper radiator hose is a little squishy, borrow the new one from the Daytona. Battery was borrowed back in Jan. A '69 Daytona donor car for a '83 Ramcharger. What's wrong with this picture?

Candy is dandy but Mopar is quicker.



The Go Fast(er) Department

Mark Buchanan - Race Team Coordinator

HEY TWELVE TIME TMCCC CHAMPIONS!!!!

Well another year starts and more weather delays. After canceling the Kennedale race twice we have moved it to June 1st. The weather looks great for our first race at the Motorplex, so we will plan on a big crowd. See ya there!!

Stay tuned
Mark

2014 Race Schedule:

April 13	Kennedale
April 27	Denton
May 4	Redline
May 18	Ardmore
June 1	Kennedale
Sept 7	Ennis
Sept 28	Denton
Oct 12	Kennedale
Oct 26	Ennis
Nov 15	banquet

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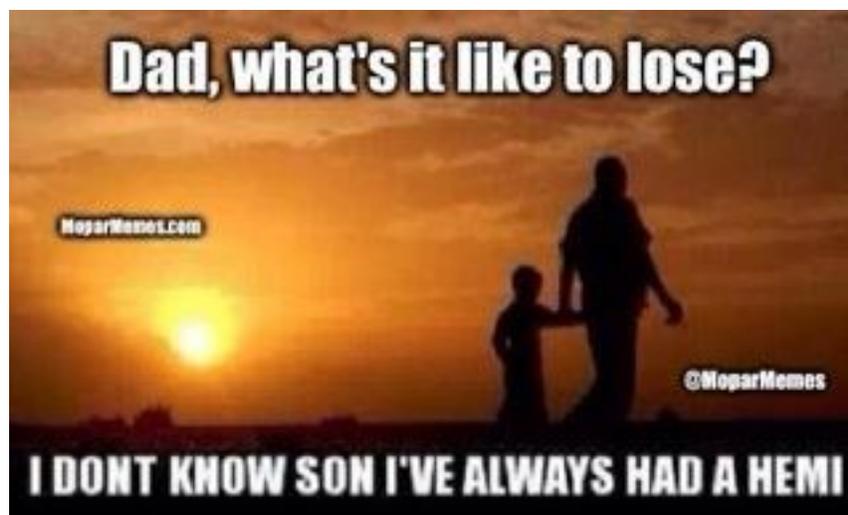
Tech Tips

A good tip for people trying to change valve seal or springs, instead of filling cylinder with air and risking dropping a valve, feed some nylon rope just small enough to fit through the spark plug hole then hand turn the engine to compress it, be sure to leave some hanging out the hole, that way you don't run a chance of the valve opening and shoot in due to air pressure, and gives a nice pliable surface to keep the valve up tight to the seat with out bending anything, then just back off the piston and pull out the rope.

Phillip Taylor

Flopping seat belts where the part pulled on our old Mopars can be made neater for show purposes with a cheap woman's hair metal barrette they are the perfect width for a seat belt. they come in different colors black, chrome or gold or paint them. Look at the ones on my Barracuda at the show.

Rich Lemmon



“In The Works”

Upcoming Club Activities by Susan Brownell

It's time for things to get busy. Although the weather did not cooperate for the first 2 races it looks like the Ennis race and MOPARS at the Motorplex may have a good weekend.

April 19 – This is our car show at Allen Samuels. We are gathering at the dealership about 9 am to start setting up. All help is appreciated. Watch your email or the Facebook page for the actual location. Dave and Ken will need volunteers for car show judging.

May 10 – Time for our annual picnic. This will serve as our May meeting. This year we are gathering at Bill “Texas Trailer Man” Boone’s around 1pm. “Cookie” will be serving up brisket and pulled pork. It is our job to provide all the fixin’s to go with the meat.

May 17 – The PDC annual gathering will be from 10am to 2pm in Carrollton. There are always some really nice cars at this event. I’ve heard that they are also providing food again this year. This is the day before the Ardmore race.

Well, that gets us thru the next couple of months. Keep a watch for future events. If you have any suggestions be sure you let me know.

ITEMS FOR SALE AND WANTED

(Items posted for 3 months unless requested otherwise)

WANTED: 68-70 b body front bench seat. Mark 214-727-4324, bbuchanan8@juno.com (exp Apr)

WANTED: Rebuilding my 1972 360 LA small block. Looking for cylinder heads with the 2.02 intake valves, headers, block hugger or shorty headers preferred, cam close to the 340 4 speed specs (possibly a retro fit roller cam and kit), 360 .040 or .060 flat top pistons, 360 6 qt oil pan, intake manifold, 600 or 780 vacuum secondary carb, etc. What have you got? Let’s talk. Barry Hansen. sigma54@sbcglobal.net or 817-496-9970. (exp May)

FOR SALE: Mopar A-body 2800 lb rear super stock leaf springs with a set of F&R Drag shocks, never raced, 300 miles of street driving, \$150. Also have A-body small bolt axles, backing plates, drums, and 741 pig, \$150.00 Call Mark at 214-458-4418 or email muskuzia@yahoo.com (exp Apr)

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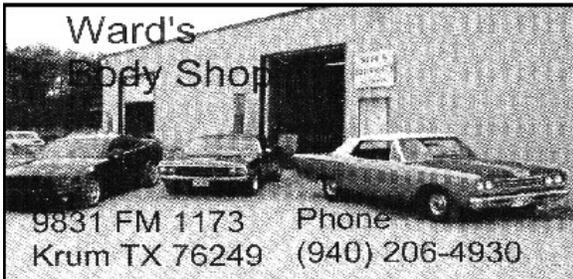
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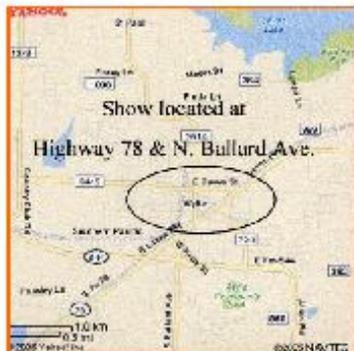
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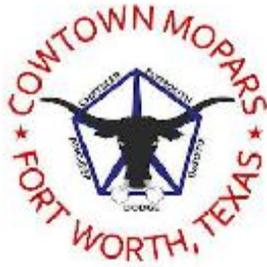
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