



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 1 Happy New Year

Jan 13 Cowtown Mopars Dinner at Pops Burgers,
6:30pm, Waxahachie, TX

Jan 15 Cowtown Mopars Monthly Meeting, 5pm,
Spring Creek BBQ, Bedford

Jan 28 Cowtown Mopars Breakfast at Rudys BBQ,
9am, S. Arlington

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FROM THE WEST WING

Hey Cowtown Mopars members! Hope everyone had a good Christmas. Wow what a month, almost don't know where to start. 1st we had the Christmas party not sure on the total head count but it was really nice to see everyone that attended. The weekend after a few members met at Speedtek to pick up and deliver the toys collected for Toys for Tots. We had a total of 14 bicycles, 6 boxes full of toys, and the club donated \$1,000 to help support this great cause. Keith with Speedtek was great and we were able to deliver all of the toys with the use of his deuce and a half. Was a very rewarding experience that I will not soon forget.

Fortunately, I was able to take some time off this year and will not be returning to work until after the new year so it has allowed me to get some things done. After a year and half of taking 2 steps forward and 3 steps back on Sarah's car we finally got it registered and inspected. Hoping to put some miles on it the next week or so, so that she can start driving it soon. Hopefully she will be joining us this year for TMCCC but we'll see. I am hoping to start disassembly of the Dakota tomorrow for some upgrades before the next race season. Not sure if it will be ready for the 1st race but definitely want to be ready for Mopars at the Motorplex as that is my favorite race weekend of the year. We'll I'm off for now hope you all have a great New Year and I look forward to having a great 2017!

Mike

The Veep's Desk

Well Merry Christmas Everybody,

Our taskmaster of an editor wanted us to get another column in for the first of the year.

I want to wish everyone of our Mopar friends and family a very happy holiday season. But really didn't expect to lose one of our own. My condolences to the Mandato family, Dave will be sorely missed. We still miss Morris too, but at least he is still with us. Hope to see him home soon.

There is nothing really special happening at our house, getting the front bathroom done slowly but surely. The holidays put me behind. Still have not progressed any on the jeep, but that is the way of life. Am hoping everyone else is having a decent time.

Closing now, so God Bless Everyone. Oops, forgot to mention to Have A Happy New Year!!!

Phil

Our prayers and good wishes go out to longtime member Morris Counts. He continues his recovery from a stroke and a fall and has moved to a new facility. Please consider sending a get-well card and/or a visit. Thanks.

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In Memoriam

Dave Mandato, long time very active member (founding member?), volunteer, friend to all and all around good guy passed away after a short bout with cancer in December. Our hearts and prayers go out to Betty, his wife of 50 years and all their relatives. Cowtown Mopars were well represented by members and vehicles. After a beautiful service, Dave's award winning '66 Charger driven by his nephew lead the procession from the church to the cemetery. We love you Dave, God speed.

“In The Works”

Chris Sharp, Activity Director

Happy New Year to all Cowtown Mopar club members and fellow Mopar owners.

Let's get 2017 started off with a bang. Friday the 13th Cowtown Dinner at **Pops Burgers**, 107 S. Monroe St, Waxahachie at 6:30pm for burgers and conversation with fellow car enthusiasts. Then Saturday, Jan 28th, Mopars and Breakfast at **Rudys BBQ** on I-20 in Arlington at 9am. We had a great turnout last time we had breakfast, let's do it again!!

A weekend cruise to Hemi Hideout is in the works for late spring or early summer. Working on some final dates to present to the club. Once the weather starts turning warmer, we will plan some regular cruises, car meets and dinner cruises for the club. Hope to see everyone at **Autorama** in February!!!!

Chris

Recycle Your Car Magazines

Don't throw out those recently read car magazines. Bring them to the monthly club meetings to share. Starting in January there will be a box on the table to put your old car magazines, rummage through and pick out a new one or two. We will take the remainder home to recycle. Thanks.



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The Go Fast(er) Department

Mark Buchanan - Race Team Coordinator

FIFTEEN TIME TMCCC CHAMPIONS!!!!

Happy New Year Everyone!!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas with family. I'm sure everyone knows by now that we lost one of our great Cowtown Mopars ambassadors, Dave Mandato. What a great guy Dave was!! I will really miss seeing him at club meetings and car shows. Betty was awesome at the funeral hugging everyone's neck and holding up very well. It was also nice to hear Betty say she was keeping Dave's '66 Charger. RIP Dave.

I know Tim Baker is working on the TMCCC schedule but I don't think it's complete just yet. Maybe by next month I will have some news to report on that front.

Mopars at the Motorplex 2017 will be April 1st this year. If you can help Bill and me out please let us know.

See ya

Mark

2017 Race Schedule:

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Off The Wing by Barry Hansen



Worth a look dept...Dec 8 issue of the Dallas Observer has a great article on Yello Belly drag strip titled "The Gut and the Glory." Goes into the history and current status of the track. A very interesting read. Years ago I went there once or twice. A little too primitive and unsafe to me, I went back to Kennedale and Green Valley. I have a couple of extra copies of the article.

Speaking of Green Valley Raceway somebody should do a book or a story on it. "Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!" great ads on KLIF radio and in the Dallas Times Herald back in the day. Saw my first drag race there the Little Red Wagon vs the Hurst Hemi Under Glass. Fan of the Little Red Wagon and drag racing ever since. Years later took my daughter Kate to the Fall or Spring Nationals (I forget which) at the Texas MotorPlex where between rounds she got to see why the Little Red Wagon was still the "King of the Wheelstanders".

In December we lost a long time and very active member, Dave Mandato. The service was beautiful, his eulogy glowing. Dave and Betty did so many things, helped so many people. I am afraid my eulogy will read more like a cautionary tale, "Barry did this and Barry did that, don't do that or you will end up like him." Dave Mandato and Kevin Alexander were the first people to welcome me to the club and show me around. The club has been paying for it ever since.

Mopar spotting...on a radio car talk show the other morning a local Honda dealer manager admitted buying a Hellcat. Didn't say if was a Charger or Challenger or if he keeps a Civic in the trunk. More spotting...Leno's Garage, Cars and Music episode, blues musician Kenny Wayne Shepherd is a big Mopar fan, showing off his 1972 Dodge Charger and SRT-8 Challenger among his several Mopars. In a "Stump a Car Geek" segment a blindfolded Shepherd identified a mystery car as a '66 Hemi Coronet by just sitting in it and touching the dashboard even before Leno started it up.

As predicted Holt CDJR in south Arlington sold and is now Ewing CDJR. I grew up in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, not far from Ewing Ave (named for them). Ewing has been associated with Dallas new car dealerships since early last century. South Arlington seems to be a tough place for CDJR dealerships, several have come and gone the last few years. Here's hoping Ewing succeeds.

Idea dept...Let's share our car magazines. After reading I toss mine in the recycle bin or take a few to my favorite inspection station. Sort of a waste. I will bring them to the monthly club meetings for anyone to take. I encourage you to do the same, bring your past issues to put in the pile and share. I will take the unclaimed home to recycle. Thanks

It's getting closer, NHRA Winternationals, Pomona, CA is Feb 9-12.

Hellcat...too much is just enough

Show Off Your Mopar

Monthly:

Every Fri. 5p-9p, Truck Cruise-In, Home Depot, IH 20 and Cooper St, Arlington. Free.

Every Fri. 6p-10p, Cruise-In, Albertsons, Hwy 287 and Sublett Rd, Arlington. Free.

Every Wed. 8p-10p, Mopar Cruise-in, Redneck Heaven, IH 20, The Highlands, Arlington. Free.

Every First and Third Tue. 6p-10p, Johnson County Car Meets, 812 S. Crowley Rd, Crowley, TX. Free.

Jan shows:

Jan 8 Dallas Mopar Club monthly meeting, 2 pm, Spring Creek BBQ, 12835 Preston Rd, Dallas

Feb 17-19, AutoRama, Dallas Market Hall, Dallas. If you would like to show at the AutoRama contact Ron Carroll asap at dodge_roncarroll@yahoo.com. There are a few show slots left, Ron has information and entry forms.

Showed your car recently? Won something? Got pictures? We would like to brag about you. Contact Ron Carroll at dodge_roncarroll@yahoo.com so we can include you in the newsletter. Thanks.

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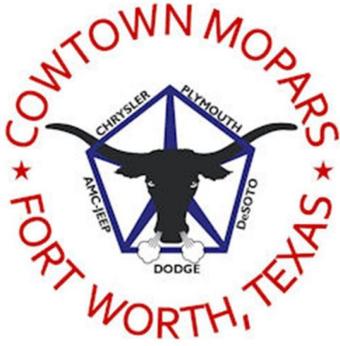
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