



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 2 TMCCC, Denton, TX, 9am

Oct 9 TMCCC, Kennedale, 8am

Oct 15 Mopar Day at State Fair of Texas, 9a-5p, Dallas
(contact Dallas Mopar Club to register)

Oct 15 Cowtown Cars and Coffee, 8am-11am,
Crystal lot front of Speedway Club,
Texas Motor Speedway, N. IH 35W

(check Facebook as will cancel if races same weekend)

Oct 15 Annual Chili Cook-Off and Monthly Meeting,
1pm-4pm, Bill Boon's Texas Trailer Man, Haltom City

Oct 15 Christian Classic Cruisers (last of the season),
6pm-9:30pm, Birdville Athletic Complex,
North Richland Hills

Oct 22 Mopar Breakfast at Rudys, 9am,
Highland Village IH 20, Arlington

Oct 30 TMCCC, Ennis, 8am

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Cowtown Cars and Coffee, every third Saturday, 8 am to 11am, Crystal lot front of the Speedway Club, Texas Motor Speedway, N. IH 35W. FREE.

Always check before attending as it will cancel if races same weekend.

www.cowtowncarsandcoffee.com

Christian Classic Cruisers, every 3rd Saturday, 6pm-9:30pm, March through October, Birdville ISD Athletic Complex, 9100 Mid Cities Blvd, North Richland Hills. \$15 entry fee, spectators free. www.christianclassiccruisers.com

FROM THE WEST WING

Hey Cowtown Mopar members! Man oh man has it been busy lately. I was unable to get my article in last month since I was out of town with a busted laptop so this may seem a little long winded but here it goes.

September seemed to be a pretty fun month around my house. Started off with the Mopar Mini National. There were quite a few really nice cars and what I found to be the most fun was the swap meet. It seems to grow a little bit larger every year and you never know what you're going to find. I managed to find a brand new trans pan for a 727 for about half of what it cost new. Unfortunately I was unable to stick around for a great length of time but it was still fun to attend with my youngest daughter and just see all the cars.

The following weekend I was able to make it out to the TMCCC race in Wichita Falls where the mighty Cowtown Mopars retook the lead and had a great points day. We had a lot of members go deep into the rounds and although I was unable to take the Dakota because the Ford was broken again it was still fun to get out and do a little racing even if I was the slowest car there.

Unfortunately due to the amount of money I had to stick into the Ford the last couple of months has left me in a position that I'll have to quite racing for the rest of the year. But it was still good to hear that the team did well at Ennis the following weekend. Hopefully I can try and make a race in the Avenger but we'll just have to play it by ear. Well I'm off for now but I hope with the cooler weather you can all get out and enjoys those beautiful Mopars you have until winter sets in.

Have a good one!

Mike

Cowtown Mopars Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, Oct 15, 1pm to 4pm, time again for our famous Chili Cook-Off and October monthly meeting. Bill Boon's Texas Trailer Man Super Store, 2411 Thomas Rd, Haltom City, TX. Jump in your favorite Mopar and bring your favorite chili recipe or something That goes with chili (cornbread, salads, veggies) or a dessert (but certainly not required). What is required is that you come and have lots of fun.



From The Veep's Desk

Well, I guess it is that time again to attempt to please our taskmaster editor. I don't have a lot to say. Haven't done a thing on my truck in a month, been busy elsewhere. I am going on vacation to Branson, MO the first of the month. Yea, a week without work always a good thing.

Haven't noticed much in the way of car news other than Jeeps finally looking at aluminum bodies. Saleen bringing back the (Saleen) 7, only boosted.

Am trying to stay away from politics even though it is a hot subject right now.

I did hear that Gander Mountain in Arlington is having a car meet on Wednesday the 28th of September. A nighttime meet 8pm to 10 pm. I am going. Of course it will be over by the time you read this. Hopefully it will be a monthly thing .

My wife had knee surgery, torn meniscus (sic) and arthritis damage. Doc got her all fixed up I hope. Maybe time to trade her in on a new import, a Japanese model or maybe a Latin model. Hmmm, LOL, just kidding. Got too much invested in her to trade.

I did finally manage to get Haggerty to insure my classic truck. They kept saying they only insured completed vehicles but I know a lot of people that have projects that have their insurance, could not understand why they wouldn't do mine. Got them to insure it using my Nationwide agent. Only thing is they decided it was worth 8k instead of the 15k I wanted to insure it for, got almost that in it now.

Well, going to close for now, maybe something will pop up before the deadline.

Phil

Mopar Day at the Great State Fair of Texas

Saturday, Oct 15, 9a-5p is Mopar Day at the Car Corral at the State Fair of Texas. A great way to see the fair. Your car will be on display, secure, accessible and you can sit by it all day. Everyone in your car gets in free. You are allowed to bring food, drink, chairs and shade with you. The Dallas Mopar Club is organizing the event. You must make a reservation. Please contact Tracy Barentz, barentz@sbcglobal.net for info and RSVP.

We continue to send our prayers and good wishes to Morris Counts. Still recovering from a stroke and a fall, he is getting better. Please send a get well card and consider a visit.

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“In The Works”

Chris Sharp, Activity Director

Happy Fall Mopar Nation. Now that it's turning cooler, let's do some cruising.

I will be in Gainesville, Texas on October 8th, 8am-5pm for the Depot Days Car Show. About 150 cars last year. Car show, food vendors, craft vendors. Awards take place inside the historic theatre. Let's have the biggest club participation there.

October 22nd, 9am will be another breakfast for club members and car enthusiast. Rudy's BBQ in Arlington on I-20 between Matlock and Collins. We had a great turn out last time, let's keep it up.

For all of those interested, I will be scheduling a weekend cruise to Hemi Hideout in Brookshire, Texas in February. Please let me know if you are interested.

Lots of things planned for the new year. Monthly breakfast, every other month cruises, overnight cruises and lots more.

Chris

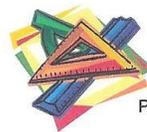


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The Go Fast(er) Department

Mark Buchanan - Race Team Coordinator

HEY FOURTEEN TIME TMCCC CHAMPIONS!!!!

WOW!!!! Did we ever have a good day in Wichita Falls yesterday (Sep 11). There was 115 tech cards sold and I had us for 23 racers but Martha says 26. The only reason I bring it up is because the points may change if she finds something that's wrong. I didn't ask her to change it! Anyway we will see. We got 150 points as a club yesterday and that puts us in first with an 11 point lead!!! How about that!!!

CONGRATS TO:

Mike Bearce ----- stock winner
Jason Pipkin ----- stock runner up
Bobby Avis ----- street runner up
Jim McCutcheon -- street semifinalist
Mark Buchanan --- pro winner
Vic Corlett ----- pro runner up
Gary Kemble ----- pro semifinalist
Joe Witherspoon -- super pro semifinalist

2016 Race Schedule:

March	6	Denton
April	3	Ennis
April	10	Denton
May	1	Denton
June	5	Ennis
Sept	11	Wichita Falls
Sept	18	Ennis
Oct	2	Denton
Oct	9	Kennedale
Oct	30	Ennis
TBA		banquet

Denton opens 9 AM
All others open 8 AM

Over the Summer the main theme of my newsletter posts was we are behind and have some work to do if we want 15 championships in a row. Well now I'm happy to say we went from 39 points down in 3rd place to 40 points ahead in 1st place. We had 2 well attended, awesome races where we had 8 award winners at both. Now that's the 14 time champs I know. Thanks to everyone for your support!!! We have 3 races to go so let's finish strong. There were 161 tech cards sold at the Motorplex Sep 18 and 20 belong to Cowtown Mopar racers. Out of that 20 we had 8 winners and that's a better percentage than in Wichita Falls.

CONGRATS TO:

Mike Bearce ----- winner stock
Bill Boon ----- runner up stock
Rick Brownell ----- runner up street
Jim McCutcheon -----semifinalist street
Greg Carter ----- winner super
David Huffman ----- runner up super
Mark Buchanan ----- runner up pro
Vic Corlett ----- semifinalist pro

Stay tuned

Mark



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www.cowtownmopars.com
and "Cowtown Mopars" on Facebook!!!



Off The Wing by Barry Hansen



The Ramcharger sat up all summer, could not pass June inspection because of a crack in windshield (could not understand the problem, only about the size of a basketball). Recently found great glass place in N. Richland Hills (Auto Glass Now on Davis Blvd) to replace it. Old windshield was so bad and new windshield was so clear and clean had to keep touching it all the way home to believe there was a windshield there at all.

Deep Thoughts Dept...when is a defect no longer a defect? After windshield replace chased down a rain leak into the Ramcharger's cab. Found bad design under the front cowl, three pieces of sheetmetal overlapped poorly. Trapped water and eventually rust out. Lasted for 30 years before leaking. Clean off rust, prime, caulk and probably sealed for life. Definitely a defect in my Sebring convertible, front lower ball joints wear out every 40,000 to 60,000 miles, one broke off. Recalled once, changed two more times in 200,000 miles. Defect and/or bad design for sure. But after 30 years? What do you think?

Used to like adjustable pushrods, no more. Swapped adjustable rocker arms from the Ramcharger to the Charger and adjustable pushrods to the Ramcharger. Trying to adjust pushrods against a hi-rise intake manifold near the firewall with two small 3/8 open end wrenches a recipe for knuckle busting disaster. Am telling everyone I was in a barfight and should have seen the other guy.

Was going to take the mighty Caliber to Wichita Falls and run in the TMCCC but the Thursday before the "check engine" light came on and was afraid to drive that far. Great to hear Cowtown had a big turnout there in spite of me. Still diagnosing the Caliber but believe a bad catalytic converter is the culprit. If so will be big bucks, about \$350 as the R/T AWD has a "manivertor" a combination exhaust manifold and cat convertor in one instead of a standard Caliber FWD cat convertor downstream in the pipe for only \$85 aftermarket. Lucky me.

NHRA...U S Nats, Indy, IN, Tony Schumacher winner T/F and Traxxas Nitro Shootout, Matt Hagan, Charger, winner F/C, Allen Johnson, Dart, runner up Pro Stock. Thank heavens a Mopar won the HEMI Shootout. Carolina Nats, Charlotte, NC, Tommy Johnson, Jr, Charger, runner up F/C. Midwest Nats, St Louis, MO, Tony Schumacher runner up T/F, F/C all Charger final, Jack Beckman winner over Tommy Johnson, Jr. Erica Enders and Jeg Coughlin both made the Pro Stock Countdown to the Championship in their new Darts. Texas Fall Nats coming Oct 13-16 to the MotorPlex. Here's hoping it will be cool weather for a change. Too many times I have "shaked and baked" at the Fall Nats.

Great story on HotRod.com about a NASCAR fabricator (for Hendricks MotorSport no less) who mated a wrecked 2006 Charger SRT8 chassis, interior and driveline with a 1968 Charger donor body and 1969 Daytona body kit. Looks really good, performs like a beast. Problem registering it in NC, is it a 1968, 1969, or 2006 model? Different safety and smog standards for each year. Of course the state wants to register and inspect as 2006 model.

Lots going on this month. Mopar Day at the State Fair, Annual Cowtown Mopar Chili Cook-Off, last Christian Classic Cruisers for the year, three TMCCC races, Breakfast at Rudys. Other cruises and car shows. Look forward to seeing you at several of them.

Mopar...For Your Performance Pleasure

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

Oct shows:

Oct 8 2nd Annual Mopar Family Gathering, 10am, Thompson, Park, Amarillo, TX (see bottom of page for details)

Oct 9 Dallas Mopar Club monthly meeting, 2 pm, Spring Creek BBQ, 12835 Preston Rd, Dallas.

Oct 15 Bartonville Town Center Car and Truck Show, 10a-2p, 650 FM 407, Bartonville, TX 76226. \$20. 26 classes, 7 BOS.

Oct 22 Stir-Ups 3rd Annual Car & Truck Show, 10a-2p, 1842 FM 407, Bartonville, TX 76226. \$20. TOP 30, 5 BOS.

Oct 22 Abundant Life Church Fall Carnival and Car Show, 11 am-? 1520 W. Wall St, Grapevine, TX. FREE entry Car Show-Show and Shine, no judging. Petting Zoo. Hay Rides, Trick or Treat, Vintage Games, Great Food.

Oct 29 Wild Wheels 4 Warriors Midnight Madness Car & Truck Show, hosted by American Legion Post 655, 8p-12m, 2817 Carson St, Haltom City. \$15.

I had a good month. Two BOS Truck with my '96 Richard Petty truck, one class win with my Daytona and several nice door prizes. If any one else would like to show off we would sure like to brag about you. Contact me, Ron Carroll at dodge_roncarroll@yahoo.com.

Oct 8 2ND ANNUAL MOPAR FAMILY GATHERING, THOMPSON PARK, AMARILLO, TX

Mopar Shakers Of The Plains want to welcome every Mopar to a great show and cruise this year, October 8, 2016, 10 am in Amarillo, Texas at Thompson Park in north Amarillo. No awards, just a great time and wonderful cruise! Cruise this year will be about 2 hours plus. We will see more wonderful sites like last year but better. We will tour the Texas Caprock area. We will do lunch again for all attending.

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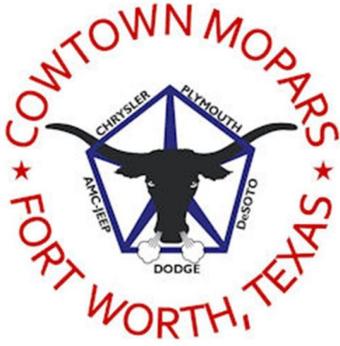
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