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Michiana Mopar Association

* Go Man Go * Newsletter

July, 2011



The Prez Sez:

Hello Mopar Friends:

July is here, and so is the summer season. I hope you're ready for the sunshine and heat. We are now in the thick of the car show/cruise-in night season, and there seems to be something to do almost every weekend of the summer. All of the classic and newer Mopars need to be on the road in order to be seen and enjoyed. They're fun to drive and they draw a crowd and generate conversation everywhere they go.

The Carlisle Mopar Nationals will take place from August 8th through the 10th. Appearing at the show this year will be John Schneider, aka Bo Duke and the General Lee '69 Charger. Also appearing will be Paul LeMat, who played John Miner in *American Graffiti* with his '32 Deuce Coupe. In addition, Cindy Williams will also be there. She will be accompanied by the original T-Bucket used in *Happy Days*.

July 16th - Mopar.com's MoVenture Road Rally - It looks like plans have changed concerning where the caravan is going to end up on their visit while coming through the Michiana area. Their plans now call for us to rendezvous with them at the Plymouth Speedway. MMA members will have free entry for their club cars and a reserved place where we can park them all together. I recently checked, and nothing appears yet on the speedway's website, or on Facebook. Further particulars will be discussed on July 14th at our monthly meeting.

The new club polo shirts have been ordered by the YL's and are on backorder as of this writing. I'll try to get them in and embroidered by July 14, 2011.

Ron Conley has asked if everyone would check and update their information for the club's

Membership Profile sheet. This would include names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and a description of the cars each member owns. Please e-mail that information to Ron at onebadx@comcast.net. Please send pictures to Bill Bennett at 383Beep@embarqmail.com. How do you guys feel about getting your Newsletter e-mailed? Let us know at the July meeting.

The club will need the names of the sponsors and a list of who is donating what for the next meeting. We will be discussing the plans for the August 21st car show and meeting dates through August. Our regular August meeting in will be held on August 11th, and the show will be 10 days from that date. Let's secure those sponsors **NOW!** Any help will be greatly appreciated.

I hope to see everyone on July 14 at our next meeting, which I have tentatively scheduled at The Pitt Stop at 13020 S.R. 23 in Granger - 6:00 PM for Board members and 6:30 PM for the general membership.

MOPAR to YA,
Bob Shultz



Important Announcements

The July membership meeting will be held at *The Pitt Stop Sports Bar and Grill* in Granger, IN. - (a map can be found on page 4 of this Newsletter). Be sure to attend to get further information on the club's plans for the MoVenture Tour rendezvous.

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Secretary's Report

Call to Order: The June membership meeting was held at Lochmandy Motors on June 9, and was called to order by club president Bob Shultz at 6:35 PM

Members Present: Chaise Weaver, Bill Bennett, Dennis Hoover, Bob Shultz, Greg Powell, Denny Rose, Ron Conley, Andy Bonneur, Dan Enders, Chuck Wysong, Stephen LaFluer, and Mike Lowery.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the June edition of the MMA Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: There was no update concerning the club's finances, as no Treasurer's report was given.

Old Business:

- ◆ Ron Conley presented the membership with a report concerning the three (3) polo shirts that he considered to be strong candidates for purchase as this year's membership bonus.
 - A. Ron advised the membership of the type of material, the colors available and the price of each of the possible shirt choices.
 - B. Following a short discussion period by the membership, a vote concerning which shirts to buy, a mutually agreeable choice was made.
 - C. The club's choice of shirts came from one of the catalogs furnished by Bob Shultz, so Bob will be placing the order for them, in order to take advantage of the discount available to him.
- ◆ The membership in attendance had a brief discussion concerning the recent ***Spring Fling*** which was held at Lochmandy Motors on May 21.
 - A. The general consensus was that the show went very well.
- ◆ Bill Bennett pointed out that we really need to get a list of the August show's major sponsors put together so that plaques expressing the club's appreciation for their support can be ordered.
 - A. Each of the major sponsors will be receiving a metal plaque which will have this year's dash plaque graphics along with that particular sponsor's name on it.
- ◆ We also need to get a list together of all those who will be sponsoring trophies and/or cash prizes so that the trophies can be ordered with the corresponding sponsor's name on them and appropriate certificates can be printed to accompany the "Best Of" cash prizes.
- ◆ We also need to finalize a list of all others who have donated "goody bag" items or literature so that their names can be placed on a Thank-You letter which will be included in each "goody bag."

New Business:

- ◆ Ron Conley informed the membership that he is in the process of updating the club's Membership records. He asked that each member check with him to see that the club has their current address, phone number, e-mail address (if they have one) and a list of the Mopar vehicles owned.
 - A. Bill Bennett mentioned that it's possible that, if the membership so desired, a list of all current members could be distributed, as was done a couple of years ago.
 1. This would help club officers contact individual members in the event that there is some important information that needs to be disseminated rapidly.
 2. it would also facilitate communication between individuals within the club (eg: if a member has a technical problem with his vehicle, he could consult the membership list to find others who may have a similar vehicle and request their input).
- ◆ There was some discussion about the possibility of e-mailing issues of the Newsletter to members, rather than mailing hard copies each month as is currently being done.
 - A. This would save the club money in copying and mailing costs in addition to considerable labor by the Newsletter's editor/publisher.
 - B. Bill Bennett pointed out that e-mailed Newsletters would be more enjoyable because they would be in color, as opposed to the current black and white copies that are now being mailed out.
 - C. Individuals without internet access would still receive their Newsletters in the current fashion.

Next Meeting: The next membership meeting is scheduled to be held on July 14th at 6:00 PM for Board members and at 6:30 PM for the general membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Chaise Weaver - Secretary



Next Meeting

7-14-11

Lochmandy Motors Training Room

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****Calendar of Events****

(MMA Club Participation Event Dates are in **Bold**)

- 7-14 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM @ The Pitt Stop Sports Bar and Grill - 13020 S.R. 23; Granger, IN**
- “ **Regular Monthly Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM @ The Pitt Stop Sports Bar and Grill - 13020 S.R. 23; Granger, IN**
- 7-8 Thru 10 **“Chryslers at Carlisle” - Fairgrounds - Carlisle, PA**
- 7-16 **Super Saturday Cruise-In; 1:00 - 4:00 PM; Miller’s Merry Manor, 500 Walkerton Trail, Walkerton, IN; Free Hot Dogs, Chips & Pop**
- 7-16 **Mopar.com MoVenture Road Rally / Scavenger Hunt from Detroit, MI to Golden, Co. - MMA Members will host the gathering at Plymouth Speedway just outside Plymouth, IN**
- 7-16 & 17 **Chicagoland Mopar Connection’s “Belvidere Mopar Happening” - Car Show and Swap Meet - Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL**
- 7-17 **Michiana Cruisers Car Show - Centennial Park; Buchanan, MI**
- 7-23 **“Mopars at The Red Barns” - Gilmore Car Museum - Hickory Corners, MI**
- 7-30 & 31 **“Mopar Classic” @ U.S. 131 Motorsports Park - Martin, Michigan - Mopar Drag Racing, Vendors, New and Used Swap Meet, All-Chrysler Car Show - Open 8:00 A.M. - Racing ‘til 5:00 P.M.**
- 8-11 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM**
- “ **Regular Monthly Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM**
- 8-11 Thru 14 **“Mopar Nationals” - National Trail Raceway - Hebron, Ohio**
- 8-20 **Super Saturday Cruise-In; 1:00 - 4:00 PM; Miller’s Merry Manor, 500 Walkerton Trail, Walkerton, IN; Free Hot Dogs, Chips & Pop**
- 8-21 **Michiana Mopar & Friends Open Car Show and Swap Meet - George Wilson Park on Dragoon Trail in Mishawaka, IN**
- 9-8 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM Lochmandy Motors**
- “ **Regular Monthly Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM Lochmandy Motors**
- 10-13 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM Lochmandy Motors**
- “ **Regular Monthly Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM Lochmandy Motors**
- 10-?? **Michiana Mopar Road Rallye - Date, Time & Location TBD**
- 11-10 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM Lochmandy Motors**
- “ **Regular Monthly Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM Lochmandy Motors**
- 12-?? **Michiana Mopar Christmas Party - Date, Time & Location TBD**

** Additional information concerning other events will be added as we become aware of them.

For a list of Michiana Area Car Shows and Cruise-ins
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<http://stillcruisinclub.tripod.com/>

If at first you don’t succeed



Blame Somebody Else, Then Seek Counseling



“Hope Springs Eternal Within The Human Breast”

Alexander Pope

Since he died in 1744, I’m relatively sure that Mr. Pope was not referring to the subject of this article. But his observation certainly seems to be right on target as far as Ma Mopar is concerned. Only a couple of years ago, the story going around automotive circles was that the **Viper**, Dodge’s answer to Chevrolet’s high performance **Z06 Corvette** and the **Ford GT-40**, was living on borrowed time. The first story was that it would just be discontinued, and that everything connected with it would be scrapped. Then someone in Germany decided that they might be able to salvage something by selling the **Viper** name and all the tooling used to produce it. Rumors initially indicated that there were manufacturers in Asia and/or in one of the Pacific Rim countries who were totally serious about buying a fully developed sports car to add to their lineup. Alas, nothing ever came of those rumors, and an announcement was again made that 2010 would be the last model year for the high-performance Mopar.

Hark! Is that a light I see at the end of the tunnel, or is it just another freight train coming to grind our dreams into the dust? The **Viper** was fully in the casket, and the eulogy had been recited, but just as they were about to close and secure the lid, Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne showed up at Chrysler Group’s dealer meeting in Florida in late 2010, and stunned those gathered there with the news that the **Viper** would be resurrected in 2012 as a 2013 model. Following his presentation, it took the product committee nearly 5 full minutes to give its enthusiastic approval.

The 2013 **Viper**, as it is now conceived, will retain much of it’s identity, but, at the same time, it will also be significantly changed. To begin with, the snarling Lambourgini based 8.4 liter V-10 will remain. But the addition of Fiat’s Multiair technology will not only reduce emissions and improve mileage, but it will also reportedly boost the current 640 bhp to somewhere well north of 700 bhp. This certainly is not the Fiat of the 1960’s that I came to know. Fiat has quietly become something of a performance automobile superpower. How many of you really knew that Fiat currently owns Alpha Romeo, Ferrari and Maserati?

The current 640 hp Viper has handling characteristics that are way more than a handful - what’s it going to be like with another 100+ horsepower? Never fear - Dodge CEO Ralph Gilles has indicated that the **Viper** will tap into Ferrari’s vast storehouse of handling, steering and stability control know-how to make the Viper a much more forgiving car to drive. This has to be good news for some unfortunate **Viper** owners who discovered the hard way that it is apt to do some very weird things if you push the loud pedal a little to hard at the wrong time. According to Gilles, the 2013 Viper will be Chrysler’s first performance vehicle using stability control technology.

But even with access to all that Fiat, Alpha Romeo, Ferrari and Maserati material, Gilles says the **Viper** will continue to be an American product. Dodge’s CEO stated that the **Viper** will make use of the expertise, materials and technology from Ferrari - but not parts. Gilles indicated that the current timetable calls for the new Viper to make its appearance in June, 2012 as a 2013 model.



Supposedly the “last” Viper (2010)



Could this be the “new” Viper (2013)?

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