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Hello Mopar Friends:

August has come and is now gone, but the stifling heat is still with us. Fortunately, we didn't have to suffer through high humidity and temperatures in the mid-90's for our car show. What a great day we had for the show! The grass in the park was long and wet early in the morning, but when the sun came out, it brought a nice breeze with it and dried the grass fairly quickly.

Unfortunately, the breeze was a little stronger than desired. It was blowing directly out of the west toward the stage, causing several complaints from our participants that they couldn't hear the D.J.'s announcements or the ticket numbers for the door prizes.

Even though we had a competing show at the St. Joseph county fair grounds, and another big (and free) one in Elkhart, I think we still had a good show.

All in all, everything went fairly smoothly. I want to thank all of the club members who worked so hard to make the show the success that it was. With all of the planning, phone calls, personal visits, e-mails, meetings and other communications, there is a lot of work that most people never see that goes into putting on an event such as this. A very special **thank-you goes out to the wives and other family members** who also generously volunteered their services. Your help was greatly appreciated.

OK, back to business, At our next meeting on 9-8, we need to set a date for our annual road rally. It's a lot of fun, so let's target having a much bigger turnout this year than we had last year. Also, at our next meeting, we need to appoint a 3-member nominating committee to put together a slate of people to run for the elective

offices during 2012.

There's still time this year for club members to get together and meet up for a cruise nite at someplace like Heritage Place or Bonnie Doon's. Maybe plan a Sunday cruise? How about a family picnic? Let's get together and do something as a group.

The Applefest and their car show is coming up on October 2 in Niles, MI. This show usually has a pretty good turnout because there are lots of things for the whole family to enjoy - carnival rides, craft fair, entertainment and most important lots of good food vendors. Check it out!

I hope to see all of you at our meeting at Lochmandy's on September 8 - 6:00 PM for Board Members and 6:30 for general membership.

MOPAR to YA,
Bob Shultz

Important Announcements

- ◆ **Nominations for 2012 Officers will be accepted at the October Membership Meeting**
- ◆ **Details concerning the MMA Road Rally will be disclosed during the October Meeting**
- ◆ **Club Road Trip to Applefest in Niles on 10-2 (see details inside)**

"I secretly admire people who drink to excess - at least they know what to blame everything on when things go wrong!"



Secretary's Report

No Minutes From the August Meeting
Were Available

**In Memory of All Those Who Perished
As A Result of the Events of
9-11-2001**



We Will Never Forget !



Next Meeting 9-8-11

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Lochmandy Motors Training Room



****Calendar of Events****

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

- 9-4 **Blueberry Festival Car Show** - Plymouth, IN
- 9-8 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- “ **Regular Monthly Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- 10-2 **Applefest Car Show** - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Niles, MI
- 10-13 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- “ **Regular Monthly Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- 10-16 **Michiana Mopar Road Rally** - Time, Location and Other Details To Be Announced at the October Membership Meeting
- 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
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- 1-13 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- “ **Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- 2-9 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- “ **Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- 3-8 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- “ **Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- 4-12 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- “ **Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- 5-9 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- “ **Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- 5-?? **Michiana Mopar / Lochmandy Motors Spring Fling**
- 6-14 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- “ **Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- 7-12 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- “ **Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** Lochmandy Motors
- 8-9 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM** George Wilson Park, Mishawaka, IN
- “ **Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM** George Wilson Park, Mishawaka, IN

For a list of Michiana Area Car Shows and Cruise-ins
Check out the following website:

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Lochmandy Motors Expands Their Vehicle Line-up

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Lochmandy Motors, our club's primary sponsor, has recently expanded the number of models it can offer by being selected as one of the dealers nationwide to receive a **Chrysler** franchise to complement their previous lineup of **Dodge**, **RAM** and **Jeep** vehicles. Whether you're looking for a versatile **Chrysler Town & Country** minivan, one of the hot-selling **Chrysler 200**'s or a luxurious **Chrysler 300**, Lochmandy Motors has an excellent selection to choose from. If you're in the market for any of these fine Chrysler products, make sure you stop in and talk to Mike Lowery.

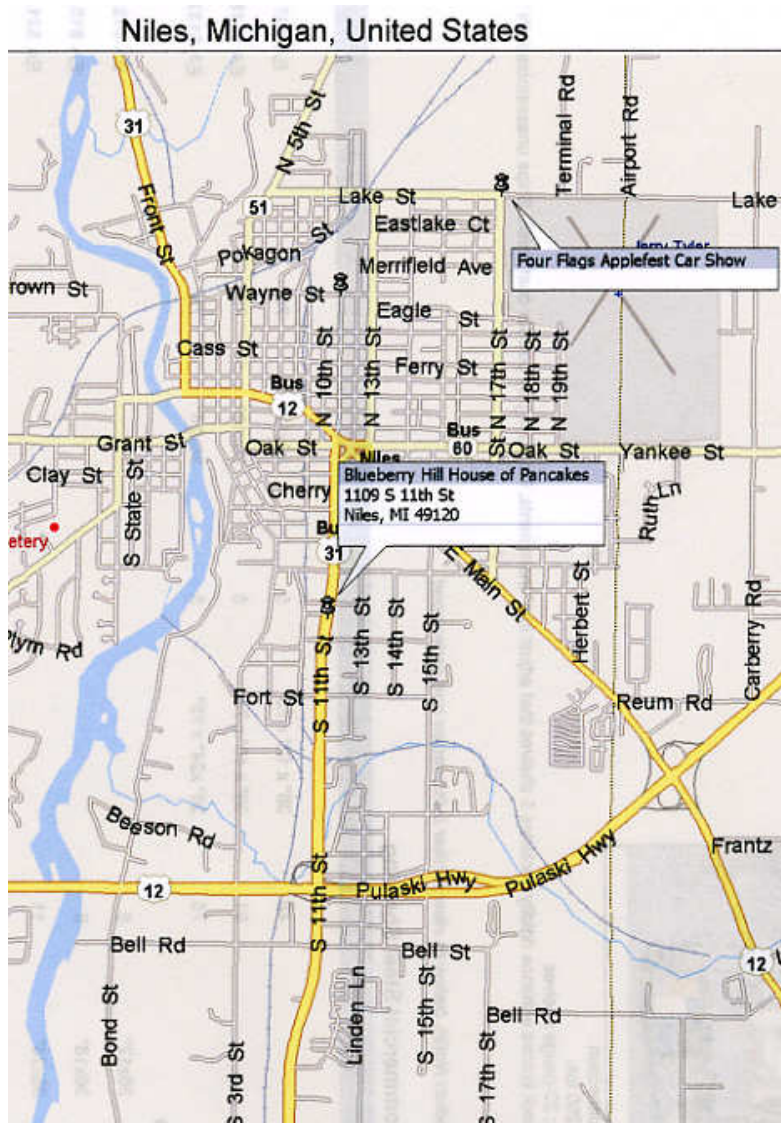
Four Flags Area Apple Festival

The 39th annual **Four Flags Apple Festival** will be held at the corner of 17th and Lake Streets (adjacent to the airport) in Niles, MI from Thursday, September 29 thru Sunday, October 2. The club is planning a group trip to the festival on **Sunday, Oct. 2** where club members and their families will be able to enjoy "Open Stage" entertainment, an Apple Products tent, an Arts and Crafts Fair (over 150 displays), Carnival Rides, a Horseshoe Tournament, an Apple Pie Eating contest, a Biggest Apple contest, a display by the Niles City and Township Fire Department demonstrating Safety Practices, Saving Lives and Fighting Fires, a Lip Synch contest, a Puppet Show and an Apple Peeling Contest.

The car show charges a \$10 entry fee and will run from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM with dash plaques being given to the first 100 entrants and prizes being awarded to the "Top 50". The festival will close with a church service conducted by the Church of Niles beginning at 4:00 PM.

Plans are for club members to meet at the **Blueberry Hill House of Pancakes** at 1109 S. 11th Street (933 North out of South Bend turns into 11th Street when you cross the state line) in Niles for breakfast at 7:30 AM. Following breakfast, members will then travel to the festival site adjacent to the Niles airport.

If you plan on attending this event (either with or without your Mopar) please advise Bob Shultz at (574) 250-4822 - cellphone or (574) 968-1079 - work and let him know how many will be in your party so he can try to get seating for all of us together at the restaurant.



2012 Election of Officers

The election of club officers for 2012 will be conducted during the November Membership Meeting, which will be held on November 10 in the Training Room at Lochmandy Motors. During that meeting, members will be electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) members to serve on the Board of Directors.

Ron Conley, Dennis Hoover and Chuck Wysong have collectively been selected to serve as a Nominating Committee charged with selecting capable and willing members to fill these elected positions. If you have someone in mind whom you think would make a good officer, please contact either Ron, Dennis or Chuck. As has been the usual practice, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the October Membership Meeting. **Don't be bashful! If you would like to serve in one of these elected positions, be sure to make that fact known.** If you don't want to serve in one of these positions, but would be willing to serve in some other capacity (such as Membership Director, Newsletter Contributor, Spring Fling or August Show Coordinator, etc.), let that be known also. Your fellow members want and need people who are willing to provide the leadership our club will need throughout the coming year.

I know you've heard it said that you get only as much out of an organization as you put into it. Although that may sound trite, I can assure you, after serving in various capacities throughout the years, that is 100% correct. Sometimes I even surprise myself with what I learn while doing something for the club.

Editor

MMA Road Rally



This year, the annual Michiana Mopar Road Rally will be held on Sunday, October 16. All Michiana Mopar club members and their families are urged to actively participate, because **it is seriously a lot of fun**. With the Rally being held in mid-October, this may be our best last chance to get the Mopars out and enjoy them before the snowflakes start flying. Generally, October's Indiana Summer weather with its colorful scenery makes for a very pleasant and relaxing Sunday afternoon's drive through the Michiana countryside - that generally tends to offset the frustration of silly navigational mistakes.



Those members who choose not to drive in the Rally are still invited to load their families up and bring them to the carry-in picnic which will be held at the conclusion of the Rally, anyway. If nothing else, this is an excellent opportunity to get together with other club members and just socialize without having to worry about planning another car event. If past events are any indication, the families really seem to enjoy this type of activity.

All members and their families who will be attending should plan on bringing a carry-in dish to pass, along with the appropriate amount of table service for their group. In addition to several meats (including the labor to prepare them) to go along with the meal, the club will be furnishing soft drinks and water. Since this will be a family event (probably with children present), the consumption of alcoholic beverages is discouraged.

Those club members participating in the Rally should bring a \$5.00 entry fee, along with some kind of photo identification. The entry fee will be returned to the participant(s) in the form of a prize or prizes for the best poker hand(s) that will be determined by the cards the participants receive at each check-in station. The photo identification will be used when (and if) it becomes necessary to file missing persons reports with local law enforcement agencies. In addition to prizes for the best poker hands, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded for performance on the timed Rally course. The overall winner(s) will not only receive a trophy, but will also hold bragging rights until next year and will have the privilege of organizing next year's Rally. Participants are to be reminded that penalty points will be assessed for missing check points, opening sealed clue envelopes, completing any individual section of the course faster **or** slower than the specified time and any other type of cheating that is suspected. It is possible that some penalty points **may be** eliminated - depending on the creativity of the lies used to justify them. However it should be noted that the judges know nearly all of the dirty tricks, and tend to be terribly unforgiving. **Decisions of the judges are final - and are definitely not open to discussion.**

Some of the details of the Road Rally have yet to be worked out, but Greg and Ryan Powell are hard at work putting them together even as this report is being written. We have been assured that they will be available at the October Membership Meeting. Be sure to make every effort to attend, because it is at this meeting that members will be informed where, and at what time to meet prior to the Rally. At that meeting, we will need to know how many people be attending the carry-in picnic, so that we can determine how much meat and soft drinks to purchase.

MMA & Friends 2011

Although attendance figures for this year's **Michiana Mopar Association and Friends Open Car Show and Swap Meet** were somewhat disappointing, thanks to the combined efforts of club members, the show was conducted almost flawlessly. This year we only had about one-half the of last year's record setting participation, but that seems to be following a trend seen elsewhere this year. Attendance at the Coachmen Auto Club's **Cavalcade of Wheels** this year was way down as compared to previous years, and the number of empty spots for both entrants and vendors was also readily apparent at the **Mopar Nationals** this year.



Trying to determine all of the reasons for this would almost certainly involve a great deal of pure speculation, but the continuing stagnation of this country's economy is undoubtedly a very large contributing factor for the general trend. As far as our own show is concerned, we were competing against two (2) other shows in the Mishawaka / South Bend area, and another one just south of Elkhart. Whenever you have that many car shows competing for the same fixed number of participants on the same day, attendance at each of the shows is bound to suffer. If each of these shows was scheduled to take place on separate days, it is entirely possible that many of the participants would choose to attend more than one of them - thereby benefitting more than one organization. Maybe it would be a good idea for all of the Michiana area car clubs to get together and try to develop a coordinated schedule for their shows that would eliminate the destructive competition that is currently taking place.



"The Hitman" Surveys The Crowd



First Thing - You Gotta Pick A Class



Our Bikers Come In All Sizes



Best of Show - '65 AFX Belvedere



Best Engine - Homebuilt '62 'Vette



Best Truck - '47 Chevy Pickup



Best Paint - '70 Chevelle SS



Best Club Car - '72 Satellite Sebring



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But They All Looked Good, Just The Same



How About A Picnic On The Grass?



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