

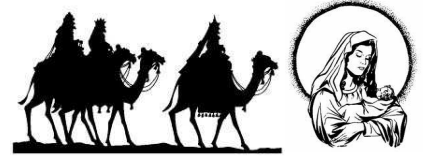


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Michiana Mopar Association

* Go Man Go * Newsletter

December, 2011



The Prez Sez:

Hello Mopar Friends:

Well, here it is - December already, and the car show/cruise night season has come and gone for another year. A great big THANK YOU goes out to all of our faithful members (and spouses) who gave of their time to make our 2011 season such a success. From set-up to tear-down, from registration tables to manning the gates, you've done a great job for the club and had fun doing it.

Beginning with the club's participation in the *Cavalcade of Wheels*, then moving on to the *Spring Fling* at Lochmandy Motors and the *MMA & Friends Open Car Show*, and finally wrapping things up with our annual Road Rally in October, it has been a great and very rewarding year.

Congratulations go out to Bob Shultz, Randy Stoner, Dennis Hoover, Dennis Rose, Ron Conley and Dan Enders. These gentlemen will be serving as club officers during 2012. I'm sure that, with your help and cooperation, these people will guide the Michiana Mopar Associations to another successful and exciting year.

Special thanks go out to Steve LaFluer, Andy Bonneur, Jack Dempsey and Ben Freeze. These men, working in conjunction with the Salvation Army and the Baptist Church of Edwardsburg, selected the families who will benefit from the club's "Adopt-a-Family" Christmas program. In addition to selecting the families, these individuals also donated their time to round up the presents that will be presented.

Don't forget to tune in to *The Speed Channel* for the Barrett-Jackson auction which will be held in Scottsdale, AZ January 15-22. Also, Mecum

has two auctions coming up that can be viewed live on the internet on their u-stream. The first auction (750 vehicles) will be held in Kansas City, MO on December 1 - 3. The second (2,000 vehicles) will be held in Kissimmee, FL on January 24 - 29.

Have you heard? Dodge will be producing a limited quantity (1,000 vehicles) of the "Yellow Jacket" SRT 8 Challengers Prospective owners can put in their orders beginning in December, 2011.

It's still not too late. Make plans to attend this year's MMA Christmas party at the Blue Lantern Restaurant on McKinley Ave. in Mishawaka. The fun begins with cocktails (cash bar) at 6:00 PM, and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. This party is for club members, their significant others and their immediate families. The cost is \$12.95 per person with 1/2 of this being paid by the club. In addition to the cash bar, the meal itself will consist of a Polish buffet. See 'ya there!

MOPAR to 'YA,
Bob Shultz

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Important Announcements

**PEACE ON EARTH
GOOD WILL
TOWARD MEN
REMEMBER THE REASON
FOR THE SEASON!**

Secretary's Report

Call To Order: The November membership meeting was held in the Training Room at Lochmandy Motors on Thursday, November 10, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Shultz at 6:40 P.M.

Members Present: Club members present at the meeting were: Chaise Weaver, Dennis Hoover, Denny Rose, Ron Conley, Bob Shultz, Jack Dempsey, Andy Bonneur, Ben Freeze, Bill Bennett, Randy Stoner, Chuck Wysong, and Jimmy Johns.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the October business meeting were approved as they were printed in the October edition of the Michiana Mopar Association's *Go Man Go Newsletter* without modification..

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dennis Rose reported on the status of the balances in the club's checking and savings accounts. He reported that while there are still a few bills involving the repair work done to the club's trailer and some small expenses involving the Newsletter to be taken care of, in addition to the money that will be spent for this year's "adopt a family" program, the club is virtually debt-free.

Old Business:

- ◆ Voting for club officers for 2012 was held during the November business meeting. The results of that election were as follows:

President:	Bob Shultz
Vice-President:	Randy Stoner
Secretary:	Dennis Hoover
Treasurer:	Dennis Rose
Board of Directors:	Ron Conley and Dan Enders
- ◆ A detailed discussion of the costs for installing storage shelving in the nose of the club's trailer was postponed until some future meeting.
- ◆ Andy Bonneur, Jack Dempsey and Ben Freeze reported on the results of their searches for people who were chosen as recipients of this year's "Adopt-a-Family" program. Steve LaFluer unfortunately was not able to be to be at the meeting to present his results.
- ◆ President Bob Shultz canvassed the members present at the meeting to verify how many of them would be present at the Club Christmas Party at the Blue Lantern Restaurant on December 3.
 - A. Mike Lowery announced that Lochmandy's would be making a contribution toward the cost of the meal.
 - B. Bob Shultz said that he would contact the Blue Lantern and make final arrangements for the party.

New Business:

- ◆ Since Andy Bonneur, Jack Dempsey, Ben Freeze and Steve LaFluer were intimately involved in selecting the families who will be benefitting from our club's "Adopt-a-Family" program, these same four individuals were selected to procure the items that the families need and want.
- ◆ Possible dates for the 2012 Michiana Mopar and Friends Open Car Show and Swap Meet were discussed.
 - A. Denny Rose reported that we need to settle on a date rather quickly because the Mishawaka Park Department was already asking for a date when he paid for the park for the 2011 show.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.. The next meeting will be the annual Club Christmas Party and will be held at the Blue Lantern Steak and Seafood Restaurant on McKinley Avenue in Mishawaka at 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 3.

You know you've had too much Holiday cheer when:

- You complain about the small bathroom as you emerge from a closet.
- You pick up a roll and butter your watch.
- You ask for another ice cube and promptly put it in your pocket.
- You strike a match and then try to light your nose.
- Someone points out to you that your tie is sticking out of your fly.
- You start kissing the portraits on the wall.
- You notice that your underwear is hanging from the chandelier.





Next Meeting

12-3-11

Blue Lantern Restaurant



*Lochmandy
motors*



****Calendar of Events****

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

12-3	Michiana Mopar Christmas Party - 6:00 PM; Blue Lantern Steak & Seafood Restaurant on McKinley Avenue; Mishawaka, IN

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
3-17 & 18	Cavalcade of Wheels - Century Center, South Bend, IN
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 - Lochmandy Motors Parking Lot, Elkhart, IN
6-14	Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM Lochmandy Motors
"	Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM Lochmandy Motors
7-6 thru 9	Chryslers at Carlisle - Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA
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
8-10 thru 12	Mopar Nationals - National Trail Raceway - Hebron, OH
8-18	Park Set-up Work Session - George Wilson Park, Mishawaka, IN
8-19	Michiana Mopar & Friends Open Car Show - George Wilson Park, Mishawaka, IN
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10-11	Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM Lochmandy Motors



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

<http://stillcruisinclub.tripod.com/>

- ◆ If people are supposed to learn from their mistakes, why is it that so many couples have more than one child ???
- ◆ One of the perks of aging is that whenever you buy something new, it is very unlikely that it will wear out.
- ◆ Today is the tomorrow that you were going to worry about yesterday.

Rising From The Ashes ?

After stagnating for several years while its partners in the “merger of equals” in Stuttgart attempted to remake the Chrysler vehicles lineup in the image of Mercedes, and then waiting for the axe to fall as the management of Cerberus Capital Management searched for ways to break up the company and sell it off in pieces, Chrysler Group, LLC seems to have acquired a new lease on life via its initial acquisition by Fiat S.p.A. in 2009.

Years ago, Fiat was a small Italian automaker that produced vehicles that were considered as being dull, lifeless pieces of transportation that were barely adequate for moving a person from one place to another. Since then, times have changed. Fiat is now a multi-national holding company with nearly 138,000 employees throughout the world (as of the end of 2010). Fiat’s diversified holdings include: automotive, commercial vehicles, components, metallurgical products, production systems, services, construction, and information technology in addition to publishing and communications. Fiat is so heavily involved in automotive products that it is the ninth largest automotive manufacturer in the world. Besides its flagship Fiat models, its automotive vehicles also include performance vehicles produced by Chrysler, Ferrari, Maserati, Alpha Romeo, and Lancia. Fiat is the largest vehicular manufacturer in Italy, and its vehicles have been named **European Car of the Year** 12 times in the last 40 years (the most of any other European manufacturer).

Sergio Marchionne took over the reins as the CEO of Fiat S.p.A. in 2004 and immediately began making his mark on the company by reducing Fiat’s bureaucracy and refocusing its efforts on marketing and profitability. Much like Lee Iacocca did during the revival of Chrysler in the 1980’s, Marchionne’s strong point seems to be that he believes in providing his people with the tools they need, and then getting out of their way and letting them do their jobs. Beyond that, Marchionne also seems to be a “car guy”. Prior to Fiat’s taking over Chrysler, both Daimler-Benz and Cerberus had made plans to shut down the Dodge Viper production line and sell it off entirely - either as individual components or as a complete entity. But, once Fiat took over Chrysler, it was Sergio Marchionne who went before the operating committee and convinced it allow him to resurrect production of the Viper.

Under Marchionne’s leadership, Chrysler Group, LLC is once again busily developing and introducing new and exciting products. Some of their more recent introductions include the **6.4 liter (392 C.I.) HEMI**, the **Charger SRT** and the resurrected **Challenger**. In order to reinforce Dodge’s performance image, they are re-introducing updated versions of the Dodge **Charger Superbee** and the **Challenger Yellow Jacket** models. Both of these vehicles should begin appearing in dealer’s showrooms sometime in the spring of 2012.

More recently, Chrysler Group, LLC has announced that they will once again produce a **Dodge Dart** model. However, this will not be your Grandmother’s Dart. The new Dart is scheduled to make its debut as a 2013 model and will be available in **R/T** trim - powered by one of three in-line four cylinder engines (2.0L, 2.4L and turbo-charged 1.4L) that will reputedly operate at an EPA certified 40 mpg aided by a twin clutch 6-speed automatic transmission. The 6-speed will be followed later on in the model year with a 9-speed automatic transmission that will reportedly boost the mileage another 10 - 16 per cent. The new Dart is scheduled to be produced in Chrysler’s Belvidere, IL facility and will undoubtedly make use of Fiat’s **Multi-Air** technology to enhance both performance and mileage. According to sources, the Dart will also use suspension technology from Alpha Romeo, and the 9-speed automatic transmission will be produced by ZF (a German driveline component manufacturer) in its South Carolina facility. It is anticipated that the income derived from the new **Dart** will provide Fiat S.p.A. with the financial ability to acquire additional stock in Chrysler from the U.S. and Canadian governments that will give it a controlling 58.5% of Chrysler Group stock.

Yes, I know the vehicles being reintroduced all bear recycled nameplates, and that they are certainly not the same vehicles that their namesakes were. But, at the same time, these names do take advantage of the performance image that Chrysler developed during the 1960’s and 1970’s. And you must admit that the new Chargers, Challengers and Powerwagons have injected the Chrysler lineup with a level of excitement that has not been seen in many, many years.

Now, if only Mr. Norm can somehow figure out a way to shoehorn a 6.4 liter HEMI into the new Dart body. Don’t laugh - the factory informed him that it was impossible to fit a second generation 426 HEMI into the old series Darts, and then he went ahead and did it anyway.



New Dodge Dart R/T



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'69 440 Block (non HP), 906 Heads, Rods	\$325.00

Engine Components

'68-'69 B-Body Big Block H. P. Ex. Manifolds	\$235.00/Set
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Body Parts

'68 RR/GTX Hood Inserts	\$100.00/Pr.
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and pedals) - needs work
\$5,000 O.B.O. |
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- Nearly Completed \$17,000 O.B.O. |
| '68 Satellite | 440 Automatic - Average
Condition \$3,500 O.B.O. |

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Thinks The Slowest**



Michiana Mopar Association 2012

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2012

- XX* = Executive Board Meeting
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- 3-17 & 18 = Cavalcade of Wheels
- = Annual MMA Spring Fling

- 7-6, 7 & 8 = Chryslers at Carlisle
- 8-10, 11 & 12 = MOPAR Nats
- 8-19 = Annual MMA & Friends Open Car Show
- = Annual MMA Road Rally