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Michiana Mopar Association

* Go Man Go * Newsletter

January, 2012



The Prez Sez:

Hello Mopar Friends:

Happy New Year to all of you out there in MOPAR land! I certainly hope that your holidays were wonderful and relaxing. I guess it's about time for us to get around to those winter projects, now that the leaves are off the trees and there is I decided nip in the air. After all, spring is just around the corner, and will be here almost before you know it.

If any of you members are interested in participating in the **Cavalcade of Wheels**, which will be held in the Century Center in downtown South Bend on March 17th and 18th, bring your thoughts and ideas to the January 12th meeting. Our club gets a lot of positive exposure to the general public at that show, so we really should try to participate. If you know beforehand that you'll be unable to come to the meeting, you can call me at (574) 250-4822 or e-mail me at Rshultz@monarchlinen.com with your contributions. The sooner we get started on whatever project we decide upon, the easier it will be to complete in time for the show.

I'd like to encourage our club members become a little more involved in activities by attending shows and cruise-ins as a group this year as I'm told we used to do in years past. Seeing several club cars arrive anywhere as a group really creates an impression. While I'm discussing cruise-ins, the Coachmen/Afdent car club is looking for a new location to their summer Monday night cruise-ins now that the Hooters location has closed. Someone mentioned to me that they might try out the parking lot by Best Buy in front of the new Auto World store on Grape Road. This might be a good place for us to do a group

cruise and repay Coachmen for the support they've shown us by attending our August show over the past several years.

Mopar seems to be just overflowing with good news recently. As Bill pointed out in the last Newsletter, the new 2013 will be built domestically in their Belvidere, IL facility. You can read more about it at www.dart-mouth.com. RAM will be introducing a 2012 RAM 1500 Express Pickup truck. It really looks neat - check it out at www.Ramtrucks.com. Then, there's the Dodge Charger Redline that comes with a high output (590 HP) Hemi. You can more read about it at www.scacbee.com or www.motortrend.com. The Chrysler 200's will get a "Supers" treatment that comes in stage one and stage two modification packages.

Remember to check out the Mecum Auction in Kissimee, FL on January 24-29. They'll have over 2,000 going through the auction ring.

We'll have the installation of officers and board members at the meeting on January 12 - 6:00 PM for Board members and 6:30 for the general membership. I hope to see you there.

MOPAR to 'YA,
Bob Shultz

Important Announcements

There was an error on the calendar and Calendar of Events that were included in last month's *Go Man Go* Newsletter. They mistakenly showed that the January general membership meeting would be held on Friday, January 13th. They should have shown Thursday January 12th.

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Next Meeting 1-12-12 Lochmandy Motors

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****Calendar of Events****

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

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| 1-12 | 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 |
| 2-10 thru 12 | World of Wheels - Indiana State Fairgrounds - Indianapolis, IN |
| 2-12 | Chicagoland Mopar Club Winter Swap Meet - Larry Roesch Chrysler, Dodge & Jeep - 200 W. Grand Ave. - Elmhurst, IL |
| 2-24 thru 26 | Autoroma World of Wheels - Cobo Hall - Detroit, MI |
| 3-2 thru 4 | World of Wheels - Donald E. Stephens Convention Center - Rosemont, IL |
| 3-3 & 4 (?) | Indy Cylinder Head Chrysler Performance Trade Show & Swap Meet - Indiana State Fairgrounds - Indianapolis, IN |
| 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 |
| 4-?? | Pioneer Auto Club Swap Meet - St. Joseph County Fairgrounds (?) - South Bend, IN |
| 4-21 | Hooley Collector Car Auction - Elkhart County Fairgrounds - Goshen, IN |
| 5-9 | Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM - Lochmandy Motors |
| " | Regular Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM - Lochmandy Motors |
| 5-12 | Michiana Mopar / Lochmandy Motors Spring Fling - Lochmandy Motors Parking Lot, Elkhart, IN |
| 5-20 | Chicagoland Mopar Club Mopar Madness Show & Swap Meet - DuPage County Fairgrounds - Wheaton, IL |
| 5-25 & 26 | 24th Annual Lane Automotive Car Show - 8300 Lane Drive - Watervliet, MI |
| 6-1 thru 3 | Auctions America Spring Car Auction - Auburn Auction Park - Auburn, 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 |
| 7-14 & 15 | Chicagoland Mopar Club Belvidere Mopar Happening Car Show & Swap Meet - Boone County Fairgrounds - Belvedere, IL |
| 7-?? | Michiana Cruisers Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show - Centennial Park - Buchanan, MI |
| 7-28 | Mopars at the Red Barns - Gilmore Museum - Hickory Corners, MI |
| 7-?? - ?? | Mo Power Chrysler Show & Swapmeet - US 131 Speedway - Martin Michigan |
| 8-?? | Dowagiac Rod & Roll Classic Auto Show - Dowagiac, MI |
| 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 |



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

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

Secretary's Report

The regular December general membership meeting was replaced by our annual MMA Christmas Party / Meal, so there are no actual meeting minutes, as such. The Party was held at the Blue Lantern Steak and Seafood Restaurant on McKinley Avenue in Mishawaka, IN beginning at 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 3, 2011. It was an excellent opportunity for the members and their families to get together and enjoy the fellowship and spirit of the season. Everyone in attendance seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The meal consisted of our traditional fare of an all-you-can-eat Polish buffet which included: a salad, sausage, broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, boiled cabbage, noodles and dinner rolls. Beverages to suit various tastes and desires were available from the cash bar. About the only complaint that could be made concerning the meal was that all of the food tasted so good that it made it way too easy to overeat and, as a consequence, make ourselves miserable in the process.

The staff of the Blue Lantern deserves a great big **Thank You!** for the service we received again this year. The consideration they've given us in the past (along with the excellent food) is exactly the reason why we continue going back to the Blue Lantern year after year.

While Thank You's are being passed out, there are a couple of other people who also definitely deserve special recognition for helping to make the evening enjoyable. Of course, I'm referring to are **Mike Lowery of Lochmandy Motors** and **Greg Powell of Powell the Florist**. Lochmandy Motors, as our club's primary sponsor, not only provides a place for us to meet, but they also lend a considerable amount of monetary and moral support for some of our club's other activities. In addition to that, this year they also picked up the tab for the portion of the Christmas meal that the club did not pay for. Getting a delicious meal is nice, but getting it for free is **really great!** To put the icing on the cake, so to speak, Powell the Florist provided some beautiful flowers for each of the ladies in attendance. Our heartfelt thanks go out to both of these individuals and their respective organizations.

2012 Christmas Party in Pictures



We Had An Outstanding Turnout



Who Did Some **Serious Damage** To The Food Supply



The Blue Lantern's Owner Showed Up To Check Things Out And Was Forced To Surrender



Snakebite Medicine Was Available - **Strictly On An As Required Basis**

Christmas Pictures (cont'd)



Deb & Brian Make A Nice Looking Couple



And Cindy Got Greg Cleaned Up Pretty Good, Too



We're Glad To Have Nancy & "MOPAR Dan" Back With Us, Again



It Looks As Though Pam & Jack Were Undoubtedly Enjoying Themselves



Andy & Christine Are Some Of Our Newer Members



Dennis, Judy's Not Really THAT Gullible

Christmas Pictures (cont'd)



Ron Just Tried To Swipe Dianna's Christmas Present - He's Gonna Pay Later!



It's Good To Have Randy's Smiling Face Back Among Us



Cathy & Chaise Both Look Happy



Carla, Nathan & Chuck Appear To Be Satisfied



Good Friends, Good Food & Good Conversation - What More Could Anyone Want?

(Except Faster Horses, Younger Women, Older Whiskey and More Money)



Bob, It's No Use To Pass Out Flowers - The Election Was Last Month - And You Won

Local Man Hits The Big Time

Most MMA club members are familiar with the name of South Bend native Gregg Wegenke. Many of you will recognize him as the guy who won "Best of Show" at our 2011 MMA & Friends show with his beautifully prepared black and silver 1965 Plymouth Belvedere A/FX.

But last year wasn't the first time we've been able to view Gregg's work up close. Back in 2001, he brought another of his creations to our August show and won "Best of Show" that year, too. The car he brought back then was a pro-streeted black 1966 Dodge Polara HEMI (are you kidding me?). Later, our paths crossed once again when he donated his skill to painting and striping the "One Soldier's Dream" project Barracuda that our club was involved with during the late fall of 2005 and early spring of 2006.



So, the quality of Gregg's work comes as absolutely no big surprise to any of us who have dealt with him. We know that if Gregg works on something, you can bet that it will be done right when he is finished. The thing that *is* surprising, however, is that considering the number of exceptional Mopars there are in this world, Gregg's was one of the few to catch the attention of a national publication and inspire them devote a highly complementary six-page article to it.

Just in case you are not a subscriber, or maybe you just plain missed the article because you buy the magazine strictly for the fold-out, the national publication I'm talking about is the January, 2012 issue of *Mopar Collector's Guide*. The very fact that this car was built as an A/FX racer certainly has a lot to do with the amount of attention it draws. But when you consider the attention to detail contained in the *MCG* article, it's obvious that



the person who wrote the story was more than just a little bit impressed. The fact that Gregg had the nerve to paint the car black after all the sheet metal work he did further impressed the magazine concerning the quality of his workmanship.

But Gregg wasn't content to just let it go at that. He wasn't building a car for cruising around town, or for trailering it to car shows - his plan was to build a car that would run at least as good as, if not better than, the ones it was patterned after. It's powered by a stroker 572 C.I Indy Cylinder Head prepared HEMI that, among other goodies, runs a roller cam, Stage V heads and 14:1 pistons. The coup de gras, however, is the legitimate, factory original Hilborn Hemi fuel injection system that delivers the fuel. This is a system that is identical (right down to the correctly dated casting number) that was furnished on some of the original factory A/FX cars. For some reason, the Hilborn system didn't perform as it should have when it first came out, and was subsequently replaced, for the most part, by various multiple 4-bbl carburetor arrangements. Despite the system's age, the people at Hilborn



worked diligently with Gregg to get his system back to like-new condition and working perfectly. According to the article, Gregg first fired the engine in late June, 2011 and hasn't really had time to put very many hard passes on the car. He has, however, driven it enough to find out that the current setup has absolutely no problem whatsoever in putting the nose in the air and planting the rear bumper on the pavement. As a result, Gregg's currently in the process of fabricating a pair of long wheelie bars to address this problem. Based on its calculations, *MCG* believes the Belvedere should be entirely capable of running in the low 9's. Gregg's 2012 plans call for taking the Plymouth to as many NHRA and Goodguys nostalgia drag racing events as his schedule will allow. So keep your eyes and ears open - it's unlikely that we've heard the last from Gregg and his outstanding MOPAR.

More Gimme the Good Stuff!

Engine For Sale

I removed this engine from my running '70 GTX so that I could replace it with a freshly rebuilt 440. It's been a strong runner, and hasn't caused me any problems. It comes complete all the way from the Holley 750 double pumper setting on top down through the oil pan. It includes an aluminum Edelbrock DP4B Hi-rise intake manifold and a Mallory dual point distributor.

Engine Markings

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Assembly Date: 3-18

Casting #: 2468130.9

Cast Date: 3-5-68

\$1,500.00

Call (574) 289-6838 &
Ask for Ron

Wanted To Buy

4-Post Car Lift
8,000# Capacity



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FOR SALE



1969 904 Torqueflite Automatic Transmission

Worked great at the dragstrip in North Carolina before I pulled it out to make room for the 727 I rebuilt.

Will sell in current condition to an MMA member for \$200. For \$600 will rebuild to OEM standards, and, if desired, can perform a custom performance upgrade for the buyer.

Contact: Andy Bonneur
(574) 299-2857

or
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Cars For Sale

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| '68 Barracuda | 318 Automatic
\$8,000 O.B.O. |
| '71 Roadrunner | 383 Automatic (was a
4-speed car, has hump
and pedals) - needs work
\$5,000 O.B.O. |
| '69 GTX | 440 Automatic with Air Grabber
- Nearly Completed \$17,000 O.B.O. |
| '68 Satellite | 440 Automatic - Average
Condition \$3,500 O.B.O. |

Call Jim
(574) 255-1633

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Last
Thinks The Slowest**