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President's Message

Fellow Moparites,

I can't believe that another year is almost over. By the time you read this, the Christmas Party will be over, and we will all be on our way to a busy holiday season. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. There will be no business meeting in December - other than the Christmas Party.

This should be my last President's letter, and I would like to thank the board members and club members for their support and help throughout the last two years. I really appreciate the way you all have helped continue making the club successful. This year's board members have worked hard to get things done, and I am proud of them.

I think we have some great replacements for next year and believe that they, too, will do a fine job. Ryan is enthusiastic, and with the help of the great people behind him, we should have another great year. The main thing is that you all have to communicate with the board members and let them know what you would like to see the club do. This is the time I get to say my favorite thing one more time **"What you get out of the club is directly related to what you put into it."** The more involved you get, the better you will enjoy it.

This year, everyone got involved in the show, and we made enough that the club could pay for the Christmas Dinner. Pat yourselves on the back for that. It's nice to see our members reap some rewards for all their hard work, for a change.

I would like to thank Denny and Carol for

taking charge of helping select and getting the Christmas gifts for our "adopted" families and the donations for the servicemen. Denny and Carol have done a great job of taking care of this for the past several years now, and we all owe them a big **THANK YOU!**

Also, a big **THANK YOU** to Ryan for taking care of the Christmas dinner this year. **THANK YOU** to Bill and Diana for taking care of the Newsletter and all of the other little behind the scenes things they do for the club.

Thanks again to all of you for being a part of the club and helping promote the friendship and spirit of the club.

I hope all of you have a great Christmas, a great rest of the year and a fantastic New Year.

MOPAR to 'ya,
Greg Powell



Secretary's Report

- ◆ The November business meeting was held on November 8, 2006 at Lochmandy Motors. The meeting began promptly at 6:30 PM.
- ◆ Members in attendance: Greg Powell, Ron Conley, Bob DeFerbrache, Bill Bennett, Jack Dempsey, Randy Stoner, Denny Rose, Thom Smith, Dennis Hoover, Cliff Weiger, Chuck Wysong, Bob Peacock, Robert Metcalf and Ryan Powell
- ◆ Treasurer Ron Conley presented the club's financial report. The report was approved as read.
- ◆ Old business: Elections for club officers for 2007 were held during the meeting. Results of that election are as follows: **President** - Ryan Powell; **Vice President** - Dennis Rose; **Secretary** - Bob DeFerbrache; **Treasurer** - Bill Bennett; **Board of Directors** - Ron Conley and Steve LaFluer. Following collection of the ballots, a discussion concerning possible charitable contributions took place. It was announced that at the October meeting it had already been decided that we would once again select one family from St. Joseph County and another family from Elkhart County to be recipients in our annual Adopt-a Family program. Following a discussion of other possible recipients, it was decided that the balance of money that had been approved would used to purchase Christmas presents for local area service personnel and/or their families. Dennis Rose volunteered to work with the Salvation Army to select families for the Adopt-a-Family, and said that he would also contact local reserve units concerning area service personnel who might be in need of help.
- ◆ It was announced again that the Christmas party will be held on December 2 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Blue Lantern Steak and Seafood House. As was stated at the October meeting, because of the outstanding participation of club members at this year's MMA & Friends Open Car Show, the meal for club members and their guests will be paid for by the club. There will be a cash bar available for those in attendance.
- ◆ The meeting was adjourned a little early, just shortly prior to 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting 12-2-06 at Blue Lantern Steak & Seafood House

Calendar of Events (MMA Club Participation Events are in **Bold**)

- 12-2 **Annual Christmas Party - The Blue Lantern Steak & Seafood House, McKinley Ave., Mishawaka, IN - 6:00 PM**
- 12-7 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 PM**

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- 1-4 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 PM**
- 1-11 **Regular Club Meeting - Lochmandy Motors - 6:30 PM**
- 2-1 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 PM**
- 2-8 **Regular Club Meeting - Lochmandy Motors - 6:30 PM**
- 2-11 Chicagoland Mopar Connection Winter Swap Meet - Larry Roesch Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep; 200 West Grand Ave., Elmhurst, IL; 9 AM - 2 PM
- 3-1 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 PM**
- 3-3 & 4 12th Annual Chrysler Performance Trade Show and Swap Meet - Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN
- 3-8 **Regular Club Meeting - Lochmandy Motors - 6:30 PM**
- 4-5 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 PM**
- 4-12 **Regular Club Meeting - Lochmandy Motors - 6:30 PM**
- 5-3 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 PM**
- 5-10 **Regular Club Meeting - Lochmandy Motors - 6:30 PM**
- 5-19 Scout-A-Rama Car Show - Downtown Elkhart (More details later)
- 5-?? **Annual Lochmandy / MMA Spring Fling**
- 6-2 **Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 PM**
- 6-9 **Regular Club Meeting - 6:30 PM - Lochmandy Motors**

Charitable Contributions

With the help of the Salvation Army, families for our annual Adopt-a-Family Christmas program have now been selected. Because the Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties serve as our primary base of operation and because this is where most of our members live, one family from each county have been selected to be the ones who will serve as our adopted families. The Elkhart family consists of a Mother and Father and three children - two girls ages 2 and 6 and a boy age 12. The St. Joseph family consists of a single mother and three boys whose ages are 10 months, 3 years and 10 years. Shopping has been completed for the St. Joseph county family, and has been started for the Elkhart County family. In keeping with the requirements outlined by the Salvation Army, both families will be receiving certain articles of clothing, cleaning supplies, personal care products and a gift certificate for perishable food items. After those items have been purchased, any money that is still available can be used for other items that are entirely at the discretion of the contributor. Dennis and Carol Rose are taking care of this rewarding task on behalf of the club. They will be able to deliver the gifts directly to the St. Joseph County family, but, due to privacy concerns, the gifts for the Elkhart County family will be taken to the Elkhart National Guard Army for distribution.

After explaining our plan to the member of the Marine Corps who was on duty at the Reserve Center in South Bend, our representative left with the distinct impression that, regardless of what we wanted our contribution to go for, it would most likely be directly applied to the Marine Corps' own **Toys for Tots** campaign. While this may be a very commendable program, it was the opinion of the Board of Directors that it was not the original intent of the members who voted for the contribution. With that in mind, Ron Conley approached Post 207 of the American Legion which is located in New Carlisle. Ron discovered that they have a program entitled **Support For Those Who Serve** that seemed more in line with our club's intent. The people who administer this program make up "Care Packages" for service personnel who are serving on the front lines in combat zones and do not have access to items that are normally available to others at the Base Exchanges. The items that are being sent are ones that most of us take for granted and rarely give a second thought to, but are highly prized by servicemen (and women) who cannot get them otherwise. Some of the items that are included in the packages are as follows:

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| Deodorant | Kleenex |
| Razors | Shaving Gel |
| Shampoo / Conditioner | Soap |
| Tooth Brush / Paste | Sanitary Hand Wipes |
| Foot Powder | Lip Balm |
| Beef Jerky | Packaged Tuna |
| Kool Aid Mix | GatorAid Mix |
| Christmas Hard Candy | Christmas Cookies |
| Chewing Gum | Puzzle Books |
| Disposable Cameras | Dried Fruit |

To qualify for one of these packages, the servicemen receiving them must be serving on the front lines in a combat zone and must have their names submitted to a local American Legion post. The packages are then forwarded to that serviceman's unit chaplain for distribution. If any of you know of a serviceman that you would like to receive one of these packages, you should contact Mrs. Headley of Post 297 of the American Legion and submit their name. She can be reached by telephone at (574) 654-8555.



Remember
**The Reason
 For
 The Season!**



Membership Bonus Items

According to club Membership Chairman Randy Stoner, there are still a few members who have not claimed their membership bonus items for 2006. Randy is getting tired of trying to keep track of them and would appreciate it if you would contact him and make arrangements to claim your bonus gifts. Randy can generally be reached at "reasonable" hours of the evening by phone at (574) 256-3091 or anytime by e-mail at rsqid@datacruz.com

Elections

The election of club officers for 2007 has been completed, and the results are as follows:

President - Ryan Powell

Vice President - Dennis Rose

Secretary - Bob DeFerbrache

Treasurer - Bill Bennett

Board of Directors - Ron Conley & Steve LaFluer

Thanks are extended to outgoing officers Greg Powell, Ryan Powell, Bob DeFerbrache, Ron Conley, Mike Tibbs and Jack Dempsey for all their efforts during 2006. Best wishes go out to each of the new officers as they undertake their duties for the following year. They're all very well qualified individuals who will do their best to take the club in the direction that you, the members, want it to go. With that being said, these people are still going to need help in making things happen. There are still some appointed offices that need to be filled and chairmanships for events like *Cavalcade of Wheels*, the *Spring Fling* and *MMA & Friends*. Even if you don't feel that you're cut out to take charge of something, there are still many contributions that you can make. There are various committees and work crews that will be needed throughout the year, so don't be bashful.

Everyone has something to offer - and sometimes they just don't realize it. We all have ideas and they are something anybody can contribute. It doesn't take very much effort to tell somebody about them, and your idea just could be something that nobody else even thought about.

Speak Up - Make A Difference! (Part 2)

It was really gratifying to see the increase in the members attending the October meeting. Not only did more people come to the meeting, but they also took an active part in the discussions, and that made for a very interesting and productive meeting. As a matter of fact, the idea of what to do with the balance of our charitable contribution allocation came from an individual who hadn't been at a meeting for quite some time, and this just shows how valuable that person's input was. Anyway, it sure was nice to see some of our old friends again - we've missed you and hope that you can continue coming.

Without trying to put words in Ryan's mouth, I'm sure that one of the things that will be emphasized during the coming year will be to try to find ways to make being a member of the Michiana Mopar Association more interesting. There are always business matters that must be attended to, and while they are not always the most interesting things to discuss, they still must be taken care of. However, there are also many other things that we can do as a club that can be a lot of fun. Several years ago, we used to make trips as a club to a car dealership in Rochester, or the Hoosier Mopar Club's **Mopars at the Drive-in**. We also made a field trip to Watervliet, MI and toured Lane Automotive's warehouse. Another time, we rented a bus as a club and took in a NASCAR race at Michigan International Raceway. These weren't things that I think that most of us would have done on our own, but when done as a club event, were interesting and a lot of fun for everyone involved. More recently, a couple of club members, along with some former club members, attended the **Marshmallow Festival** car show in Ligonier, IN. From everything I heard, not only did all of them win awards, but they also had a blast in just making the trip.

Before long, Ryan is going to need to appoint an Activities Director who will be in charge of finding things for us to do as a club that will make things more fun for everyone. If you would like to fill this position, be sure to let him know. Even if you don't want to be the Activities Director, I'm sure that each of you has been somewhere that you really enjoyed. Let people know about it - coordinating or directing an activity is not really all that hard, but coming up with fresh ideas is!

On another note, I was surprised at the e-mail responses that I got from last month's article about speaking up. Some very valuable points concerning the club were made, and I certainly appreciate that input. However, the information that was given to me would have been much more effective had it had been voiced at one of the business meetings when that topic was being discussed, because it would have given everyone at the meeting another point of view to consider before making a decision. Each person has information and a personal point of view, but

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that information is of no use to anyone but the person who has it, unless it is shared with others. I personally know what it's like to be afraid to speak before an audience, but I learned a long time ago that most people, while they may or may not agree with what we have to say, are still interested in hearing our point of view. The chances are very good that there are other people out there that agree with what you have to say, but they, too, are reluctant to speak their minds. Occasionally you may have to take that the attitude that even if the information you have isn't something that your audience wants to hear, it is something they need to hear. Whenever a decision is being made, it is generally best to look at all sides of an issue before a decision is made - and you may be the only person that recognizes that particular side of the issue. With that in mind for the good of the group, voicing your opinion now becomes, in my opinion, not only a right, but an obligation. He who hesitates may be lost!

Editor

Gimme the Good Stuff!

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- 12-1 10:30 AM *Truck Universe* - Project Jeep gets new axles, tires, wheels
12-3 7:00 AM *Dream Car Garage* - Detroit Rock City - Test 'n Tune on Project HEMI Cars
12-4 3:30 PM *Two Guys Garage* - ATS Diesel - Adding a Turbo to the Cummins Diesel
12-4 5:30 PM *American Muscle Car* - The Barracuda
12-8 10:00 AM *Two Guys Garage* - ATS Diesel - Adding a Turbo to the Cummins Diesel
12-10 7:00 AM *Dream Car Garage* - Hard Work Pays Off - HEMI Cars
12-11 8:30 PM *My Classic Car* - Supercars - Drag Racing at Gateway
12-12 12:30 AM *My Classic Car* - Supercars - Drag Racing at Gateway
12-12 8:30 AM *My Classic Car* - Supercars - Drag Racing at Gateway
12-12 3:30 PM *Two Guys Garage* - Road Dyno Performance - '04 Dodge HEMI
12-14 4:00 PM *Truck Universe* - Horsepower - Installing a Power Module on an '04 Dodge 2500
12-14 5:30 PM *American Muscle Car* - Saturday morning TV inspires the creation of the Roadrunner
12-14 8:00 PM *American Muscle Car* - Barracuda
12-14 Midnite *American Muscle Car* - Barracuda
12-15 8:00 AM *American Muscle Car* - Barracuda
12-15 11:00 PM *Unique Whips* - '05 Dodge Magnum
12-17 8:00 AM *American Muscle Car* - Barracuda
12-17 10:00 AM *My Classic Car* - Supercars - Drag Racing at Gateway
12-18 8:30 PM *My Classic Car* - Old School Mopars - '50s Mopars
12-19 12:30 AM *My Classic Car* - Old School Mopars - '50s Mopars
12-19 8:30 AM *My Classic Car* - Old School Mopars - '50s Mopars
12-24 10:00 AM *My Classic Car* - Old School Mopars - '50s Mopars



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