



NEWS

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Upcoming Events

- CCM General Meeting
Tuesday January 8
- CCM Board Meeting
Tuesday January 15
- ACCC Conference in April
- Maxwell Car Show in May
- CCM Day in the Park XXVI
Saturday June 22

Happy New Year!!

Whew -- 2018 went fast!

We had a very fun and successful year - Poker Runs, Toy Runs, Swap Meets, Car Shows, Picnics... topped off by our own Mopar Day in the Park.

What are your New Year's Resolutions? Do you make resolutions?

I don't make resolutions, but there are a few things I've decided to do in 2019:

- Drive my Mopar more often
- Go on more Club events
- Be on time
- Lose weight
- Blah, blah, blah...

That said, the Club will be presenting some fun events this year - 2 Poker Runs I'm told, a picnic or 2, caravanning to a couple out of town car shows, a BBQ before each of the warm weather meetings, and of course the holiday Party/Dinner we have every year.

Most of these events are free, either because you're a Club Member, or because the Club generously pays for food and stuff. We can do this as a result of our successful Mopar Day in the Park Car Show every June.

If you like to enjoy these events, please do your part and lend a hand for the Show. We need everyone in the Club to make it come off well. We've lost a few members this past year, so there's an extra need for help.

I for one, will be honoring my first and second resolutions things by keeping busy at the Show, and the days leading up to the Show. Please join me!

One of the first events of the new year is rumored to be a drive to Reno, to visit the Auto Museum that used to be Harrah's Auto Collection. A friend of a friend is a docent there and has agreed to guide a special tour. So not only is this a nice opportunity to get the heck outa town for a day, it also promises some insider information. Probly be food involved, too.

In other news, I'm having a bit of trouble filling this page. So please enjoy the photos of some custom license plates spotted on our favorite Mopars. -ed.



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What we're all about

Capital City Mopars (CCM) provides a place to share your enthusiasm and knowledge about Mopars and enjoy the company of other Mopar enthusiasts. CCM membership is open to anyone interested in Chrysler Corporation or American Motors vehicles who are eighteen years or older and have a valid drivers license. Annual membership dues are \$36 for regular members and an additional \$6 per co-member. One co-member is allowed for each regular member. The co-member must reside in the same household and be eighteen years or older. All members and co-members are required to participate as worker/chairperson in at least one function per year, and it is desired that, in addition, work at the annual car show.

The Capital City Mopars is a proud member of the Association of California Car Clubs and the California Automobile Museum.



Guest Speaker Ideas Wanted

We are looking for ideas and suggestions for guest speakers to appear at our monthly General Meeting. In the past we have had insurance agents, oil industry experts, DMV officials, an expert from the WPC museum and various others. These speakers provide information and entertainment for the meetings and are always appreciat-

Club Membership Renewal

It's time! Every member needs to renew their membership each December. If you haven't done it yet, please do it now. The membership/update form is available on our website, or from Gail at the General Meeting.

Speaking of CCM Membership...

Welcome to our newest members, we are a Club dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of cars made by the Chrysler Corporation.

Here is what you get for your membership dues

1. Access to the knowledge of long time members who have restored or rebuilt just about every model of MOPAR there is.
2. Twice yearly, once in the spring and again in the fall, we have a poker run to the wine country with a picnic -- at no charge to members.
3. In April we help host the Association of California Car Clubs Convention at the California Auto Museum.
4. In May we caravan to Maxwell to attend the *Best Little Car Show in the World* produced by one of our club members.
5. In June our club produces our annual car show in Hagen Park which attracts some of the finest MOPARS in the area.

6. This June 30th we will be attending a BBQ and fireworks show at the home of one of the founding members home. Their car collection is a must see.
7. July brings the California State Fair where we have a chance to display our cars one day during the fair.
8. September brings the MOPAR Shootout at Sacramento Raceway produced by one of our members, these are the fastest MOPARS in the area drag racing for money. Our club will have a BBQ during the meet.
9. September we host a show and shine and *free* BBQ at Carmichael Park for all MOPAR fans.
10. In November we have the Tree Trimming and Potluck at the California Auto Museum.
11. In December our club attends the Shriners Hospital childrens toy run.
12. December also brings us our Holiday Awards and installation of next years officers which includes a dinner for members and their guest, at no charge.
13. A website, facebook and newsletter to keep you informed on whats of interest to our members.

These are just some of the events our members have a chance to attend during the year. So keep your MOPAR shined up and bring it out to our events. Plus, during the summer months we put on a BBQ before the monthly meetings.

Can it get any better than that??



This Month in MOPAR History

January 2, 1994

Introducing the Chrysler/Dodge/Plymouth Neon



Chrysler introduced the Neon on this day in 1994, selling the car under the Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth nameplates over the vehicle's lifetime. The car was produced through 2005 and achieved mild success as Chrysler Corp's entry in the small car market as it continually hit sales goals. However, the car tended to have a hard time keeping up with other manufacturers when it came to comfort. Whereas other small car producers added accessories, Chrysler added speed. The original Neon R/T could hit 60 mph in 7.6 seconds and Neons were competitive in SCCA Solo autocross and showroom-stock road racing.

January 14, 1954

Nash & Hudson merge to create AMC



In what was the largest corporate merger US history at the time, Nash-Kelvinator Corporation joined with Hudson Motor Car Company to form American Motors Corporation (AMC) on this day in 1954. The merger was led by Nash-Kelvinator CEO George Mason in order to build a company strong enough to compete with the Big Three, thus being General Motors, Ford and Chrysler. With a year Mason died of disease and his assistant George Romney was named the new president. Under Romney the company focused on a small car line and by the end of 1957 the Hudson and Nash names were phased out from badging. By 1960 AMC was named the third most popular brand of automobile in the US, in part thanks to its Rambler. For nearly the next two decades AMC

would experience relative success, producing some of America's best known cars in the 1960s and 1970s, including the Javelin, AMX, Gremlin and Pacer. In 1970 it acquired Jeep. Renault acquired a large portion of AMC in 1979. This stock, along with all other remaining shares, was purchased by Chrysler on March 9, 1987, leading to the end of the AMC brand.

January 26, 1979

"Dukes of Hazzard" premiers



"Ooooh, those Duke boys!" Cousins Bo and Luke Duke and the rest of Hazzard County crashed onto the small screen on this day in 1979 on American broadcast network CBS. "The Dukes of Hazzard" was an action comedy that brought cars into the starlight. Bo and Luke's 1969 Dodge Charger, the "General Lee," often stole the show while making their get-a-way from Sheriff Rosco P. Coltrane. The Duke boys, on probation for distilling moonshine, aren't allowed to leave Hazzard County, and often find themselves foiling the plots of corrupt county commissioner Boss Hogg. Aside from the "General Lee" the show featured Daisy's 1974 Plymouth Road Runner in the first series before she found herself in "Dixie," a white 1980 Jeep CJ-7. Uncle Jesse most often drove a 1973 - 1977 Ford F-100 while Boss Hogg commonly cruised in a 1970 Cadillac DeVille convertible.

January 28, 1896

The first speeding ticket



In early 1896 the speed limit in London was a blazing 2 mph (3 km) and every motorist had to have a flag

waver walk in front of them to alert people that an automobile was coming through. So when Walter Arnold raced through the streets of Paddock Wood, Kent on this day in 1896 at an astonishing 8 mph with no flag waver running in front of him a local constable was quick to take action. He jumped on his bicycle and gave chase for 5 miles before being able to stop the driver. Mr. Arnold was issued the world's first recorded speeding ticket for an automobile and after appearing in court was fined one shilling. Mr. Arnold was one of the first auto dealers and manufacturers in London, selling Benz autos and also building them under license using the name Arnold Motor Carriage. Later that year the Locomotives Act raised the speed limit to a breath-taking 14 mph and removed the need for a flag waver. A race from London to Brighton, the "Emancipation Run," was conducted to celebrate. Mr. Arnold participated, driving one of his own automobiles.

January 31, 1942

The last pre-war Mopars



Under the Lend-Lease act the US auto industry transitioned from building personal and commercial cars and trucks to war vehicles, machinery and weapons by early 1942. It was on this day in 1942 that the last pre-war Chryslers, Plymouths and Studebakers would roll off of their respective assembly lines. The last civilian car produced was a Ford sedan, which would leave the factory just two days later. Due to a government ration on automobile sales, as of February 22 there was a stockpile of approximately 520,000 new cars that would be available for purchase by those the government deemed "essential drivers," such as doctors and police officers. Following the end of civilian production nearly all automotive factories were retooled in order to build tanks, trucks, planes, bombs, boats, guns, ammunition, helmets and all other materials necessary for battle.

Carroll Shelby's personal 1983 Dodge Shelby Charger can be yours!



The sub-10-second 0-60 time is likely not what you will be bragging about if you buy this 1983 Dodge Shelby Charger.

This vintage of Charger represents a dark period of time for performance cars. During the late 1970s and '80s, the American muscle car was dying. Government legislation and insurance rates created a war on horsepower and an oil crisis made thirsty cars far less appealing. This forced manufacturers to create some rather underwhelming successors to great names. The once mighty Dodge Charger was reduced to a four-cylinder with the looks of an apologetic hatchback.

Carroll Shelby and Lee Iacocca worked together on the Charger in 1983 to produce the Dodge Shelby Charger, a faster and more agile car worthy of its name. The 2.2/4 engine was given a new camshaft, an altered compression ratio, and a new exhaust.

Power output was still only 107bhp, but Shelby focused on the car's handling as opposed to outright speed. Faster steering was fitted for a quicker change of direction, stiffer springs managed weight transfer better, larger brakes were fitted as were lower profile tires. The end result was a marked improvement over the car on which the Shelby was based.

The bodywork also received some attention--spoilers and skirts served to manipulate the air, distinctive Shelby decals and unique paint options were offered to customers of the Charger.

Shelby's personal collection began hitting the market earlier this year. Get your wallet tuned up and ready, as Bonhams is offering the car for sale at its Scottsdale auction January 17. The pre-sale estimate for this Shelby-bred Charger is \$15,000-\$20,000.



There's a Tornado coming: the new inline six

A brand new FCA in-line six-cylinder engine, turbocharged to meet or beat 5.7 Hemi power ratings, with a smoother torque curve, is on the way. The first vehicle to get it might be the Jeep Wagoneer or the next-gen Grand Cherokee, but it's also bound for the Charger and Challenger, and may replace the Pentastar as base engine on the Ram pickups.

A space-saving design, patented years ago, might help fit the new powerplant under low hoods.

To keep space requirements low, FCA is going to have to pull out all the stops, so it's not likely to be a GME four-cylinder with two more holes tacked on. The engine will have relatively small bores, closely spaced, to reduce its length; Lancia and Volkswagen have some old tricks that may come into play. Since ever millimeter counts, Chrysler's traditional steel cylinder liners may be rejected in favor of aluminum hardening. Reportedly, the goal is to stay within three inches of the current 2.4 liter four-cylinder.

The expected displacement is just under 3 liters, coming under a displacement-tax threshold, with power boosted either by twin turbos or by a twin-scroll turbo. The code name might be Tornado, or perhaps that's wishful thinking; in any case, the engine coded Hurricane is known as the "2.0 liter four cylinder," so it seems likely the GME-T6, even if nicknamed "Tornado," will just be called the "3.0 liter six cylinder" in official statements.

Mopar Trivia Corner

1. Some of Mopar's "High Impact" exterior colors were: Plum Crazy, Sublime, Green Go/Sassy Grass Green, Go Mango/Vitamin "C" Orange, Panther Pink/Moulon Rouge, Hemi Orange, Top Banana/Lemon Twist. *What was the nickname the media assigned to Plum Crazy?*
2. In 1963-64, you could walk into Studebaker dealerships nationwide, and order a brand new "Challenger" with the R3 option, which included, among many other speed items, a Paxton blower, and hand finished head work on the 289 V8, capable of low 13 ET's. (One such car was actually built at the factory, a few more were retrofitted through the dealerships.) *However, what was the very first "Challenger"?*
3. (a gimme) Total # of Dodge Chargers Used during Original Production of "The Dukes of Hazzard": 240 *How many survived?*
4. Jan and Dean sang about the "Little Old Lady From Pasadena." *What car did she drive?*
5. An advertising copywriter in 1914 made history when they found the perfect word to describe Dodge cars, which was never in a dictionary before it was in a Dodge advertisement. Now the word, just like the car, is known the world over. *What is that word?*

Answers will be at the January 8 General Meeting. Anyone with all 5 correct answers will win 2 raffle tickets for the night's raffle.

MSSH wraps up the 2018 season with a bang

The Modern Street Hemi Shootout closed out their season with a thrilling event at Atco Dragway last month. With the cool November air descending upon the east coast, the racers had good air and great track conditions, leading to a day of incredible modern Mopar racing capped off with some jaw-dropping elapsed times.

Highlights for the day included:

The ThiTek Pro Class saw Brian Brunt and his wicked Jeep Grand Cherokee claim another win on the 9.50 index. Brunt and his Jeep beat Mitch Weinberg in his Dodge Challenger to claim yet another win this season – helping propel Brian to the 2018 King of Kings title.



In the heads-up Demon Performance Super Pro Class, Jeff Sherwin and his "Red Baron" Dodge Charger took on John Reed and his Dodge Challenger. In a battle between two of the baddest modern Mopar machines, Reed red lit and the Red Baron Charger cruised to the class win. It should be noted that Sherwin shipped the Red Baron from the west coast to Jersey and went from being mid-pack in qualifying to winning the class with his wheelstanding, naturally-aspirated, Hemi-powered sedan.

The winner-takes-all A2Speed Demon class was won by David Davies while the High Horse Performance Hellcat Shootout was won by Leanne Mayberry and her Challenger.

Whipple Superchargers King of the Hill final saw Jeff Feiler take on Leanne Mayberry. The race was all but over as soon as the green lights dropped, with Feiler crushing Mayberry on the tree with a .044 to .378. On the big end, Mayberry broke out, running a 9.933 on a 9.98 dial while Feiler coasted through with an 11.48 on his 11.47 dial.



The events listed below are shown as either 'confirmed' with dates, or 'tentative' without dates. As the 'tentative' events receive dates, they will move to 'confirmed' status.

Date of last revision: 2/6/2018	
Contact Info	Club Event
-	No

Month	Date	Event	Location
Recurring		2nd Sunday car show at Carmichael Elks	8-11 a.m., 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael CA

Hi Fellow Mopars!

There isn't much happening in January as far as car shows or events, other than a few Cars and Coffee events. I could not find any Mopar exclusive events.

January 12, Saturday - Rocklin: The Cars and Coffee Whitney Ranch is from 8am to 10am at The Ranch House, 851 Old Ranch House Road.

January 13 - Carmichael: The 2nd Sunday Cars & Coffee is from 8am to 11am at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave.

January 13, Sunday - Elk Grove: The Cars & Coffee Elk Grove is 8am to 11:30am in the Sprouts/Dicks Parking Lot, at the corner of Laguna Blvd & Big Horn Blvd.

February 15-17, 2019 is the Sacramento Autorama. This isn't a club event but is a good show for true gearheads.

For late March, I will organize a trip to the National Auto Museum in Reno. A friend of mine at the museum is a docent and a Mopar guy. Only drawback would be a late March snow in the Sierras. I'll have more on that at the January and February meetings.

So, January and February are good months to dust off the tools and get the ol' Mopars tuned up so they can be enjoyed all summer long.

That's all I have, and will see you all on January 8th. Happy New Year.

Jack

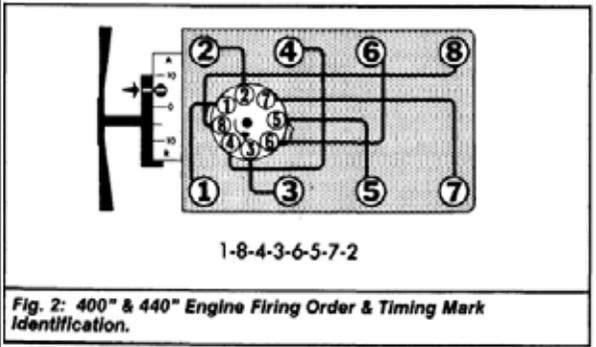
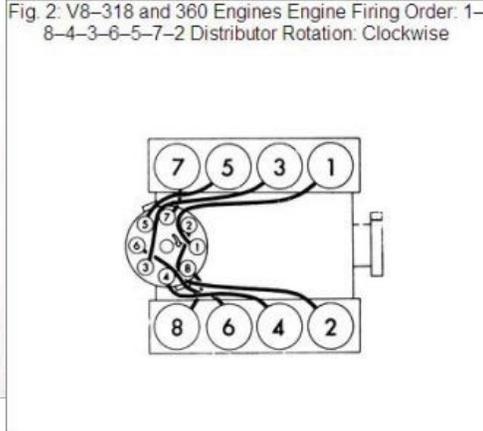


Mopar PERFORMANCE

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ROTATE 90°, SET#1	#4
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ROTATE 90° MORE, SET	...#3	#5
ROTATE 90° MORE, SET	...#6	#7
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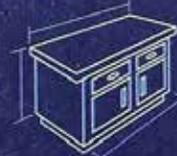
Looking for a special gift to give to your car guy or gal? How about a "Gearhead" membership to the California Automobile Museum? Several membership options are available. Membership information and an application form can be downloaded from the CAM website at calautomuseum.org.

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The Lunch Bunch

Several CCM Members have been meeting for lunch at various locations in town, on the last Wednesday of the month. They call themselves "The Lunch Bunch". This is an open invitation for anyone interested in attending. Time is usually 11am. John Riordan is the organizer and you can call him at 415-823-7009 to get on the list.

John will call a few days before each to let you know to what restaurant the group will be going.

Donate Raffle Prizes

Got any items that you don't need? Something you bought and never used, or won at a previous raffle? Consider donating them to the Club, as raffle prizes for the General Meeting or the annual Car Show.

DMV Help Line (916) 657-6560

Note: Free car club member complimentary passes to the California Automobile Museum can be obtained from President Bob Berry or Treasurer Norm Benedict. Passes can also be mailed with your newsletter when requested.

CCM Members!
Got a business?

Provide a business card and it will be printed in the pages of CCM News free!

Next Meeting

Tuesday January 8

7:00 pm

California Auto Museum

2220 Front Street, Sacramento