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Chargin' Ahead

We have all heard of the "barn-find" car selling for mega bucks at Barrett-Jackson Auctions. Well, let me tell you about the one I almost had . . . or did I? About 25 years ago, the wife and I went to Virginia for an All-Mopar Show. As we were leaving after the show, I stopped to fill the tank with gas for the trip home. While I was pumping gas, two "good ole boys" from the area came over to my '67 Charger and commented about it. One of the men said, he had a car just like mine at home. Now, he had already had a beer or twelve . . . so I shrugged it off. Seeing that I did not believe him, he got more adamant about the fact that he had this car and how that it was just like my car. His friend, the sober one, confirmed that he did indeed have one and that it was in his barn. "It is just like this car", I asked? "It sure is", was the answer that I received. "Would you want to sell it?" was my next question, and his reply was "Sure I'll sell it". How much, I asked? "One hundred dollars", the intoxicated man said. "Come with us and we will show it to you." I asked where it was located, and he said about ten miles down the road. I have seen a few movies kind of like this, and they did not end well . . . not to mention that my wife was not the least bit happy with the suggestion. I told him that I needed to get on home now, but I would call him. I asked for a phone number to contact him at on Monday. He gave me a number and I told him that I would call him in a few days. On Monday I called the number, and you guessed it – disconnected; now what to do? This is where my mistake was made -- I called the contact number on the show flyer and told the story that I had been given. I told the contact person the name of the community where the intoxicated guy said he lived, and the number that did not work. I never heard anything back, nor did I get a flyer the next year for the All-Mopar Show, nor have I received one since. Did the car even exist? Did someone find it and restore it? Was it a Hemi 4-speed that sold for big money at auction? Maybe . . . the intoxicated guy only had a . . . (dare I say it in a Mopar publication) . . . Torino.

See you on Thursday,

Randy Hoyle

(Editor's note: Randy, I always thought it looked more like a Cyclone – or vice-versa!)

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Mo-fun A Calendar of Events

BOLD TYPE denotes an official MGMA event. Contact **Jeff** 828-659-1428

Mar. 31 — Marion, NC Relay for Life Benefit Cruise-In at Moondoggy's on the Five-Lane.

April 19-22 — Concord, NC Charlotte AutoFair, Lowe's Motor Speedway. 704-841-1990.

May 19 — Marion, NC 15th Annual Mopars @ McDowell All-Mopar Show. 9am—3pm at McDowell Technical Community College. Food, door prizes, trivia, music and plenty of Mopars. More details and show flyer pending. Randy, 828-659-2607.

Every Third Saturday afternoon at 3:00 pm — Old Fort, NC Route 70 Cruisers holds a cruise-in. Please note change in day of week.

Vintage Ad of the Month

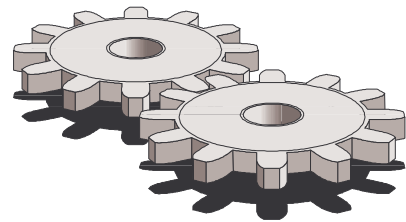
The ad discusses the availability of the 383 Magnum, the 440 Magnum and SixPack plus the "haulin' Hemi". It also mentions the then-new optional "Shaker Hood".

Tag line: "The 1970 Challenger R/T. Kind of 'cute' . . . 'til you let out the horses."



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MGMA TRIVIA

November's "A": *Vernon McKinney knew that the first production Mopar to use hidden headlamps was the 1942 DeSoto line.*

Now for January's "Q": *What car in what year was the first that Mopar identified using a single letter of the alphabet?*

NOTICE: *More submissions now needed for this trivia column — child photos of members, automotive trivia or anything I can use, any way you want to submit it! All photos will be returned.*

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MEMBER NEWS & MO JUNK

- ☞ To new members **Mick & Martha Kreszock** from Boone, as well as **Ed & Terri Toney** from Bostic: a big Mopar “Welcome!” to the family. And to returning members **Jody & Janet Stockton** of Marion, “Welcome back!”
- ☞ All members of the **Show Committee** please attend the **February** meeting. We will be discussing the **Jobs List** for the show and **Goody Bag Stuffers**.
- ☞ Also at February’s meeting, **Lawrence Reel** will give a **report on the Moparty Cruise to Chattanooga** hosted by **North GA Mopar Club** (at least I *think* it was NGMC — ed.).
- ☞ **Lawrence** also reports that he has purchased a **2012 Challenger Hemi R/T six-speed**, black with red stripes. Congrats on the new ride, Lawrence!
- ☞ **Arvo Kovamees** has volunteered to manage the **Recipe Book** project. Please send your **Mopar-themed recipes** directly to him.
- ☞ At top right is **Todd & Ruth Stephens’s** recently-acquired white **2006 Chrysler 300** photographed in front of the Biltmore House in Asheville. Todd’s comment: “**Everything is better with a Hemi.**” So true . . .
- ☞ **For Sale** at lower right is the red **1971 Dodge Demon** which member **Gene Head** has been restoring. It is equipped with **318, A/T, A/C** and it comes with the bumpers necessary to complete the car. For further details, please contact Gene at **828-287-8912**.



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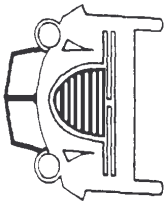
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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MAY SHOW COMMITTEE PLEASE ARRIVE AT 5:30!

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

MARCH: THURSDAY, MAR. 15 AT COUNTRYSIDE BBQ

APRIL: THURSDAY, APR. 19 AT COUNTRYSIDE BBQ

**MEETING USUALLY HELD ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH,
BUT BE SURE TO CALL OR TO CHECK THIS CALENDAR
BECAUSE WE OCCASIONALLY "GET CREATIVE"!**

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