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Inland Mopars Car Club

Unusual title this month? Short message this month as I just want to say a few words about the club and I can't think of a better "soapbox" to spout them from than here...

I want to thank each and every one of you for being members of Inland Mopars Car Club. I believe we have an outstanding group of people as members of our club and I count each of you as close friends. I truly value the time we spend together: monthly club meetings, monthly club activities, and the various car shows, drag races and other activities where members gather together to both experience and enjoy. Some of the best times are when we all get together to give back during our charity activities:

- Our annual "Mopars In May At CSDR" all-Mopar car show to benefit the kids programs at CSDR
- The "A Flag For Every Hero" events at Riverside National Cemetery to honor our Veterans for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day
- The "Wreaths Across America" event, also at Riverside National Cemetery, to honor our passed club members and current club family members who are interred there

All of you are the best! Thanks for just being who you are.

This is going to be short this month as life has been extremely busy and free time has been in short supply.

The next club meeting is at Carrow's restaurant in Rancho Cucamonga on Sunday, March 6th. I'll see you all at the usual time: 9:00AM for breakfast with our meeting starting as close to 10:00AM as possible.

As always, thank you to everyone for all you do to make Inland Mopars Car Club the very best it can be - the club's reputation is a direct reflection of the members //

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Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to*

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2016 MEETING SCHEDULE
January 3
February 7
March 6
April 3
May 1
June 5
July 3
August 7
September 4
October 2
November 6
December 4

Bits ‘n Pieces



A little closer to getting on schedule with the newsletter.

New member Tyler Rogers has requested help pulling a slant 6 and drive train from his '73 Duster & replacing it with a 318 and drive train from a '75 Duster donor vehicle. I am looking for a somewhat closer, more secure location than Camp Pendleton to do the work. Have a couple of options available. Will keep you informed via e-mail as details get ironed out. You can contact me at 951 212-0817 if you would like to help.

Mike

Minutes

February 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.

Members present: Steve Backer, Sil Brander, Sam Frisby, Joey & Daemon Garcia, Ken & Judy Hamer, Bill Heckman, Norma Johnston, Mike Keller, Leo Rowden, Steve Toloday, Bill & Debbie Whitson.

Members not present: Harry & Robin Windhorst are in Huntington Beach for a marathon with Beth Backer. Veronica Castro said to tell everyone HI; she's working weekends for the next 6 months.

Ken reported that we have a new member, Tyler Rogers. He worked the GNRS on Saturday. Tyler is in the Marines, gets out in May/June and has a '73 Duster. He also reported that Joanne Smithson, Smitty's wife, passed away recently. Graveside services will be held on March 5th at 10:00 AM at Holy Cross in Pomona. A Celebration of Life will follow at John's home in Riverside. All members are welcome.

Our non-holiday party was last night. We had a good time and good food at Marie Callender's. This year we are thinking of scheduling the party for the last Saturday in November. More discussion to be held at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Sam Frisby gave the Treasurer's Report. We now have 25 member families for 2016.

IECCC - Norma Johnston will bring the calendar to the next meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

The January newsletter is still on the computer, per Mike Keller, the new newsletter editor.

Grand National Roadster Show - January - Pomona. Ken Hamer thanked all members who worked the show and reported that he received the check from John Buck, which he will bring to the next meeting.

Dr. George Show - February 10th - Indian Wells. This is an excellent show held at the Indian Wells Tennis Center ... on the grass. Members attending: Steve Backer, Ken & Judy Hamer, Bill Heckman, Mike Keller. We will meet the Hot Desert Mopars group at the same hotel as last year.

Big 3 Auto Parts Exchange - February 26-28th at Qual Com Stadium in San Diego.

Mopars at the Strip - March 18-20 - Las Vegas. This year the show is called *Muscle Cars at the Strip* because there will be parking sections for Fords and Chevys in addition to Mopars.. The club will be parking only the Mopars. Mike Keller is trying to review the parking area to see how we are going to pull this off. They have moved the Fun Field so there will be enough room this year.

Corn Feed Run - April 9th - Chino.

Chaffey College Car Show - April 10th - Rancho Cucamonga.

Spring Fling - April 23-24th - Van Nuys.

Mopars in May - May 15th - Riverside. Mike Keller reported we have three registered food vendors, one of them being the Taco Lady, and three pre-registers for the show.

Flags for Every Hero - May - Riverside. We will join many others placing flags on the grave sites at Riverside National Cemetery. This event is similar to the one in November.

Inland Valley Street Rod Show - June 4th - Ontario.

Club Summer Picnic - August 7th - San Jacinto. Carol & Sil Brander have volunteered to open their home for this year's picnic. Steve Backer moved that we have the picnic at the Brander home; Norma Johnston seconded the motion; it was unanimously passed by the members present.

ROUND ROBIN

Sil Brander - is having people over for the Super Bowl game this afternoon. He apologized for the late notice, but all members are welcome.

Leo Rowden - has lost 70 lbs. and is doing well after his surgery, getting stronger every day. He plans on pulling the heads out of the Duster.

Ken Hamer - is getting the flex plate on his transmission.

Steve Backer - is looking forward to the Dr. George Show with Hot Desert Mopars. Said March is a packed month for him.

Norma Johnston - Baby hasn't been started for two months so will try starting her this afternoon. She's also going to a Super Bowl party at the Elks for a while this afternoon. She thanked everyone for their thoughts on Mom.

Mike Keller - was fence mending and working at Honeywell for 8 hours yesterday. He said he needs to speak to Laura about insisting that Melinda go home after the GNRS is over so the closers can work without her being a hindrance. He & Norma didn't leave until after 10 PM on Sunday after the show.

Joey & Daemon Garcia - stripped the interior on the car and replaced both the glass and weather-stripping. Took most of the dash out and are painting the steering column.

Steve Toloday - Michelle is still in China; however, she received the honor of being chosen Employee of the Year, which is quite a feat out of 25,000 employees! Congratulations, Michelle!!!

The March club meeting will be on March 6th at Carrow's Restaurant in Rancho Cucamonga. Breakfast will be at 9:00 AM, followed by the business meeting at 10:00 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamer
Recording Secretary

Very RARE One of None!

Submitted by Jason Gibbons

The following is from www.BANGshiift.com :

Crazy Craigslist Find: The 1974 'Cuda Tooling Proof Body Is For Sale - Quite Literally The First One Made

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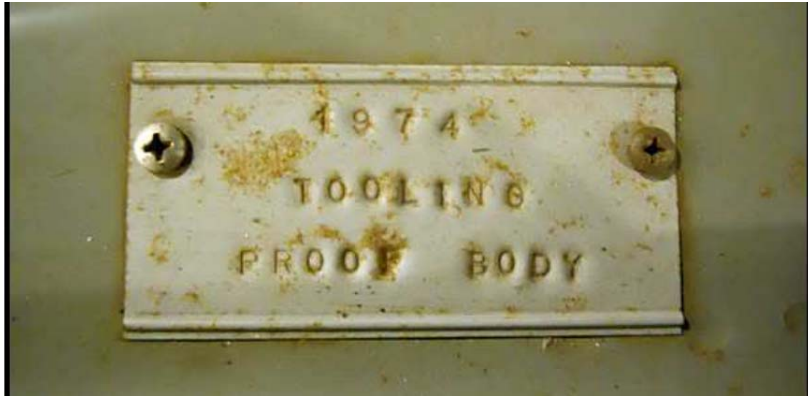
There are honestly very few opportunities that people get to buy something that can rightfully be claimed as "the first" or "the only". Even in the automotive world where things are numbered, serialized, and documented, things have happened over the years shattering people's idea of cars that were supposed to be one off or non-existent. In the case of this unique car or rolling shell, all of the evidence needed to prove it is exactly what the seller claims is present. This is the 1974 'Cuda tooling proof body. This is quite literally the first body that came down the assembly line and it was used to determine if the processes in place were going to make the body to the standard that Chrysler wanted before they went into full production.

The VIN plates are stamped "Tooling Proof Body", the thing has an awesome grid and a whole bunch of notes written on it, and there's paperwork and history to tell the story of how this body was nearly acid dipped and turned into a pro stock car, twice. It has changed hands a few times but even though at least one of the owners thought it was a good idea to disassemble the thing, all the parts and pieces were recovered and the car is back to the way it should have been all along.

It is kind of a weird thing in the fact that actually using this body for anything but dragging around to shows would make it less valuable. Being that it has no VIN we're not sure you could actually make a real car out of it and making said car out of it would turn it into "just another 'Cuda".

A cool piece of Mopar history you can own. The Craigslist ad is fantastic with all the details and history. Check it out below!

Very RARE One of None! (cont)

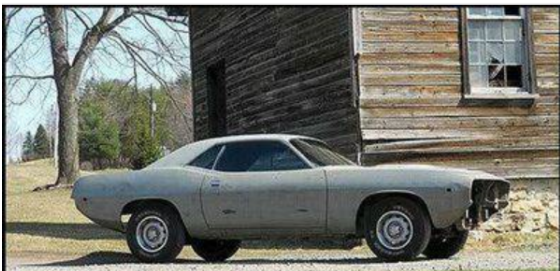


Very RARE One of None! (cont)



From South Jersey Craigslist:

★ 1974 Tooling Proof Body - \$30000 (Clementon) 🇺🇸



This Tooling Proof Body was the first assembled steel body for the 1974 model year. It was used as a gauge to take measurements from checking the alignment of body panels for production cars.

Very RARE One of None! (cont)

It's in original factory primer and is scribed by Chrysler engineers every 5" on both axis at various intersections. There are factory notations written with a black marker. The original owner worked for Chrysler during these years and bought the car from SPEHARS PERFORMANCE of Royal Oaks MI.

To those who know what this car is know that this is a prime piece of Chrysler history for any collector. This car is a real SURVIVOR and it is the only one known to exist. NO other "Tooling Proof Body" cars are known to exist at all, none escaped the factory and they were all destroyed!

Everything has been collected and put in a folder that has all of the documents and history. I have left it the way I got it as you can see. It's really amazing to look at up close with all the grids and markings. It's very different with all the lines and markings and it's a real eye catcher for sure. It would be the center piece for any hardcore Mopar lover. It's been in two magazines and most people don't even know about it, but they are shocked when they hear about it!

This is a very rare piece of muscle car history and the only one like it. The very first one made in 1974 to set up the production line. The word Rare doesn't do it justice as it shouldn't even exist! A piece of Mopar history that's beaten the odds from the day it was constructed by mother Mopar herself!

This is a true survivor that has escaped destruction on more than one occasion. This One of None has quite a unique story and amazing history behind it. So interesting in fact it's in the December 2006 issue of Mopar Muscle Magazine, and in the October 2011 issue of Mopar Action Magazine.

Brief History:

A Tooling Proof Body (or Buck as it was called by factory workers) is the first car assembled and is used to set up the assembly line. It was used as a reference during early production. The Tooling Proof is bolted to a 6"-8" steel plate that has tooling lines scribed every 5 inches. Once bolted to the plate the car is laid out with a corresponding 5"x5" grid. And each square is assigned a letter and number for reference.

(1st near miss)

After the line is up and running the production of these bodies are either crushed or deconstructed with air chisels to test integrity. Letting one of these out of the factory would reveal trade secrets. Bodies in white were made available to racers through the Chryslers Stock Car program via Spehars Performance. (Ted Spehar of Ram-chargers fame) acting as a liaison between Chrysler Corp and the racers. These were complete Bodies that were left in the factory E-Coat (dipped in factory sealer) and came with nothing but the bare shell.

(2nd near miss)

In 1974 famous drag racer Dick Landy was looking for a Dodge Dart body in white to compete in the 74 season with no success. Spehars did some serious work searching for a Dart, but could only come up with this body on such short notice and quickly sent it to Val Chem Corp in Ohio to be acid dipped. (A common process to lighten the cars for completion) figuring this would remove all the tooling marks and the sensitive trade secrets they held. Landy had however secured a Dart and no longer needed this body. Val Chem was not yet paid for the acid dipping so they refused to do it for fear of not getting paid. So they pushed it into a corner of the shop.

Very RARE One of None! (cont)

(3rd near miss)

A year later a Chrysler employee was in search of a body to build his dream car. He had a donor car that had been wrecked and was put in touch with Mike Koran the sales manager for Spehars Performance who still needed to sell the body sitting at Val Chem. A deal was struck and he purchased the body sight unseen and set off from Indiana to Ohio to pick up his dream car. He spent the next few years piecing it together, but never got it finished and luckily never painted the body. Life got in the way including a divorce, chronic health problems, the loss of his eye sight and repeatedly loss of storage spaces for the body. He made a hard choice to sell it to a friend and it was pushed into his shop and left untouched until it was purchased late last year.

(4th near miss)

The next owner decided the car should be returned to as close as possible to the way it was when it left the factory in 74' so he thought that it was a good idea to remove all of the parts from the donor car. Only leaving the glass, door handles, suspension, wheels and steering to make it easier to move and display.

Originally an engineering tooling test fit body, to verify production fit and methods, the fender tag states "1974 TOOLING PROOF BODY." Never fitted with suspension or interior, but now has gloss black front suspension, rear axle with leaf springs, and steering assembly (to facilitate moving other than by forklift.), it retains complete grid reference and tooling location markings.

This body is in amazing shape for its age and history and this is as close as you can get to a NOS body! Here's your chance to own a very rare one of none 1974 Tooling Proof Body that has never been on the road.



The BIG Carb Deal Is Back!

GET A FREE AIR CLEANER & FENDER COVER... when you buy a NEW Performer or Thunder Series AVS Carburetor! In order to qualify and receive a FREE Edelbrock air cleaner (up to \$89.95 retail value) and Fender Cover, you must purchase a new Edelbrock Performer or Thunder Series AVS carburetor between March 1, 2016 until April 30, 2016, complete the redemption form as directed, and mail it in by May 31, 2016.

Mopars in May at CSDR 2016 Update

Preparations for Mopars in May at CSDR are underway. Solicitations for raffle (opportunity drawing) items, goodie bag items and trophy sponsors have gone out & we are getting responses and items. Attached are the forms you will need if you have a vendor or place of business you would like to approach, or if you would like to sponsor a trophy in yours or some ones name. The important thing to remember is I need any trophy sponsor forms back by the end of March. The paperwork says March 15, which is when I would really like to get it, but being realistic, I will settle for the end of March. This info is needed before the trophy list can be submitted to the trophy shop.

The cars for the shirt art have been submitted and a preliminary is attached for your viewing enjoyment. Yes, the '37 does look blue but I have been told that when it is printed on the shirts it will magically appear as black. Not sure what color staff shirts will be yet but need sizes from those planning on working the show, which in case you have forgotten, is Sunday May 15, before the end of March. I believe that will give the shirt supplier time to get them done as well as the magnets (one stop shopping this year). Mike: E-mail limedust70@gmail.com or call 951-212-0817.

At the March meeting we will need to discuss & do sign-ups for the specific areas; gate, car show parking, swap parking, vendor parking, trailer parking, shirt & magnet sales, opportunity drawing & 50/50 sales, and the one everyone loves, judging. I will again be reaching out to other clubs to help with judging. We have already had one volunteer from Hot Desert Mopars

I believe our April meeting is scheduled to be held at CSDR so we can see what changes have happened since last year.

I would like Jason & Cat to again take care of the tent reservation like we had last year. It worked out great & will probably go in the same spot as last year. We should be able to confirm at the April meeting.

Bill Heckman has pre-registered for the Spring Fling so if anyone would like to either ride out with Bill, or Bill ride out with you, please contact him. The reason I am bringing this up is Spring Fling will need to have our Mopars in May flyers distributed to the car show entrants as well as the swappers. It is easier if it is done by more than one person. Bill can be reached at 909 632-3546. I will be there but working the Layson's booth for the weekend.



Cruise Calendar

Tuesdays

Moreno Valley- 5:00-8:00 PM - Bravo Burgers, 21635 Eucalyptus Ave, 866-924-4490-3rd Tuesday
Victorville- 5:00 PM - Sonic Drive-In, 11780 Amargosa Rd, 760-949-8827-Every Tuesday

Wednesdays

Bloomington - 5:00-8:00 PM - Farmer Boys, 3356 So. Riverside Ave., 866-924-4490-3rd Wednesday
Hesperia - 5:00-8:00 PM - Tom's Famous Burgers, 16727 Bear Valley Rd., 760-949-1815-Every Wednesday
lake Elsinore-4:00-7:00 PM - Lake Elsinore Marketplace, Central between Dexter & Cambren-1st & 3rd Wednesday
Pomona -4:00-8:00 PM - NHRA Museum Twilight Cruise, 1101 W. McKinley Ave-1st Wednesday
San Gabriel - 5:00 PM - "The Boat" Cruise Night, 7215 Rosemead Blvd.-2nd & 4th Wednesday

Thursdays

Covina -5:00-9:00 PM - Beachside Cafe, 1319 No. Grand Avenue, 626-923-3160-Every Thursday
Victorville - 5:00-8:00 PM - Farmer Boys (Mall), 14280 Bear Valley Road-Every Thursday

Fridays

Covina - 5:00-8:00 PM - Lisa's Diner, 1530 W. San Bernardino Rd (Jan-Oct) - Last Friday
Hemet - 4:00-7:00 PM - Gus Jr., 1531 E. Florida Ave, 866-924-4490-3rd Friday
Moreno Valley-5:00-8:00 PM - Stoneridge Town Centre, Hwy. 60 & Nason St.-2nd Friday
Perris -5:00-8:00 PM - Harry's Cafe, 748 Ramona Expressway, 866-924-4490-4th Friday
Redlands - 6:00-9:00 PM - Bravo Burger, 1911 W. Redlands Blvd.-2nd Friday
Riverside - 4:00-7:00 PM - Farmer Boys Car Cruise, 16880 Van Buren Blvd.-1st Friday
Riverside - 6:00-9:00 PM - Farmer Boys Cruise Night, 2901 Iowa Ave-3rd Friday
Riverside - 5:00-8:00 PM - Jason's Deli, 2555 Canyon Springs Pkwy (Jan-Oct) - 4th Friday
Upland - 5:00-8:00 PM - Denny's Cruise Night, 825 W. Foothill Blvd.-2nd Friday
Yucaipa - 6:00-9:00 pm - Past Pleasures Car Club, Yucaipa Valley Center, 33600 Yucaipa Boulevard (Apr-Nov) - 1st Friday

Saturdays

Banning- 7:00-10:00 PM - Gus Jr., 909-849-4805-1st Saturday
Barstow -7:00 PM - Foster Freeze, 1580 W. Main St.-Every Saturday
Chino Hills- 8:00-10:30 AM - Johnny Rockets, 13865 City Center Drive-2nd Saturday
Chino Hills - 4:00-8:00 PM - Baskin Robbins Cruise Day, 4200 Chino Hills Pkwy @ Pipeline-3rd Saturday
City of Industry- 8:00-10:00 AM - Krispy Kreme, 1548 Azusa Ave-1st Saturday
Claremont - 5:30-8:00 pm - village Grille, 148 No. Yale - 909-626-8813-2nd Saturday
Corona - 5:00-8:00 PM - Jimmy's Diner, 160 E. Ontario at Main (May-Oct)- 2nd Saturday
Corona - 1:00-4:00 PM - Jimmy's Diner, 160 E. Ontario at Main (Nov-Apr) - 2nd Saturday
Corona - 4:00-7:00 pm - Farmer Boys, 1625 East Sixth St (Jan-Oct), 866-924-4490 -4th Saturday
Fontana - 2:00-5:00 PM - Fontana Car Show, Civic Center Campus, 8353 Sierra Ave.-Last Saturday
Menifee - 3:00 PM - Yellow Basket, 29966 Haun Rd.-1st Saturday
Moreno Valley- 1:00-4:00 PM - Farmer Boys, 15991 Perris Blvd., 866-924-4490-1st Saturday
Moreno Valley- 4:00-9:00 pm - Sunnymead Burgers, 23670 Sunnymead Blvd., 951-242-0561-2nd Saturday
Moreno Valley- 3:00-6:00 PM - Hoggs Gourmet Grill, 12625 Frederick Street #E9 - 866-924-4490-3rd Saturday
Norco - 8:00-10:00 AM - Norco Cruizers, 2792 Hamner Blvd.-Every Saturday
Ontario- 5:00-9:00 PM - Galaxy Hamburger Cruise Night, 2150 So. Archibald-1st Saturday

Cruise Calendar

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Ontario - 9:00-12:00 Noon - Ontario Marketplace, 1947 Convention Center Way-2nd Saturday Ontario - 6:00-9:00 PM - Round Table Pizza, 1020 No. Mountain Ave.-3rd Saturday

Palm Springs - 1:00-5:00 PM - Palm Springs Cruising Assn., 72-840 Hwy. 111(Oct-May)-1st Saturday Pomona - 5:00-10:00 PM - Metro Pomona Cruise Night, Downtown Pomona-Last Saturday

Rancho Cucamonga - 4:00-8:00 PM - Cruisin' Rt. 66 Plaza, 9400 Block Foothill (Apr-Sept), 951-681-4605-1st Saturday Rancho Cucamonga - 5:00-8:00 PM (Jun-Oct) - Legends Burgers, 8775 Baseline Rd - 909-941-9555-3rd Saturday Rancho Cucamonga - 2:00-5:00 PM (Nov-May) - Legends Burgers, 8775 Baseline Rd - 909-941-9555-3rd Saturday Riverside - 8:00 AM - Cars & Cappuccino, 1630 Spruce St-Every Saturday

Riverside - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM - Hooters Restaurant, 6225 Valley Springs Pkwy-1st Saturday Riverside - 5:00-9:00 PM - Old Iron Car Show, Farmer Boys, 2901 Iowa Street-1st Saturday Riverside - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM - Law's Classic Car Show & Shine, 9640 Indiana Ave-1st Saturday

Riverside - 8:00-11:00 AM - Fly-In Breakfast, Hangar Crawl, Flabob Airport, 4130 Mennes-3rd Saturday

Riverside - 1:00-4:00 PM (Feb-Mar) - Hot Rods at the Spectrum, 8052 Limonite-3rd Saturday Riverside - 5:00-8:00 PM (Apr-Oct) - Hot Rods at the Spectrum, 8052 Limonite-3rd Saturday

San Bernardino- 4:00-7:00 PM -cruise Night at Farmer Boys, 1766 W. Kendall Rd.-2nd Saturday San Bernardino- 6:00 PM (Apr-Aug)- Cruisin' E St, E St & Orange Show Rd.-3rd Saturday

Upland - 5:00-8:00 PM (Jun-Oct)- Legends Burger Car Show, 2420 W. Arrow Route-1st Saturday Upland - 2:00-5:00 PM (Nov-May)- Legends Burger Car Show, 2420 W. Arrow Route-1st Saturday

Sundays

Banning- 2:00-5:00 PM - Gramma's Country Kitchen, 2868 W. Ramsey Street-4th Sunday Glendora- 9:00 AM-1:00 PM - Legend's Classic Cruise, 1155 E. Route 66-1st Sunday

la Verne -10:00 AM-3:00 PM - Brackett Airport, McKinley, w/o Fairplex Dr.-3rd Sunday

Menifee - 10:00 AM - Car Cruise at the Mott Museum, 28280 Hwy. 74 (May-Sept) - 1st & 3rd Sunday Perris - 3:00-6:00 PM ! Jenny's Family Restaurant, 1675 Perris Blvd. - 866-924-4490-3rd Sunday Perris -1:00-4:00 PM - Skydive Perris Car Cruise, 2091 Goetz Rd.-1st Sunday

Ramona - 5:00-7:00 PM - Denny's Restaurant, 1946 Main St. - 760-789-0513-Every Sunday

Rancho Cucamonga -4:00-7:00 PM - Red Robin Tunes & Fumes, 12271 Foothill (April-Oct) - 3rd Sunday

Riverside - 5:00-8:00 PM - Shops at Riverwalk, 4290 Riverwalk Pkwy-1st Sunday

Riverside - 4:00-7:00 PM - Canyon Crest Towne Center, 5225 Canyon Crest Dr-2nd Sunday