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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Sweet Pea’s Table

8948 Mid South Drive, Olive Branch, MS

662-895-7743

Can you name this car?

(This one's easy!



Our President's Message

Greetings of the New Year! I had no idea that, as 2017 dawned, I'd find myself as the President of the Mid-South MOPARS Club – but, here I am and I'm looking forward to it. I'd like to wish Mike Snodgrass and Nick Mahintorabi best wishes in their respective new endeavors and for their time and effort in getting us to where we are.

Now, we are turning a corner with a focus on re-energizing the club and your input and participation are key to making it happen. During impromptu planning discussions that we've had since mid-December, a lot of ideas have surfaced and nothing is out of the realm of possibility. There are a few areas that will be paramount and getting our immediate attention:

- Membership – Recruit new Members, contact past members, energize inactive members
- Attendance – Encourage regular meeting attendance
- Activities – Identify and participate in regular activities

- Newsletter – Re-establish the Newsletter and its availability
- Website – Update the website, keep it current, relevant, and interesting

These are top-line priorities, recognizing that a number of other initiatives and responsibilities will fall under these priorities. For example, I mentioned that we need to be a “pot luck supper” organization – everybody contributes something to our organization. We also need to stay in touch with each other, so we’re going to make sure our Roster is updated and accessible, and we’re going to set up a buddy system where every member is linked to another member like a chain. New members will be paired with an existing member. The “Calling Post” service will be reviewed to make sure that it is being used effectively. These are just a few ideas that come to mind as I draft this Message.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 7 at Sweet Pea’s Table in Olive Branch.

Some folks to the north have expressed a concern that this is too far away. I assume that the folks who are in the south express the same concern when the meeting is to the north. Once or twice a year you have to go a little farther? Your attendance and input at this and every meeting is important. Maybe we need to discuss whether the meeting should always be held at a central location – would that be better? One of the things we’re going to do at this meeting is to distribute a survey to help us know the members’ needs and expectations. We’ll also be discussing other ideas that have surfaced since the last meeting. I hope to see a lot of our members there, I look forward to getting to know everybody better, and I look forward to a very exciting and active year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to share some thoughts.

Continued best wishes,

David

Words From Our Vice President

Hello everyone. For those of you that don’t know me, my name is Alan Bauer and I moved to the Memphis area a little less than a year ago to be closer to my youngest son and his family. I have a Sassy Grass Green 1971 Dodge Challenger convertible with a 450 HP 408 stoker motor backed up by a Tremec 5 speed and I recently acquired a Hemi Orange 1969 Dodge Coronet R/T clone that I am in the

process of trying to straighten out some electrical issues with. I hope to have it on the road sometime this spring.

One of the things I enjoy the most is driving and showing my cars so you will see me at many of the local cruise nights and car shows, and I hope many of you feel the same way. I am looking forward to helping come up with a variety of activities for the club where we can all drive and share our cars with each other and the general public. That being said this is our club, not my club nor David's club so I am anxious to hear about any potential activities that any of you would like to see the club do.

Spring is not too far around the corner so I hope all of you have been spending some time out in the garage working on all those little things that our cars always seem to need. This crazy weather we have been having this winter has offered its own set of challenges but I hope everyone will have their favorite MOPAR ready to go when the weather breaks.

Don't forget the February Club meeting will be at Sweat Peas Table in Olive Branch, MS. I know it is a long haul for some of you way up north but I still hope to see you there and we will be having a meeting up north in the near future. In the meantime, "Happy MOPARing" to all of you.

Alan

TREASURY REPORT

Scott Forrester, Treasurer

Beginning Balance: \$2,214.10

Deposits: \$151.00 (Membership dues – 140; 50/50 – 11)

Disbursements/Expenditures: \$199.95 (Bank Account Charges – 5; Stan Walker Memorial – 150; Calling Post – 44.95)

Ending Balance: \$2,165.15

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Minutes
January 3, 2017

Bobby started off the meeting by giving Ray Dietrich a calendar that featured tractors. Ray was able to return to the meetings since his unfortunate tractor accident in October. His tractor rolled over and actually rolled over on him. He broke his back and several ribs, and bruised his heart. He was air lifted to the Med where he had to stay for 1 month.

The club elected new officers for the vacant President and Vice President positions. The majority vote elected David Moeslein for President and Alan Bauer for Vice President. David thanked Mike for all that he had done for the club. He talked about his vision for the club and that he would like to find a way to get more people to attend events and meetings. He also talked about the club having a "Pot Luck Membership" in how each member has a unique skill that contributes to the success of the club. Alan expressed to the club that he would like to drive the cars more.

Margie will start doing a newsletter and will send a message to the club members if something happens such a Ray's accident. Margie will call Ray Fudge if and when something happens. Rick will send her a list of e-mails for club members which led to the discussion of spam e-mails. Members told Margie how to send a blind courtesy copy to eliminate this issue.

Sadly, we lost a long time member when Stan Walker passed. The Club decided to make a donation of \$150.00 to the American Heart Association in memory of Stan. Scott also reported that the Club raised \$260.00 for the Wounded Warrior Project at our Christmas Party.

David Moeslein won the drawing for the free membership. Kim Wicker won the 50/50 and James Marshall won the prize for wearing a blue MOPAR Club shirt.

Scott Forrester mentioned that "Cars and Coffee" will now be held in Bartlett at the Napa Store. This event will take place on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Mike Snodgress explained that his job offer in Nashville did Napanot work out but he has a lot going on in his life now. He will still be in the club and would like to be on the Events Committee. He has been traveling to be with his parents since

his Dad had back surgery. He told us about getting his truck working properly since he got a replacement computer.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Sweet Pea's Table located at 8948 Mid South Drive in Olive Branch, MS. Directions are on the Mid South MOPAR club's page on Facebook.

Kimberly Wicker

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

License Plates \$5.00

Hat \$5.00

Blue Polo Shirts (new style) \$10.00

Blue T-Shirts (new style) \$7.50

20th Year Anniversary T-Shirts \$5.00

Pencils and Key Fobs \$.25 each or 5/\$1.00

Services

Ed Becker (901-494-1825) Chrysler transmission repairs

7950 Pea Vine Rd. Middleton, TN 38052

Rick Sorak (901-399-0245) Car repairs, crash repairs, restorations

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Wants and Gots

Need something and can't find it?

Got something and don't want it?

(MOPAR or not)

*Send me an email by the 20th of the month
to get your request in the current newsletter.*

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 28, 2017....

Cars and Coffee: Napa Auto Parts: Stage and Appling

Sunday, February 5, 2017....

*Nashville – 29th Annual Stones River Region AACA Swap Meet and Car Corral
(Largest in the Mid-South) 6:30 AM to 3:00PM*

(615) 295-2400. Spectators: \$7.00 donation