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SEPTEMBER 2008

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 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: [Lynn Dota](#)  
 NEWSLETTER EDITOR: [Nancy Sabol](#)  
 EVENT COORDINATOR: [Dave Haberkorn](#)

#### MEETINGS:

Last Tuesday of every month at Alf's Pizza on 196<sup>th</sup> in Lynnwood.

Meeting time is 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

**EDITOR'S CORNER:**

Well, here we go again. The second attempt at our new e-newsletter. I hope you all enjoyed the August issue, even though I didn't have a feature car. I didn't hear any negative feedback, so I am assuming that everyone was pleased. Apparently only one member had trouble receiving the newsletter, and that was caused by his server. If you are having trouble with any of the graphics or pictures, I will be happy to print you up a black & white copy on my personal printer, and send it to you.

In order for the newsletter to be appealing to everyone, I want to make sure there are a variety of items in it. Besides the usual articles from the staff members, I want to include news articles, regarding Mopar products, and classified ads. If you come across a newsworthy article that you'd like to share, then here's the place to share it. But please, NO political articles.

I know there are members looking to sell or buy parts for their cars, and your newsletter is a great way to let other members know. So, if you're trying to sell a car or just parts, send the information to me, and I'll make sure everyone knows what you are selling. The same goes for those of you looking for parts.

This is your club's newsletter. use it! I want to make this the best newsletter, and I can only do that with your help.

Don't forget, the next general meeting is Tuesday, September 30th at Alf's Pizza in Lynnwood, at 7:30pm.

Nancy  
Newsletter Editor

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**PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS:**

Hi Mopar Fans,

I can't believe it's September. The year is going fast and the summer isn't long enough. I hope you were able to go to a lot of shows, and have been enjoying your classic ride.

Well, we have several topics to talk about at the next staff and general meetings. An important topic will be membership dues, so please try to attend the general meeting on 9/30/08, and bring your thinking caps. I would like to see a really big turnout this time. Get involved, your ideas count.

The next staff meeting is at Crystal Creek Cafe, 9/24/08 at 7:30pm.

I want to make a quick mention about the Snohomish show. coming up on Sept. 28th. This is the last big show of the season, and I would love to have a huge club participation at this show. As usual, we will be meeting up at McDaniels Lumber on 2nd street, at 7:00am. Nancy will send out a caravan reminder.

Be sure to show your club support by writing your club affiliation on your registration form. Even if you're not currently a member, you can still support your club when you register.

Thanks

Eldon  
President

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**FROM THE SECRETARY:** (Minutes from August general meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Eldon introduced the new staff.

Vice President Frank Carter announced upcoming car shows. He also talked about the club Christmas party. He suggested that instead of having it at the bowling alley that maybe we have it at the go kart track.

Secretary Mike Sabol read the minutes from the previous meeting.

We have \$1,832.75 in the General fund, and \$5,555.55 in the show fund.

Sgt. at Arms Dave Peterson was not present, so Dave Haberkorn is doing a 50/50 raffle.

Membership director Lynn Dota reports that we have 64 members. She was also thinking about how we can get the number of members back up. One suggestion was that maybe having an online newsletter will bring some members back. We all decided to give the newsletter a couple of months and see what happens. Another suggestion was possibly reducing membership dues. This item will be discussed further in the future.

Our newsletter editor, Nancy Sabol said she has received positive feedback on the first online newsletter for Aug. She said she will most likely stay with the E-mail format since it is easier to do. Dave Haberkorn was appointed by Nancy to provide a feature car for the Sept. newsletter. She also said she would be calling people to get their E-mail addresses for the newsletter. If anyone would like to sell something in the newsletter, just E-mail Nancy the info and she will put it in the newsletter.

Our show chairman, Dave Haberkorn, said he is working with Dave Oz to try and secure Mariner High school for next years show. The sticking points right now are the date and whether or not we can have our swap meet there. More to follow on this.

#### Old Business

Lynn talked about giving out key chains/window clings to new members like we used to do. This needs further discussion due to the fact that if we reduce dues we won't have the extra money to spend and we also don't know from year to year how many new members we will have.

#### New Business

Chris Mayfield wants to do a Mopar cruise-in (not a show) next year at XXX. He says he would just need a few volunteers to help. This would be held on Labor day. Also, it looks like there will be no Mopar show at Pac Raceways next year. Part of this is due to the small turnout at this years show and also because the new track management does not want to do shows with all one make of cars.

#### Guests

Jim from Ft. Worth, Tex. who was a previous member. He has a 70 Duster 340 and 72 1/2 ton Dodge. We also had Crystal with a 76 Aspen.

#### Tech Questions

Bill Bynum is having problems with the turn signals on his Maserati TC.

**For Sale**

Pete Holbrook has his 64 Polara for sale. He would like to get at least \$15,000 for it.  
 Gary Hergert is selling his 68 Polara convertible for \$9,000.  
 Some one has a 64 Barracuda and parts car for sale for \$2,000, however I did not get the name.

The next Staff meeting is at the Crystal Creek Cafe in Canyon Park on Sept. 24 at 7pm  
 The next General meeting is Sept. 30 at 7:30pm at Alfys.

The raffle was won by Lynn Dota (\$30).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Mike  
 Secretary

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**FROM THE TREASURY:****General Fund:**

B of A,	Checking balance	\$1,512.59
B of A,	Savings	\$334.16
Watermark Credit Union		\$26.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,872.75</b>

Pete Holbrook  
 Treasurer

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**EVENT COORDINATOR:**

As yet, we have not received confirmation for using Mariner High school as the site for the 2009 Spring Round-up but we are working hard, and hope to have good news soon.

Dave Haberkorn  
 Event Coordinator

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**FEATURE CAR** (Sorry no picture this month)

September 17, 2008

[Mopar – A Love Story...](#)

The story begins when Don Drogosz traded his 1970 440 SixPack in on a new Charger at Wegge Dodge in Pasadena, California on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1973. He drove it one year and the “gas crisis” of 1974 hit resulting in the parking and covering of the vehicle. It received care and limited use for the next 23 years.

Fast forward to the mid 1990's – Don meets and marries my Mother-in-Law, Liz Bergquist. Liz contacted my wife Mary and told her Don wanted to sell the old Dodge and would Dave be interested. Mary and I were married in 1973 and owned a new Duster 340 at the time – silver and black. Our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary was approaching and Mary decided that the Charger – also silver and black - was fated to belong to me – now that's LOVE! So she struck a deal with Don who graciously sold it to Mary for what he paid for it in 1973 - \$4000.00!

The vehicle is truly a “survivor” It was a feature 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary car at the 1998 Mopar Nationals and judged to be 95% original at the time. Recently it received a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy at the Pacific Raceway Mopar Show as Best Original Car. It now has just over 49,000 miles on it.

Description:

1973 Dodge Charger Rallye

Silver with Black Vinyl Roof and Black Vinyl Interior

400 C.I. – 260 net Horsepower

3 Speed “Slapstick” 727 Automatic

G60 x 15 Tires on Rally Rims

3.23 Rear end

PS, PDB, Air Conditioning, AM FM Mono Radio

From: Dave Haberkorn

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**FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

**Fall Driving Tour:**

Let's resurrect the trips we used to take to Leavenworth each Fall. We are planning a caravan going to the Wings and Wheels show in East Wenatchee on Saturday October 4. Meeting at Safeway in Monroe leaving at 7:00 am. Our record car count was 32. You can return at the end of the day or stay overnight to enjoy Sunday's festivities as well. Check the details at [www.east-wenatchee.com/wingsandwheels](http://www.east-wenatchee.com/wingsandwheels). Let's gather the herd once again!

We are also exploring ideas for our Christmas party with is coming up this Christmas (duh). A couple of ideas have been presented: Bowling like we have done for a couple of years and a new one going to a go-kart track. Other possibilities are renting a hall for a catered dinner with a gift exchange. This last idea is the one we did for many years. Email me back for preferences or other ideas at [mopeg69@verizon.net](mailto:mopeg69@verizon.net)

Cheers,  
Frank VP

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sept. 28th: Snohomish Car Show

Oct 3 - 4: Mopar Summit, Portland. 503.380.4832

Oct. 3 - 5: 6th annual Wings & Wheels, East Wenatchee Eastmont Community Park. 509.884.7053

Oct 11 - 12: Monroe Swap Meet. 360.738.4683

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**PENN GRADE 1 RACING OIL:** (News story)

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Regards,

Nick Dixon

American Refining Group, Inc.

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**A true story submitted by Pete Holbrook:**

**Spare the Squirrel and Bend the PT**

Early Thursday morning August 28<sup>th</sup>, my wife Jo Ann Holbrook was entering the Boeing company office complex at Harbour Pointe and was startled into an accident by a suicidal squirrel. She was driving her 2004 PT Cruiser and veered to the right on the one-lane entrance road. The car hopped over the 6" curb, struck and uprooted a very sturdy, mature hedge tree with the right front bumper and fender and stopped. This was indeed fortunate, because if she had gone between the hedge trees, it is very likely the car would have gone over the edge of a steep drop and rolled all the way down to the next parking area.

Two of her fellow workers stopped to help her out of the car, she called me and I drove up to help. The car was pulled off the curb and towed to a body shop recommended by the staff at "Dwayne Lane Chrysler Jeep" for repairs. As of today September 15<sup>th</sup>, the car is still in the body shop as the mechanical repairs (right front strut, engine oil pan, steering gear, alignment etc.) were done at "Dwayne Lane" first before the body work could be done. Total repairs were calculated to be \$4,600.00 of which we are responsible for the \$500.00 deductible. The property management company estimated their damages (hedge tree) at \$500.00. They decided to absorb their loss and they are just happy that they do not have to maintain a memorial to Jo Ann on the premises

When she returned to work, she found her office decorated with "Squirrel Crossing" signs, a chalked crosswalk for squirrels on the roadway and the hedge tree was wrapped with yellow tape. Since the accident, Jo Ann and I have discussed squirrel avoidance tactics and we have agreed that if a squirrel is bent on self-destruction at our hands, we should oblige them.

PS. Recently, someone succeeded in taking out that squirrel. I wish it had been me!

Pete Holbrook



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**WANTED TO SELL:**

From: "Joan N. Watkins" [watkij@u.washington.edu](mailto:watkij@u.washington.edu)  
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 5:12 PM  
Subject: Chrysler car radio 1938

>I have a Philco radio Model 927 that came from a 1938 Chrysler or  
> Plymouth. My father kept it in his garage for many years. There's also a  
> box of cords and cables, a station dial and knobs. The Philco 927,  
> according to various web sites, was used with a different case as a  
> table model during the war years. This one has what must be the original  
> case with Philco vertically down the middle.  
>  
> Would anyone in your club have a car dating back that far which might  
> need a radio? I live in Bellevue and could take a picture of the radio  
> to send to anyone who might be interested.  
>  
> Joan Watkins.

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**PRESENTED FROM.....Autoblog.htm** (News Story)

## HXC Performance marketing 'Cuda conversion for Dodge Challenger

Posted Sep 19th 2008 4:31PM by [Jeremy Korzeniewski](#)

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*Click above for more shots of the HXC Cuda conversion*

When Chrysler gave its Plymouth brand the axe, many storied name-plates were orphaned -- none of them more legendary than the Hemi 'Cuda. As the Mopar brand began teasing the world with its pony car revival, otherwise known as the Dodge Challenger, a great many fans of the classic Barracuda were left wishing that their childhood dreams of driving off the showroom floor in a brand new Hemi-powered Plymouth muscle car could finally be fulfilled. And so they might. **HXC Performance** is currently hard at work designing a retrofit kit that would transform the Dodge Challenger into a proper Plymouth 'Cuda. Many aficionado's believe that the 1971 'Cuda was the best looking year, and it's on this model that HXC chose to base its conversion. Included is a new grille, fender "gills" (which were only used in '71), Shaker hood, tail lights and a new rear valance.

To up the performance ante of the standard HEMI-powered R/T model, a Brembo brake package and suspension upgrade will also be included, as will a few engine option packages that can bump the power up to 475 horsepower. Mustang and Camaro owners may now have one more reason to keep an eye on their rear-view mirrors, mimicking countless scenes from the muscle car glory years of the early '70s.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Well another month down and the membership numbers are the same as last month, 63. We had a discussion at the club meeting about the amount of dues. I really did not think that \$2 a month was a lot but a few members thought maybe it was. The staff will talk about this more at the next meeting but I would like to hear from the membership. Please email me your idea's: [lynn.dota@verizon.net](mailto:lynn.dota@verizon.net) Just make sure you use Dues or Membership in your subject line so it doesn't go to my junk mail.

I have attached a membership form for those of you that don't have access to one. You will notice that it is now \$22 dollars and starting October 1st, \$31 dollars for the rest of this year and all of next year. It still breaks down to \$2 dollars a month. I know most of you spend more than that on coffee each day.

Please support your club and send me any feedback so the staff may discuss it before next year.

Lynn Dota  
Membership Director

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 If Renewal, Year of Original Membership? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co Member's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mopar's Owned: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non Mopar's Owned: \_\_\_\_\_  
 What Special Skills do you have that might benefit the club? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who or What encouraged you to join Seattle Mopars Unlimited? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are under the age of 18, for club insurance purposes, we must obtain your parent or legal guardian's signature prior to acceptance of membership with the Seattle Chapter of Mopars Unlimited.  
 Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings are held on the **LAST** Tuesday of the month (Except December) at  
 Alf's Pizza 4820 196<sup>th</sup> S.W. in Lynnwood.

**Membership Rates**

New Member, January - May	\$25.00
New Member, June - September	\$22.00
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