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MEETINGS:

Last Tuesday of every month at Alfy's Pizza on 196th in Lynnwood.

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

A 10% Club discount is being offered at Dwayne Lane's in the Parts Department.

(If you own your own business, and would like to offer a discount to club members, please contact me by e-mail.)

EDITOR'S CORNER:

By the time you read this, there will be only two weeks left until our Spring Round Up. The final show meeting was held on May 16th, and all the plans are set. All that we need now is YOU. If you have not already stepped up and offered your assistance, then the time to do it is now. We still need volunteers for most of the positions, especially parking. Parking is the place where the majority of the workers are needed, and as usual, we have a serious lack of volunteers.

I know that a lot of people are afraid to commit themselves because they are afraid of the weather, but the show is going to happen whether it rains or we get 80 degree temperatures, so stop worrying about it and plan on being there. So what if it rains, you won't melt, and neither will your car. Remember, we're Washingtonians, we have webbed fingers and toes.

We will be stuffing goodie bags at this month's general meeting, so come and lend a hand, so it we finish quickly. If you have anything to donate for the goodie bags, and absolutely can't make the meeting, let a staff member know, and we'll make arrangements to collect your donation before the general meeting.

See you all at the general meeting on May 26th, at Alfy's.

HAPPY MOPARING

Nancy

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS:

Hi Mopar Fans,

I had a great two weeks in Southern Cal. I was able to go aboard John Wayne's boat, the Wild Goose. The weather, food, and the surf were great.

Just a few items to think about, #1, our show is getting closer. Keep giving your support. #2, The general meeting after the show, we will be taking nominations for elected officers again. Think about it, if you would like to be on staff. #3, Time to think about the Christmas party. Where you might want to go, and what you would like to do.

Our next meetings for your calendar. Staff meeting will be 6/24/09, 7:00 pm at Crystal Creek Cafe. General meeting will be 6/30/09, 7:30 pm at Alfy's/

So keep on Moparing

See Ya

Your Prez

Eldon

FROM THE SECRETARY:

Mopar General Meeting-April 28, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:35p.m.

Secretary read minutes from last meeting.

Vice President said the Aerospace Museum in McMinnville, OR. would like to have our club come down and visit the museum. Not sure if we would get a discount or not. Need to check further into this and see how many folks would be interested in doing this.

Several events coming up such as the Classy Chassis car show in Wenatchee on May 1&2, Dayton on June 19-21 and Cool Desert Nights on June 25-27. Frank has flyers if you want one.

Treasurer reports we have \$1845.51 in checking, \$334.92 in savings and \$26.05 in the credit union.

Sgt, at Arms said we have \$40 to give away in the 50/50 raffle and also some T-shirts.

Membership Director reports 56 members. She also has join-up cards to hand out to or put on prospective members cars. Chris is still updating the website and needs to know what we do and don't want to keep. He said he would also take pictures of your car at the show if you want him to. Lynn also said she has picked up the trophies.

Newsletter Editor said the newsletter went out on the 23rd. She said she has 2 hard copies of the letter for anyone who might need one.

Lynn said she would make her GTX the feature car for May.

Nancy said that Dan Hiatt will take pictures at the show.

Nancy also reminded everyone that the 15th of the month is the deadline for articles.

President Eldon would like to see a good turnout for the Colby show on May 24&25. We will meet at Lowes at 6:45 a.m. on the 25th and leave for the show promptly at 7:00. Don't forget the cruise on the 24th.

Next Staff Meeting is May 20 at 7p.m. at Crystal Creek Cafe and the next General Meeting is May 26th at Alfys at 7:30p.m.

Show Chairman Dave H. reports we have \$1625.01 in the show fund.

He says he has posters to put up at businesses. We also need to hand out flyers at Colby.

We have 26 pre-registered cars so far.

We will be stuffing the goody bags at the May Gen. meeting, so if you have anything for the bags, please bring it to the meeting. If you would like to sponsor class trophies it will cost \$60.

Next show meeting is on May 16 at Mariner High at 10:00a.m. We still need more parking folks for the show, so please volunteer a little of your time. The more people we have working, the less work there will be for everyone.

Old Business

Frank Costa stepped up and apologized for some remarks he made at the Feb. meeting which Nancy talked about in her editorial that month. Frank said there was a misunderstanding and that he was sorry for his remarks.

New Business

Our P.A. system has a problem so it looks like we will have to rent one for the show unless someone out there has one we can borrow for the day.

We are thinking of changing the venue for our meeting, so if you know of someplace, please let one of the staff know.

Chris Mayfield is having an all makes car show at XXX on May 31 if you are interested. Also, on June 13 Ken Johnson is helping to put on the Arlington show.

Visitors

We had Brady a friend of Bob Kropps with a 70 Challenger and Doug Lawrence from East Side Street Rods. He has a 69 Road Runner and is looking for parts for it. Also, he sais his club is having a cruise and show & shine in Westport on the third weekend of July2

For Sale

Bill Bynum is selling his 89 Maserati TC for \$3995.

Pete Holbrook has a 77 3/4 ton Dodge Club Cab for sale. It has no motor and he is taking offers.

Tony Ascanio has 2 seats from an 04 Caravan he would like to get rid of for \$500 OBO.

Nancy still has her 72 Gold Duster for sale for \$2500 OBO. Since the meeting she has sold the car.

Chris Mayfield would like get \$4500 for a 64 New Yorker.

To Buy

Brady needs a 70-71 Rally cluster dash

Ken Johnson won the 50/50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m.

FROM THE TREASURY:

As of May 13th the Club General Funds accounts are as follows:

BofA Checking	\$1,915.51
BofA Savings	\$335.16
Watermark CU	\$26.05
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Total General Funds	\$2,276.72

All bills have been paid . At the April General Meeting, it was agreed that the General Fund would provide assistance to the Show Fund in paying for the rental of a PA system for the Springgroundup in June. That charge is unknown at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Holbrook

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:**Upcoming June Events:**

7th: Slant Six Spring Meet, Brooks, OR - 503.581.2230

14th Mopars Unlimited Open Show, Yakima - 509.697.7764

11- 12th Car d'lane Coeur de Lane, ID - 208.415.0116

27th Greenwood Classic Car Show - 206.234.2523

?? Mopar Madness, Vancouver. Not on their website, no info.

Of course, the Mopar Spring Roundup Everett, WA, (but you already knew that)

To all members:

Our esteemed show chairman, Dave K. has certainly been doing a whiz-bang job in putting on our upcoming show and has certainly put in the time and legwork. In reviewing our

records of past shows, we are lacking a lot of information and it appears that much of it has disappeared or is in a box under somebody's bed. What I would like to do after our show is to begin construction of a schedule of business book for future Roundups. This would be based on records or information about previous shows. We had such a book in years past, but somehow it mysteriously disappeared.

This book will lay out things that need to be done, timelines and various assignments that are necessary to produce the show. It will greatly assist us in not having to reinvent the wheel each time a show is put on. Since it appears that Dave K. will be our next year's show chairman (providing he doesn't run away screaming on June 8) we need to make his job as easy as we can.

If anyone out there has any records of shows past - registration forms, car counts, receipts for t-shirt sales, bills for trophies, etc, could you please send them to me? Hopefully, we can get some good baseline information to help us maximize future shows. So if you have any such documentaion, please bring it to the general meeting or mail to the club address.

Thanks.
Frank Carter, VP

SHOW COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Show Report for May.

It's Crunch Time!!

Just two more weeks until the show. Much is going on.

Goody bag stuffing this coming Tuesday night at the regular meeting. We are still looking for more items for the bags so bring them along. Raffle prizes and class sponsors are still needed.

50 cars already pre-registered, 2 Pro and 8 amateur swap spots sold. 5 food vendors committed.

Still need additional parking volunteers. All volunteers requested onsite by 6:30 AM as gates open at 7:30 AM for participants.

Questions? Talk to a staff member Tuesday night or email/ call me whenever!

This is your last chance to download a registration form for the Spring Roundup.

David Haberkorn
2127 146th PI SW
Lynnwood, WA.98087
425-745-8546
206-852-2441 (Cell)

Class #

Vehicle #

Staff Use Only

'09 All-Mopar Spring Roundup Show & Swap Registration

Name (Please print): _____

Address: _____

City, ST/Province, and Zip Code/Mail Code: _____

Phone Number (____) ____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Vehicle Information

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Engine: _____ Stock _____ Modified: _____ Mileage: _____

(Mileage is required for daily driver class. Optional for all other Classes)

For additional cars, use separate form(s)

Show Vehicle Pre-Registration	\$15.00	\$ _____
Show Vehicle Registration, Day of Show (June 7, 2009)	20.00	\$ _____
Swap Meet, Pro Premium Parking (must pre-register)	50.00	\$ _____
Swap Meet, Amateur (\$25.00, DOS \$35.00)		\$ _____
T-shirt (Medium, Large, & Extra Large)	____ @ 15.00	\$ _____
T-shirt (XX Large, & XXX Large)	____ @ 17.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Mail registration form and payment in US Funds (No Cash, please!) to be received by May 30, 2009 for Pre-registration discount to:

All-Mopar Spring Roundup
C/O Dave Haberkorn
2127 146th Place S.W.
Lynnwood WA 98087-5935

In consideration of the right to participate, participants and spectators, by attending, release and discharge Mopars Unlimited Car Club – Seattle Chapter, all event sponsors, the City of Everett, the Mukilteo School district, and their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of the All Mopar Spring Roundup of and from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements and/or claims from foregoing entities, firms, persons, and bodies of and from any and all liability of or resulting from the conduct of participants taking part in this event. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Mopars Unlimited reserves the right to remove any vehicle from any class and place it in a more appropriate class at any time during registration or judging. Mopars Unlimited reserves the right to restrict entrants and or their guests due to behavior deemed unacceptable during any and all activities of this show, including the right of eviction from the premises if necessary. Exhibitions of speed will not be tolerated. I have read and agree to above terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEMBERSHIP:

**Mopars Unlimited Seattle Chapter
Membership Application**

**FROM THE CLASSICS, ANTIQUES AND MUSCLE CARS TO THE NEW SPIRIT OF
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Our purpose is to promote the preservation and restoration of motor vehicles produced by the Daimler / CHRYSLER Corporation and to provide a common meeting place for the membership to accomplish the purpose of the organization and promote goodwill among themselves and their sport.

Please Print Or Type

Date: _____ New or Renewal Membership? _____
 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 196th S.W. in Lynnwood.

Membership Rates

New Member, January - May	\$25.00
New Member, June - September	\$22.00
New Member, October - December	\$31.00 (Includes The Entire Next Year)
Additional Member	\$5.00
Renewal	\$25.00 (ALL memberships Expire Jan 1)
Additional Member Renewal	\$5.00

Make Checks payable to: "Mopars Unlimited"

Membership Includes: Membership Plaque, Membership Card, Club Window Decal (new members only),

Monthly Newsletter, Free advertising in the Newsletter, and Discounts at participating businesses.

Mail Completed Application and Check to

Mopars Unlimited
 Membership Director
 P.O. Box 815
 Lynnwood WA 98046

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Check # _____ Processing Date _____
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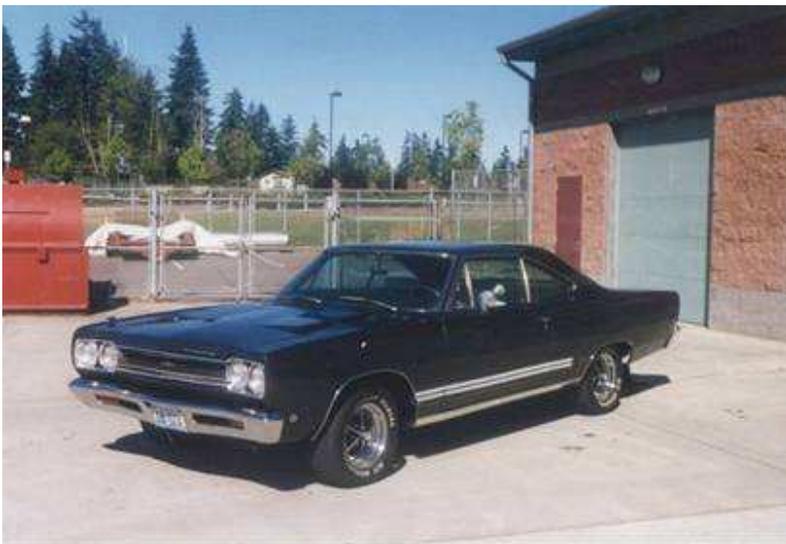
The restoration process began in 1991 with the purchase of a 1968 Plymouth GTX. My husband wanted to replace his 1968 Roadrunner that he had purchased new and owned for 10 years. Art had been searching for about a year to no avail and had almost given up for the time being. My cousin, Rich DeHart had spotted the GTX on a used car lot in Spokane while on a fishing trip. Rich called Art and told him to come over as soon as possible. It seems that Art was the first person over the age of 25 that was interested in more than just a test drive. They let him drive it home with a \$500 deposit and a promise to pay. We think they just really wanted it gone.

The first year we just drove it and took it to a couple of car shows. It had an older restoration but was in need of a complete redo. The original engine had been replaced with a 1967 440 so our first search was to replace it with the right engine. It took about a year before we found a 1968 440HP in a junk yard in Vancouver. Finally in 1993 we took it to a machine shop where we had it balanced and blueprinted. While that was being done we started what would be a very long process of getting to body and paint work done. We probably should have taken it to a body shop but we took the advice of several well intended people who knew someone who knew someone. Four years later we still did not have a complete car. Art brought it home shoved it in the garage and considered selling it as is. Fortunately we listened to one more friend that said he would get it finished. We put the car on a flatbed truck and took it to this guys house where is spent the next six months.

In 1998 we finally had a complete car. Very proudly we took it to the Spring Roundup in Bellevue only to have a guy come up and say "Nice car but it is not the right color." Come to find out this guy was the owner of the car when the last restoration was done.

Art and I joined Mopars Unlimited in 1997 and had made friendships that have lasted to this day. Those friends, Bob Kropp, Jim Morgan, Bill Dunn, just to name a few, helped Art and I replace and redo parts and other things to make the GTX what it is today. The GTX has a 440HP, 4-speed, 3:54 rear-end with a Dana 60, AM radio, console with bucket seats, white interior, tinted windows, power steering and power brakes. The best thing was finding a painter, Brent Kosch that knew the correct color.

Lynn Dota



NEWS ARTICLE:

15 Chrysler dealerships in Washington state to lose franchise; King County spared

King County auto dealers dodged a bloodbath Thursday, when Chrysler announced plans to stop doing business with 800 of its 3,200 dealerships next month, but that doesn't mean they are healthy.

By [Melissa Allison](#)

Seattle Times business reporter

"We're going to have a slow recovery," says Jim Walen, who owns Ford of Kirkland.

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Wracked by declining sales, some local dealerships already have closed or been sold, and more are expected to fall. General Motors dealers could hear as early as today whether they are among more than 2,600 stores whose franchises will not be renewed by the financially strapped carmaker.

"We're all just kind of waiting," said Dan Johnson, who has owned Jet Chevrolet in Federal Way with his brother and mother for 33 years. He hopes the business's long standing and its location along Interstate 5 will keep it off GM's closure list, despite a precipitous drop in sales.

"This is the hardest we've worked in 33 years, and just to break even is a thrill," he said.

Sales of new and used cars totaled \$1.6 billion statewide during the last three months of 2008, down 31 percent from the same period in 2007, according to the state Department of Revenue.

BBC Dodge in Burien went out of business last year after 50 years in business, and Jack Carroll sold his Lynnwood Dodge franchise to Town & Country Chrysler Jeep of North Seattle after that dealership rebuffed his efforts to acquire it.

This week, Rainier Automotive Group sold its Eastside Hyundai and Eastside Subaru dealerships. Its two remaining dealerships — Auburn Nissan and Burien Nissan — are for sale, said Mark Johnson, president of M.D. Johnson [Inc.in Enumclaw](http://www.enumclaw.com), which advises dealers on mergers and acquisitions.

"When all the dust settles, this is not going to make these car companies any more money," Johnson said of the automakers' hopes of driving sales by having more brands under each dealer's roof. "You don't sell more cars because you have fewer dealerships."

Even the survivors are struggling.

Jim Walen, who owns Ford of Kirkland and bought Eastside Hyundai for a couple million dollars Thursday, saw sales fall 20 percent last year.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg as far as the consolidations," said Walen. "I think we're at the bottom of the market, but I don't think it's going to just rebound all of a sudden. We're going to have a slow recovery."

For Robert Larson, Chrysler's closure list is "bittersweet."

Next month, his Larson Chrysler Dodge facility in Puyallup will become the only Chrysler dealer in Pierce County. But one of the three dealerships losing Chrysler franchises there is his Larson Chrysler Jeep in Tacoma.

Altogether, 15 dealerships in Washington are on Chrysler's closure list. Some will stay open because they have franchises with other carmakers.

Larson plans to keep servicing Chrysler vehicles in Tacoma and will send new cars there from Puyallup for potential buyers to drive.

But the first dealership he owned without his father will no longer be a Chrysler franchise. "That's the bitter part of it," he said.

Larson also dislikes seeing Pierce County dealerships Tacoma Dodge and Milam Jeep on Chrysler's list, which must be approved by a bankruptcy court judge.

Larson also owns Toyota, Nissan, Volkswagen, Porsche, Audi and Mercedes dealerships and says his business is profitable.

"Our new-car sales are off like everybody else," he said, but Larson can afford a couple of remodels and a

new building in Fife for his Mercedes store.

Still, he is not sure how closing dealerships will help Chrysler: "That's the \$64,000 question, and that I can't answer."

Larson does not have his eye on the two Nissan dealerships that Rainier Automotive wants to sell after losing its inventory financing — and therefore its inventory — last month.

"It's going to be tough for whoever does it, because of the capitalization," Larson said. "It's a tough market for somebody to get going."

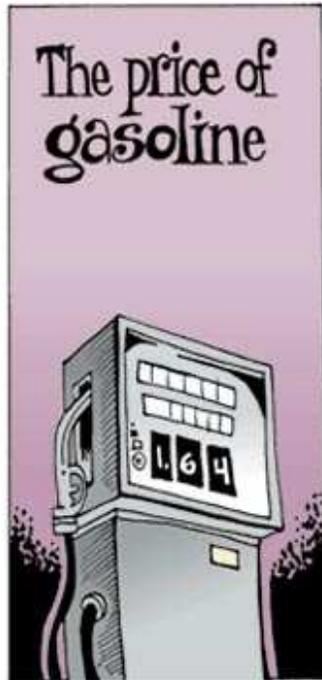
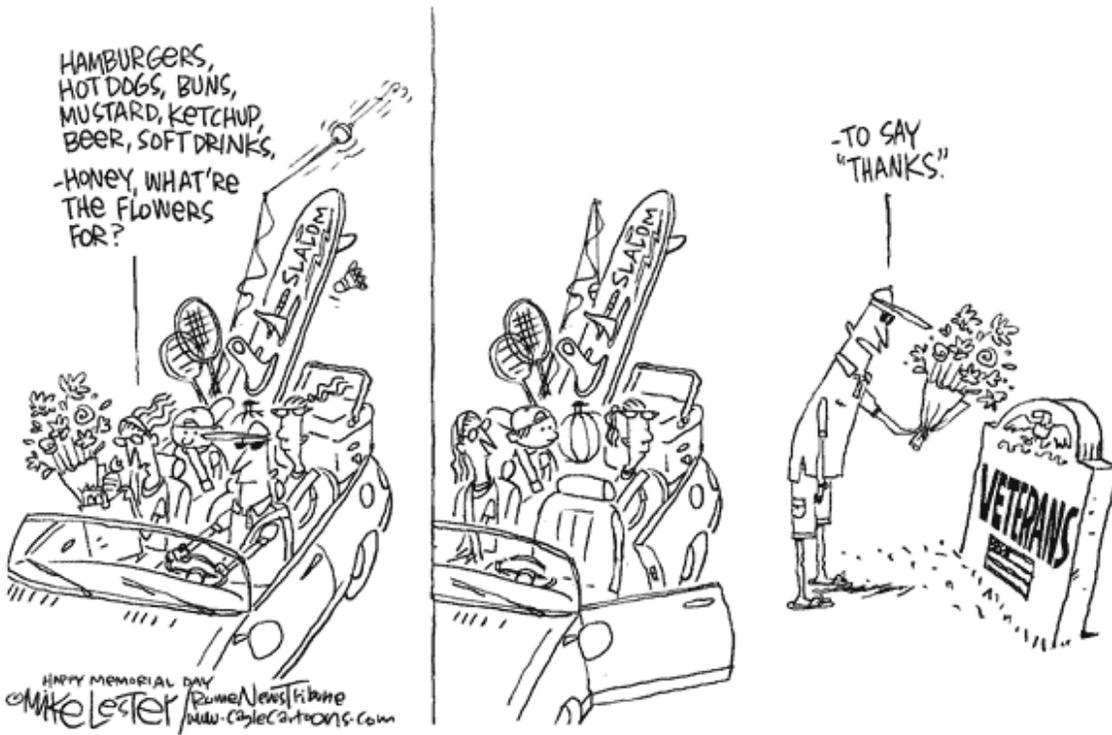
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Memorial Day thoughts







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