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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:

Well, elections are over, and we have a new staff, or do we? As usual, the only members to step

up and accept nominations as staff members, are the same members who always step up. So instead of an entirely new and fresh staff to govern your club for the next year, the slots have all been filled by the members already holding the same positions, with one exception. Welcome to Bill Dunn as the new treasurer, and thank you to Pete Holbrook for a job well done.

Your new elected staff is as follows:

President.....Eldon Smith
 Vice-President.....Frank Carter
 Secretary.....Mike Sabol
 Treasurer.....Bill Dunn
 Sgt at Arms.....Dave Peterson

The changing of the officers was accomplished at the staff meeting on 8/19/09, held at Crystal Creek Cafe. Both incoming and outgoing staff members attended, and the dinner was on the club. Guess it wasn't a very big meeting, huh?

On a lighter note, the club took another Club Participation trophy at the NW Muscle Car Meet at the Triple XXX last Sunday. There were 12 members in attendance. Way to go guys.

One other subject has been a topic of discussion at our staff meetings. The subject is the changing of our meeting place for general meetings. For a long time we have talked about moving to a place that is handicap accessible, to accommodate any of our members who are unable to attend meetings at Alf's because of all the stairs.

We have found just such a place in south Everett called Shaun O'Donnells, who have expressed much enthusiasm in having us meet there. They already host a Saturday night cruise-in, which some of us have attended.

Since this is a big decision, and the staff wants the general membership to think it over, and discuss it at the general meetings, to see if this is something the entire club is agreeable to. So be thinking it over, and we can discuss it more at the general meeting on August 25th.

Here's hoping we have another great year, and continue to increase our club membership count.

HAPPY MOPARING

Nancy
 Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS:

Hi Mopar Fans,
 The nominations are in, and the election results are final. Maybe it will happen differently next year? All of the membership should get into the running. It would make the process more interesting, and exciting.

Your 2009/2010 staff is as follows:

President - Eldon Smith
 Vice President - Frank Carter

Secretary - Mike Sabol
 Treasurer - Bill Dunn
 Sgt of Arms - Dave Peterson
 Membership - Lynn Dota
 Newsletter Editor - Nancy Sabol
 Event Coordinator - Dave Haberkorn

We should all thank Pete Holbrook for his time of service. It was great having him on staff.

With the new staff, and with help from the members, it will be a great year.

September meetings are: Staff at Crystal Creek Cafe on 9/23/09, 7:00 pm
 General at Alfys Pizza on 9/29/09, 7:30 pm

Your President
 Eldon Smith

FROM THE TREASURY:

As of 8/14/09 the accounts are as follows:

BofA General Fund	\$2,072.65
BofA Savings Account	335.34
Watermark Credit Union	26.08

	\$2,434.07

I made 1 deposit during July of \$83.00 and no checks were written.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Holbrook

Outgoing Treasurer

FROM THE SECRETARY:

Mopar General Meeting - July 28, 2009

Secretary read minutes from last meeting.

V.P. gave info on upcoming shows.He also briefed us on holding elections according to the by-laws.

Pete gave the treasurers report: we have a total of \$2375.98 in the General fund.

Our Sgt. at Arms, Dave P. has \$36 to give away to the 50/50 winner tonight. He also has other prizes to give away.

Membership Director Lynn reported 64 members and said any new members can join for \$22 for the rest of the year. She also said that someone was supposed to be here to talk about getting our website going but failed to show up.

Newsletter Editor Nancy said the newsletter went out Friday and that she has a feature car from Bob Kropp for Aug. and a Sept. car from Tony Ascanio. Frank Costa stated that he did not get the newsletter again.

Show chairman Dave H. was absent tonight, however we know that the next show meeting will be in Sept.

Since there were no more nominations for staff elections, a motion was made and carried that nominations be accepted as they are.

Guests tonight were Richard and Julie with a 67 Cuda and 74 Dart Sport and Aida also with a 74 Dart Sport.

Bruce Herbig told us about a cruise that Mountlake Terrace was having every Sat. night during the month of Aug. The cruise is at 56th and 232nd in Mt. Lake Terrace.

Bob Kropp has a 71 Sport Satellite grill for sale for \$150.00

Doug Taylor has an 89 cop car for sale for \$1000.00

Nick Longo is looking for 4:10 gears for his 8 3/4 rear on his Barracuda.

Next Staff Meeting is Aug. 19 at Crystal Creek Cafe in Canyon Park.

Next General Meeting is Aug. 25 at Alfys.

The raffle was held and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Submitted by Mike Sabol
Secretary

EVENT COORDINATOR:

Show Update

Believe it or not - it is already time to start planning for the 2010 Spring Roundup!

A conservative budget has been established using our results from 2009 and things look promising. Judging by the favorable comments received we believe next years show will be even better attended.

We are currently working on securing the Mariner High School venue and June date so we can announce and publish it way in advance.

Beginning in September, Show Staff meetings will be held the Weds before our Monthly Club Meeting. Any member who has a desire to participate in next years planning is VERY welcome to attend. The more volunteers, the easier it is to put this thing on.

If you have any questions or suggestions talk to me at next Tuesdays meeting at Alfys.

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VICE PRESIDENT (September Events)

8/29	Muscle Car Madness	Kent	800-726-9796
9/6	Fall Country Village show	Bothell	425-483-2250
9/6	Mega Cruise East Triple XXX	Issaquah	425-392-1266
9/12	Drag Strip Reunion show	Arlington	360-435-4442
9/12	One Last Summer Fling	Shoreline	206-364-7131
9/13	Hot Autumn Nites	Edmonds	425-776-6711
9/19	Palouse Days show & shine		509-878-1991
9/20	All Mopar Show, Triple XXX	Issaquah	206-601-1724

FEATURE CAR:

The story of how I found my HEMI, 4-SPEED, SUPERBIRD, by BOB KROPP

In May of 1982 I was driving my 70 Charger R/T and stopped at the Unocal gas station in Bothell. I really did not need gas, but it was something to do. After filling up the attendant asked if I really liked those old MOPARS and I said "YOU BET". That is when he told me that there was a Superbird for sale just down the street, followed by saying "I think it is a HEMI". I stopped dead in my tracks and asked where?

He said at Knoll Lumber in Kenmore. Now at that time I was a painting contractor and was a customer at Bothell Paint just across the street from the Unocal station.

I went in to the paint store and asked the manager if he would do me a favor. I knew that both he and the lumber yard stocked Olympic Stain and that they traded stock back and forth. I asked him to call Knoll and ask if there was a Superbird there, which he did with a puzzled look on his face. Craig Knoll said sure enough and to send me down to take look at the car. The Bird sat under a carport with the nose unprotected and the headlights filled with water, what a GREAT SIGHT! Craig said that the car belonged to his brother who had just passed away and that he was handling the estate. The car was in storage and would be the last thing that he would deal with. I asked if it was OK to bring a friend down to look at the car, and Craig said it would be OK.

I had never even ridden in a HEMI car let alone driven one and knew very little about them, so I went home and called the local expert Brian Boyett. The next day we went to look at the car, Brian said it was a real HEMI car but that the motor had been changed. We spent about 4 hours trying to get her fired off for she had been sitting for a couple of years and finally success.

The car had front-end damage and a loaded gravel truck had hit the rear passenger side quarter panel. There was a black '67 Coronet R/T interior in her and the 4-speed had been replaced with a 727 torqueflite. After scrapping up as much money as I could, I went and made an offer on the car. By this time 2 other people had found out about the car and Craig said that he would give them 72 hours to beat my offer. This was on a Thursday morning, now just to wait (chewing of finger nails left and right), But Friday evening Craig called and said to have a towtruck and a pick-up truck there Monday morning at 6:00 AM before the store opened, when we arrived the towtruck started to hook the car and Craig took us upstairs where there was a complete nosecone, fenders, hood and a spare wing in storage. Craig said that his brother had 3 of these cars and that a dealer in Seattle could not sell his Bird so he made it a regular Roadrunner and was tired of counting these parts in inventory and for Charles to come and please take them off his hands. Charles said OK and gave them \$100 and 2 six packs of beer for the parts

While finishing the money transaction Craig told me that I was getting the car because he could see how much I loved the car and that the other 2 buyers were just looking at the car as an investment. Then he asks me what I did for a living? I told him I was a painting contractor. He asked if I had ever done painting for a certain contractor. I said I had done a very nice house for him down in the O O Denny Park area. Craig said he thought he remembered seeing me and that that was his house He had like my work so much that he said he was building a new house out in the Monroe area and asked if I

would give him labor bid. We got another job out of this deal.

Many people say you lucky guy! But for 12 years ever since the dealer told me I could not afford a Superbird I had been making trips to Eastern WA, OR and ID looking at cars that were too expensive or that were in such a terrible condition that they were not worth the effort, so if you really want something take aim and move your feet.

As many of you know I have total fun with my car, sometimes I get grief about driving the car as much as I do, but the real fun is driving it not looking at it on a trailer or in the garage. Besides I want my tombstone to read HE DROVE HIS HEMI CAR EVERYWHERE. Here is to your dreams and MOPAR to ya.

Fast forward to phase II. October 2007.

Fasten your seat belts and enjoy the ride in my Superbird. I got the car home and with the help of Steve Blackwell, we changed the fluids, did a tune up and put fresh gas in the tank. Now it was time for the first test drive. Neither Steve or myself had ever driven a hemi car. Once we enjoyed the smell of hemi exhaust at a All Mopar Spring Round-up at Lake Sammamish. We fired her off and went for a ride. After about a half hour Steve took over driving. He said let's see what she will do, and with that into first gear we went, he banged second gear and all hell broke loose. The fan clutch was rusty and snapped of the end of the shaft and went through the radiator. This was the start of the many things that needed to be done to the car.

I always tried to do at least one improvement to the car each year. The first couple of years were dedicated to finding parts. I found the 4 speed, bellhousing and clutch. Then I came across a hemi k-frame out of a 67 Coronet roll over. I spent a couple of years looking for a good quarter panel. I installed the front end clip that came with the car, putting the 4 speed in, taking out the wood paneling on the doors and installing the white interior. Then the car went to Dwayne Tannis's brother to have the quarter installed. When working on the car he found an unopened small canned ham (someones lunch on the line I am sure) under the quarter glass. The car was now white in the front, gray on the doors and blue in the rear. Everyone called it the rainbow bird.

In the late 1980's the car was sent to Maaco and painted. When I picked up the car it was pretty close to B-5 blue, but with the ageing process it started to turn turquoise in color. Ray Guardiano applied the graphics and buffed the car out. I drove it everywhere.

In 1999 myself along with 5 other aero car owners took the cars to the 25th year winged car reunion in Talledega, Alabama. Two weeks of driving the car you LOVE everyday. We traveled over 7,500 miles in those two weeks. At the reunion I was chastised for driving my car. Everyone thought it should have been trailered. But like I have already stated I DRIVE IT!

In the early 2000's I had Steve rebuild the 70 hemi block I had found at a garage sale. We installed a 70 k-frame, up graded the torsion and sway bars, installed stainless brakelines and welded a crack in the shock tower. Bill Dunn then sprayed on a coat of B-5 blue to the engine bay. We installed the engine and trans as a complete unit from the bottom just as they did in the factory. The car was now very road worthy.

In August of 02 I met my wife Sharon. We met on line and soon were talking every night. I always ended each conversation talking about the bird. One evening she said - I AM NOT JEALOUS OF THE BIRD. I told her that if she did enjoy talking about the bird, she might not like the life style. Needless to say she enjoys the bird very much. She enjoys going to the shows, but was not happy that the car was over looked because of the low BLING factor. It was her insistance on making it shine and stand out in the crowd. So in the fall of 07 I asked Darren to start the repaint project. As with most restorations the scope kept getting larger and larger, but in the end the car looks fantastic. Another typical car story that ended up taking more time than orginally planned. We were going to surprise everyone and debute the car in 08, but best laid plans of mice and men. The hard part was not being able to drive the car for two years, but will make up for that very fast.

When it comes to Superbirds and Daytonas the Chevy and Ford guys don't really understand what they are looking at when they see one. Most of them just do not have a clue about NASCAR history. I refer to my favorite Don Rae saying "Hamburger is a pretty good thing - UNTIL you have a taste of prime rib".

A big **"THANK YOU"** to all who were involved with the restoration.

My wife Sharon, who prodded me to make it happen.

Engine builder extraordinaire - Steve Blackwell

The Picasso of body and paint - Darren Kleisath

Interior and soft trim - Wes Spomer

Electrical wizard - Dave Peterson

Misc. pieces and stainless buffing - Keith and Kyle Erxleben

Graphics and detailing - Ray Guardiano

Jack of all trades and master of most of them - Bill Dunn

I hope you all enjoy the car as much as Sharon and I do!





NEWS ARTICLE:

This month's news article was too long to print in the newsletter, so I am providing the link to the article instead. It is a very interesting article, and very important, so I hope you will access the site, and not just ignore it. Nancy

[warning how old are your new tires? how to read da - Spero Forum](#)

Found this helpful bit info on the Internet regarding how to read the manufacturing date codes on the sidewall tires of OUR cars. Very helpful as we don't put a tremendous number of miles on our cars each year, the steel belts in the tires can separate from just sitting for any length of time with the possibility of the tire blowing up on the freeway from heat.....NOT A PRETTY PICTURE !! It's a real eye opener that a lot of us overlook, just because the tires STILL look good, doesn't mean they shouldn't be inspected each year.

HUMOR FIX:

If you think you're computer illiterate, then check out the following actual calls to computer tech support, and you won't feel so dumb anymore.

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Tech support: What kind of computer do you have?

Female customer: A white one...

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Customer: Hi, this is Maureen, I can't get my diskette out.

Tech support: Have you tried pushing the Button?

Customer: Yes, sure, it's really stuck.

Tech support: That doesn't sound good; I'll make a note.

Customer: No , wait a minute.. I hadn't inserted it yet... it's still on my desk.. Sorry....

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Tech support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

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Tech support: Good day. How may I help you?

Male customer: Hello... I can't print.

Tech support: Would you click on "start" for me and.

Customer: Listen pal; don't start getting technical on me! I'm not Bill Gates.

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Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it...

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Customer: I have problems printing in red...

Tech support: Do you have a color printer?

Customer: Aaaah.....thank you.

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Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am?

Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at Woolies..

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Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore.

Tech support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer.

Tech support: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

Customer:! OK

Tech support: Did the keyboard come with you?

Customer: Yes

Tech support: That means the keyboard is not plugged in. Is there another keyboard?

Customer: Yes, there's another one here. Ah...that one does work...

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Tech support: Your password is the small letter "a" as in apple, a capital letter V as in Victor, the number 7.

Customer: Is that 7 in capital letters ?

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Customer: can't get on the Internet.

Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was?

Customer: Five stars.

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Tech support: What anti-virus program do you use?

Customer: Netscape.

Tech support: That's not an anti-virus program.

Customer: Oh, sorry...Internet Explorer.

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Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

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Tech support: How may I help you?

Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.

Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the problem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the circle around it?

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A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

Tech support: Are you running it under windows?

Customer: "No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine."

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And last but not least...

Tech support: **"Okay Colin, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter "P " to bring up the Program Manager."**

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Colin.

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: "P".....on your keyboard, Colin.

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!!

CLASSIFIEDS:

For sale 1989 grand fury, Ex Washington state cop car. 318/auto. Needs paint and new front windshield. Trade for car trailer, unfinished kit car project or ?

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