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Jim's Ramblings... ...by Jim Graubard

Well it is now April and warm weather is slowly starting to happen for us car lovers. With a little break from mother nature rain wise we may even be able to (legally) wash our cars as most municipalities have banned such activities. When I built my two car garage next to my house I did not realize the benefit of the position I put it in. It blocks from view anyone seeing what I do in my driveway, so I can wash away without fear of a citation from my homeowners association (we are on well water and not under the official Georgia ban but rather our own ban on outside watering)

It is funny how some of us baby our cars and to other it is just another ride. I just returned from one of my WWII reenactments over in South Carolina this past weekend. When I arrived on Friday afternoon I parked my Explorer in a somewhat muddy field before I made the trek out to the campsite. Upon return on Saturday evening I found that one side of my SUV was a 1963 Plymouth Valiant in pretty nice condition and on the other a 2006 Mercedes SL500 (a \$100,000 car). By this time it had been raining for more than an hour so the field was really muddy now. When you are at one of these events you have people walking all over, carrying lots of equipment, machine guns, ammo cans, other weapons, etc that could cause some damage if they come in contact with your car. That is why I try to take my oldest daily ride to these events. I guess some of us worry about our rides more than others.

Once again I would like to sing the praise of Jeff Barfield's hard work in securing the hotel for us to once again host the Southern Regional AMO show on the weekend of September 26th and 27th. It will be held at the same venue as last years show and we need to make an effort to book our rooms as soon as possible to assure the hotel of our commitment. This information will be made available to us very soon and will be forwarded to all. With this years AMO nationals being held up north in Canada I have a feeling that some people who would normally go to that show may skip it this year and turn their attention to the Southern Regional instead. After last years show we put on I read in some other clubs newsletters that the 2007 Regional was the best one ever. At our meeting in April we will begin to discuss what needs to be done to make this show even more of a success, I truly hope you can all attend.

There are two upcoming car shows that may be of interest to us AMCers. The 16th annual orphan car show in Snellville and the Mopar Southern Classic at the Atlanta Motor speedway. Unfortunately they are both on the same day, May 3^d. The North Georgia Mopar club is hosting the Southern Mopar classic show once again. Last year we had around 6 club member cars there and it would be nice to make it more this year. They do appreciate AMC's as they honored one with a top award last year. They also had a TON of prizes, like several Air Tran tickets, Ipods, an 18' car trailer and much, much more. I know another 18' trailer is on the prize list this year as well.

Club Membership Renewal... ... by Ron Waters – Membership Chairman

Club dues were due by March 31st of each year. If you have not already renewed please do so with the renewal form attached. **Please take time to update your vehicle information.** Any space that you do not have an answer for (such as email address) and you do not have one please write "none". Membership Forms and renewal forms are

also on our web site for download. www.peachstateamo.com

Thanks... Ron Waters

Current Renewed Members...

...by Ron Waters - Membership Chairman

Carol & Louie Lanthrip renewed for 2 years (2008 & 2009)

David Campbell, Andy Campbell, Rita Allen, Jeff Barfield, Julie & Jerry Belk, Karen & Steve O'Neal, Jim & Christina Graubard, Alan Gray, John Garza, Art Miller, Bill Ward, Doug House, Steve Stull, Ron & Pam Waters

Above are the renewals I have received from Jeff Barfield or were mailed to me. If you have renewed and are not listed contact Jeff Barfield at jrbarfield@comcast.net or Ron Waters at peachstate@classicone.com

Upcoming Meetings...

April

Our next meeting will be held on April 20th, at 2pm at my house. I promise great mountain weather for your Sunday drive up here. Lunch will be provided so please come hungry. Also feel free to arrive before 2pm as well. I have been working on my latest AMC project in hopes to have in pretty much finished for your review at that time. Directions are:

First let me say to all you GPS owners. Coming up 75/575 these are the best directions. You can enter the name Mountain Hollow Creek which GPS does recognize, that is the front gate. But it will take you through Jasper and other back roads which is not quicker then the directions I have given you here. GPS also has you turning at some roads which are not there, maybe they

planned them but never built. If you do use GPS it will give you two false turns as you get within 5 miles. The first is as you come up 136, it says turn left on Fisher Creek Road—that road does not exist. The second is about 500 yards from the actual turn to our development, GPS says “*turn left to Mountain Hollow Creek*”, do not turn for another 500 or so yards—there is a sign at the proper turn that that says Mountain Creek Hollow.

Coming from the Gwinnett area take GA hwy. 20 through Cumming all the way to 575 and follow directions below. Coming from the Cumming area you can take 20 across to 575 which empties onto 575 at mile marker 19. Then follow the directions below from I-575 north.

Take I-75 North to 575. Go north on 575 (it becomes 515 after Cherokee County). You go north on 575/515/5 for approx. 34 miles (from where 575 starts) and you will eventually start coming to some traffic lights.

The first traffic light you will come to is Hwy 108, the second is for a hospital on the left. The third is in Jasper at Hwy 53 and the fourth is just a few hundred yards from that one with Home Depot on the left. The last light you will pass is .8 miles from the Home Depot light and will be at Old Philadelphia Road, you then go 3.4 miles and make a right onto Antioch Church Road. As you turn right onto this road there is a Citgo station on the left and a Post

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office next to it.

This road is only a few blocks long—make a right at the end of the road onto Hwy 136. Go about 1/4 mile and make a left (keeping on Hwy 136) through the exciting city of Talking Rock—it consists of a couple of antique stores, a fire station, three old train cars and nothing else! Follow 136 through Talking Rock about 1/2 mile and 136 will fork off to the right (there is a White church in front of you as you bear right in keeping on 136). Follow until it ends at a T intersection. 136 goes to the right but you will make a left at the T intersection and go about 3 1/2 miles.

You will then come to a development on the left called Mountain Creek Hollow . Turn left and at the gate you can either enter the code of (star)*1986 or look up my last name and call me from the gate and I will let you in. Once through the gate go up the hill to the stop sign. Make a left at the stop sign—go downnnnnnnn the hill, upppppp the Hill——downnnnn the hill—over the covered bridge——up the hill to the top. At the top of the hill make a left (there is a small water wheel in front of you as you turn).

The first right will be Bear Tract Drive. We are #80 Bear Track Drive (there are only 3 houses on the street) phone number is (706) 276-1634 cell (770) 324-3807 but try house # first

June

Our June meeting will be held on June 22nd at 2pm as father's day falls on the third Sunday this month. We will meet at Big Bad David Campbell's shop in Alpharetta, Campbell Tire. This venue will afford all of us the opportunity of being able to have our cars placed on one of the lifts in David's show so we can get a good look at what is happening underneath our rides. I know I hate to crawl under my car and look forward to getting a good looksie underneath. Great time to get some pointers also from the more informed members in our club as what may need to be done to the undercarriage.

Directions to David shop are:

From the South: Take GA 400 north to exit 9, Haynes Bridge road and go left on Hanyes Bridge for 1.6 miles. Turn left on Academy street and go just .1 mile and turn right on North Main St. Go 1 mile to 502 North Main St.

From the north: Take GA 400 south to exit 11, Alpharetta/Winward parkway onto Winward parkway and go 1.5 miles. Then turn left onto North Main street and go 1 mile to 502 North Main St.

Campbell Tire: 502 North Main St., Alpharetta, GA 30004 (770) 751-9811

MOPAR SOUTHERN CLASSIC...

...by Jim Graubard

The organizers of this years Mopar Southern Classic to be held on May 2nd and 3rd have asked us to inquire of our members their intentions on attending. They are also looking for help in judging AMC cars as well. I, for one, plan on attending as they hold a good show at a great venue, the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Please let us know if you plan on attending, if you can be a judge, which cars you will bring and any other comments you may have. Please, please fill out the list below and send it back to me even if you will not attend. The Mopar club has gone out of their way in the past to make us part of their family and I would love to have us attend. The flyer for this event is attached to the newsletter. Foward the below information to: Jim Graubard at jsgchg201@yahoo.com

Name:

Plan On Attending: [] Yes

Days You Will Attend:

Will Be A Judge [] Yes [] No

I Will Bring The Following Car/Cars:

Additional Comments:

Upcoming AMC Events...

May 2nd & 3rd, 2008

6th annual Landmark Mopar Southern Classic

Infield of the Atlanta Motor Speedway

Start Your Engines!

Ladies and Gentlemen of the MOPAR world you are invited to the fastest growing, largest, all Mopar event in the Southeast! The North Georgia Mopar Club, Landmark Dodge, and Vortech-Paxton SuperChargers are hosting the 6th annual Landmark Mopar Southern Classic all Mopar car show at the same great location we were at last year; the Infield of the Atlanta Motor Speedway on May 2nd and 3rd, 2008. Last year we had in excess of 250 Mopars and over 90 Vendors, this year promises to be even better! We've added a second day, Friday, and we have added more space for the Vendors, Car Corral and Manufacture's Midway. In addition; we have added the "Hotlanta Mopar Street Challenge" to be held Friday night on Pit Road: Street Racing in a safe and controlled environment! 1/8 Mile street racing where Mopar Racers challenge all comers! Race Trophies will be provided by Mopar Collector's Guide Magazine. We have added more food vendors with better pricing than last year and there will be NO race cars on the track on Saturday!!!!

We will be once again giving away, as our grand door prize, a brand new 18' open car hauler, courtesy of Trailers for Less of Fayetteville, GA, to one lucky participant of the show. In addition; Air Tran Airways is providing us with 2-roundtrip tickets anywhere in their system to be given away as well. If you have ever wanted to take your car on the track, this will be the day as we will have 4 speedway cruises for all participants! Dyno Dave Dunbar will also have his dynamometer there to test your car's performance. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and of course DJ Tommy Landrum will be providing the tunes for the show. In addition to the normal judging, you and your car can have your picture taken in Victory Lane! Of course there will be a swap meet and a car corral so bring some cash and find part you have been searching for, or that next project/dream car.

We are inviting all of the Mopar world to attend; such as Vipers, Prowlers, PT Cruisers, Jeeps, AMCs, Hudsons, Willys, Mopar streetrods, Muscle and Custom Trucks, Drag Cars, Antique Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodges, and of course the Mopar Muscle Cars.

Put it on your calendar; May 2nd. and 3rd. 2008, The Atlanta Motor Speedway infield, 6th Annual all Mopar Landmark Southern Classic.

For further information email questions to:

2008moparshow@mindspring.com , or go to www.northgeorgiamoparclub.com or call 770-401-6542.

Keep on Mopar'n and we'll see you there!!

May 3, 2008 9 AM - 5 PM

16th Annual Orphan Vehicle Celebration

At the Snellville Days Festival

Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

(Rain Date: Sunday, May 4, 2008)

Flyer Attached

Come celebrate 16 years of extraordinary vehicles!!

Every year we get surprised by the assortment of vehicles that show up!

So many companies have stopped producing cars and trucks over the years and they all come to our show! So bring anything out of the ordinary!

Rick Kamen: 404-288-8222

June 15, 2008

Summer AMO Regional

Hey everyone: Steve Corder from Kannapolis, NC here. VP and event coordinator for Carolina AMC. I was recently contacted by our local class A baseball team, the Kannapolis Intimidators, about providing some cars to help them with their Father's Day celebration to be held June 15. After talking with our president, Jerry Tucker, we have decided to pursue this as a regional event and would like to invite your participation.

Some of the highlights of the event are: The ball park is less than 1/4 mile off I-85 at exit 63. The Intimidators will provide an all-you-can-eat hamburger/hotdog buffet prior to the game for \$4.00 a head. For \$11.00 total, participants will get the buffet and a reserved seat for the Father's Day ball game. I will be contacting the Fairfield Inn at exit 58 in Kannapolis to host us. (used by the Intimidators) It is, also, less than 1/4 mile from I-85. There is Trailer parking, vendor space and ample show field on site.

The buffet will start at 4PM with the game starting at 5:05PM. The game usually lasts about 3.5 hours. We have just started preparations so we don't have flyers or registration forms yet. We will make them available as soon as possible. Carolina AMC and the Kannapolis Intimidators hope to see you all on June 15.

July 1st to July 6st, 2008

2008 AMO International Convention

Car Show and Swap Meet

All AMC Cars from 1958 to 1988 including: Ambassador, American, AMX, Classic, Concord, Eagle, Gremlin, Hornet, Javelin, Jeep, Marlin, Matador, Metropolitan, Pacer, Rambler, Rebel, Spirit.

Hosted by AMO PLUS of Ontario

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Host Hotel is: The Ambassador Hotel & Conference Center

Contact: 1-800-267-7880 or 613-548-3605

Pre-registration for Show & Pre-booking of Hotel recommended

For more information visit our website: www.amontario.org for full details or Contact: Don @ 613-372-5101

Peach State Speedway

Jefferson GA

Monthly Car Show & Swap Meet

I'm not sure that many of you may be aware we have started haing a monthly Car Show / Swap Meet here at Peach State Speedway in Jefferson, GA.

The track is just off of I-85 at exit #140. Direction can be found at our web site (listed below)

We have it the second Saturday of every month.

It's been going pretty well so far, but we would like to grow the event even more. We encourage vendors, car owners, and spectators to come join us for this festive day once a month.

We would like to see you and your club get together and join us at the show this month.

We have had pretty decent car counts over the winter months, even though the weather has been a little cool on some days.

This month we are looking forward to even bigger crowds as the weather begins to warm up, and spring slips up on us.

We try to cover our car show on our web site, and give out prizes for the best cars that attend every month. It is a 'fans choice' ballot, so that makes it even more interesting.

This month we plan on having a 50/50 drawing also so someone may go home with a pocket full of money.

This is just the first of THREE big events we have scheduled here right away at Peach State Speedway.

Next month we have a Car Show / Swap Meet in conjunction with the opening day of our race season. On tap is the National Vintage Racing Association (NVRA) There are old races cars from days gone by, and boy do they put on a show. They just don't get out and ride around in their cars,.. there's some full fledged fender to fender racing.

I would like to ask that you please get with your club members and assemble a group to come out for the day, both this month, and also on opening day at the races. Please help us spread the word, and come and join us. Drive your nice cars, and show them off.

I want to mention that we also have a "official Host Hotel" of Peach State Speedway for 2008, and if some of you come and want to spend the night, they give a reduced rate. It is the Dandelion Inn in Commerce GA. It is a nice place to stay and the new owners have spent quite a bit of money doing a big renovation project. Please stop by our web site and see their banner ad on the side of the page. It will give you all the information, a link to their web site, and a special passcode to get the reduced rate. <http://www.peachstspeedway.com/>

Here is a link to the speedway. I also want to list a couple links from news articles we posted about past car shows.
<http://www.peachstspeedway.com/News-2008-01-13.htm>
<http://www.peachstspeedway.com/News-2007-11-04.htm>

10th Annual AMC Southeast Regional

Atlanta, GA

Saturday September 27, 2008 9a.m. – 4p.m.

Hosted by Peach State AMO

Show is open to all AMC, Rambler, NASH, Hudson, and all other marquees that eventually formed AMC
Club membership is not required

Peach State AMO would like to invite everyone to attend the 10th annual all AMC car show. This year we will keep it low key and simple. Come see all of your old friends and enjoy the Southern hospitality, Atlanta style.

Event Location: Hilton Atlanta NE, Norcross GA

Host Hotel: Hilton Atlanta NE 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Norcross GA 30092 770 447-4747

For reservations: Call the host hotel at 770 447-4747 or call 800 HILTONS and mention the American Motors Owners Association for the special rate of \$89.00 per night. Reservations must be made prior to September 5, 2008 to guarantee the special rate.

For more information and registration forms contact:

Jeff Barfield - 394 Creek Crossing Ct. - Grayson, GA 30017 – 770-466-8463 Email: jrbarfield@comcast.net

Jeff Puras – 423 Four Seasons Ct. – Dacula, GA 30019 – 678-376-8901 Email: amx@mindspring.com

Registration forms and information also available on the Internet at: <http://www.peachstateamo.com>

Peach State Web Site Update... <http://www.peachstateamo.com>

...by Ron Waters

STILL NEED PICTURES OF YOUR CARS FOR WEB SITE!!! You can email them to peachstate@classicone.com

Swap Meet...

Send Your Swap Meet Listings (For Sale or Wanted) to Ron Waters

By email: peachstate@classicone.com

By Mail: 4857 Pine Hill Court West - Stone Mountain, GA 30088

For Sale...

- 1964 AMC Rambler 2dr hard top, rebuilt V-8 with auto- trans & power brakes. Very straight and solid body, primed and ready for paint. New interior, tires, & breaks along with extra parts. Poor health is forcing this sale. \$4000.00 - Ray Wehunt - (770) 819-1402 7:00 am - 11:00 pm

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