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# President's Letter January 2023

Happy New Year! 2023 is here and a new year brings new opportunities, new resolutions and a sense of a new beginning. The Dallas Mopar Club is now over 40 years old but the enthusiasm never seems to wane. We have members that have been with the club for decades and yet we have new members join every month.

Since 1982, the Dallas Mopar Club has worked hard to preserve the history and heritage of Chrysler products. Back then, we could never have imagined the enthusiastic following that Mopar vehicles would have 40 years later. Now, we enjoy a whole generation of 'Modern Mopars' in addition to the classics. At our monthly meeting on January 8, we had everything from a beautiful '70 Cuda to a Viper to a PT Cruiser to a Challenger Redeye. Jim Carpenter said he's still trying to learn to control 797 horsepower.

I need to take a minute and introduce myself. My name is Bob Gant. I was elected as the club president at the DMC Christmas party in December. That came as quite a surprise but I appreciate the support of the Directors and I have committed to do my best to continue the growth and success of this fine organization. My background has been in the automotive aftermarket business my whole life I worked for a large parts company for 45 years, transferred 7 times all over the country and I consider myself a pretty serious 'gearhead'. My roots are in Texas and after living in so many places, Texas will always be my home.

My Mopar passion began in the 1960's. Like a lot of kids, I learned a lot about cars just keeping a junker running to get me back and forth to work and school. Back in early 1967, my grandfather died and he left me his practically new 1965 Rambler American. It had 6,000 miles, a flathead 6 with 90 hp ('65 was the last year of an American car with a flathead), '3 on the tree', rubber mats, no radio but it was a lot more dependable than the \$100 cars that I had owned. As a Junior in high school, it wasn't much of a 'girl magnet' but it was mine.



One day in the summer of '68, I was driving by the Rambler dealer and on the front row of the used cars was a '66 Dodge Charger, silver, black interior with a 383 4bbl and a 4 speed. After begging my Dad to cosign for me, I had a 20,000 mile Charger with a \$48 a month payment. I was hooked. And, like a lot of teenagers, I drove hard. I realized pretty quick, I couldn't break the Dodge unlike most of the stuff I'd driven. I even managed to break an axle on the Rambler with a 90 hp engine.



Since that Charger, I've owned 15 Mopars including 4 that I still own. I found another '66 Charger – 383 several years ago that I still own so I guess I've come full circle.



I first joined the club in 1989 when I was restoring a '70 Challenger T/A. Like so often happened, I was transferred away in 1992 and it took me 6 or 7 years to get back to Texas. At any rate, that's enough about me. Thanks again for your trust and I'll do my best to represent the club over the next year.



We are working on some shows and events that you'll hear more about soon but we have the annual Dallas Autorama at Dallas Market Hall, February 17 – 19. The Dallas club will have a larger exhibit this year with our goal of having 10 vehicles in the show. If you have never attended, try to visit the show and we'll look forward to seeing you at the DMC Mopar display. If you are not a member of the DMC, that would be a great time to sign up.

Speaking of membership, now is the time to join or renew. You can use PayPal on the DMC website, mail a check or pay in person if you attend a monthly meeting. Dues have remained at \$25 yearly for single membership and \$40 for family membership. You will receive a special Dallas Mopar Club t-shirt, this monthly newsletter, access to the website / DMC directory and all of the perks that go along with hanging around a lot of Mopar folks. We have a monthly meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2 pm. Our location moves from time to time but we've been using the VFW post at 2180 Meridian Way, Garland, TX. They have a quiet meeting room and plenty of parking for those nice Mopars. We are also bringing back the 50/50 pot that rewards the Mopar of peoples choice at the meeting plus a cash pot. Maybe you'll win some gas money. I'd like to thank our new members, the Cribbs family for attending the January meeting.

The Dallas Mopar Club is open to everyone. It's a family friendly group and as we now have some Mopar "orphan" brands, we have members with Imperials, DeSotos, AMC products, Jeeps and even a Fiat. The times are changing but the love for these cars lives on.

Whether you own a modern Mopar, a classic Mopar or even no Mopar, everyone is welcome. If you know prospective members, print off an application from the DMC website and get them signed up! <https://dallasmoparclub.wildapricot.org/>

Thanks again for your support and lets all have a wonderful 2023.

Bob Gant 214-725-1444  
Dallas Mopar Club

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## Dallas Mopar Club January Minutes

Meeting minutes Jan 08-2023

Meeting occurred at VFW Post 5076 - 2180 Meridian Way, Garland 75040

Board / club meeting called to order at 1:06 PM by president Bob Gant, 13 members were in attendance.

Club treasurer Andy Dicus presented a detailed financial report. He went over the bank activity for the past month, the club is financially sound. Andy has a meeting on Jan 20th with the club accountant to discuss our tax return for 2022.

Craig Bush gave a race report on the Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge which will begin their season on March 12 at Extreme Raceway Park in Ferris at 9AM.

Jerry Reed discussed the upcoming AutoRama show February 17 - 19, stating he believes we will have ten cars to enter. Ron Carroll from Cowtown Mopar Club was present and is coordinating our entries with theirs, possibly for one large Mopar exhibit depending on the available spaces. Jerry said all entries need to be in no later than Feb 1 and to please contact him concerning displaying your car. The DMC is paying the entry fee for our members, club treasure Andy Dicus wrote a check to Ron Carroll to cover our entry fees. Any members that made a verbal commitment to enter their car and fail to do so will be obligated to repay the \$50 entry fee.

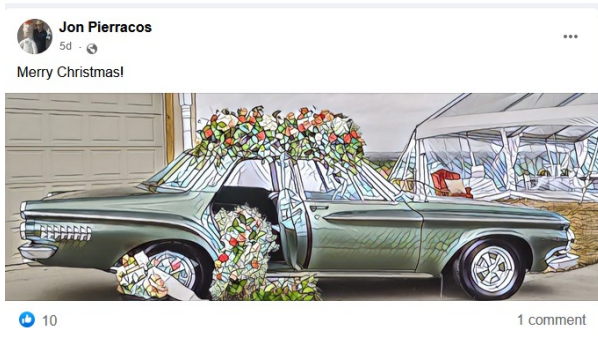
Jerry said his church where we will hold the Southwest Mopar Nationals on October 8th has added additional parking we will use to park trucks and trailers.

Bob Gant broached several items; discussion ensued concerning moving the meeting day, time and location. Ron Carroll suggested a get together with the Cowtown Club. No decision was made other than the March meeting will be held at Clint Cash warehouse complex in Nevada on either March 11<sup>th</sup>. Bob motioned the club pay for food at the March meeting and numerous members second the motion. It was agreed soliciting modern Mopar's was probably a necessary avenue to pursue to gain additional members. Clint Cash said he will reach out to Steve Cardwell who is an admin with Mopar's of the DFW to try to schedule a meet with them.

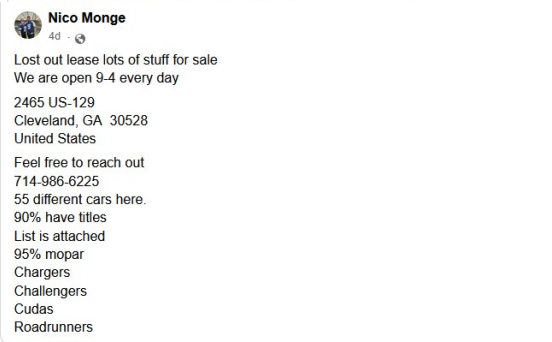
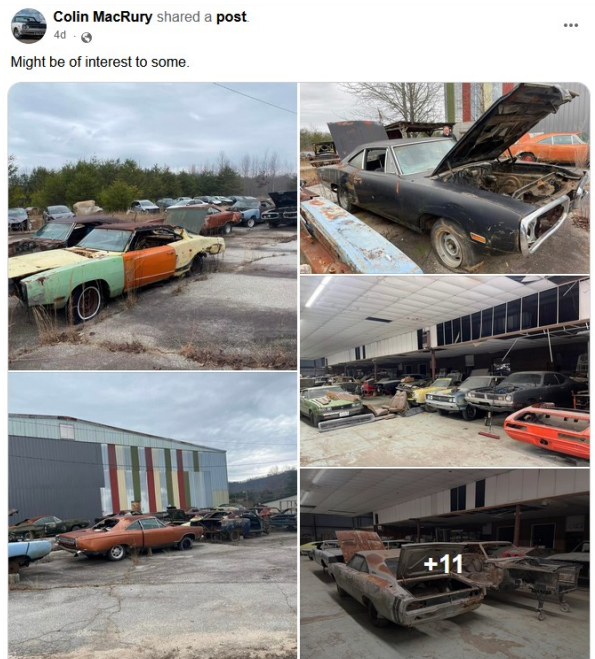
No new business was noted.  
Meeting was adjourned at 3:42PM.  
Meeting minutes submitted by Craig Bush

## Dallas Mopar Face Book Page

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Jon Won Best in Class for his 1962 Dodge Dart at the  
Wheels of Hope car show in Garland, TX on October 15<sup>th</sup>



Craig Bush shared a photo.  
December 26, 2022 at 2:02 PM

should have bought both....

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**Suzuki. Back to take on the country.**

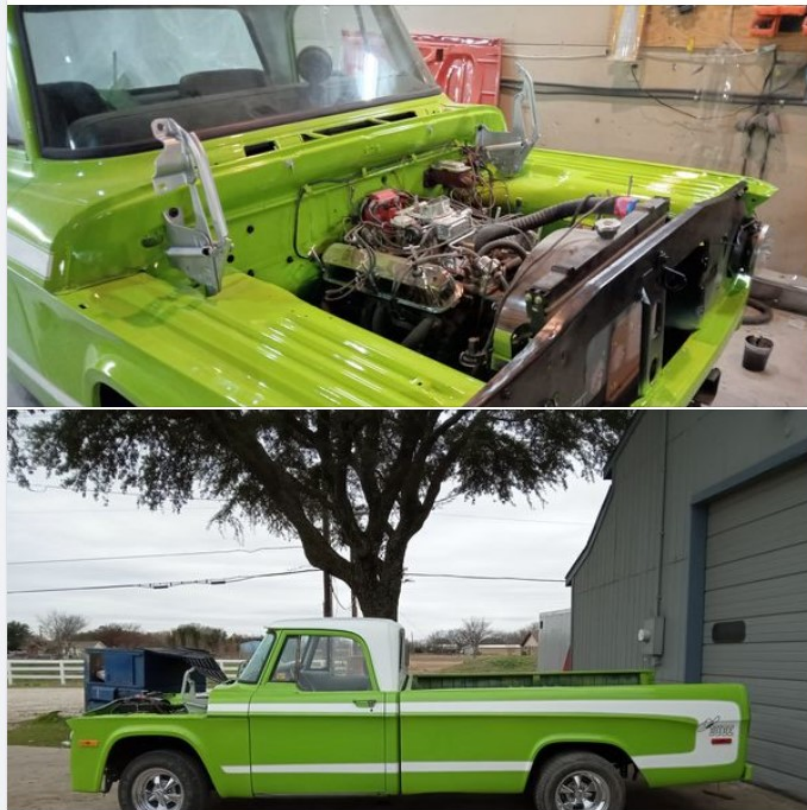
David Clark  
December 22, 2022 at 12:08 PM

Winner of the hellcat motor Texas motor speedway



Michael George  
December 19, 2022 at 6:10 PM

sublime dude is getting close to finished.. then clint can video it in all of its rareness



Andy Dicus Jr. and 18 others

1 comment

This is Brett, I have been to a couple shows and have been a member for a couple years. I have a project that I have been working on for a couple years and now have hit a wall. The car was a 2007 Magnum RT with a blown motor and then I tried to put a motor in and then gave it to a motor shop then took it back and after working to see what I wanted to do with it after getting hail damage and losing my other magnum RT to hail damage I decided to do custom setup on it. Now we have done everything to make it a 2017 charger running gear and front end including the dash and all electronics and have taken it to my dodge dealer over here in Fort Worth.

Problem is the service manager is throwing a fit and does not want to work on it. My service writer is being nice but it has been there for 3 months and no word. It has a 392 with an ECU that was with the car, I bought a new BCU and a stereo from another car and a steering wheel from another car and dash from another. The issue now is I need everything to talk to each other and play nice but that takes a dodge dealer.

If I cannot get this dealer to do it is there a Dodge Dealer that will work on coding the ECU and getting the BCU and all the dash and stereo to work together maybe a sponsor of the club. I am tired of being stuck on this one. I look forward to any help you can give.

Brett Wassell,  
Cell: 817-239-7490

## Dallas Mopar Club

### Time to Renew DMC Dues for 2023

Club membership dues for 2023 are needed to remain a member in good standing and to continue receiving the *PentaStar Press*. You can renew or join by going to the Club's website, [www.dallasmoparclub.com](http://www.dallasmoparclub.com) and pay with PayPal, or renew by mail or pay at one of the Club events. Your email address is especially important as an email is sent out when the newsletter is posted on the website. Thanks to those who have already renewed their membership.

Single membership is still \$25, and Family membership remains at \$40. Current members need not fill out a membership form for renewal unless a change is needed for membership information the Club has on file.


Join or renew by mail fill out a membership form send check to:

Andy Dicus, PO Box 193, Scurry, Tx 75158

Membership updates:

- a) 2022 Dallas Mopar membership cards/badges are available on line through DMC website.
  - a. Current and new members can print DMC membership card
  - b. Log on to <https://dallasmoparclub.wildapricot.org/>
  - c. Click on "Become a DMC member" on DMC home page and click on:

“Edit your membership profile”

 You are already a member. [Edit your member profile](#)

d. Click “Printable PDF” to print your 2022 DMC Membership card

Dallas Mopar Club Jackets are available for DMC members to order. Contact Gabby at Unique Karz and Awards in Forney, TX to order yours. All you need to do is contact her by e-mail: [Gabby1975e@Yahoo.com](mailto:Gabby1975e@Yahoo.com) or phone 469-632-6993. The jackets are \$45 and she takes credit cards.

2022 Renewed DMC Members as of December, 2022

Family	16
<u>Individual</u>	<u>51</u>
Total	67

Cory Duke - Wife / Nichole Conti

[ducroix@duck.com](mailto:ducroix@duck.com)


Anna, TX

1970 Dodge Challenger FYI: this Bob Gant's old T/A Challenger that he had in '88 - '01.


340 Manual Diver/Stock

Dallas Mopar Club Tech Tips

Clint Cash has his own YouTube series on MOPAR restorations. Clint's current project is a 1971 Dodge Challenger 440 6 Pack Restoration. Check out Clint's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKWsvMFBSKw>

 **Clint Cash** shared a link. 4d · 🌐

1971 Dodge Challenger RT Restoration continued. Removing the full rear end and leaf springs with a "quick shimmy."



YOUTUBE.COM  
1971 Dodge Challenger RT 440 6 Pack Restoration Part 11 - Removal of Rear End and Leaf Springs

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Check out Clint's You Tube channel!



## Dallas Mopar Events and Member Activities

**THE EVENTS LISTED BELOW ARE EVENTS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS**

### Upcoming Events

- Next Dallas Mopar Club meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup> 2023.
  - At the VFW Post 2180 Meridian Way Garland, Texas @ 2:00 PM
- February 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> 2023 Auto Rama - More details to come
- March 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> annual CHOW DOWN Lunch Classic Mopar Car/ truck/ Modern car Cruise sponsored by the Dallas Mopar Club
  - DMC March meeting will be held at Clint Cash's  
Barnes of Nevada  
2484 County Road 643  
Nevada, TX 75173  
Saturday March 11, 2023 11 am - 3 pm

## Dallas Mopar For Sale

MOPAR DIE-CAST MODELS FOR SALE, NEW IN THE BOX, 1/18 SCALE = 12" LONG

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3. MEDIUM BLUE 1969 DODGE CORONET R/T, BLACK INTERIOR \$ 60.
4. DARK BLUE 1969 SUPER BEE, WHITE INTERIOR \$70.
5. METALLIC BLUE 1969 ROADRUNNER, BLACK INTERIOR \$70.
6. 1969 CHARGER DAYTONA, GREEN WITH SADDLE INTERIOR \$80. (Very rare colors)
7. 1971 BRIGHT GREEN CHALLENGER R/T, BLACK INTERIOR & STRIPES \$70.
8. BRIGHT GREEN 1970 SUPERBIRD WITH BLACK INTERIOR \$80. **SOLD**
9. PURPLE 1970 CHALLENGER, WHITE INTERIOR \$75.
10. PURPLE 1970 HEMI-CUDA, BLACK INTERIOR \$75. **SOLD**
11. ORANGE 1971 CHALLENGER INDY PACE CAR, WHITE INTERIOR \$100. (Rare, by Greenlight)
12. ORANGE 1970 AAR CUDA, BLACK INTERIOR, RARE \$80. **SOLD**
13. ORANGE 1971 ROADRUNNER, BLACK INTERIOR \$75.

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THANKS TO MEMBER GLEN BALKO FOR HELPING ME WITH THIS PROJECT! Glen Roy Balko [gbalko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gbalko@sbcglobal.net)

# Race Info

## Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge

FOR INFO CONTACT ROBERT VAUGHAN  
972-988-7381 [REV383@YAHOO.COM](mailto:REV383@YAHOO.COM)

### TMCCC 2023 Schedule

Attention to Racers. Poseidon Raceway has once again changed Management and will become I-30 again. Schedule will remain the same. Also, Street is going to become Stock and Super Muscle will become Street Muscle. There will be 2 Outlaw Classes. Modified 7.25 and Slower and Competition 7.49 and faster. Parking is each car can save 1 space only.



#### 2023 Schedule (Tentative)

3/12/2023 **Xtreme Raceway Park**  
Sunday 1800 South I-45 Service Rd.  
Ferris, TX 75125  
972-544-3724  
Gates @ 9 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

8/6/2023 **Texas Motorplex**  
Sunday (4 points 1st round)  
7500 W. Highway 287  
Ennis, TX 75119  
972-878-2641  
Gates @ 8 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

3/26/2023 **Texas Motorplex**  
Sunday 7500 W. Highway 287  
Ennis, TX 75119  
972-878-2641  
Gates @ 8 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

8/27/2023 **Poseidon Raceway Park**  
Sunday (Double Points)  
5326 FM-1565  
Caddo Mills, TX 75135  
903-806-6988  
Gates @ 9 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

4/2/2023 **Poseidon Raceway Park**  
Sunday 5326 FM-1565  
Caddo Mills, TX 75135  
903-806-6988  
Gates @ 9 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

9/10/2023 **Poseidon Raceway Park**  
Sunday 5326 FM-1565  
Caddo Mills, TX 75135  
903-806-6988  
Gates @ 9 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

4/16/2023 **Texas Motorplex**  
Sunday 7500 W. Highway 287  
Ennis, TX 75119  
972-878-2641  
Gates @ 8 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

10/1/2023 **Xtreme Raceway Park**  
Sunday 1800 South I-45 Service Rd.  
Ferris, TX 75125  
972-544-3724  
Gates @ 9 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

4/23/2023 **Xtreme Raceway Park**  
Sunday 1800 South I-45 Service Rd.  
Ferris, TX 75125  
972-544-3724  
Gates @ 9 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

10/29/2023 **Xtreme Raceway Park**  
Sunday (Big Dog Race to Follow)  
1800 South I-45 Service Rd.  
Ferris, TX 75125  
972-544-3724  
Gates @ 9 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

5/7/2023 **Poseidon Raceway Park**  
5326 FM-1565  
Caddo Mills, TX 75135  
903-806-6988  
Gates @ 9 AM  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

11/18/2023 **Banquet**  
Saturday Texas Star Conference Center  
1400 Texas Star Pkwy  
Euleus, TX 76040  
817-685-7888  
6 PM - 10 PM

6/4/2023 **Ardmore Dragway**  
Sunday (4 points 1st round)  
15793 US 77  
Ardmore, OK 73401  
580-504-0138  
Gates @ TBD  
Driver Entry \$40, Spectator \$15

Class ET TBD  
Run Order TBD  
Drivers may enter the Cash Bracket as well as up to two (2) classes, must have different numbers for each class (ex. Pro- 123X, Electronics- 321X, check with TMCCC table for number availability).

## Important Info from the Newsletter editor

Fellow Dallas Mopar Members, I wish to thank all those who sent articles to be in the newsletter. As the Dallas Mopar Newsletter editor, I need your inputs on what you would like to see in the newsletter.

If I don't get your input, I cannot put it into the newsletter.

- Feature Car
- Tech article
- Items for sale or trade
- Pictures of events, parties, car shows attended
- Anything you would like to have in the newsletter

Please send articles, pictures, your write-ups to:  
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## Meeting Information:

Monthly Dallas Mopar Club meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM

**Check the DMC website for any last-minute time or location changes.**  
<https://dallasmoparclub.wildapricot.org/>

The Monthly Dallas Mopar Board meeting and Dallas Mopar member meetings and are now combined and open to all club members: All members are encouraged to attend.

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