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Our new Club Officers have been elected!

President...Jessica Puryear

Vice President ... Will Blalock

Web Designers ...Trent Garner & John Nolan

Secretary/Treasurer ...Tami Blalock

Event Coordination ...By Committee

Thank you to all of our club members and guests who turned out for our picnic this year at Devils Den State Park. We had a great day and the weather cooperated. The youngsters in our group enjoyed the pool as well. Kudos again to our cook Ed Stevenson – thank you for lugging your grill out again this year, we couldn't do it without you.

Happy Birthday Club Members!

**George Davidson 9/15, Beva Davidson 09/28, Gary Green 09/28,
Peggie Stevenson 09/28**

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Ozark Mopar Club Still Plays With Cars

Feature Member of the Month



Your name & where you are from?

- Trent Garner - Fayetteville, AR.

What is the year, make & model of your car?

- A 1970 Plymouth Valiant Duster.

When did you get your car & from where?

- I got it in 2001 from a friend in Lincoln, AR.

When you bought it was it complete?

- It was a complete car, although it was rather rough in places and needed a tune-up really bad. It was running (barely) and drivable.

What was under the hood when you bought it?

- It came with a 340ci engine, a Holley 750 dbbl pumper and a Victor 340 intake, and it ran pretty strong, even with a low-compression cylinder! With a good tune-up, it ran low 14s at the strip, not bad.

What have you changed about your car?

- Greg and I built up a 340 short-block he bought from a local machine shop into a racing engine, and added a different 727 trans built for racing by a friend of my dad's in our hometown.
- We restored the exterior of the car and had the body painted inside and out. We had to replace one of the rear quarter panels and the entire trunk pan.
- The car is painted Sunfire Orange (a 1970 Mopar color) with a satin black hood.
- New (to me) wheels and BFG tires. We also upgraded the car from small-bolt pattern to big-bolt pattern and upgraded the front disc brakes to bigger rotors and single-piston calipers. The car originally had front disc brakes from the factory, with a small 10.5" rotor and four-piston calipers that were a headache to maintain and rebuild.

Was this your first project car?

- Yes, and likely my last. I do help Greg with his cars, however.



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Why a Mopar?

- I have always appreciated Mopar Muscle cars, although I can appreciate just about any kind of hotrod, really.
- When the opportunity came for me, it happened to be a 1970 Duster. Guess I'm just lucky that way.

What's the best thing about your car?

- My brother Greg and I have done most of the work on the car, from the restoration to building the engine and transmission ourselves. But, we also had help along the way from many good people, and I want to say thank you to all of them!

Is there a funny, sentimental story about your car?

- I knew about this car for ten years before I finally got my hands on it. My buddy let me drive it once when I first saw the car, and I was impressed. He tried to sell it over the years, but nobody wanted the car back then, except me. However, I didn't have the \$4500 he was asking for the car at the time.
- As the years rolled along, the car was stored in Lincoln in an old chickenhouse most of the time, and I didn't get to see it much, but I knew it was still there. I finally got my chance one day when my buddy started talking about wanting a 4-wheeler to go riding around on dirt roads. I had a good 4-wheeler and jokingly offered to trade him straight across for the Duster... and to my surprise he said yes!! The value of the 4-wheeler at the time was about \$3000. We signed the titles over to each other, and wham! I now had my hotrod, woohoo!
- As a nice side, he also had the numbers matching engine and tranny sitting on wooden pallets in the same chickenhouse, which I didn't even know about. I bought those from him for \$1000, and have both stored safely away while I drive the crap out of a different drivetrain. Someday I plan to restore/rebuild the original engine, even if I don't put it back in the car anytime soon. The matching trans is already rebuilt and race-ready.



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Each month we will feature a member's car in the newsletter. Hopefully getting to know our members and their cars a little better. The next member to be featured is [Dan Ledbetter](#). Please have your info to me by August 29th for the September 2007 newsletter. You can e-mail me your pictures or you can drop them in the mail to me at the club address and I will scan it and mail it back to you.

If you would like the club to participate in an event or activity, please send an email to either our President or Vice-President and we will get a committee to working on it.

Greg Garner is still having his garage nights on Thursday nights, just call to make sure he is in town 479-756-1148.

Jim Kelly is making the Radio Flyer for the October car show please help him get the parts needed you can send him an email annejimkelly@peoplepc.com or call 479-855-9306

If you know of any events that need to be added to next months newsletter or if someone needs to be added to the mailing list please send an email with all info to: srt4_1st_nwa@sbcglobal.net

Remember you can mail your yearly dues to:

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Single membership is \$25.00 per year

Family membership is \$30.00 per year



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ITEMS 4 SALE

I am soon going to be moving out of the country, so I won't need my vehicles much longer. Could you put a short list in the newsletter that I want to sell all of my vehicles?

1997 Dakota Extended Cab 318 auto
1995 Dakota Extended Cab V6 auto
1993 LeBaron Convertible
1955 Dodge Custom Royal 4 dr. restored

Lowell Jester- 479-466-9915
dbpierre@cox.net

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Russell Chrysler Dodge Jeep is offering our members a sweet deal. He is willing to sell us parts at cost +10% for Mopar performance parts. TheDodgePlace@lycos.com (Put in the subject box "to order parts") PO 726, Highway 79 and 167, Fordyce AR 71742. Larry Coleman 2406 Meadow Lane Rd. Fordyce, AR 71742 Tel # 870-352-8687 at dealer for parts – Call 877-818-1981 Toll Free at dealer or 870-313-1330 Cell

Challenger and Cuda fenders available through Mopar Performance. Put the word out. COST PLUS 10%. I will shuttle from Dealership to wherever to save shipping. For more info contact Gary Green - cudacountry@msn.com



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EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR
events in blue are club related

[08/18/2007 - Club meeting @ Sonic, Lowell, AR @ 5pm \(earlier date & time so we can cruise\)](#)

08/24/2007 - 32nd Annual Queen Wilhelmina Rod Run (open show)- Mena, AR

Queen Wilhelmina State Park and Downtown- August 24th thru August 26th, 2007
This annual event sponsored by local business Street & Performance brings to town an average of 200 hot rodders and classic car owners across the nation.
Downtown activities include a dance, games, and awards. This is a long time favorite of locals! A good time is guaranteed to be had by all. Call 479-394-5711 for more information.

08/26/2007 - Classic Car Show & Shine - Sponsored by Heartbeat of The Ozarks - Rogers, AR

Sunday August 26th 2007. In downtown Rogers, Arkansas on the Square. In conjunction with the Frisco Festival. For more info please e-mail RAMJET57@sbcglobal.net

09/07/2007 - Monster Mopar Madness XXIII - Gateway International Raceway - St Louis, MO

<http://www.gatewayraceway.com/>

[09/15/2007 - Club meeting @ Sonic, Lowell, AR @ 5pm \(earlier date & time so we can cruise\)](#)

09/22/2007 - Shell Knob Car Show & Shakin in the Shell Fest- Shell Knob, MO

Check in: 9am to Noon - Awards Presentation starts at 3pm - Dash Plaques/ Door Prizes/ Top 96 Cars & Trucks \$12 Pre-Entry - \$15 Day of the Show - Live bands, big Outdoor & boat show as well. Class I is 1998-UP awarding 12 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd trophies/ Class II is 1900-1997 awarding 78 - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd trophies / Motorcycles / For more info please contact 417-858-3300 or send an email to: info@shellknob.com

09-29-2007 - 2007 Cave Springs Days -Cave Springs, AR

Saturday, September 29, 2007- Registration Time: 8am - 12pm / Trophies awarded to top 40 cars & trucks - Also top 10 awarded to 1990 & Newer Cars & trucks/ First 60 Entries receive a dash plaque/ Door Prizes/Drawings/50/50 pot. For More info please call Bob @ 479-248-1364 or 479-466-2878



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[10/06/2007 – 6th Annual Mopars in the Ozarks – Lewis Chrysler](#)

This will be a judged event with top 25 awarded plaques. \$20 registration- a portion of the Proceeds will be donated to Washington County Habitat for Humanity. Door Prizes - Goody Bags - Coloring Contest for the Kids, Swap Meet & 50-50 Pot. Food & Beverages will be available for purchase.

[10/13/2007 - Branson's 6th Annual Car Show Series Extravaganza – Branson, MO](#)

Judged Classes Car show – Door Prizes – 50/50 Pot- Dash Plaques –For more info please contact Keith Goad @ 417-332-7328

[10/20/2007 – Club Meeting Jim's Razorback in Lowell 5pm \(earlier time\)](#)

[10/27/2007 - MS Quest for a Cure Antique Car Show – Rogers, AR](#)

Saturday, October 27th, 2007--- Registration starts at 8am – Lunch will be provided To be held at Fuddrucker's, 3001 Market St., Rogers, AR – \$20 Registration – More details to follow.

[11/03/2007 - MOPARS at the Park, Tulsa Raceway Park www.tulsaracewaypark.com](http://www.tulsaracewaypark.com)

[No Club Meeting in November](#)

[12/01/2007 - Club Christmas Party – Saturday December 1, 2007 – Holiday Island, AR](#)

Our Club members Mona & Larry Gathright have graciously volunteered to host the NWA Ozark Mopar Club 2007 Christmas party on 12/1/07 @ 4pm – If you will be participating in the gift exchange please remember that you should bring a gift for someone of your gender and if it is a Ladies gift it should be wrapped in Red and Gentlemen gifts should be wrapped in green. There is a \$20 limit on the gift.



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Car Show News Update

Over 100 request letters have been sent out asking for donations for our car show in October. We have had positive responses from the following suppliers. Meguiars, Year One, 303 Products, Bank of Fayetteville, Honeywell, Jack Links, and Gold Eagle.

We have 2 door prizes donated already as well.

The goody bags for the kids coloring contest are almost complete and the pictures are all printed for them to color. The prizes for the 3 age groups are already purchased.

We have had volunteers already sign up to help staff the tents & provide food...

Food booth: Mona, Peggie, and Nancy

Registration booth: Jessica and Janette.

Food Items: Peggie will bring donuts. Tami will make breakfast burritos again.

We need volunteers for relief at the Registration & Coloring & Food Booths. Just to provide a 15-minute break periodically.

The car show event T-shirts will be light gray and have the following cars on the front - Dan Ledbetter's yellow 1966 Barracuda, Gary Green's purple 1971 'Cuda, and Pete Iles' lime green 2006 Charger. Lewis has not yet advised us what is on the back.