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Well here we are in to November already. There are so many things to start planning for next year. A reminder, no meeting in October but we will be having the Christmas party on Saturday December 1st 2007 at Larry & Mona Gathrights in Holiday Island, AR. What a neat place to live during the holidays.

We had a great meeting on October 27th. We are ready to get busy with scheduling car shows for 2008. We have the St. Paddy's day show in March and Centerville in June and the 7th Annual Mopars in the Ozarks in Late September or early October.

Happy Birthday to the following club members –

Sandy Burnette -11/07 *** Nancy Devore -11/22 *** Terry Jennings -11/16
Lowell Jester – 11/10 *** Jessica Puryear - 11/04 *** Jeanette Puryear - 11/21

If I forgot anyone please send me an e-mail or call me and let me know when your special day is.

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Still plays with cars

THE RIDE OF THE MONTH



Your name & where you are from?

- *Pete & Connie Iles*
- *Lowell Arkansas*

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

- *2007 Dodge Charger Daytona R/T,*
- *#622 of 1500, color: SUB LIME*

When did you get your car & from where?

- *Purchased 4/14/07 Hendren All American Auto Plex.*

When you bought it was it complete?

- *Well it didn't have any of our personal touches added yet.*

What was under the hood when you bought it?

- *350 horse 5.7 HEMI Multi-Displacement V8*

What have you changed about your car?

- *Tinted windows, splash guards, painted rotors, illuminated door sills, POW/MIA front hood emblem, padded console with R/T embroidery, painted hood struts, vinyl numbering, "sub lime" rear fascia decal, Daytona visor stickers.*
- *MODS to come: different exhaust.....maybe painted engine cover, depends on time and money!*



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Why a Mopar?

- *Originally wanted the Plum Crazy Charger but when I saw the Sub Lime, we could not wait for the Plum to be released. First Mopar for us. My brother owned a 69 Roadrunner many years ago; I was always a GM guy.*

What's the best thing about your car?

- *The color, either you love it or hate it but you notice it either way (and its got a Hemi!) and the great new friends we have made since joining the Ozark Mopar Club!*

Is there a funny, sentimental story about your car?

- *A buddy of mine at work knew we were looking to trade cars and had driven a Charger at Fletcher on Saturday. He told me about a wild colored green car at the dealership in Jane MO. Connie called to find out about it and it had been sold but they could get us one if we were serious. I found out where the lady worked who had purchased it and drove up to Southwest City MO to see the car. It was a cloudy day and had rained earlier. I saw the car in less than great light and a little dirty from the wet roads. I called Connie and told her it was the car for us and to have the dealership contact Central Dodge in Springfield MO and have them get us one of the 4 they had on the lot. It was a long two days waiting for the car and when it came in, they had paid an elderly couple to go get the car and the gentleman told Connie that it ran really smooth at 80 mph and was a chick magnet.*

The next member to be featured for Ride of the Month is **Tim Clark**. Please have your info to me by November 26th for the December 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.



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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 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.

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



Mopars at the Park – A Beginner’s Story

By
Will Blalock

I made the decision about two months ago that I would go to Tulsa and actually run my car, a 2004 Dodge SRT4, on the track. This was going to be the very first time I had ever run any vehicle down a full fledged drag strip, let alone the car I drive to work every day.

For the first week or so, I was confident and didn't think much about what I had decided to do. But as November drew closer, I started having second thoughts. My wonderful wife, Tami, knowing how I can be, made certain to tell everyone who would listen that I was going to try my hand at drag racing (I think to take away any opportunity for me to back out!).

Anyway, I began doubting that I could go through with making a single run on the track. In the last week before the event, I even had a few dreams about it. Some good, some bad, but it was definitely on my mind. We drove to Tulsa on Friday afternoon, shopped, had supper and made the best of taking an afternoon off from work.

Saturday morning, we arrived at the track just after eight, and when I pulled up to the ticket counter, I committed myself to running Test and Tune. I paid and Tami commented that I was really going to do it. I could barely believe it myself. While waiting for tech inspection to open, I emptied the car of our luggage and shopping from the night before and checked the fire pressures, making certain that they were all equal and tried to keep myself busy. Tami attempted to clean the dust and dirt off the car, and when asked why, her reply was, "I want this to be the prettiest black car on the track today!" (by the way, it was).



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Tech inspection turned out to be nothing more than signing the entry form and receiving a wristband, as I was not going to participate in the bracket racing going on in the afternoon. When the call went out to line up for the time trials, I pulled in behind Jessica Puryear and tuned my radio to the tower. I watched as Jessica performed her burn out and conducted her run. Rather than try to do a burnout with my street tires, I drove around the water box and forward to the staging lights. I went too far forward and had to back up slightly to get myself staged properly.

I heard the announcer say 'little turbo neon' and thought of Tami yelling out, "it's not a Neon, it's a Serty!" I smiled slightly and then started watching the tree. As it counted down, I concentrated on trying to launch right as the last yellow lit. Just before the last yellow, I saw movement out of the corner of my eye and realized that the car in the other lane had jumped. The last yellow lit and then I noticed it was out and I jumped on the gas and let off the clutch. The wheels started hopping and chirping and suddenly I was over six thousand RPM and the car suddenly bogged. I realized at that moment, that I needed to shift, and felt the tires spin again. Just before six thousand, I shifted to third and started to settle down. Approaching the end of the run, I realized that I am nearing six thousand again and attempt to shift to fourth, but miss and end up in fifth gear as I approach the finish line. I breathe in and realize that I don't remember taking a breath during the entire run.

I followed the other car down to the timing shack and collected my time slip. The run was 15.424 seconds at 97.35 miles per hour, which impressed me slightly, given that I didn't think I managed to do much right during the run. I made five more runs before eliminations started, with a best run of 15.06 at 97.12 miles per hour.

In some respects, I was disappointed that I didn't run better, but reaction times of around a half second and trying to be easy on the launch didn't help me any. I did have a great time and will have to agree with Jessica, I want to do it again, and am thinking about what I need to do to improve my times.

It is hard to describe the feeling, of attempting to utilize all of the car's power to travel a quarter mile in the shortest time possible. I will be out at the track again, when the opportunity presents itself.

ITEMS 4 SALE

I am soon going to be moving out of the country, so I won't need my vehicles much longer.

Please make an offer!

1997 Dakota Extended Cab 318 auto

1995 Dakota Extended Cab V6 auto

1993 LeBaron Convertible

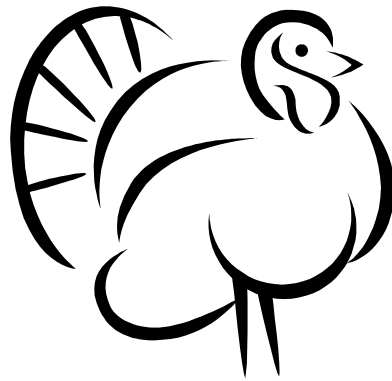
1955 Dodge Custom Royal 4 dr. restored

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

[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. If the gift is for a Lady it should be wrapped in Red and Gentlemens' gifts should be wrapped in green. There is a \$20 limit on the gift.

[No Club Meeting in November or December](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2008

03/15/07 – 3rd annual St Patricks day Open Car Show- Rogers, AR

Beginning April 2008 thru October 2008

Steak & Shake – Fayetteville, AR – Cruise Nights – Second Saturday of the Month

Sonic – Lowell, AR – Cruise Night – Third Saturday of the Month

BackYard Burger – Lowell, AR – Cruise Nights – Last Saturday of the Month

Happy Thanksgiving



From the Ozark Mopar Club