

# MOPAR MUSCLE

Official Newsletter of the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club

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## ***Club Meeting:***

The monthly ETM meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at the Shoney's Restaurant. Located at 4032 N. Broadway, Knoxville. Eat around 6:15 with the meeting to follow.



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## ***Club News***

Hope everyone is staying warm during this very cold arctic weather. Brent Ledgerwood braved the wet weather and participated the Cabin Fever Rod Run Car Show. Showing his 1970 Barracuda and 1948 Plymouth (Miss Dolly). His '48 won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in her class. Way to go Brent! There were several ETM members attending the show. It was great to see everyone.



At the January meeting the club reviewed/discussed our By-Laws. No changes were made and a vote to accept was taken. The members also discussed activities/events we would like to do. The first event is our annual Valentine's Dinner. The date is Saturday, February 21. More information in this newsletter. Also, the annual club picnic is back on the schedule for this year. Going back to Norris Dam State Park – Saturday, August 21. More information at a later date. There are a lot of open car shows coming up in spring. We discussed attending one or more as a group. Everyone is asked to bring any information on car shows to the February meeting.

All ETM club business for 2025 has been taken care of and now it's tax time. For 2026, the club has paid for our PO Box, the State of Tennessee Annual Report, and ETM website.

It is with a heavy and sad heart to let our membership know that ETM Charter Member, Jim Hill has passed away. Please read the "In Memory" article about Jim in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.

*Judy*

## Car Show Update

Our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual “Fun in the Sun” All Mopar Car Show is on the calendar for Saturday, June 27, 2026. The show will be held again at Chilhowee Park – Midway Side. Mark your calendars and start getting the word out.

At this month’s meeting (February) we will be designing our car show flyer. Bring your ideas about what you want at this year’s car show. Awards, Special Guests? Other ideas? We will be reviewing the budget for sponsorships – awards and t-shirts.

At the March meeting we will be stuffing envelopes to mail out our car show flyers. Members are needed at this meeting. We will also be designing this year’s car show t-shirt. Selecting the car/cars we want. So bring your choices, pictures/calendar to the meeting.



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**REMINDER**

Check your address label for your membership expiration date.

Send your undated membership application and money to:

Jim Burtner  
 Membership Director  
 ETM  
 PO Box 51401,  
 Knoxville, TN 37950  
 Make checks payable to  
 ETM.

**Welcome these new members to the East Tennessee Mopars Car Club**

**Welcome back these members who renewed their membership**

Dan & Paddy Pizappi  
 Paul & Phyllis Arnwine



***February***

Tom Clarke    Randall Robbins    Ernie Evans    Darlene Turley

**ETM EVENTS/CAR SHOWS FOR 2026**

*(calendar will show at least 3 months in advance (space permitting) any meetings/events for ETM members)*

- Feb. 5 (Thurs)** ETM regular monthly meeting at the Shoney's Restaurant, 4032 N. Broadway, Knoxville. 6:15pm to eat with the meeting to follow.
- Feb. 21 (Sat) Annual ETM Valentine's Dinner. Chesapeake's Knoxville – West, 9630 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN. Dinner's at 4:30pm. Remember to RSVP to Judy by February 19. See the article in this newsletter for more info.
- Mar. 5 (Thurs)** ETM regular monthly meeting at the Shoney's Restaurant, 4032 N. Broadway, Knoxville. 6:15pm to eat with the meeting to follow.
- Mar. 7 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Outrun the Po Po, Knoxville Dragway.
- Mar. 21 Thunder Road Car Show & Swap Meet. Wilson Park, Maynardville, TN  
Info: 865-258-3804
- Mar. 21 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Seymour Community Christian School Car Show & Craft Show. Old Sevierville Pike, Seymour, TN. Info: 256-312-0301
- Mar. 27-28 New Orleans Mopar Show, at the Lakefront at Kenner Laketown. Friday has New Orleans activities, and Saturday is the car show. Info: Eric at 504-512-0367, bigeasymopar@gmail.com
- Apr. 2 (Thurs)** ETM regular monthly meeting at the Shoney's Restaurant, 4032 N. Broadway, Knoxville. 6:15pm to eat with the meeting to follow
- Apr. 4 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Mountaineer Gridiron Car Show. Heritage High School, E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Maryville, TN. Info: Randy 865-363-1653
- Apr. 24-25 MoparFest at the Battleship w/the Jeep Invasion. Friday night activities. Saturday car show at the USS Alabama, Battleship Memorial Park, Mobile, AL.  
Info: Eric at 504-512-0367.
- May 7 (Thurs)** ETM regular monthly meeting at the Shoney's Restaurant, 4032 N. Broadway, Knoxville. 6:15pm to eat with the meeting to follow.
- May 9 Piedmont Mopar Car Club presents "Fun Run" Mopar Car Show. Farmington Dragway, Farmington, NC
- May 9 4th Annual Mid-Tenn American Muscle Car Show for our Veterans. Alvin C York VA Hospital, 3400 Lebanon Rd., Murfreesboro, TN Reg: 8-12. \$25. Rain date May 16.
- May 9 Grainger County Ridge Runners Car Show, Blaine Ball Park, 9am-3pm.  
Info: 865-307-0588
- June 13-14 NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals, Bristol Dragway, Bristol, TN
- June 23 (Tues)** Important car show worker's meeting at the Shoney's Restaurant, 4032 N. Broadway, Knoxville. 6:15pm to eat with the meeting to follow.
- June 27 (Sat)** East Tennessee Mopars Car Club Presents the "Fun in the Sun" All Mopar Car Show. Chilhowee Park - Midway Side. Info: Judy 865-806-4122.

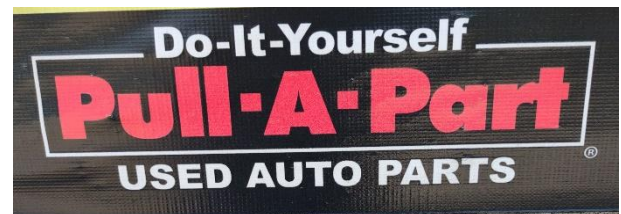
It's time to send in information on the shows/cruise in's for 2025. Send it to the club email: etmclub@gmail.com or snail mail at: ETM, PO Box 51401, Knoxville, TN 37950.

## Recommended Mopar friendly businesses.

- 100% Premium gas. Spring Hill Market Citgo Station on Rutledge Pike, one block before Chilhowee Drive.
- Pete's Alignment Service, 123 W. Oklahoma Ave., Knoxville, TN (865)-524-1639
- Advance Auto Parts - Knox County, Oak Ridge, Seymour
- NAPA Auto Parts - Asheville Highway, Clinton Highway, & Kingston Pike, Knoxville
- Auto Zone Auto Parts - Knoxville and Oak Ridge
- Looking for that Mopar part, give club members Ted and Jackie a call at Stephens Performance. All they do is MOPAR!
- West Knoxville Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM, 8544 Kingston Pike. Knoxville, TN
- Clutch World, 3131 E Magnolia Ave. Knoxville, TN
- Blue Dog Fabrication: Shop & Mobile Welding. Aluminum, Steel, Stainless Steel.
- Chris Hinton 865-299-2719
- Colors on Parade - Mobile Auto Paint Services. Alex Soria 865-387-2718

### **Stephens Performance**

**For All Your Mopar Needs**  
**9321 Hwy 207, Anderson, AL**  
**(256) 247-1332**  
**Call and ask for Ted or Jackie**



## ***VALENTINE'S DINNER***

Hope to see everyone at the Annual Valentine's Dinner!  
Love is in the air!!!!

**Where:** Chesapeake's-West Restaurant, 9630 Parkside Dr. Knoxville, TN  
**When:** Saturday, February 21, 2026  
**Time:** 4:30pm  
**Attire:** Valentine Festive!

**RSVP:** by February 19 to Judy. Text: 865-806-4122  
e-mail: [etmcarclub@gmail.com](mailto:etmcarclub@gmail.com)



In Memory of  
ETM Charter Member

*Jim Hill*

It is with a heavy and sad heart that I let the ETM membership know that Charter Member Jim Hill has passed away. He battled Parkinsons disease the last few years. The last meeting Jim attended was in October. He never lost his sense of humor or willingness to visit with members at the meeting. Jim joined ETM in April 1988. He was member #002. At the time he owned a 1965 white, Sport Fury. Mike met Jim at the June meeting and a friendship formed when they realized how close we lived to one another. I met Jim in July when I joined the club. Over the next 30 years, there were get togethers to work on his cars. From the white, black, and maroon Sport Fury's that he owned to his last car the blue one. Mike and John Henry spent many afternoons helping Jim. Then with his blue Sport Fury, a trip to Danny Turley's house to paint the car and drop the 440- engine in. Friendships became more like family. Our annual Christmas parties were the best whenever Jim told "his stories". The laughing was contagious! During the planning of our car shows, Jim always brought up the "no Rat Rods" in the show field. Again, more laughing! The club's annual picnics have included a Corn Hole Competition. Jim was very good at it. He never let me forget the time I played and tossed the beanbag so far up in the air that NORAD picked it up on radar. I will miss him dearly. We will all miss him. Jim is survived by his wife Sandy, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



## **For Sale/Want Ads**

### **For Sale:**

408 Stroker Engine (based on 360)  
10.5 to 1 compression \$6,000.  
Call Ken Hensley @ 865-947-0426

### **For Sale:**

Mopar 2998328 Fan Shroud  
\$150. Description – Original fan shroud  
for 1972 Plymouth Cuda 340,  
Excellent Condition.  
Call John at 865-898-0558



### **For Sale:**

Right & Left Door Window Wiskers  
for a '70-'74 Cuda. \$65.  
Call John at 865-898-0558



### **For Sale:**

Right & Left Door Sills for a '70-'74 Cuda.  
\$35. Call John at 865-898-0558



### **For Sale:**

Misc car items. Best Offer. Text or email Mike  
Holman for more information.  
[etmcarclub@gmail.com](mailto:etmcarclub@gmail.com). 865-323-4014.

Air compressor      Vice      Hose Reel  
Portable Air Tank      Drill Press  
Caster Set for Moving Vehicles  
Engine Hoist      Parts Washer      Sand Blaster  
Floor Jack      Misc Jack Stands

## Editor's Notes

By Judy Holman



I hope everyone is staying warm and digging out of all the snow you got.

Our membership area received anywhere from 3 inches to 9 inches.

Get well wishes go out to Darlene Turley and Robert Girard.

Hope you are doing better thoughts go out to Danny Turley, Debbie Ledgerwood, and David Downing.

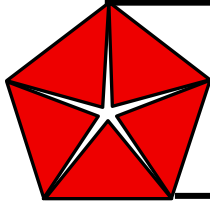
The Car Show/Events page is full of great events for the spring months. Check it out.

Remember, when you get word of a show/cruise in, send me the info on it.

There is still plenty of room on the For Sale Page for those car items you want to get out of your garage. Send me the information by email or snail mail. Pictures are great if you have them.

**\*\*This is a reminder to all club members, when renewing your membership, please fill out a club application and send it with your money. Check your address label for your renewal date. For the club members who receive their newsletter via e-mail, Jim Burtner, the club Membership Director, will remind you of your renewal date.** This helps to keep our records accurate.

Membership Expires



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## OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### I Currently Own the Following Automobiles

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| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

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My favorite type of car event/activities are:

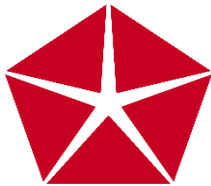
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I would like to receive the club newsletter by (circle one):      e-mail      regular mail

### LIABILITY RELEASE (please read and sign)

- I, the undersigned, hereby release the officers and members of the club known as the "EAST TENNESSEE MOPARS" from any liability for damage, theft, loss of life, or accident related to club activities.
- I agree to abide by the by-laws of the club.
- Annual dues \$25.00 (family membership)

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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