



WAM NEWSLETTER February 2017

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Next WAM Membership Meeting

February 21st. 6:30 PM - 7:59 PM at Davis Moore Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and RAM Dealership 7675 E. Kellogg Drive.

Feb Meeting attendees get FREE Cars Calendars and some MOPAR wall calendars.

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Facebook group/page - Wichita Area Mopars- WAM

2017 WAM Events

February 21st WAM Membership meeting

March 21st, WAM Membership meeting

April 18th, WAM Membership meeting

MAY 16th, WAM Membership meeting.

Facebook group/page -

Wichita Area Mopars WAM.

Current Mopar & WAM events & Pics.

Start your 2017 Cruise & Show Plans

APRIL 21 – 23rd MATS, Las Vegas NV Drag Strip.

Special events for Scat Packs n Hellcats. Drag & SCCA Racing, Show, Swap area, Vendors & fun.

WAM has members going with their Mopars.

Coordinator Art Leger and Rick Aldrup. Please let us know you are attending. cruise to event and motels can be coordinated. Rio Suites Hotel {room for trailers}. Leaving week of event if you want to cruise with us.

JUNE 11th – Lake Afton ALL WHEELS FREE Car Show. 11 AM – 4 PM.

JUNE 24th, WAM ALL MOPAR MEET Sedgwick County Park, Wichita, KS.

Same \$20 Preregistration until June 1. \$25 at the gate. www.wichitamopar.com website will have forms and more information soon. SPONSORSHIPS available by contacting Ron Mayes 316-264-5005 ofc wam@advcom.net

JULY 8th, Automobilia 23rd Moonlight Car Show & Street Party. 6PM – 12AM.

WAM participation event. Please PRE Register and park with the Club on 1st & Mosley. info@automobiliaUSA.com

Area Cruise Nights

Friday Nights —Central and West Street, April through September. After depending upon weather. Ray Wagoner, 316-295-7600

Saturday Nights: Spangles, Pawnee & Seneca, Year' round.

Second Sat Night:?? April to October DRAGING DOUGLAS WICHITA Downtown. 6 PM – 12 AM.

2016-17 WAM Officers & Board Members

President - Rick Aldrup

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The Father Of The Dodge Viper Says It Died Because It Ran Out Of Reasons To Live

By MyClassicGarage

Dear Bob,

What do you have to say about Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) killing the Viper after 25 years?

Since you were among the top Chrysler executive at the time of its development, any heartbreak with its farewell. **Joshua Zarowitz**, Shaker Heights, Ohio

The Viper ran out of good reasons to live: The original premise was "more power and speed than anyone else." But the Viper was, in recent years, trumped by the Corvette ZR1 and Z06 and even in its own family by the Hellcat.

Car companies are making record sales and decent profits. Why don't their stock prices reflect it? GM's and Ford's are dismal. **Jim Millner**, Charlottesville, Virginia

I think it's because a company is either cool and cutting-edge, or it's boringly traditional. Tesla, the world's biggest cash incinerator, is the former and has a stratospheric stock price, unhinged from financial reality. GM and Ford are the latter. No matter how well they do, they are old-school, probably because they create value for the shareholder. If you get a better answer than this, let me know!

Do you foresee any hope for a return to a simpler car, one without all the bells and whistles and toys in the interior? **Paul Culp**, Anthem, Arizona

There's an arms race among manufacturers, egged on by the media, to put more and more technology into cars—stuff which fewer and fewer people know how to use, or want. I'm with you on the key desirable attributes, and it's why I bought a GMC Yukon Denali instead of a Cadillac Escalade, with its illogical, balky CUE interface.

With America's love for SUVs and the decline in sedan sales, I find it puzzling and frustrating that car companies are not bringing more wagons to the U.S. Is it that Americans really hate wagons, or is that what car companies perceive? After all, an SUV is essentially a tall wagon. I've been waiting for a wider variety of affordable wagons to come to our shores but fear I will soon have to settle for an SUV like everyone else. **Jeff Underwood**, Street, Maryland

My last attempt to lure Americans into wagons was the Cadillac CTS and CTS-V. The media loved them. I had one, and so did a few others. Sales were poor. Face it: The crossover has displaced the wagon with almost equal dynamics and a much better package. You don't have to "settle for an SUV," just a passenger-car- based crossover.

Do you think FCA will ever build compact and mid-size cars again, or are they done? Do you think they may turn to Peugeot or Renault to design them? **Charles Lang**, Charlottesville, Virginia

I think they are done, although how they are going to meet the fuel-economy targets without small and compact vehicles escapes me. Due to shipping, federalization expense, and exchange rates, sourcing low-end cars from Europe is prohibitive.

Chrysler Looking to Return to NASCAR!

Daytona 500 is February 26th, 2017



WAM Newsletter is a Membership Benefit. Please attend WAM meetings and contribute to our event staff and newsletter news!

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WAM WEBSITE NEW CHANGES TO BUY & SELL area - check it out!

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Got anything interesting to present our MOPAR membership. Please send it to WAM@advcom.net. This includes pictures and details of your winter Mopar projects, car shows with Mopars, Cruises, etc.

Shown are two MOPARS (71 Cuda and 69 Charger) at Starbird Devlin Show in Wichita KS that were part of the Magnificent Seven display cars.

Eleven WAM member MOPARS were in the show as a club display and three received sponsor recognition awards.

Sunflower SWAP Meet was a mixed success as WAM club had some members make sales while others did not. Not sure where event will be next year as this was the last event for KS Pavilions.

