

## Tidewater Community College Regional Automotive Center Grand Opening

Article and Photos by "Butch" Hora

On Monday, April 20, 2009, Tidewater Community College dedicated a 30,690 square-foot Regional Automotive Center located in Oakbrooke Business and



Technology Center just north of Great Bridge. The city of Chesapeake provided 6.1 acres and some of

the \$10.1 million cost for the building, including the state-of-the-art equipment (Snap-On) and furnishings. There are 15 garage bays, (one big enough for a complete tractor trailer), with connecting classrooms that have audio-video equipment that allows the techs to mount a camera on the car to show the image on the screen so students can see what's happening.

Support for the school also comes from several sponsors such as, Hampton Roads Automotive Dealers Association (donated \$100,000) and several automotive companies to include Chrysler (who even provided a Viper!).

Some area car clubs provided a few classic cars out in the parking lot to show local support for new school. Despite the possible bad weather, AJ Schneider brought out his 73' Cuda' and I drove the Hemi Dodge truck with our TMC trailer. Hall Virginia Beach Dodge, that receives graduating technicians, forced Service Manager Scott Benson, (who also happens to be the Vice-Chairman of the Business and Education Board at TCC in Chesapeake), to drive a 2009 SRT8 Challenger to be displayed with the Viper. Also in attendance was William E. Tradewell, Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Chrysler Academy Training Manager who along with National Hot Rod Association driver Bobby Martin, who was wearing a 2009 TMC t-shirt by the time he



started his Chrysler "College Automotive Program"(CAP), 2008 Hemi-powered Dodge Charger! For more pics of the event go to:



<http://rides.webshots.com/album/571759229hTWewa>

## *Dates To Remember*

- May 15-17 "Little Guy Nationals"**  
Virginia Motorsports Park, 8018 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA 23803  
All cars must be 25 years or older.
- June 13-14 "Mopar Madness"**  
Virginia Motorsports Park, 8018 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA 23803
- June 27 "TMC/Hall Dodge Summer Show & Shine"**  
9am to 3pm - Hall Virginia Beach Dodge  
3443 Virginia. Beach Blvd.,  
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<http://www.tidewatermoparclub.com>

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**OWNER:** *John & Laura Alman*

**RIDE:** *1965 Plymouth Barracuda Formula S*

**ENGINE:** *273ci 4bbl*

**TRANSMISSION:** *904 Torqueflite Transmission*

**REAREND:** *7 1/4 3:23 sure grip*

Article by: John Alman and Photos by: Chris Yates

I've always liked these fastbacks since Laura and I got one for a wedding present in 1964. Like most other people, we sold it 10 years later as a used car. I bought a modified 66' in 1992 and fixed it up into a pretty decent looking ride and figured that was as good as it was going to get.

In 1996, I got a call at my office from a car buddy in Richmond. He asked me if I wanted another Barracuda. My first reaction was "no" but he said, "I maybe should talk to the fellow that was with him". As it turned out, this fellow's brother had owned the car but was killed in an ultra light plane crash in 1972, where upon the car was moved into storage on the family farm. Supposedly the engine had "blown up" before he was killed.

After a bit of conversation, we figured out it was a 65', one of the ones "with the little round emblem on the fender". He offered to give it to me FREE, now I had to see it. The following week Laura and I drove to southern Maryland. What we found was a 65' Formula S backed into an open pole shed, on bricks, no



wheels or tires or trunk lid, lots of dents, lots of mice, bullet hole in the windshield, but NO rust with only 67,000 on the odometer. This also turned out to be a rather uncommon, first year edition power disc brake car. The gentleman said "It was in my way and I just wanted it gone". Needless to say, I told him I wanted it, I would not part it out, and would make a driver out of it. I went back a week later with a tow dolly and tires.

I was determined to bring this car back to original. Over the next few years, parts were scrounged, dents were repaired or sheet metal replaced. The mouse mess was cleaned out and the body and engine compartment were given a garage paint job back to its original ivory color. Most of the interior was cleaned and salvaged. The mice just lived in it...they didn't eat anything.

The engine block was history. The mice had also gotten inside it through the intake manifold and had locked it up solid with their nasty habits. After 3

## TMC MEMBER RIDE OF THE MONTH



tries, I finally found a replacement 65' standard bore 273 block that could just be honed and garage rebuilt with 10.5 to 1 pistons. The transmission is original as is the 7 1/4 sure grip rear-end, and the original dual point Prestolite distributor.

After replacing one disc brake rotor (that's really the reason the car was taken off the road in the first place) and rebuilding the rest of the brake system, the car still stops with its original power disc brake Kelsey Hayes setup.



After I retired, I finally finished the car.

Since its completion, it has been driven to the Chrysler Nationals at Carlisle, PA, twice...in 2004 and 2006. It won first place in the stock early A-body class both times along with a Celebrity Pick Award in 06'.

Since this club picture was taken in March, I've added a black 65' style racing stripe and am awaiting a set of blue line tires to make it look more 1965 Formula S period correct.



**BUSINESS: *Maaco Collision Repair & Auto Painting***

**LOCATION: *1457 Harpers Rd., Virginia Beach***

**SERVICES: *Automotive Body Repair & Painting***

**OWNERS: *Neil Renvyle***

**TMC P.O.C.: *Neil Renvyle (757) 425-5600***

Article and Photos by: "Butch" Hora

In the year 1970, Neil was given a ride he would never forget. His friend owned a 1970 Dodge Charger R/T that had the coolest shifter he had ever seen, the pistol-grip 4-speed. Ever since that ride, Neil was hooked on Mopars and wanted one of those cars. Twenty-one years later, he purchased the same model car that he found sitting in a farmer's field. All he knew and cared about were the scoops on the doors, the Dana in the rear and the hump in the middle of the seats. It was an original 440 pistol-grip 4-speed R/T body, with no floor boards, a hole in the firewall, rotted quarters and the original motor on a stand with boxes of parts next to it. Hold on to your hat.... It was the **original Six Pack setup and drive train!**



Eighteen years, three '70 Chargers, stupid amounts of money and three restorations later, he became frustrated with the limits of the stock components, so he parked the original block. He bought another standard 440 block and stroked it to 500CI., put in a 590 lift solid cam, M1 intake with a Holley ARE 800 carb, a set of Edelbrock Performer heads, (setup by Kurt at Magnum Machine), all worked to blow it out at the max through 2 inch Super Comp Hookers and 3 inch mandrel bent exhaust with Flowmaster 50's. (Check out the pic from last summers Hall's Show n' Shine) Later at the dyno, he ended up with 512 HP at the wheels (that's 628 at the flywheel) with 550 Ft lbs of torque from 2500 all the way to 5500 RPM. "It'll rip the tires off in three of the four gears" he told me.

Now we know why Neil really loves Mopars, in fact he loves cars period. So, after he retired from twenty years in Navy as a helicopter pilot, he spent five years as a financial advisor and he finally found his niche in the automotive world. Neil bought a Maaco franchise located beside

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the main entrance to NAS Oceana. Neil has operated his shop for almost seven months and is determined to reshape the stereotype reputation Maaco has had with one of high quality and excellent value. After fine-tuning his personnel, he has formed a team of three body men, two sander/preppers, a first rate painter, a detailer, a sales assistant and a production manager. They have already painted hundreds of vehicles from the basic economy single stage for \$299 to the \$5000, show quality two stage three stage or multi-pearled paint jobs on GTX's, Dodge Rams, Dakota's, Shelby Mustangs and modern rice rockets.



The value is the savings, quality and super fast turnaround you get because of the process they employ and discounted materials the corporation passes on by buying supplies in bulk. You could almost say Maaco was the original "fast food" of body shops. They use the highest



quality paint, Sherwin Williams Ultra 7000 for spot repairs and Dimension Pro for overall base clear jobs. All this

is done using the latest in paint technology. The "modified down-draft" paint booth with attached oven can turn out all-over paint jobs at the rate of one every 45 minutes. Hybrid HVLP paint guns, state of the art computer paint matching computers and Internet based, continually upgraded software linked to the mixing unit, ensure exact paint matches to any year make and model out there.

The average paint job takes only three to four business days. Custom "Flip Flop" or high quality "Chameleon" paint finishes are also available. Neil's Maaco has been known



to outclass the "show" quality paint jobs at less than half the cost of the custom paint shops. And in most cases they do it in less than three weeks! So, if you have a project

Mopar or a daily driver you just want freshened up, stop by and talk to Neil.

## Presidents Corner

The April 2009 Tidewater Mopar Club meeting was held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Hall Virginia Beach Dodge with over 20 members present. Our special guest speaker was Kurt Bosh, the owner of Magnum Machine Shop and longtime TMC sponsor. Kurt spoke to club members about services provided by his shop and answered many questions. He mentioned that several members have just recently had machine work done and taken advantage of the club's 10% discount on labor (which really adds up with all the machine work involved in re-building an engine).

The main topic for the meeting was preparing for the 2009 Cruisin' Virginia Beach Boardwalk Show. When Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> came around we were ready and the weather for the show could not have been better. The Mopars rolled onto the Boardwalk on 20<sup>th</sup> Street and stretched all the way down to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Our main sponsor, Hall Virginia Beach Dodge displayed new Mopar muscle, the 2009 SRT8 and an R/T Challenger along with a nice display set in front of 17<sup>th</sup> Street Park. Other than a complication with postage on several members' pre-registration packages from promoter Beach Street USA, the event was a success. I want to thank: Middle Peninsula Mopar Association, Modern Mopar Nation, Viper Club of America, Oldies but Goodies, First Flight Cruisers and especially a well organized new club "Changing Lanz" for participating and showing the thousands of people who walked the Boardwalk why Mopars rule! The winner of the \$200 dollar check Best in Show and Best of Show Trophy was Lois Dawson's Plum Crazy Dodge Challenger Conv. R/T from Middle Peninsula Mopar Association. Thanks to all participants, for a list of all show winners, go to: [http://tidewatermoparclub.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC\\_ID=3739](http://tidewatermoparclub.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=3739).

I especially want to thank several members for making the show go on: Dick and Debbie Collins, Bob and Chris Yates, Bob Kinker (head judge), Bob Haag, Chris Parker, Chris Maxwell and of course Carl Swanson who made sure the 69' Dodge Daytona 2009 T-shirt car was down there first in line! If I forgot you I'm sorry, it was a busy day. For some great pics and a few movie clips go to the following link set-up by Chris Yates:

<http://rides.webshots.com/album/571628663yJrImP>

The club's new Cruise Director AJ Schneider, put together the club's first cruise of the year that happened on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The 2009 Colonial Williamsburg Rod Run that was hosted by the Tidewater Street Rod Association went very well. Members met at Greenbrier in Macy's parking lot. They then went through Suffolk, Smithfield, took a ferryboat to Jamestown and then finally to Williamsburg. Beautiful weather and sweet rides made for some cool pics, to check it out go to links by AJ and Dick: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/tazldazl> or [http://www.flickr.com/photos/dart\\_guy/sets](http://www.flickr.com/photos/dart_guy/sets). The next cruise AJ will be heading up is May 16<sup>th</sup>. This is part of the 3-day event our club is participating in and sponsoring trophies for, the Little Guy Nationals at Virginia Motorsports Park. The club has 10 free spectator passes for Saturday and 10 for Sunday. All those club members interested in the club cruise up on Saturday, contact AJ for details. Thanks to AJ for all your time and effort.

Remember that it won't be long before the TMC major event of the year will be here, Mopar Madness 2009 at Virginia Motorsports Park June 13-14<sup>th</sup>. For all of the latest information on all the up coming shows you can always check out our website. Just for your info, as of April 30, 2009 TMC membership count is; 106!!!

Mopar to ya,  
"Butch" Hora President

## 2009 Tidewater Mopar Club Membership Card Sponsors:

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Beach Radiator <a href="http://www.beachradiator.com">www.beachradiator.com</a>	Glenn Davis	437-7800	10% Parts/labor
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