

Indy Mopar Club News



October 2008

www.indymoparclub.com Jan Peel and Dave Watt, editors Meetings are the last Thursday of every month

2008 schedule of events. More events and details on the way.

Next regular meeting: Thursday October 30, 2008 will be held at the **MCL Cafeteria**, **3630 South East street** Indianapolis (US 31- N of Southern Plaza between Sumner & National). Meet for dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. A Map Quest link is available on the IMC website.

Welcome to new members: Michael & Shannon Chabes, Indianapolis, 1970 Dodge Challener RT/SE; Bob & Kristen Gallup, Fortville, 2008 Dodge Challenger SRT8 and 1992 Dodge Stealth (twin turbo); Stephen & Cheryl Graham, Westfield, 1971 Plymouth Duster 340; James Ratliff, Indianapolis, 1968 Dodge Charger; Gary & Kathy Stafford, Indianapolis, 1970 Dodge Challenger RT; Jim & Mary Sweeney, Indianapolis, 1968 Plymouth Satellite; Thomas & Glenda Wallace, Plainfield, 1966 Dodge Charger; and Mike & Vicki Wallace, Indianapolis, 1971 Cuda and 1973 Dodge Dart. We hope to see all of you real soon.

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Gary and Jessica McCormick's '72 Dodge Dart





Jessica and I have been in love with Mopars for a long time. I grew up in a household that was mostly Chevy and Ford, from Corvettes to Camaros... and even some Mustangs. I have always enjoyed muscle cars from an early age, but at some point I started paying close attention to the classic Mopars of the 60's and 70's and what they really did for that time. With that said, it's clear to all that have met us that we didn't live through that time nor were we even born then. We have been going to the Mopar Nats for 5 years now and every time we would go, we fell ill to 'Mopar Fever'. We would always walk through the cars with for sell signs and wish we could have one.

Well, in August 2006 after another Nats, I was looking through the Auto & RV farmer's edition at the dealership and saw an ad "1972 Dodge Dart, 60k miles, 1 owner". That's all it said. I was getting ready to have a meeting so I called Jessica, asked her to call this number and ask some questions. She called back quickly and said that the car was a 2-door Swinger with Rally wheels, original 318 and factory A/C. After that, I decided to check out the car during my lunch break with Jessica. When I arrived I met the original owner, Ruby. She said she was shocked to see someone my age interested in the car. Ruby took me out back to the garage where the car had been kept. I was shocked! It was in better condition than I expected. Ruby had taken very good care of the car throughout the years. This had been her only car since she got it in '72. She told us that her husband bought it for her brand new in 1972 as a surprise. Unfortunately, he passed away a year later. This car was an everyday reminder of her husband and that's why she'd kept it all these year. Ruby wasn't big on driving and said it scared her to get out on the road... makes sense for only 60k miles. In the 80's Ruby's kids begged her to get something newer and safer but she didn't see the point since she didn't drive much and there was nothing wrong with the car.

After a test drive and two hour lunch break (Oops! Time flies when looking at Mopars.), we made an offer to her for what we thought it was worth and more importantly what we could afford. Ruby said that she needed to think about it and that there were some other people coming to look at the car later. Jessica and I were a bit nervous because we really liked the car and didn't want Ruby to feel insulted with the offer we made. We talked and decided that the car was worth what she was asking, but we had to consider cost of removing rust and a new paint job. After close to a week, we started to think we'd missed out on a great opportunity. That same day my phone rang and it was Ruby! She told me all she wanted was for the new owner to take care of the car and enjoy it. She had met with a few other people and felt that Jessica and I were the only ones that would take care of the car the way she wanted. Thanks to her we bought our first classic Mopar! And for that, we lovingly named our Dart 'Ruby'.

In October 2007, we started the work of restoring our Dodge Dart. This was not a full restoration by far, just taking care of common rust issues and paint. As usual with any resto, we found more things that needed to be taken care of... and more money to spend. Our Dart was complete in June 2008 and we couldn't have been more excited to see it! We were thrilled to take 'Ruby' to her first Nats this year. An important item on our agenda when we got the car back was to take it back to its original owner, Ruby. She was so happy to see it and said it reminded her of the day she brought it home, which made Jessica and I feel great because that's what we wanted. We look forward to going to car shows and cruise-ins, getting to know all the club members and enjoying 'Ruby'... and beginning our search for a new project car!

Authored by Jessica and Gary McCormick

1. Pat McKarski 71 Roadrunner

2. Bud Mounce 71 Dart

3. Ronda Cherry 71 Challenger

4. David Sanders 70 Dart

5. Bill Dugan 70 Challenger

6. Jim Kelly 63 Plymouth Wagon

7. Dick Crawmer 67 Charger

8. Steve & Susie Christian 08 Challenger9. Bob Schonegg 70 Challenger

10. Doug Wilson 70 SuperBee

11. Adam Erwin
12. Chris Dewees
70 Barracuda
66 Coronet

13. Butch Gillock 94 Ram

14. Steve Grantham 66 Plymouth

15. Jimmy Walden 55 Dodge

16. Mark Baird17. Brent Norman70 Duster70 AAR Cuda

18. Bob Vorpe 66 Coronet

19. Mike Benge 74 Duster 20. Carlton Brock 68 GTX

President's Choice

Bob Rosenberger 70 Cuda

Finer Detail Award

John Bauer 68 Barracuda

Overall Finer Detail

Bill Dugan 70 Challenger

The turnout for the September 20th Danville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Show was really good. We had a total of 55 Mopars and such beautiful ones they were. It has been my gratifying observation that we are seeing more

young people looking at the cars at the shows. And the ones that I have noticed have been very respectful of the cars.

The day started out beautiful, then just before the awards were given out the clouds started coming in. Some people pulled out early but most stayed for the awards. Our DJ, Randy, had to get his equipment packed up so the last few awards were handed out less the sound. But everyone could see who got the awards.

A lot of our members then headed for Tom & Teresa Kelly's for a, hopefully (we were all keeping an eye on the sky), good time talking around the bonfire while the hot dogs roasted. Tom had lots of help with cutting up the firewood and even the little ones helped keep the fire going. Unfortunately, Mother Nature decided to intervene and show us that she could put a dampening on the proceedings. We all scampered for the "garage" for shelter, except for three brave hearted souls that stayed out to cook the hot dogs. We enjoyed the hot dogs and ALL the scrumptious trimmings and good variety of food, as usual. And there was lots of enjoyable talk. We all took a tour of Tom's garage to see what had been added.

Our thanks to Tom & Teresa for another very delightful evening even if it wasn't all under the stars.

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October 4, 2008 Champion Cruise-IN and BBQ 5 year Anniversary Celebration

There were about 30 Cars to help with the celebration. Laura Bratby and Jessica McCormick sold raffle and 50/50 tickets and raised over \$200 for JDRF. Champion furnished the lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips. A good time was had by all.

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Indy Mopar Members' News

Our sympathy goes out to Bob and Karen Rosenberger at the unexpected passing of their son-in-law Rodney Merlau on October 16th. Shauna, Bob and Karen's daughter, and her 3 children also have our sympathy.

From Jan Peel: A special Thank You to all of my Indy Mopar Club "Family" for all the cards, phone calls, and e-mail messages I received. I am recovering slowly but surely from my September 21st heart attack. With all the encouragement I have received how could I not.

Congratulations to Larry & Susan Mayes for the article and picture of their "Wildcat" – 1999 Prowler in the December 2008/January 2009 issue of Mopar Enthusiast magazine.

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INDY MOPAR CLUB Monthly Meeting Secretary Report September, 2008 7:00 PM Welcome and sign in – Steve Wisdom, President:

Attendees were: John & Carol Ann Bauer, Bill Bratton, Carlton & Regina Brock, Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Rick Eilert, John Heeringa, Jim Kelly, Mike Leyes, Larry & Sue Mayes, Gary McCormick, Bud & Debbie Mounce, Stan Peel, Bob & Karen Rosenberger, David Sanders, Bob Schonegg, Ken Scobel, David Stephenson, Bob Vorpe, Mike Wallace, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom, and guests Mike & Shannon Chabes.

Steve brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM by asking all members and guests to introduce themselves and tell about their car(s).

Secretary's Report – Ronda Cherry:

Ronda read the highlights of the August 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report/Membership Update – Mike Leyes:

Mike gave the treasurers report as of September 25, 2008. August 28, 2008 Balance was \$2,945.95. Income for September was 7 membership dues of \$210.00, 2008 Member Shirt \$10.00, Danville show income \$1,220.00, and cash from Danville cash box \$300.00.

Total Income \$1,740.00.

Expense for September was Jan's Computing for newsletters \$21.26, Postmaster, \$84.00, Utters for Danville Shirts \$654.84, Cash for Danville show cashbox \$300.00, Christmas Party Rent \$62.50,

\$Danville Door Prizes \$117.72, Danville Plaques \$514.19, and ABC Dee Jay for Danville Show \$225.00. Total Expenses \$1,979.51. Balance September 25, 2008 is \$2,706.44. We currently have 87 members in the club. **Event Calendar – John Bauer:** James Dean Car Show Newport Hill Climb October 3,4,5, 2008 Champion Cruise In 11:00 AM October 4, 2008 Event Advertising – Pat & Pat McKarski – Was not at the meeting **Communications Director Report – Dave Watt:** Dave reported that if you want anything added to the web site let him know. **Old Business – Steve Wisdom:** B. Club Member Profile for Newsletter & Website 1. October – Gary & Jessica McCormick 2. November – Bob Rosenberger 3. December – Tom Kelly 4. January - ?? C. Date confirmed for Club Christmas Party, Sunday, December 14, 2008, 5:00 PM D. Danville Show 1. 55 Cars at the show E. Top 20 1. To see this list of the Top 20 winners – in no particular order – see Page 2 of this newsletter. F. Car Shows for next year 1. More discussion Palmer Open Palmer Mopar Edinburgh Open Fletcher Mopar Fletcher Open \square Danville Open Danville Mopar **New Business – Steve Wisdom:** A. October meeting will have nominations for 2009 Officers with voting in November. B. October 4th – Car Show at Champions C. October 18th –Walk for JDRF 1. Rick Eilert

2. Larry Mayes

- 3. Dick Crawmer
- 4. Jim Kelly
- D. Left over Shirts will be sold for \$2.00 per shirt
- E. Need someone to step up and do the Christmas Party Dinner.
- F. A big thank you to everyone that helped at the Danville Show!

Larry Mayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, this was seconded.

Steve Wisdom then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted – Ronda Cherry, Secretary



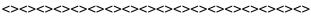


November Birthdays: Bud Mounce, 11-1; Rick Kelly, 11-4; Mike Wallace, 11-6; Jim Kelly, 11-7; Susan Eilert, 11-8; James Ratliff, 11-11; Russ Flagle, 11-16; Mike Benge, 11-17; Kenneth Schoemer, 11-21; Dennis Cherry, 11-23; Pat Claycomb, 11-23; Gary Rogers, 11-24; Jan Peel, 11-27. November Anniversaries: Terry & Rose Richard, 11-6; Stan & Jan Peel, 11-21; Larry & Sandi McKenna, 11-24; and Dave & Nancy Watt, 11-30. Congratulations to all!

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Information

Wednesday night cruise—in is located at Dooley O'Tooles which is on Carmel Drive between Rangeline Road and Keystone Ave. When you drive your classic car there you receive 25% off your dinner, food only. They are extremely nice people and they normally have some pretty nice cars. (Reported by John Bauer)



Tattlers Corner

At the pitch-in at Tom & Teresa Kelly's John Bauer brought a delicious Apple Cake that he informed us he had slaved over for hours. Is this really true Carol Ann? And who was the young man cooking the hot dogs that was afraid he was getting them too done? He had a little encouragement to "let them cook just a few more minutes".



FOR SALE



1968 Plymouth Road Runner: This car spent 37 years in Georgia and has its original sheet metal. No rust anywhere! The engine was built by Racing Head Services out of Tenn. and is a .060 over 440 with a Weiand IMC October 2008 Page 5

alum. intake, 850 Holley, Hooker headers, 3" exhaust thru the mufflers, 2 ½ from the mufflers back to the chrome tips. The transmission is a 4 speed and the rear end is a 8 3/4 with 3:55 gears. The interior was replaced with Legendary seat covers, door panels and headliner approx. 2 years ago and are in perfect condition. The carpet needs to be replaced but is in good shape. The bumpers were re-chromed and are in great shape.

This car is a DRIVER, not a #1 trailer queen and has served us well but she needs to find a new home so I can complete the restoration of my '69 Road Runner. Please call John Bauer at 317-769-3312 or email bauerconstruction@tds.net for more information. PRICE: \$24.500.

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Upcoming Events – **Indy Mopar Club and others

- **October 30, Thursday, Indy Mopar Club meeting, 7pm, MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, come early to eat and enjoy lots of "talk" before the meeting.
- **November 20, Thursday, Indy Mopar Club meeting, 7pm, MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, come early to eat and enjoy lots of "talk" before the meeting.
- **December 14th, Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party, 5pm. Watch for details

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Tech Talk

WHO KNEW THIS???

I have been driving for nearly 50 years... I would think I should have noticed the little secret on my dashboard that was staring me in the face the whole time...I didn't...and I bet you didn't either... Have you ever rented or borrowed a car and when arriving at the gas station wondered...mmm, which side is the gas filler cap? My normal solution was to stick my head out the window, strain my neck and look, try to see in the side mirrors or even get out of the car! Well ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to share with you my little secret so you will no longer look like Ace Ventura on your way to the gas station or put your neck at risk of discomfort or injury.

If you look at your gas gauge, you will see a small icon of a gas pump. The handle of the gas pump will extend out on either the left or right side of the gas pump. If your tank is on the left, the handle will be on the left. If your tank is on the right, the handle will be on the right.

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Grandparents and Grandchildren

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, '62." He was guiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: 'We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods. "The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

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Reminder from your Co-Editor Jan Peel

I would appreciate any news about our members that have attended other events and/or have had their cars or stories in other publications. This is your newsletter, help me make it an even better one by sharing this kind of information so it can be published. You can contact me by E-mail Jpeel83719@aol.com or call me at 317-357-5760 or send it to me by mail: Jan Peel, 5128 E Rowney St, Indianapolis IN 46203-3741. (Complaints may also be handled this way.)





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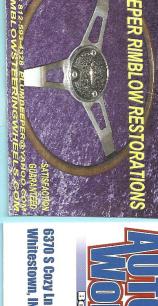
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