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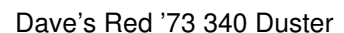


Karen Rosenberger, Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday April 30, 2009 will be held at ***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.

The influence of cars

By Dave Watt



Dave's Orange
'69 Road Runner 440 6BBL



As far back as kindergarten, I can remember being interested in Hot Wheels and other small cars. A few years later was drawing pictures of cars, usually during class instead of being attentive. My new friend Jim had a lot of drag racing photos and models of, Don "The Snake" Prudhomme, "Jungle" Jim Lieberman, Tom McEwen, etc. for us to draw pictures of. Jim's dad used to race in NHRA Stock Eliminator. He took us to the 1978 U.S. Nationals which was a thrill for an 11 year old; I was REALLY hooked on cars after that.

My dad had been working for Chrysler since 1965 but wasn't really a car guy, he and mom did travel to some of the Indy car, sprint and midget races as far away as Watkins Glen New York. He started attending the Indy 500 as a kid (by jumping the fence), and allowed me to attend my first 500 in 1979. Our family has a block of 30 seats which is a lot of fun sitting with family and friends. I haven't missed a race since. Around that time we had moved to New Castle.

By 17 years old I had been working about 30-35 hours a week at a fast food chicken restaurant, plus mowing a lot of grass, trimming shrubs, dog sitting, baby sitting, raking leaves, anything to make a buck. I had been saving a lot of money and was looking at many different cars. A black '55 Chevy was sitting in a back yard along I-70 in Indy that really caught my eye (even though I hadn't seen American Graffiti yet). Dad said no to the '55 and a '69 Super Bee 383 4-speed with a spun main bearing.

In June 1985, we went to Evansville, near my grandparent's house was a small used car lot where a red '73 340 Duster sat, just like the "One for the Money" ads in Hot Rod magazine. Dad said no but Mom was persistent the next few days, she and I went back on Tuesday to pick it up. We test drove it over to grandma and grandpa's; he was about half deaf and said, "Man, this thing is loud", that told me it was very loud. He and I went one square block which was enough for him.

Driving back to New Castle on I-70 just outside of Terre Haute, the engine threw a rod, instant initiation into the mechanics of an automobile. After 24 years of ownership, there isn't enough space to tell all the stories about my Duster; it's truly part of the family.

Shortly after buying the Duster, there was a Vitamin C orange 1969 440 6BBL Road Runner in town, skinny tires up front, big L-60's out back, just a killer stance. I vowed to buy it some day, but when it was for sale in '98, the timing wasn't right. By March of '99, Mike L. had left a message for me saying "your dream car is for sale in Hemmings but is in Canada". It was identical to the Road Runner in New Castle but is a 4-speed which was my preference. Mike and I picked it up in Toronto shortly after the purchase. It is the third A12 package Road Runner built by Chrysler, and the first in Vitamin C orange. After I did an extensive rotisserie restoration, it was ready for shows and muscle car drag races by July 2006. I enjoyed it the last few years but was ready to start a new project. There isn't enough room for another car, so the decision was to sell. What will be sitting in my garage next? Stay tuned.



Indy Mopar Members' News

Welcome to new members **Mel & Barbara Crane** of Avon, 1972 Dodge Challenger, 2006 Dodge Ram, and 2009 Dodge Charger; **Ben & Krissy Gorman** of Indianapolis, no vehicle listed; **Dave & Dianne Himes** of Westfield, 1955 Chevy Pro Mod with Mopar Engine; **Bill Likens** of Greenwood, 1987 Dodge Ramcharger; **Jay Mays** of Indianapolis, 1971 Plymouth Roadrunner clone; and **Brad White** of Coatesville, 1969 Dodge Charger (General Lee) and 1978 Dodge Monaco (Rosco's Cop Car). We hope to see you soon at a meeting or car show.



Stan Peel passed away April 5th in our home with loved ones here with him. I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, e-mails, and visits. Stan loved his Plymouths and considered the Indy Mopar Club members as his "extended" family. The friendship of so many people meant a lot to him. He enjoyed the car shows and meetings. May God bless all of you. Jan Peel



INDY MOPAR CLUB Monthly Meeting Secretary Report March 26, 2009 7:00 PM
Secretary's Report

Welcome and sign-in: Steve Wisdom, President

Steve brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members and guests were asked to introduce themselves and tell about their car(s). 36 members and 1 guest attended.

Attendees were: John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Estell & Pat Claycomb, Chris Dewees, Rick & Susan Eilert, Frank Goodrum, John Heeringa, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Larry Mayes, Gary McCormick, Pat & Pat McKarski, Bud & Debbie Mounce, Jan Peel, Terry & Rose Richard, Bob Rosenberger, David Sanders, Bob Schonegg, Ken Scobel, Dave Stephenson, Bob Vorpe, Tom & Glenda Wallace, Steve Wisdom, Rick & Ginger Zimmerman, and guest Estell & Pat's son Mark Claycomb.

Secretary's Report: Karen Rosenberger

Ronda Cherry, in Karen's absence, gave the highlights of the February, 2009 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Leyes

Mike gave the treasurer's report as of March 26, 2009.

Beginning balance was \$2695.55

February/March income was \$907.00

February/March expenses were \$346.75

Ending balance is \$3255.80

We currently have 75 members in the club

Event Calendar: Bob Rosenberger

Dave Himes April 19

Joe Kidd May 31st

Go to oldcarsonly.com for Cruise-in and car show information

JDRF Walk in October 10

Event Advertising: Pat McKarski

- a. Indy Auto & R.V.
- b. Old Cars Only
- c. Mopar Collector's Guide
- d. Oldies 101.9
- e. Indy Hywinders

Communications Report: Dave Watt – not in attendance

Old Business: Steve Wisdom

A. Member Profiles for Newsletter and Website

1. April - Dave Watt
2. May - Ron Downing
3. June - Dave Sanders
4. July – Frank Goodrum

B. 2009 Club Shirts – we had to order more.

C. March Swap Meet – Good turnout and we gained new members.

- D. 2009 Membership Cards & Club Logo Decals – Larry Mayes
Larry Mayes talked about a different name tag for the club. See Steve for Membership Cards for 2009.
- E. 2009 Open Car Show Dates
1. Palmer Auto Group May 2, 2009
 2. Fletcher Chrysler June 20, 2009
 3. Danville Chrysler September 19, 2009
- F. Membership Applications: Jessica McCormick not at meeting – They are ready.
- G. 2009 Car Show Flyers – Rose Richards
Thanks to Rose for the Car Show Flyers that are ready.
- H. Kelley Stephenson – Cruise-in April 18 6pm - Rescheduled
- I. Door Prize Volunteers
1. Palmer Show John Bauer & ?
 2. Fletcher Show Steve Wisdom & ?
 3. Danville Show Bob Vorpe & ?

New Business: Steve Wisdom

- A. Palmer Show Graphics are done.
- B. Palmer Show Volunteers:
Registration Table: Mike Leyes, Bob Schonegg, John Bauer
Goodie Bags: Carol Ann Bauer & Tom Kelly
Parking: Rick Zimmerman and John Bauer
Pictures: Dave Stephenson
Door Prize Table: Debbie Mounce & Karen Rosenberger
50/50 & Door Prize Tickets: Jan Peel and Ronda Cherry
Food & Drinks: Palmer Auto Group
Event T-shirts & Awards: Steve Wisdom
D.J. Confirmed: ABC Dee Jay
- C. Networking/Marketing Cruise-in Rescheduled for later date: Dave Stephenson's wife would like to have a cruise for club --- money would be targeted for JDRF. Proposed date is Saturday, April 18, 6:00 pm. Possible festivities would include a fashion show, Monte Carlo, food and drink. This would be an opportunity for individuals to come together and share information on what they do. Location: Allisonville Road (96th Street area) - Design Plans.
- D. Indy Mopar won an award from JDRF for most donated money in 2008

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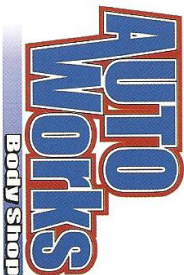
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