

Indy Mopar Club News



August 2009

www.indymoparclub.com Steve Wisdom, President Mike Leyes, Treasurer

Jan Peel and Dave Watt, editors **Bob Rosenberger, Vice President** Karen Rosenberger, Secretary

Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December

Next regular meeting: Thursday August 27, 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.

> <><><><><><> Member Profile of the Month





Besides my 1970 Hemicuda clone, I have a numbers matching 1971 Dodge Challenger R/T. I had not owned a Mopar for 26 years prior to the purchase of this car. My last Mopar, prior to this, was a 1970 Duster 340. With the gas crisis of the 70's and my own domestic priorities changing, I had made a conscious decision to give up on performance cars altogether.

Fast forward 20+ years. The desire to own an old muscle car started back in 1994 while I was in Houston on business. I was on the interstate, going to my hotel, when I heard the unmistakable roar of a bigblock, at speed, coming up behind me in the fast lane. I looked in the rearview mirror and there was a classic '69 Charger R/T coming toward me. It passed me on the left, probably going 80+mph. It looked to be a fully restored, B5-blue beauty. It got me to thinking about getting a project to restore an old Mopar.

After getting back home, I decided to look for a 'Cuda to restore but was having difficulty finding a suitable car to purchase and work on. I decided to purchase the Challenger because I was itching to have a muscle car and it was already mostly restored - not to mention the fact I had been looking for a year and a half already. So now I could go to the cruises and shows while I was looking for my project car. The guy I bought it from was being cajoled into selling by his wife. They had just completed building a new house and the wife did not want "that old car" taking up space in the garage! He reluctantly put it up for sale. There was a buyer ahead of me but I had cash in my hand and that was all it took. I continued to see the seller, off and on over the years, at different shows and cruises, and he would always ask me if I was interested in selling it back to him, but I always said no.

Basically it's a numbers matching Challenger R/T. It is a "stripe-delete" R/T though. I guess the original owner did not want to call any excess attention to himself from the Highway Patrol - the car is originally from California. It has a 383 cid engine, a "slap-stick" automatic, power steering and brakes, and it has air conditioning. It is a nice car to drive and it has ample reserve power when you need it. I don't drive it nearly as

much as I used to once the 'Cuda was completed. My wife, Karen, likes to drive it. She doesn't like to drive the 'Cuda though - it scares her!

Junk Car? Ok! I know you are curious about the "Junk car" moniker. My late son-in-law (and thanks to all for the emails, cards, and kind words of condolence) was going to a cruise with us and he really wanted me to let him drive the 'Cuda but I would not let him and I said he could drive the Challenger instead. He said with a sarcastic, joking voice: "Oh good, you're going to let me drive the junk car!" Every time after that we referred to the Challenger, in good-natured mocking tones, as the "junk car." We miss him still. Authored by Bob Rosenberger

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Indy Mopar Members' News

Suzanne Vansickle passed away August 9th. Our deep sympathy goes out to Ray Vansickle and his family. Also, our deep sympathy goes out to Ken and Sharon Scobel:

August 17, 2009, Mildred C. Scobel, 87, of Monroe died at 7:25 a.m. Monday August 17, 2009 at Tendercare of Monroe she had been in poor health for one month.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 12 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rupp Funeral Home where a prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. She will lie instate Saturday August 22, 2009 at 9 a.m. in St. Michael Catholic Church with services at 10 a.m. Rev. Stephen Vileo, pastor will officiate and burial will be at St. Cecilia Cemetery, Clare, Michigan.

Born April 22, 1922 in Detroit she was the daughter of John and Clara (Thiedigk) Ringel.

She married Wallace J. Scobel on June 1, 1946 in Detroit he preceded her in death on November 16, 1998. She was employed as a bookkeeper by Ardis Nursing Home in Farwell, Michigan.

In 1973, she moved from Detroit to Farwell and then in 1999 she became a resident of Monroe. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church.

Surviving are her children Donald G. (Carol) Scobel of Monroe; Douglas J. (Deborah) Scobel of Saline; Kenneth J. (Sharon) Scobel of Columbus, Indiana; Diane L. (Matthew) Cartwright of Dearborn Hgts., Michigan and Janet M. (Andrew) Ray of North Vernon, Indiana; a sister, Evelyn Byrne of South Carolina; thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Carol A. Drouillard and brother, Herbert Ringel. Online condolences may be sent to www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com

From Rick Eilert: Our Roadrunner is in the September 2009 issue of Hemmings Muscle Machine magazine. I think it's a pretty good 6 page article. (Jan will bring a copy to the next meeting.)

Indy Mopar Club Monthly Meeting

Secretary's Report July 30, 2009, 7:00 pm

Welcome and sign-in: Steve Wisdom, President

Steve brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked all members and guests to introduce themselves and tell about their car(s). 39 members and 2 guest(s) attended.

Attendees were: John Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Carlton & Regina Brock, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Estel Claycomb, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Rick & Susan Eilert, John Heeringa, Tom Kelly, Mike Leyes, Larry & Susan Mayes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Pat & Pat McKarski, Bud & Debbie Mounce, Jan Peel, James Ratliff, Damon Reynolds, Bob Rosenberger, David & Cindy Sanders, Bob Schonegg, Ken Scobel, Gary & Kathy Stafford, Mike & Vicki Wallace, Thomas & Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom, and guests Catie Wallace and Ron Graham.

Secretary's Report: Karen Rosenberger - Absent

Bob Rosenberger filled in for Karen and gave the highlights of the June, 2009 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Leyes
Beginning balance: \$4,668.80
July income was \$60.00
July expenses were \$42.80
Ending balance is \$4,686.00
Currently 84 members in the club

Event Calendar: Bob Rosenberger August Big O Tires in Mooresville Shadeland Shoppes Antique Mall Mike Aulby's show in Lafayette, Indiana

Event Advertising: Pat McKarski

Indy Auto & R.V.
Old Cars Only
Mopar Collector's Guide
Oldies 101.9 was sold

Communications Report: Dave Watt

Fletcher Car Show pictures are partially on the web-site. The rest will be added.

There won't be the annual Kokomo Transmission Car Show

Old Business: Steve Wisdom

- A. Club Member Profile for Newsletter & Website
 - 1. August Bob Rosenberger
 - 2. September Terry Cummings
 - 3. October Mike Wallace
 - 4. November Gary Stafford
- B. Steve Wisdom presented a Stan Peel Memorial Award to Jan Peel, a copy of the one given to Terry Cummings at the Fletcher Show. Dash Plaques were also given to members that were present at that show but did not receive them at the time.
- C. Two locations were given and voted upon for our Christmas Party. December 13th, 2009, 1:00 PM at the Atrium, 3143 E Thompson Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. Cost will be \$13.95 (plus 9% sales tax) per person, with reservations to be paid in advance.
- D. Gary McCormick gave an update on the Cruise-in Car Show & Luau at Champion Chrysler Dodge & Jeep July 18th. The dealership was very pleased with the results. Members gave Gary and Jessica a big handclap congratulations for a show well run.
- E. Feedback on the Fletcher Car Show was given by Steve Wisdom. We received complaints regarding the availability of space for the registered cars. Advertisement that day was almost nil, and the cars could not be easily seen from the road, thus making it difficult for entrants to find the car show. A discussion regarding having it there again next year will be at a future meeting.
- F. Danville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Show is all set for September 19th.
- G. Jessica McCormick gave an update of the JDRF Walk set for October 10th. Volunteers to display their cars were Steve Wisdom, Ronda Cherry, Pat McKarski and Larry Mayes.

New Business: Steve Wisdom

- A. Cruise to Mopar Nationals We will be leaving from the Cracker Barrel in Greenfield (State Road 9 & I-70) at the following times:
 - a. Noon Thursday, August 6
 - b. 7 pm Thursday, August 6
 - c. 10 am Friday, August 7
- B. Danville Show Volunteers:
 - a. Registration Table: Tom Kelly, John Bauer, Bob Schonegg
 - b. Door Prizes: Bob Vorpe & Debbie Mounce and anyone else that will volunteer
 - c. Goodie Bags: Steve Wisdom
 - d. Parking: Pat McKarski and Larry Mayes
 - e. Pictures: Dave Stephenson?
 - f. Door Prize Table: Glenda Wallace, Karen Rosenberger, Ronda Cherry, and Debbie Mounce
 - g. 50/50 and Door Prize Tickets: Jan Peel, Sue Mayes, and Ronda Cherry
 - h. Food & Drinks: Still need a vendor
 - i. Event T-shirts & Awards Steve Wisdom
 - j. D.J. Confirmed: ABC Dee Jay

C. Elections are coming up. Keep this in mind and if you are interested in being an officer and meet the requirements, please contact one of the present officers.

The 50/50 draw was won by Ken Scobel.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Schonegg, seconded by Jessica McCormick. The motion carried. Steve Wisdom then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Rosenberger, Secretary

Member Birthdays and Anniversaries



September Birthdays:

Tim Stultz, 9-1 Chad Neukam, 9-13 Scott Herring, 9-22 Ben Gorman, 9-23 Debbie Cummings, 9-30

Ronda Cherry, 9-7 Kim Vorpe, 9-15 David Chapman, Sr., 9-23 Shari Herring, 9-24 Bob Rosenberger, 9-30

September Anniversaries:

Frank & Jo Goodrum, 9-6 Ronda & Dennis Cherry, 9-8 Jim & Sue Kelly, 9-12 Thomas & Glenda Wallace, 9-13 Congratulations to all!



Upcoming Events – **Indy Mopar Club and others

- **September 19, 2009: Indy Mopar Club/Danville Chrysler Open Car Show
- **September 24th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis
 **October 10th JDRF Walk In
- **October 29th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis
- **November 19, 2009: Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis
- **December 13, 2009, 1pm: Indy Mopar Club annual meeting/Christmas Party, The Atrium, 3143 E Thompson Road, Indianapolis.

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Parts for Sale

Mopar parts for sale: A, B and C body axle/housings, Slant six parts-(almost anything ya need). Slant six 4 spd bell housing and O/D trans. 66/67 B body SS trim and wiring harnesses, frt bumper brackets, factory AM/FM radio, rear and side glass. 67-69 Cuda bumper cores/ brackets and frt plate bracket. Stock Iron 4 bbl intakes. New A body super stock rear springs, 70-73 A body rear bumper brackets. E body frt bucket seat brackets (not rusted). Many new (not remanufactured) stock electronic and points distributors --- lots of stuff. (317) 753-8385 – Brownsburg IN 46112

Edelbrock carburetor rebuilding service: \$75 labor plus rebuild kit and any needed parts. Local pickup, delivery, removal and installation service available as well. (317) 753-8385 – Brownsburg IN 46112



A Little Bit of Humor

You know it's good to test my readers once in awhile by making an error or omission of information (hopefully not a serious one) in your newsletter. Now this is done accidentally on my part but do you want to know who has the best Eagle Eye so far? John Bauer wins that prize. Fortunately we both have a good sense of humor about it.

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Reminder from your 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 here. 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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