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Tom Kelly, President Ronda Cherry, Vice President

Mike Leyes, Treasurer Jessica McCormick, Secretary

Dave Watt, Communications Director

Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December **Next regular meeting:** <u>Thursday April 29, 2010</u> 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 – www.indymoparclub.com.





My love for cars started back in high school. I had owned several cars before my first Mopar which was a 1967 charger when I was a senior in high school. I used to love to cruise on Indianapolis south side in it. It was a *big boat*. It was an ugly body style, but with a pretty B5 Blue paint job. I drove it until I went into the army, and I put it up on blocks. While I was in service my father decided that the car needed to be sold. He didn't think it needed to take up space in his garage. After I got out of service I bought a 1972 Cuda, and it was also B5 Blue and had a black vinyl top. It was a 340 car. I drove it for a couple of years until I got married. After that fast cars weren't an option for me.

In 2002 I acquired a 1970 challenger RT that was a real fixer–upper. It was a junkyard find that was a 440 automatic. It was Vitamin C Orange with a black vinyl top. I worked on it off and on for about two years, and had the drive train complete, but needed all the body and interior finished. Due to medical problems, and forced into disability retirement, I panicked, and loaded it onto a trailer and drove it to Mopar Nationals in Ohio, and sold the car there. That is a sale I regret still. I kick myself every time I think about it.

In 2006 I acquired a 1974 Dodge Dart Swinger. I found it searching on the internet, and drove to Ohio to purchase it. The thing that impressed me most about the Dart was that it had never been wrecked. It had originally been owned by a woman school teacher. I am now the third owner. This car is also B5 Blue. I guess that must be my favorite color. It has a small block 360 cubic inch, and since I have owned the car the motor has been stroked to a 408. The transmission has been redone, and the rear end has also been redone. Also new

seat covers and carpet has been installed. It's not a show car, but it does show nicely, I think, and it runs very good. My grandsons really like riding in it, especially when I *put my foot in it*. The older boy cries "Stop, grandpa, stop", while the younger boy shouts "Go, grandpa, go". My wife Terry and I enjoy car shows, cruising and spending time with the Mopar Club whenever we can.

My next goal is to purchase a big block car.... Author ~~~~ Dave Fishburn

Indy Mopar Club won the Travelling Award at World of Wheels February 13th, 2010 Presented to IMC President Tom Kelly by the Indy Hi-Winders Club April 8th, 2010 Rick Eilert won the Indy <u>Hi-Winders Club PI</u>CK award for his 1970 Plymouth Barracuda



Our thanks go out to the Indy Hi-Winders Club for the invitation and presentation. The evening was chock full of great hospitality, humor, and just plain good fellowship. Their clubhouse is quite unique. As you can see from the background in the pictures, their clubhouse is decorated with trophies, pictures, and memorabilia from their various events.





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From the desk of Tom Kelly, Indy Mopar Club President

The Indy Hi-Winders graciously hosted the Indy Mopar Club at their Westside clubhouse on Thursday April 8. Their club presented our group with the 500 World of Wheels Club Participation Traveling Trophy for 2010. The "Indy Mopar Club" is now a permanent name on the trophy joining all the other annual winners since the first engraving in 1992.

Seventeen IMC members attended and had a great time meeting the Hi-Winders, many who have been members since starting in 1962 as well as some being 3rd generation members. John Bacher, their club president, along with Greg Manker, who oversees the World of Wheels Show, and their other officers in the club made the presentation. Afterwards the pizza boxes rolled in and they opened the fridge for drinks and treated us like royalty.

One IMC member had a wonderful surprise when their club wandered the parking lot and picked their favorite IMC car while we were inside. Rick Eilert was presented the Indy Hi Winders' Pick award plate for his Barracuda. It was a pretty cool award, complete with pin-striping and cut-in louvers.

We traded upcoming car show info so hope we can each participate in the other club's shows. They have a pretty awesome arrangement with the town of Danville to have a monthly cruise-in on the first Friday of each month starting in May. The exception is August where their cruise-in is on the 20th, the night before their 4th Annual "Motorama" Car/Truck/Bike Show on Aug 21 in Danville. The town square will be closed off for the cruisers and the local eateries and other merchants will open the doors to welcome the car crowd.

Again, many thanks to the Indy Hi-Winders for their wonderful hospitality. We look forward to seeing our new friends a lot at the car shows this summer! Tom Kelly

The pictures below show a "dab" of the planning, time and muscles that went into winning the award.



Pictured are some of the tired workers. Our thanks go to all who participated in this joint effort.



Looking over the finished display F

Finished Display

From and about our members

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Susan and Larry Mayes for the passing of Susan's Mother on April 3rd. 2010, and to Bud and Debbie Mounce for the passing of Bud's Father, Roscoe, on April 13th. Losing a parent is always a hard one even though you know they are going to a better place and are in peace.

Ken Mosier's new Challenger SRT getting a twin turbo upgrade was featured on SPIKE TV on Easter Sunday at 11:30 am. They tested the car during the show. Reported by Dave Watt

Russ Flagle of Indy Cylinder Head said that he sent the JDRF \$1,900.00 from the reaction time racing at the swap meet. They only paid out \$300 and the rest of the folks donated their winnings back which amounted to \$700.00. The Indy Mopar Club sincerely thanks Russ for donating to our JDRF charity. Reported by John Bauer

While attending the Lynhurst Car & Craft Show, Saturday, April 17th, Ronda Cherry won Director's Choice Award with her '71 Dodge Challenger and Brian Berkowitz won Best Paint with his '72 Duster.

Indy Mopar Club Monthly Meeting

Secretary's Report

March 25, 2010 7:00 pm

Welcome and Sign-in: Tom Kelly, President

- Tom brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- Ronda Cherry announced April Birthdays and Anniversaries
- All members were asked to introduce themselves and tell about their car(s)
- <u>29</u> Members and <u>2</u> guest(s) attended

Attendees were: Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Estell Claycomb, Jack Collins, Bill & Carla Crask, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Terry & Debbie Cummings, Rick Eilert, David & Terry Fishburn, John Heeringa, Dan Kelly, Tom Kelly, Larry & Susan Mayes, Chad Neukam, Jan Peel, Bob Schonegg, Ken Scobel, Mike Wallace, Tom Wallace, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom, Rick Zimmerman, and guests Bill Droper and Paul Volk.

Secretary's Report: Jessica McCormick - Absent

• Ronda Cherry gave the highlights of the February 2010 meeting in Jessica's absence

Treasurer's Report & Membership Update: Mike Leyes - Absent - Dave Watt presented the report

- Balance Sheet
 - March beginning balance: \$2,985.93
 - March income: \$919.00
 - March expenses: \$394.19
 - March ending balance: \$3,510.74

• Membership: Currently 72 members for 2010

Events Calendar: Ronda Cherry

- Mopar Swap Meet, March 6-7, Indiana State Fairgrounds
- ADESA Car Show, May 15, ADESA Auto Auction (note date change)
- Orphan Car Show (MI), June 5

Event Advertising: Need a volunteer for this position

Indy Auto & R.V. Old Cars Only Mopar Collector's Guide Other

Communications Report: Dave Watt

- World of Wheels pictures posted
- Anything you want added to the newsletter or have for sale send to Dave Watt
- Announcement about a website for Mopar parts: Moparts.com

Old Business: Tom Kelly

a. World of Wheels - Indy Cylinder Head Swap meet March 6 & 7, 2010 Recap

- b. The King Classics Shop tour had about 29 IMC members there and went really well. Our thanks to Brian Berkowitz and Jeff King for the tech session and good food. This will be advertised on our website as a way to thank him.
- c. Indy HiWinders would like to formally present the Travelling Award to the Indy Mopar Club and host us at one of their weekly Thursday meetings. The date is set for April 8th. Bring out the cars if it is good weather.
- d. Member profiles for newsletter and website
 - 1. April: Dave Fishburn
 - 2. May: Bob Schonegg
 - 3. June: Estelle Claycomb
- e. Estelle Estelle Claycombe passed out flyers for the 2nd Annual Steak n Shake Motorcycle & Car Show May 16, 2010. This is a benefit show for Crystal West.
- f. Updates for 2010 Car Shows

1. Adesa Auction, May 15th, 9am to 4pm (rain date June 5). Tom will have sign-up sheet ready for the April meeting. Pictures will be taken as they drive-in.

2. Champion Car Show, July 17th, 4PM. Volunteer to assist Gary McCormick – Ronda Cherry volunteered.

- 3. Fletcher Car Show will be September 11th, 2010 Rick Zimmerman will be coordinator.
- g. Report on Insurance Policy No new information, still under last year's policy
- h. New Events Need Coordinators
 - 1. IRP Thursday Nite Drags John Bauer
 - 2. Mini Golf Jan Peel
 - 3. Drive-in Movie Dave Sanders (assist) Dan Kelly
 - 4. ARC Engr James & Laura Bratby
 - 5. Cruise-in at Pro Max, Mike Wallace volunteered to contact Ben Gorman for this.
- i. Brian Berkowitz will be taking orders for IMC Logo Sweatshirts
- j. Larry Mayes will be taking orders for Club Name Tags

New Business: Tom Kelly

- A. Member Directory: Any interest to publish? Larry made a motion to have one published and Dave Watt seconded the motion. Dave Watt to send mass e-mail explaining that in the directory we would list names, phone numbers, cars (limit of 6), and expertise of what you are good at. Jan Peel volunteered to put the directory together and Terry Fishburn will help Jan collate, staple and fold the directories.
 - a. Only for club members, information by permission only
- B. Club Calendar of members club cars: This has been shelved.
- C. Mike Leyes motion (in February) for \$500 Contribution to JCRF was accepted
- D. Discussion of Club Membership Benefits
 - 1. Discounts at sponsor Dealership(s) Friends & Family discounts on Chrysler products
 - 2. Discounts at Associate Sponsors
- E. 50/50 Drawing: \$82 total; Tom Kelly won \$41 and donated \$10 back to the club.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronda Cherry for Jessica McCormick, Secretary

Upcoming Events - **Indy Mopar Club and others

**<u>April 29, 2010</u> – Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis

**May 15, 2010 – Adesa Auto Auctions – Rain date June 5, 2010 **June 6, 2010 Sunday TBD Ypsilanti, MI Orphan Car Show

**June 29-July 3, 2010, Walter P Chrysler National show in Dayton OH June 29-July 3 more details later.

**July 9-12, 2010 Carlisle All Chrysler Nationals

**September 11, 2010, Indy Mopar/Fletcher Chrysler Car Show

**September 29-October 3, 2010 Fall Carlisle

Member Birthdays and Anniversaries



May Birthdays: Jim Sweeney, 5-4 Bob Schonegg, 5-17 John Bauer, 5-9 Dick Crawmer, 5-11 Ed Leyes 5-12 Carla Crask, 5-13 Debbie Mounce, 5-17 Gary McCormick, 5-21 Steve Wisdom, 5-22 Mary Leyes, 5-23 Bill Crask 5-24 Terry Fishburn, 5-27 Mike Leyes, 5-28

May Anniversaries:

Chad and Renee Neukam, 5-11 Bob and Kim Vorpr, 5-17 Mike and Vicki Wallace, 5-25 Congratulations to all!

Parts Wanted

Wanted/Looking for: 3.23 or 3.55 gear set for 8 1/4 rear end in new/good condition. Chad 765-361-9098

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



Tattler's Corner

At the Indy Hi-Winders trophy presentation everyone introduced themselves and told about their cars, (and I might mention there was a lot of kidding going along with this). The 15 pizza's that the Indy Hi-Winders provided got everyone in a mellow mood. Guess who turned the big "50" this year and looks like "30". No comment on how they act!!!!! But we love that person just the same. And how about our "TV" star? Hopefully his wife kept his feet on the ground as I am sure he was up on cloud nine. But he deserved it so lots of kudos to him.

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 <u>Jpeel83719@aol.com</u> 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. Be gentle when you do this please.)

