



# Indy Mopar Club News

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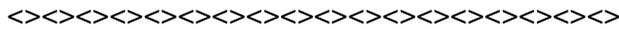
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December

**Next regular meeting: Thursday August 26, 2010** 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.



## Bill and Constance Bratton



Hi everyone, my name is Bill Bratton, I am married to Constance (25yrs. On Dec. 28, 2010) we have two daughters, Olivia (23), and Makayla (14). Olivia is married, and at the time of this writing, about 13 weeks pregnant. If I seem too young to be a Grandfather to you ... just think how I feel.

I don't remember a time in my life that I wasn't interested in, or infatuated by, automobiles in general, and Muscle cars to be specific. While I am somewhat of a shy person, I have always had a desire to be seen, and more importantly heard (and I'm not talking stereo) coming down the street.

While I like all things auto, I have always preferred Mopar. My uncle worked at the Chrysler Plant on Shadeland Ave. when I was a young boy, and I remember him always in the latest and greatest of the era, which happened to be the early 70's. 😊 My first (road worthy, and legal) car was a '66 Dodge Dart GT /6. I have owned a handful of Mopars over the years, mostly A-bodies, and while none of them were show caliper, they all had a special place in my mind where they shined like new.

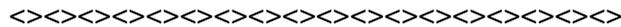
Most who know me well, know that any conversation I have about cars, always includes, "I am looking for a classic Mopar", they also know I am so indecisive as to what model that it would be, that I'll probably never buy one.

Currently I own a '99 Dodge Dakota R/T. When the R/T Dakota first hit the market, I was hooked, this truck boasted an advertised 250hp/375 ft lb of torque, and handled like no old car I had driven. I bought my truck used in 2005, in relatively good condition, and immediately started modifying it. I won't bore you with every mod, but a few of my favorites to date are, Hotchkis leaf/coil springs, and larger sway bars (to improve on the already more than capable handling) , the Viper Spec Tremec 6spd, and the rear disc brakes. There are many other small unnoticeable modifications that I take pride in.

I have done all the wrenching on this truck myself from day one, and have driven it far, and hard, with not one break down (quick pause while I knock wood).

Often times I think about selling it, and buying an older car. .. maybe someday I will. I have included a couple "blast from the past pictures" of me, and (my then girl, now wife) Constance and my 66'Dart on the night of Senior Prom 1985, and me with the Dart on Graduation Day.

Author ~~~~~Fellow Auto Enthusiast Bill Bratton



**From And About Our Members**

We hope that Mary Leyes is doing much better after her eye surgery. Dan Kelly said he is doing better now after his back surgery and is hoping to see all of us real soon. Terry Fishburn is recovering nicely from knee surgery.

Brian Berkowitz had a really nice article and pictures of his '72 340 Duster in Wednesday, July 28, 2010 issue of TheSouthsiderVoice newspaper. Congratulations.



**Membership Roster Information**

The 2010 Indy Mopar Club Rosters are completed and ready to be distributed at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting if you attend. More will be handed out at the Fletcher Car Show and the balance will be mailed.



**Indy Mopar Club Monthly Meeting**

**Secretary's Report**

July 29, 2010 7:00 pm

**Welcome and Sign-in:** Tom Kelly, President

- Tom brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- Ronda Cherry announced August Birthdays and Anniversaries.
- All members were asked to introduce themselves and tell about their car(s)
- 32 Members and 2 guest(s) attended

Attendees were: John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, James & Laura Bratby, Bill Bratton, Ronda Cherry, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Terry Cummings, Rick & Susan Eilert, John Heeringa, Tom Kelly, Mike Leyes, Larry & Susan Mayes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Jan Peel, Bob Rosenberger, David Sanders, Ken & Sharon Scobel, Bob Thomas, Mike & Vicki Wallace, Dave Watt, Tom Williams, Steve Wisdom, Rick & Ginger Zimmerman, and guests Catie Wallace and Corbin Sanders

**Secretary's Report:** Jessica McCormick

- Jessica gave the highlights of the June 2010 meeting

**Treasurer's Report & Membership Update:** Mike Leyes

- Balance Sheet
  - May beginning balance: \$2,740.83
  - May income: \$0

- May expenses: \$266.40
- May ending balance: \$2,474.43 (Flower Fund balance: \$581.44)
- Membership: 76 members

**Communications Report:** Dave Watt

- Archive old club info- send Dave anything you have from 2004 and prior
- Mopar Magazine sent to dealerships is doing an article about the club in their July/August issue
- Kokomo Chrysler cruise-in will resume the last Sunday in August this year, details to come

**Unfinished Business:** Tom Kelly

A. Member profiles for newsletter and website

- a. August: Bill Bratton
- b. September: Dennis & Ronda Cherry
- c. October: John Bauer
- d. November: John Heeringa
- e. December: Larry Mayes
- f. January: No profile, holiday party highlights

B. Updates for IMC 2010 Car Shows

- a. Recap Champion- Gary McCormick
  - i. Great turnout and Thanks for everyone's help
  - ii. Raised just over \$2,700 for JDRF
  - iii. 93 registered cars; 115 attended
- b. Fletcher, September 11<sup>th</sup>- Rick & Ginger Zimmerman
  - i. Fletcher will give \$2,000 to IMC
  - ii. Community event, on top of car show
  - iii. Food- Hog Roast, no charge (like Champion); DJ charge \$250
  - iv. Volunteer sheet was passed around

C. Event Advertising Update- Brian Berkowitz

- a. Old Cars Only
- b. Old Rides
- c. Auto & RV
- d. Mopar Collectors Guide
- e. Suggested email other car clubs IMC event fliers

D. Other Events

- a. Recap Muncie Drags: didn't happen
- b. Recap Mini Golf: Jan Peel
  - i. 8 attendees & Jan brought prizes
- c. Drive-In Movie: Dan Kelly & Dave Sanders
  - i. Information next meeting
- d. ARC: James & Laura Bratby
  - i. Tentative Date: Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 6/6:30pm; details meeting prior

E. Member Directory: Jan Peel, Terry Fishburn

- a. Almost ready to go out

F. Club Event Insurance Policy

- a. Will be Hagerty when renewed in August



## Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

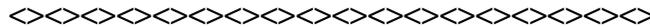


### September Birthdays:

Ronda Cherry, 9-7  
Cheryl Graham, 9-12  
Chad Neukam, 9-13  
Bob Vorpe, 9-15  
David Chapman, Sr., 9-23  
Debbie Cummings, 9-30  
Bob Rosenberger, 9-30

### September Anniversaries:

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



### **A Little Bit of Humor**

#### **Did You Know**

'Stewardesses' is the longest word typed with only the left hand.  
And Lollipop is the longest word typed with your right hand. (Bet you tried this out mentally, didn't you?)  
No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.  
'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'. Are you doubting this?)  
Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.  
The sentence: 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' uses every letter of the alphabet.  
(Now, you KNOW you're going to try this out for accuracy, right?)  
The words "racecar", "kayak", and "level" are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes). (Yep, I knew you were going to 'do' this one.)  
There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous': tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous. (You're not doubting this, are you?)  
There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: 'abstemious' and 'facetious.'  
(Yes, admit it, you are going to say, a e i o u)  
TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. (All you typists are going to test this out)  
A cat has 32 muscles in each ear. A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. (Some days that's about what my memory span is.)  
A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.  
A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.  
A snail can sleep for three years. (I know some people that could do this too.!)  
Almonds are a member of the peach family.  
An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (I know some people like that also)  
Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.  
February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon  
In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.  
Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.  
Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!  
Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.  
The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.  
The cruise liner, QE2 moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.  
The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.  
Good thing he did that.)

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

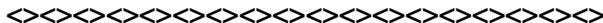
Now you know more than you did before!!



### Parts for Sale

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\*\*318 Wide block engine – needs to be rebuilt. If interested call Jan Peel at 317-357-5760 or e-mail Jpeel83719@aol.com



### Tattler's Corner



Someone was running around at the beginning of the Champion Show proclaiming she had a screw loose and may have even lost her screws!! Thanks to some quick thinking Tom Wallace and Brian Berkowitz were able to find and tighten her loose screws!!! Lots of luck pulling that one off! (P.S. It was Ronda, the fins inside her shaker air scoop lost a couple of screws and it had fallen down in a way that made her car run a little hot.) Also, I have it on good authority that one well known member will be turning 50 this year and very soon. Hmmmmm!!!!



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](mailto: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. Be gentle when you do this please.)

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