

Indy Mopar Club News

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****Sunday, December 12, 2010, 3pm: Indy Mopar Club annual meeting/Christmas Party, The Atrium, 3143 E Thompson Road, Indianapolis.**

Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December **Next regular meeting:** <u>Thursday January 27, 2011</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 – <u>www.indymoparclub.com</u>.



My 1st car in 1975, bought it in April or May of 1974

My love of cars started when I was very young. I can remember helping my dad inspect cars when Indiana had an inspection law. I might have been 8 years old. Dad had his mechanics license and would inspect cars at my uncle's body shop and used car lot.

By the time I was 10 I talked my brother into letting me drive his car. He had a 62 Corvair 4 door sedan. Had a paper route when I was 13 and would take Tony's (my brother) 68 VW beetle on some days and my sisters 64 Polara some too. One morning it was raining and I took Tony's bug (keys were always in the car), the rain woke mom up so she got Tony up and told him to go find me and finish my paper route. The only thing is I was gone in the car. Tony stood under the eve outside until I got home so I would not get in trouble for taking the car.

At 14 I wanted to get a car I could fix up. The guy down the street had a 65 Corvair 140hp 4 speed convertible, it needed some work and for \$125 it could be mine. Dad said I could only pay \$100 and Mr. Harper would not come down.

Not long after dad took me to the used car lot of Chuck Callahan Ford to look at a 67 Barracuda coupe. It was yellow with black interior had fancy hubcap, ac, ps, at and a slant 6. He said if he bought it and I would keep it clean until I got my license he would sell it to me for \$750 but I couldn't tell mom he paid \$1400 for it. Well since my sister was 2 years older when she seen the car she wanted it, so didn't get that car either. Then my oldest sister got a 67 Barracuda Formula S fastback with the 273 HIPO. Dad told me we would find me a car and a few months before my 16th birthday a 67 Barracuda coupe came up for sale on the board at work. It had been thru a fence & scratched down the passenger side, bald tires, front seats were ripped and it had a little rust. It was a 273 2 barrel, auto that ran good so \$400 and it was mine. All 3 of us living at home with 67 Barracudas, my key would start all 3, theirs wouldn't fit mine.

The plan was to take it to my uncle's body shop, strip the trim and prep it to paint. It was Ice Blue with black vinyl top from the factory, but I hated light blue, I wanted it midnight blue. So my brother and I took it to Columbus to the shop and started to disassemble the car. I got a job and couldn't finish it. I told Uncle Mayburn I wanted it midnight blue and he said he would paint it whatever Damn color he wanted. I didn't know what color it was until dad and Tony brought it home.

My sisters Formula was smoking and dad had a 318 put in it and I told him I wanted the engine. It was the 1st engine I ever rebuilt. I was going to Vocational school for auto mechanics but built this before I started class. Being young and dumb, I got the cam out of a 6 pak 340 put headers on it (painted white) and thought I had a real hot rod. Well it had way too much cam, the headers were slip tube and went under the K member so they got flattened pretty quick. The factory 7 ¹/₄" rear end didn't like the 273 HIPO. Broke the 1st breaking the spider gears off (remember I was young & dumb) and went to the junk yard and for \$10 got another one. 2 weeks later rolling thru some water and nailed it only to hear clunk-clunk-clunk. So the plan was to remove the 8 ³/₄ out of the Formula S and put another junkyard 7 ¹/₄" back in the Formula S. Rita said she had sold the car and I couldn't have it, dad told her she couldn't sell it until I got the rearend. So my 67 Barracuda had the engine and rearend out of a Formula S and someone bought a Formula S with a 318 2 barrel and 7 ¹/₄ rear. These cars were only 7 years old when they were transformed, who cared about numbers matching, they were just old cars.

The Barracuda got traded for a 69 Roadrunner. The guy wanted my car real bad so I kept my Cragers and traded even for a 69 440 auto Roadrunner with 6 pak hood & green shag carpet. The car started as a 383 4 speed, 6 year old and already had different engine and trans.



Over the years I have had quite a few cars, let's see what I remember, 67 Barracuda (1974/75), 69 Roadrunner (75/76) 70 Duster (76) 70 340 Challenger (76) 54 Chevy (76) 72 Barracuda (76) 70 Grand Coupe Barracuda (76) 74 Camaro (76/77) 69 Charger SE (76) 69 SS Chevelle (76) 71 Mach 1 (76/77) 67 Fomula S Barracuda (77/78) 77 Aspen (77/79) 72 Challenger (78/95) 74 Challenger (79, 1st wife got in divorce) 71 Cuda Convertible (79/87) After this it was years before getting cool cars again. Had some nice 4x4 trucks, but with my daughter to take care of, didn't have money for cars.



72 Barracuda

318 auto



74 Challenger 318 auto



Me & 74 Camaro 350 3 speed manual Author ~~~~Larry Mayes



72 Challenger 340 factory 3 spd (Had hemi 4 speed)



67 Formula S 340 4 speed



71 383 Cuda convertible

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Conducted by Rhonda Cherry, standing in for Jan Peel.

President, Tom Kelly, brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All members and guests were asked to introduce themselves. There were 27 members present. Attending were John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Estell Claycomb, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Rick Eilert, John Heeringa, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Larry & Susan Mayes, Gary McCormick, Michael Patterson, Bob Rosenberger, Dave Sanders, Robert Schonegg, Bob Thomas, Mike Wallace, Blenda Wallace, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom, and Rick Zimmerman.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Glenda Wallace, taking minutes for Jessica McCormick, gave the highlights for the October meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT & MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes:

Balance as of 10-28-10 was \$3,324.47. Income on 11-3-10 was \$1000, loan from Leyes to cover JDRF donation. Expenses were \$3733.51, as check to JDRF was made in amount of \$3661.00 and \$72.51 to Jan Peel for Newsletter. Ending Balance as of 11-18-10 was \$590.96.

Membership: Currently 78 members for 2010

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt:

No change in the Christmas Party arrangements. There was nothing else to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tom Kelly:

Club Profile for Newsletter: December: Larry Mayes January: No profile, Christmas Party Highlights February: Dave Watt

Updates for IMC Car Shows: ADESSA is confirmed for 6-11-11, with rain date of 6-25-11. Champion is confirmed, but no date yet. Fletcher is confirmed, but no date yet. Westgate is confirmed as cruise in, but no date yet.

Event Advertising Update - Brian Berkowitz Hold on update for January meeting.

Events Coordinator update:

Club members voted to have Vice President serve as chairperson who coordinates car show events.

Club Christmas Party December 12th, 3pm - \$15.00 per person. Can pay up to two weeks prior to party. Menu selection was made:

Fried chicken or ham with pineapple Green beans Au gratin potatoes Traditional tossed salad Rolls/butter Mike Wallace's wife will provide cake for dessert.

500 World of Wheels Feb 11-13- 2011:

Six (6) participants interested

Rhonda Cherry will be contact person. Larry Mayes and Tom Kelly will also work on event. Discussed display theme - set up as a speed shop "Service Center."

Indy Cylinder Head show:

Club will participate in show held in early March, 2011. More details later.

New club shirts - Brian Berkowitz:

Members voted to remove year from polo shirts. The color is red, with black logo. Discussed purchasing long sleeved shirts, as well as different style for the ladies with V or scoop Neck. More information in January.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Kelly

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS: President - Brian Berkowitz Vice President - Dave Sanders Communications Director - Dave Watt Treasurer - Mike Leyes Secretary - Glenda Wallace

Steve Wisdom reported that State of Indiana may now require permit in order to conduct a 50/50 at Club events. Further inquiries will be made.

There was no 50/50 drawing at Club meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded

Respectfully Submitted Glenda Wallace

The JDRF Awards Celebration was quite an impressive affair. Tom Kelly, Ronda Cherry, and Jan Peel attended as representation for the Indy Mopar Club.

First there was a generous buffet, and then came the program. Since there were so many companies, clubs, families and individuals to be recognized there was no individual presentation. Instead the trophies were handed out at the side of the room. The individuals that raised so much money were very impressive and well deserved.

At the end they had a video of portions of the 2010 Walk to Cure Diabetes, Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Military Park. We were a little disappointed in the fact that nothing was shown of the Indy Mopar Club members or cars. All in all it was a very pleasant and rewarding evening.



Upcoming Events – **Indy Mopar Club and others

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Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays: Ric LaFollette, 1-4 Renee Neukam, 1-5 Nancy Watt, 1-8 Sheilla Collins, 1-11 Larry Dilk, 1-11 Bob Vorpe, 1-17 Butch Gillock, 1-19 Bob Gallup, 1-20 Stephen Graham, 1-21 Tom Wallace, 1-24 Bill Edgerton, 1-26 January Anniversaries: Butch and Diane Gillock, 1-24 Congratulations to all!

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

1986 Chrysler Lebaron Convertible.; 34,000 miles; new tires, battery, and exhaust; \$2500.00 o.b.o.; contact: Gene Gangwer @ 765-296-3904 or 765-427-8443



Tattler's Corner

Your editor, Jan Peel, made a big booboo last month. Being a little lazy about typing the whole name and address for the Annual Christmas Party she "copied and pasted" the information from last year's newsletter. But then she forgot to change the date and time. I guess not double checking the info is causing her some embarrassment as some people really read the info and let her know it. She tried to pass it off as saying it was a test to see who actually read that part, but it didn't work.

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.)

