



Indy Mopar Club News

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 24, 2011 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.

Muscle Car Drag Racing by Dave Watt



The photo is Mike heating the tires of his 6BBL Road Runner.

If high octane gasoline is running through your veins and you have a high compression heartbeat, then a muscle car drag race is where to be. Over 15 years ago, two Michigan car guys decided to rent a dragstrip for two days in September and invite owners of stock muscle cars to show the performance engineered into them. This was the birth of the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race held at Mid Michigan Motorplex in Stanton Michigan. This event has been covered in more automotive magazines than I can count. Television shows on SPEED have shown highlights and interviews in years past also. The first event had 15 cars participating. By 2007, 156 muscle cars overwhelmed the race.

Racing battles each year are just as fierce as the stoplight wars on every street back in the late '60's, early '70's. Not only is it a way to see what your car can do, but it's also about a passion for cars that the factories will never build again. This in itself becomes a muscle car show that happens to be a drag race too.

Friendships are built, everyone is willing to help when a car might be looking for some extra performance or might have a problem. Families schedule their vacations for this event to be able to participate or spectate; it's something they look forward to each year.

The 2010 edition was plagued with rain, as was 2008. 2009 brought great weather and a strong turnout considering the economy was tough on all sports across our country.

Each event starts with a technical inspection Friday morning, mostly looking for safety items such as a driveshaft safety loop. It is a device to retain the driveshaft in the event of a u-joint failure which could

endanger spectators or could “pole vault” the car. Another item is a coolant overflow bottle, whether it is factory installed, or as simple as a plastic pop bottle to catch the liquid.

The other phase of inspection is making sure the car has items that are the correct vintage and that no aftermarket parts such as headers or intake manifolds are installed.

By 11am Friday, everyone is allowed to start qualifying passes down the track. Some will use this as an opportunity to fine tune the carburetor, timing, tire pressures, etc. At the end of the day, your best Elapsed Time will be logged and used for pairing you up for Saturday’s main event.

Friday night has numerous cookouts, stories being told, and making new friends. Free camping outside the track is a popular place to be also.

Saturday morning is practice until noon. Then everyone is paired up for either the “Quick 8 Shootout” or their “Best of Three Shootout”.

The top 8 qualifiers are in a Quick 8 Shootout format where #1 will race #8, #2 will race #7 and so on.

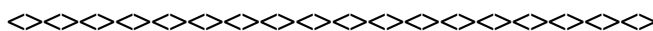
The Best of Three Shootout qualifiers will be paired consecutively, #9 against #10 and so on. This ensures the closest possible performance pairings. The objective is winning 2 out of the 3 races to be declared the winner of your pairing. If someone runs 3 tenths of a second faster than their qualifying time, they are disqualified.

Indy Mopar Club Treasurer Mike Leyes has been participating for a few years with his 1969 Road Runner 440 6BBL 4-speed. He has done very well in the Best of Three Shootout. His starting line reaction times are very good which gives him an edge to the finish line.

For 2011, Mike and I, along with two other friends are planning to race our cars not only at the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race, but the two muscle car drag races at US131 Dragway in Martin Michigan.

If you want to see vintage cars in action, you won’t be disappointed attending one of these events.

Author – Dave Watt

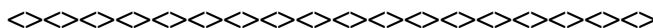


President’s Corner

2011 World of Wheels Update

We were able to unload our display Wednesday night and setup began on Thursday at 9 am. It took most of the day to get everything in place including the cars. I would like to thank everyone involved. The display and show were a huge success. All of our cars in the display got awards as well as the other club members that were there. I had heard from other clubs that when they saw our display they knew they were in trouble. Our display won “Best Club Display” for the second year in a row. We received a plaque and \$500. All who took part should be very proud! Now onto a subject that has been brought up a lot, the “traveling” trophy for club participation we were awarded last year that was sponsored by the Indy Hi-Winders. I was informed by the W.O.W group that this trophy is ours to do with what we want. I felt the trophy should go to Tom Kelly for all his hard work on this display. Tom and I talked to several Hi-Winders and came to the conclusion that they would like it back for their clubhouse. They created this trophy almost 20 years ago and it is part of their history. So at some point in the near future the I.M.C will be returning the trophy to the Hi-Winders. Tom, Dave and I feel this is the right thing to do. Again I would like to say thank you and congratulations to all who were involved in this event.

Brian Berkowitz, President (Pictures on page 4 and 5)



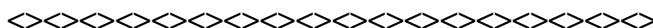
Members News and Information

Tom Williams expressed his thanks to the Indy Mopar Club and members for the cards and flowers sent when his mother, Dora D. Williams, passed away.

It was good to see new member Richard Rodgers at the meeting along with some other members we haven’t seen for awhile.

Please join us in offering condolences to the family of Rick and Susan Eilert. Susan's father, Ben Bryan passed away.

We are saddened by the passing of Dave Himes on January 30th, 2011



INDY MOPAR CLUB, MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 27, 2011
SECRETARY REPORT

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Conducted by Jan Peel.

President, Brian Berkowitz, brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All members and guests were asked to introduce themselves.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Glenda Wallace gave the highlights for the November meeting, and highlights of the Christmas party were provided.

TREASURER'S REPORT & MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes:

Balance as of 12-31-2010, was \$2,070.55. **Income** for December was \$3,386.00. **Expenses** were \$1,906.41. **Income** for January, 2011, was \$960.00. **Expenses** for January were \$223.60. **Ending Balance** as of January 27, 2011, was \$2896.95.

Membership: There were 79 members as of December 31, 2010, with new member Richard Rodgers from Indianapolis.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt:

There was nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

Club Profile for Newsletter:

February: Dave Watt
March: Tony Fields
April: John Bauer
May: Tom Kelly

Updates for IMC Car Shows:

ADESSA is confirmed for 6-11-11, with rain date of 6-25-11.
Champion is confirmed for 7-23-11.
Fletcher is confirmed, but no date yet.
Westgate is confirmed as cruise in, but no date yet.

Event Advertising Update - Brian Berkowitz

Bill Bratton volunteered to replace Brian Berkowitz as the coordinator for Event Advertising.

Events Coordinator update - Dave Sanders

Dave provided information about some swap meets and car show events in Detroit, Chicago and Columbus, Ohio, for the last week of January, and into the month of February.

500 World of Wheels Feb 11-13- 2011:

Update on this event was provided by Tom Kelly. The display theme of a "Speed Shop Service Center" was discussed in more detail. The Club has an area of 20 by 80 feet for its display, along with 7 cars. Volunteers were sought to assist in set up and take down, as well as being present for the show. Tom also asked for any interesting items members might have to contribute to the display. It was determined that the Club will rent carpeting that protects the floor upon which the cars will be displayed. Bob Vorpe, Tom Wallace, and Richard Rodgers volunteered to donate the \$400 needed to rent the carpeting.

Indy Cylinder Head show March 5-6-2011:

There will be 4 cars displayed at the show. Dave Sanders (1970 Dart Swinger 340); Bill Bratton (1999 Dodge Dakota R/T; Brian Berkowitz (1972 Plymouth Duster); and Ed Leyes (1970 Dodge Challenger Convertible). Brochures are ready to be printed. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers for the display table, cars, and for checking entrants on Friday.

50/50 Licensing Issues:

No decision has been reached regarding the 50/50. It appears that there has been a State law in effect since 2007, requiring a permit costing \$50, for each show. This also includes door prizes and raffles, with a separate permit costing \$50. Tom Kelly indicated that Adessa's legal personnel are currently investigating the issue. There will be more information later.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz

Mike Leyes provided some information about an upcoming event for JDRF at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis on 4-16-11, which includes dinner, dancing and silent auction. Anyone interested may contact Mike.

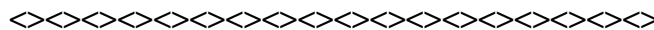
There was a discussion about events the Club might consider for 2011, such as a model car show, and cruises in May and October, as well as drag racing at Indianapolis Raceway Park (yes, I know that it has technically been known as O'Reilly Raceway Park and is now Lucas Oil Raceway Park, but I am part of the "old group" that still sees it as IRP!) There will be more discussion at upcoming meetings.

Anyone interested in obtaining a Club name tag may contact Larry Mayes.

It was determined that the entire sale section of the Club website will be cleaned up, and from now on, sale items will be deleted after 90 days. The website will advertise for Club members only.

There was no 50/50 drawing at Club meeting.
A motion to adjourn was made and seconded

Respectfully Submitted
Glenda Wallace



2011 World of Wheels Update INDY MOPAR CLUB BEST CLUB DISPLAY!!!!



Preparation and setting up takes LOTS of "human" hours - See next page for the finished "project"



What a great bunch of "Guys & Dolls" Congratulations to all
Pictures provided by Dave Sanders

I also wanted to congratulate everyone and give a thank you to Tom Kelly and all who participated and helped with the set up and disassembly of display. Winning best display 2 years in a row for our club made it all worthwhile.

David Sanders

** February 24, 2011, Indy Mopar Meeting, MCL Cafeteria
 ** March 5-6, 2011 – Indy Cylinder Head Show
 ** March 31, 2011, Indy Mopar Meeting, MCL Cafeteria
 ** June 11, 2011, Adessa Car Show with rain date of June 25, 2011.

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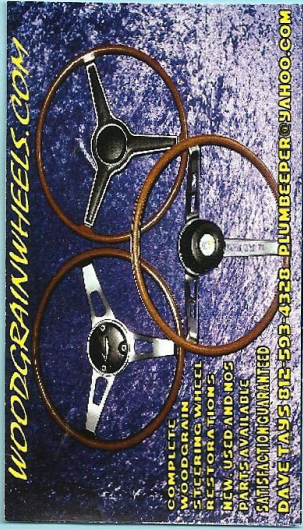
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