

#### **Indy Mopar Club News**

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, July 28, 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.



#### **Member Profile** Jan Peel

Well, the story for this month didn't come through so you will have to put up with my story. I was born November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1935, in Pawnee City, Nebraska (so was Larry the Cable Guy only much later). I have 2 older sisters (still living in Nebraska) and 1 younger brother (living in California) and 1 half sister (living in New Jersey). I lived in Pawnee City until 1947 when we moved to Rockford, Illinois. My parents were divorced by then and my brother and I visited my dad in the summers in Rapid City, South Dakota.

My first husband was stationed at the air base in Rapid City and we knew each other 3 weeks and then got married. We had four children and were married 17 ½ years. A couple years later I married another man but it didn't work out so after 3 ½ years I was divorced again. (I don't really have a good track record.)

I met Stan in the late fall of 1974 and we dated for about 3 months and then he started talking marriage. He also had 4 children with 3 of them still at home while I only had 1 at home by then. What he really wanted was a built-in maid, baby sitter, and laundress. So, as he used to put it, I said to him "Hit the road, Jack".

Six years later he had 4-way bypass surgery at Community Hospital where I was working at that time. A mutual friend told me that he was there so on my break I visited him for a few minutes. A couple of days later I went back up to tell him that I wished him good luck in the future. He asked if I was still single, I told him that I was and asked him if he still was, and he assured me that he was and he asked me to call him. I told him that I don't call men and that my phone number was still in the phone book. He had me write it down for him, and did call me finally on July 5<sup>th</sup>. We started seeing each other again and on November 21, 1981, we were married.

My father was, for most of his adult life, in the automobile service business, most of the time with Mopars, but I never paid much attention to cars. As long as they started and took me where I wanted to go I didn't care about the rest of it. But Stan changed all that. I still don't know much about cars, just that I like to look at all the "old" cars. Stan loved pictures – I can't tell you how many boxes I have of pictures of different museums and car shows, both local and National Meets. For our first anniversary he bought me a really good camera because he didn't like the pictures that came from my old camera. How's that for sentimentality?

Stan wanted a 1954 Plymouth as that was his first car. A friend of ours found a '54 Plymouth Deluxe



Convertible in Dallas, Texas, and Stan bought it sight unseen. Picture is on the left. It vapor locked on us twice getting out of Dallas but both times the dealer got it started and the second time followed us until we were well out of Dallas and on our way back to Indianapolis.

Things went pretty well until we stopped overnight. We got up the next morning and had a flat tire and the spare was evidently the original and was dry-rotted. We finally found a tire that would work. Then the windshield wiper blades blew off and it seemed nobody had any to fit, remember the LITTLE wiper blades back then?

I was following him in another car and was listening to the CB in case he had trouble and needed to stop. He was listening to the car radio and a big storm was following us and threatening to overtake us before we got home. He didn't tell me this but just kept insisting that we not stop until we got home. I was so tired and angry by the time we got home that I didn't talk to him for a couple days. We went out to dinner that second night with friends and he told them about the storm. When I asked him why he didn't tell me about it he just shrugged his shoulders and said he thought I knew. Communications are a necessity.

We never did get the vapor lock mystery solved. Going down the road it was great, but if we were entered in a parade as soon as we would start up (naturally going slow) it would say "No no, not a parade again" and promptly vapor lock. We got experienced with it and could usually have it back up and running in about 3 minutes.

We were part of the founding members of the Hoosier Region Plymouth Owners Club and were instrumental in hosting two National Plymouth Owners Club Meets here in Indianapolis. We have met so many super people over the years through the various car clubs we belonged to. As we all know most "car" people are very friendly and caring people.

When the National Plymouth Owners Club Meet was in Rapid City, SD, we took my Dad to the meet hotel and he had a great time reminiscing over all the cars, and talking to the various members that were there.

We had 27 years of a good marriage when Stan passed away 2 years ago. I still live in the house I purchased in 1974. I have 4 German Shepherds that keep me on my toes, and keep watch over me. When I let them in the house it is Wall to Wall dogs in my living room as you can see in the photo below.





Most of you will recognize me as I have been at car shows. Picture to the left with my '66 Plymouth Belvedere II and my big hat

Now you know the rest of the story. Author~~~Jan Peel

#### \*\*\*\*August 25 Meeting:\*\*\*\*

The August meeting will be at Masterpiece Classic Cars (675 N. U.S 31, Whiteland, IN 46184). Food and drinks provided by the club at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00. General cleanup after the meeting is expected. We have a good amount of seating available but may need a couple extra chairs, so if you can throw a folding chair in your trunk we may need it. Please RSVP me at <a href="mailto:bberkowitz@indy.rr.com">bberkowitz@indy.rr.com</a> by August 5 so we can get enough food. I hope you all can come.

Brian Berkowitz

#### About our Members

Sue Mayes wanted to thank everyone for the planter, cards, and phone calls and she misses everyone. She can still use all our prayers to get through the rest of her and "Smiling Face." "recovery". She sends her love with a big hug

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#### INDY MOPAR CLUB, MONTHLY MEETING, JUNE 30, 2011 SECRETARY REPORT

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Ronda Cherry, standing in for Jan Peel, with 23 members attending: Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Carlton & Regina Brock, Ronda Cherry, Estell & Pat Claycomb, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Rick & Susan Eilert, John Heeringa, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Scott & Janet Oller, David Sanders, Mike Wallace, Tom & Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt, and Steve Wisdom.

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

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Glenda Wallace gave highlights of the May meeting.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes:

Balance as of May 26, 2011, was \$5734.87.

Income for June, 2011, was \$35.00. Expenses for June, 2011, were \$164.15. Ending Balance as of June 30, 2011, was \$5605.72.

Membership: There were 73 members as of June 30, 2011.

#### COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt:

Dave stated that there was nothing to update at this time.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

Club Profile for Newsletter:

July - Frank Goodrum

August - Rick and Ginger Zimmerman

September - Overview of the NATS at Columbus, Ohio

#### Updates for IMC Car Shows:

Champion is confirmed for July-23-2011.

Westgate is confirmed as a cruise-in, September 10, 2011.

Event Advertising Update: Bill Bratton:

Bill had no new updates for advertising.

Events Coordinator Update: Dave Sanders:

Dave circulated a list of upcoming car shows for the month of July, as well as events throughout the remainder of summer.

Brian provided a re-cap of the cruise-in at Ken Mosier's Finer Details, Avon, held on June 8, 2011. There were a lot of Mopars present. The food and music were good.

Brian also provided a re-cap of the ADESSA car show, held on June 11, 2011. He reported that, overall, it was a success, even though weather was questionable that morning. JDRF received \$2700 from the show. There was some initial problem with volunteers to park cars, as well as some problems with car judging. The drag racing simulator was not used because of possible weather conditions. It was reiterated by Brian, that ADESSA ran the show. Our club just assisted with parking and helping the personnel from ADESSA.

There was no update on the Champion show, as Gary was not present.

It was confirmed that the Westgate cruise-in is scheduled for September 10, 2011, and they will donate \$250 to JDRF. There will be more information on the cruise-in at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

- A. Dave Watt suggested that our club consider a special award for Car Art Signs, as they have been very supportive of our club. It was also suggested that special awards also be given to Ken Mosier of Finer Details and Indy Cylinder Head. Everyone present at the meeting agreed by a show of hands that we should provide these awards. Brian stated that he and Dave Sanders will gather information for plaques for these groups.
- B. The August Mopar Club meeting will be held at Masterpiece Classic cars, 675 N. U.S. 31, Whiteland, Indiana, Thursday, August 25, 2011. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with our meeting at7:00 p.m. The Club will provide food and drinks. Please RSVP by August 5, 2011, to Brian Berkowitz, E-mail <a href="mailto:bberkowitz@indy.rr.com">bberkowitz@indy.rr.com</a>, or telephone 317-696-7533.
- C. Monster Mopar Weekend is September 23 through 25, 2011. The website is available for your review.
- D. The summer cruise is now going to be a Fall cruise. There will be more information later.
- E./F. Model car show and Car Art Signs' Tour are both tabled.

There was no 50/50 drawing at the Club meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted

Glenda Wallace

More pictures from the Fletcher and Adessa Car Shows

Indy Mopar Club/Fletcher Chrysler Dodge Jeep Car Show









Adessa Car Show







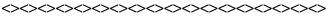


A big thank you to Dave Sanders who provided the pictures.



#### **Upcoming Events – \*\*Indy Mopar Club** and others

- \*\*July 23, 2011, 4pm, Champion Car Show
- \*\*July 28, 2011, Indy Mopar Meeting at MCL Cafeteria
- \*\* August 25, 2011, Indy Mopar Meeting will be at Masterpiece Classic Cars, 675 N. U.S 31, Whiteland, IN 46184. Be sure and e-mail Brian if you plan to be there.
- \*\*September 10, 2011, Westgate is confirmed as a cruise-in
- \*\* September 23-25, 2011, Monster Mopar Weekend, Lucas Oil Raceway Park (IRP).
- \*\*September 29, 2011, Indy Mopar Meeting at MCL Cafeteria
- \*\*October 1-2, 2011, Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb Newport, IN
- \*\*October 27, 2011, Indy Mopar Meeting at MCL Cafeteria
- \*\*November 17, 2011, Indy Mopar Meeting at MCL Cafeteria



#### **Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**



#### **August Birthdays:**

Frank Goodrum, 8-1 Tony Abercrombie, 8-4 Diane Biesel, 8-4

Jonathan Cline, 8-4

Terry Richard, 8-4

Dorinda Crawmer, 8-5

Gregory Cook, 8-16

Brent Norman, 8-27

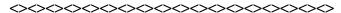
#### **August Anniversaries:**

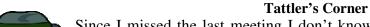
Jonathan and Megan Cline, 8-1 Carlton and Regina Brock, 8-11

Dave and Cindy Sanders, 8-14

Tony and Candice Abercrombie, 8-30

Congratulations to all!







Since I missed the last meeting I don't know of any misbehavings that went on. Maybe next month? My spies don't seem to be "Johnny on the spot" this month, maybe they are on vacation.

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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 <a href="mailto:Jpeel83719@aol.com">Jpeel83719@aol.com</a> 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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