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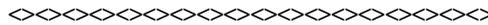
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, November 17th, 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.



1990 Chrysler LeBaron GTC VNT Convertible Sold by Spitzer in Akron, Ohio

The GTC VNT was manufactured on August 29th, 1989 at the St. Louis Assembly Plant. It was sold to G. A. Bartz from Hudson, Ohio. Over the years the car made it's way to Columbus, Indiana. On August 26th, 2000 it was purchased by Brandon A. Pruitt with 102,001 miles on it. On November 9th, 2001 it was purchased by Harold Fox also of Columbus. The GTC now had 120,310 miles on it.

Chris Wolf of Columbus led me to the car and we purchased it on December 18th, 2001 from Mr. Fox. At this time the GTC had 121,200 miles on the clock.

I didn't realize how rare the car was until I started doing some research on it. To start with Chrysler only made a total of 255 GTC VNT's in 1990. Of those, only 132 convertibles were produced and the other 123 units were coupes. Of the 132 verts, 91 had the Federal 2.2 Intercooled Turbo engine. Out of those 91, only 28 were produced in Black: 13 were produced with the Infinity II Stereo and 5 came with the CD Player. Our GTC VNT is a black convertible with the factory CD Player.



The VNT (variable nozzle turbo) Turbo is what makes these cars so rare. Carrol Shelby came up with the system in 1989 on his CSX VNT Shadows. For 1990 Chrysler decided to use the set-up on their production

cars. I believe they only produced them for 3 or 4 months, hence the low production numbers. It is also equipped with the heavy duty race proven Getrag A-568 5 speed transmission.

These cars could not be ordered. The 255 units they produced were sent to dealers. Had they remained in production, I'm sure you could have ordered one just like other cars were.

The beauty of these cars is that you can cruise at 70-75 mph and still get 33 mpg. The overall average is 27.3. Not bad for a car that will run 140+ mph and do a 0 to 60 in 7.2 second. Quarter mile times were 14.8-15.0 seconds at 95 mph right out of the box. 1.29 h.p. per cubic in. (Engine is 135 c.i.)

The car gets very little respect in public or at car shows. Most folks think it's a car that granny might drive. The 5-speed hints at performance as most folks have never seen a LeBaron with a stick. It has "Shelby" suspension and heavy duty anti-sway bars. The wheels are aJJoy 16 x 6. It has 4 wheel vented disc brakes.

We took the LeBaron on the 2005 and 2006 Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour which was a blast. We didn't have any trouble keeping up with the crowd.

I don't *really* drive the car hard, *I* just cruise it. It is such a pleasure to drive. In town or open road it doesn't matter.

Recap on the drive train:

All are from the factory

2.2 litre Single Overhead Cam 4 cylinder. Intercooled Garret VNT Turbo

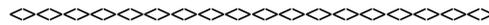
Front Wheel Drive

Getrag A-568 Heavy Duty Race Proven 5-speed Steel Crank and Rods

Full floating wrist pins

Mahle pistons

Author ~~~~~Tony ("Turbo") & Thelma Fields Columbus, Indiana



JDRF "Walk For A Cure"

Here's an update for those who weren't able to attend the Walk on October 29th. We were blessed with great weather for the walk considering the late October date. The Indy Mopar Club had a good showing with 10 cars, and this year Tom Kelly only had to bring one from his stable of cars!



Indy Mopar set up and car display

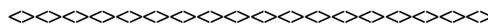


This was my first walk and I found it very well organized and fun. Mike Leyes brought his car and the Drag Race Simulator from Indy Cylinder Head. The visitors to our tent enjoyed the cars and the simulator.



We had 10 members do the 2K walk. It was a nice setting and an easy walk. I want to thank Mike for bringing the simulator and a car, I know this is always a challenge. I also want to thank all the members who brought out their cars and participated in the walk. Hopefully we can increase our numbers for next years walk, after all this is our charity.

Sincerely
Brian Berkowitz



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, OCTOBER 27, 2011

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Conducted by Ronda Cherry, for Jan Peel. Attending were Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda Cherry, Rick Eilert, Tony Fields, John Heeringa, Tom Kelly, Mike Leyes, Scott Oller, Gary McCormick & baby, David Sanders, Stan Sanders, Mike Wallace, Tom & Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom, and Rick & Ginger Zimmerman.

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 September meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes:

Balance as of September 29, 2011, was \$5175.93. **Income** for September, 2011, was \$40.00. **Expenses** for September, 2011, were \$302.34. **Income** for October, 2011, was \$4391.32. **Expenses** for October, 2011, were \$6891.32. **Ending Balance** as of October 27, 2011, was \$2675.93.

Membership: There were 75 members as of October 27, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt:

Dave indicated that there was nothing to update at this time. He indicated that he would send out information on the JDRF walk and the Christmas party.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

Club Profile for Newsletter:

November - Tony Fields

December - Brian Berkowitz
January - Christmas party recap
February - Tabled for November meeting

Event Advertising Update: Bill Bratton:
There were no updates to report.

Events Coordinator Update: Dave Sanders:
Dave provided an update on the Fall cruise, October 9th. There were 15 cars that participated. It was a nice Fall day. The participants stopped and had lunch at the Story Inn. The group drove to a boat ramp area near Lake Monroe, where photos were taken, then on to Bruster's Ice Cream shop. Dave stated that plaques will be given to those who participated. We will plan on doing a cruise in 2012!

Dave gave information on the JDRF walk, scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. We have 10 cars lined up to be on display. Volunteers were signed up to run the drag race simulator, and we have 14 people registered to walk.

Dave indicated that plaques for sponsors will be completed within the next few weeks. Plaques will be awarded to: Finer Details, Car Art Signs, Indy Cylinder Heads, Westgate, Fletcher, and Champion.

The Christmas party will be December 11th, at the Atrium, at 3:30p.m. There will be a gift exchange, with usual limit of \$15, and don't forget your plastic model car! Club members present at the meeting, voted by a show of hands, to pay \$20 per person for the party. The initial cost is \$14.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity, which would bring the charge to over \$18. By paying \$20 per person, we can take the balance of the money after paying for food, tax and gratuity, and help a family in need or give the funds to a food pantry.

Dave indicated that there will be dash plaques for the model car show. Club members will also be able to vote for their favorite cars by placing money in a jar set beside each car. Funds will go to JDRF.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

Car Art Signs' Tour: This event is still tabled for the future. Brian also indicated that our club may consider doing some business with them, such as plaques.

Possible Winter Club Functions: Brian suggested that the club consider getting together as a group to have some fun activities such as bowling, or a chili cook off. Dave Watt suggested an indoor carting event. Dave Sanders suggested visiting some car museums. We will discuss their ideas at future meetings.

Car Shows and Possible Dates for 2012: The only car show set for 2012, is Westgate. It is scheduled for September 8, 2012. Brian will contact Fletcher and Champion to obtain dates for their shows for 2012.

Officer Nominations for 2012/Vote at November Meeting: Nominations were held and the results were as follows:

President - Brian Berkowitz
Vice President - Dave Sanders
Secretary - Glenda Wallace
Communications - Dave Watt
Treasurer - Mike Leyes

Steve Wisdom brought up the 50/50 drawing issue. Evidently the State of Indiana has made its presence known at some events where there were raffles and door prizes awarded, with those involved being advised that a

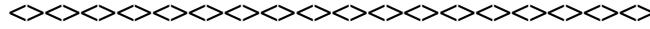
permit must be obtained for any show where such raffles and or door prizes are awarded. Earlier in the year, we discussed this issue, and it was noted that the permit costs \$50 for each show where any raffle or door prize is to be awarded. Since we had this discussion at the January, 2011, meeting, we have not held a 50/50 drawing, nor have we had drawings at our car shows.

Please note that because of Thanksgiving, the next meeting will be November 17, 2011!

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully,

Glenda Wallace



October Cruise



As you can see, starting the day wasn't too promising but it sure did improve



Indiana has so much beautiful and historic scenery



How would you like to shop at this store?



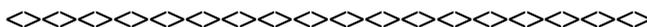
Thanks for a beautiful and fun day!!!!

Our leader – Dave Sanders

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

****November 17, 2011**, Indy Mopar Meeting at MCL Cafeteria

****December 11, 2011**, Sunday, Indy Mopar Christmas Party at the Atrium, at 3:30p.m.



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

Missed last month: Dave and Nancy Watt anniversary, 11-30

December Birthdays:



- Richard Rodgers, 12-3
- Dave Sanders, 12-5
- Cheryl Wisdom, 12-8
- Susan Mayes, 12-9
- Sharon Scobel, 12-13
- Raymond Vansickle, 12-13
- Constance Bratton, 12-16
- Dave Watt, 12-17

December Anniversaries:

- Ken & Pat Mosier, 12-10
- Rick and Susan Eilert, 12-14
- John and Carol Ann Bauer, 12-22
- Bill and Constance Bratton, 12-28
- Congratulations to all!



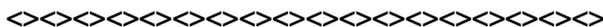
Tattler's Corner



I'm not sure what kind of mischief Brian was getting into when this picture was taken but, knowing him,



I'm sure it must have been fun.



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 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.)



If you will not be at the November 17th meeting but plan on attending the Christmas Party you will need to send in your Christmas Party reservation and check for \$20.00 made out to Indy Mopar Club. Send to Mike Leyes, 3130 E Hardacre Ct, Greencastle IN 47362. It needs to be sent to Mike as soon as possible.

Have a Happy and blessed **Thanksgiving!!!!**

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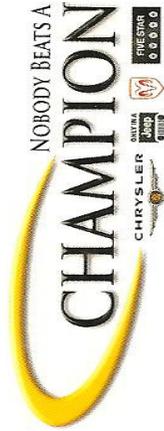
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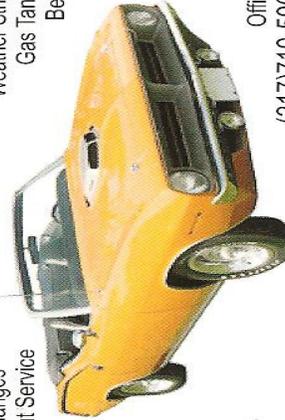
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