



# Indy Mopar Club News

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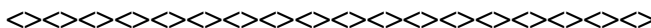
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, August 30, 2012** 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](http://www.indymoparclub.com).



## Dodge Dart – Then and Now



A couple years ago Gary (and I) wrote about our 1972 Dart Swinger, named Ruby. While the new Dart doesn't resemble the old, as much as, say the Chargers or Challengers, it does look good sitting next to its older sister.

Have you been to the compact car party recently? If so, you've noticed Chrysler hasn't been in attendance. It's been years since Chrysler has had a compact. To be exact, it has been seven years. During those years, other manufacturers have been producing sleek and fuel-efficient models. It's time for Chrysler to crash the party. They aren't going stag though. They've brought a date... a little Italian.

Introducing the Dodge Dart: American History, European Success

Many thought this compact-sedan would be called the Hornet, from the Geneva show concept. The folks at Dodge decided to tie in a little history and keep it in the family. In the 60s, the Dart started a compact revolution within the Chrysler family. From 1960 to 1976, after only sixteen years of production more than 3.7 million Darts were sold.

Beneath the Dart's curvaceous body panels and trademark design cues of current Dodge products is an assemblage of parts sourced from Fiat. The Dart shares its chassis, suspension, an engine and a transmission with Fiat entity, the Alfa Romeo.

The 2013 Dart, assembled in Illinois, kicks things off with one of the most powerful base-engines in the segment, the Tigershark. It draws 160 horsepower and 148 pound-feet of torque out of a 2.0-liter four-cylinder. Buyers can pair it with the six-speed manual transmission that comes standard, or spend a little more for a six-speed automatic. Dodge has a 1.4-liter, turbocharged four-cylinder engine that comes from the Fiat 500 Abarth. The horsepower is the same as the Dart's base engine at 160, but torque jumps to 184 pound-feet. Rated at 25 miles per gallon in the city and up to 41 mpg on the highway, this Dodge will get you down Route 66 with fewer stops than before.

While the Dart's DNA is Italian with many mechanical components provided by Fiat, its front is aggressive and bold. Inside, the Dart is upscale for an American-made compact with its savvy fashion-forward design and precision craftsmanship. From behind, you'll see its glowing race track LED tail lamps and flying

buttress, inspired from second generation Chargers of the past. And with more than 100,000 customizable options, there's a combination for everyone.

### **Technology: Then and Now**

During the 60s and 70s, radio, A/C and power windows were considered state of the art technology. Now, you get an 8.4" touch screen, backup camera, and rain-sensitive windshield wipers. You can even unlock and start the Dart with a custom iPhone app.

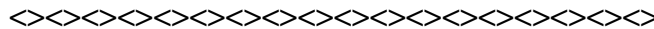
The new Dart comes equipped with 10 airbags, wreck this and you'll be bouncing around on a cloud of marshmallows. We all know the old Darts don't have airbags, we just hold on when the ride gets rough.

Blind spot monitoring and rear cross-path detection monitors rear blind zones on either side of the vehicle via radar and will notify the driver when something is detected. We have that on Ruby... it's called a love tap.

On a side note, I was a bit disappointed when Dodge ruined the new, amazing Dart commercial with a cameo of Tom Brady. GO COLTS!

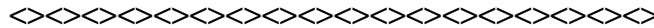
*Oh, you want to take a test drive? I might know someone that can help.*

**Jessica and Gary McCormick**



## **2012 MOPAR NATIONALS**

Just want to recap our trip to the Mopar Nats for those who were not in attendance. Pretty much the same crowd for the club on hand except for a few members who were sick this year. Get well guys. Weather for the first time in awhile played a major role in our weekend and it wasn't the heat, it was rain Saturday and Sunday. Didn't rain enough to ruin the weekend just enough to make it pretty muddy at the swap meet and campgrounds. I want to thank the group that was by our cars for holding down the canopies during the rain storms. All in all we had a good weekend and saw some fabulous cars and trucks. Hope to see most of the members at the Monster Mopar Weekend in September.



### **INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, JULY 26, 2012**

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. Attending were John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Harry & Lou Ann Ewing, Tony Fields, John Heeringa, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Gary McCormick, Scott Oller, David Opel, Jan Peel, Dave Sanders, Evan & Nicole Springer, Mike Wallace, Tom & Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt, guests LeeAnne & Larry Nash.

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 provided highlights of the June meeting.

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

Balance as of June 28, 2012, was \$5, 256.22. Income for June, 2012, was \$30.00. Expenses for June, 2012, were 0. Income for July, 2012, was \$64.50. Expenses for July, 2012, were \$103.22. Balance as of July 26, 2012, was \$5,217.50. Mike reported that he will soon be remitting the Club's liability insurance premium with Haggerty.

Membership: There were 75 paid members for 2012.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:** Dave Watt:

Dave had nothing new to report.

**EVENT CALENDER:** Dave Sanders:

Dave passed around a list of August events and cruises. Dave Watt provided a flyer for the Kokomo Chrysler 2012 Cruz-In, Sunday, August 26th, noon to 4 p.m. Dave Watt will send an E-mail message to all club members about the show. It was indicated that those members interested may want to meet at the Gas America on 236th Street, at 9 a.m. leaving as a group at 9:30 a.m. Dave Sanders indicated that there is a car show at the Avon Town Hall on August 19th.

**EVENT ADVERTISING:** Bill Bratton:

Bill was not present at the meeting, and no information was available.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Brian Berkowitz:

A. Anyone interested in club shirts should see Mike Leyes.

B. If anyone has any ideas about a club cruise or cookout, more likely in the Fall, please send your ideas through E-mail to Brian.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Brian Berkowitz:

A. It was reported that Rick Eilert has been hospitalized. He was expected to be released from the hospital on July 27th. A get well card will be sent to him.

B. The 32nd annual Mopar Nationals is August 10 through 12. Several of our club members are planning on going to Columbus, Ohio, for the week end. Anyone interested in a caravan to Columbus should let Brian know via E-mail. The club members will plan to park together at the Nats. Jan Peel indicated that she would like to have some feed back from club members as to interesting happenings at the Nats.

C. Gary McCormick reported that there is no update on a car show or cruise in at Champion Chrysler.

D. The Westgate cruise in is still scheduled for Saturday, September 8th, from 1p.m., to 4p.m. Bob Davidson of Westgate Chrysler is working on the fliers.

E. Monster Mopar Weekend-Fall Brawl is September 21 through 23, at IRP. Online registration is open. There will be a cruise in on Friday evening, at the Slippery Noodle. For info, go to <http://monstermopar.com/fall-ball-indianapolis-in/>.

D. Club Member Profile for Newsletter & Website:

A. August - Jessica McCormick-new Dodge Dart

B. September - Brian - Mopar Nats

C. October - Brian - Monster Mopar Weekend-Fall Brawl

Per Ronda Cherry, Indy Mopar Club won the club participation award at the Marion County Fair, with 3 members present.

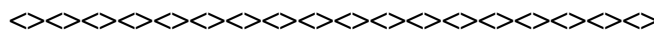
Per Tony Fields, downtown Columbus, Indiana, is having Hot Rods N Rock N Roll, Saturday, September 15th. Tune in to FM 104.9 on the radio for more information.

Per Evan Springer, there is cruise in at Rock N Roll pizza on Friday nights in Whiteland, Indiana.

It was indicated by Brian Berkowitz and Dave Sanders that the JDRF walk is coming up in October. There will be more information at the September meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted  
Glenda Wallace



**Member's Update**

Rick Eilert has been diagnosed as having Myelofibrosis - a blood disease similar to Leukemia but no known cure or medicine to help like with Leukemia. They had to do two bone marrow tests and he has had to have 8 pints of blood so far. He has good days and bad days, was having a good day today when I talked to him a few minutes ago. He has been in and out of the hospital. As you know, it takes its toll on the spouse also. So when you say your prayers please include Susan. If you should want to send a card their address is: Rick & Susan Eilert, 5755 King Ave., Indianapolis IN 46228.

From Ken Scobel: I need your prayers. I have been diagnosed as having advanced prostate cancer. Back in June I had a blood test taken and my PSA level was 23. Normal is 0-4. This resulted in a biopsy a couple weeks ago and the results came back positive. About 12 tissue samples were taken and all showed evidence of cancer. This is an aggressive cancer and how far it has spread is unknown at the present time. I am scheduled for a bone scan next week along with additional tests to determine how far it has spread. Treatment being discussed includes hormone and radiation. Hormone is the injection of a drug twice a year to reduce the amount of testosterone in the body. This is the primary cause of growth of the cancer cells. Reduction of testosterone will result in a reduction of active cancer cells. Radiation would kill the rest. Hopefully this treatment will be successful. This has become a very stressful time, worrying about what the future holds. I appreciate your prayers and support! Ken

I wanted to let you know that Mark and his Dad had an accident on the way to the Mopar Nationals on Wednesday. Mark has a broken foot and hand on the left side. His Dad and the other vehicles were not injured. This happened about 8 miles from home. There was road construction with no flagger on a curve, Mark hit a small car and a semi. He's doing fine otherwise.

From President Brian Berkowitz: To all members, recently we have had a few members going through a tough stretch, health wise. Never underestimate the power of a short visit with these guys via the phone, internet or in person. Sometimes it is something that makes their days seem easier. You may not be able to fix their issues but just being a friend helps out.

From the Internet: This is a web-site featuring the original factory brochures for nearly every American car you have ever owned. <http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html> Pretty neat!

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

\*\*August 30, 2012, 7:00pm, Indy Mopar Club Meeting, MCL Cafeteria

\*\*September 8, 2012 – Westgate Cruise-In

\*\*September 21-22-23, 2012, Monster Mopar Weekend

\*\*October 6, 2012, Saturday, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk

### Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### September Birthdays:

Tim Stultz, 9-1

Ronda Cherry, 9-7

Michael Keating, 9-22

David Chapman, Sr., 9-23

Ryan Daming, 9-27

Bob Rosenberger, 9-30

#### September Anniversaries:

Ronda and Dennis Cherry, 9-8

Jim and Sue Kelly, 9-12

Tom and Glenda Wallace, 9-13

Congratulations to all!



### Tattler's Corner


A little birdie told me that a certain someone was having a hard time staying awake Saturday afternoon at the Mopar NATS, I guess keeping the Kelly Gang and Rick Zimmerman in line Friday just plain wore her out. Any guesses who?????



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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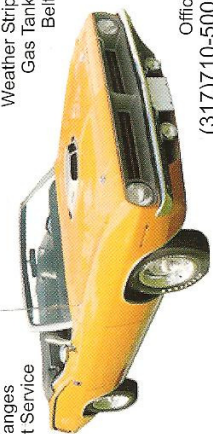


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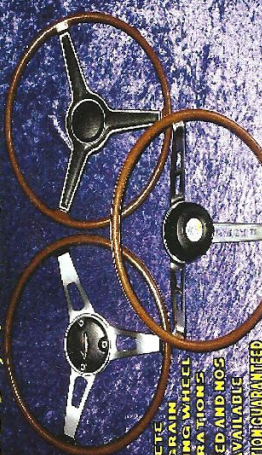
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