

# **Indy Mopar Club News**

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, November 29, 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.

# My 66 Charger Project

I like to drive some and then tinker some to solve problems before I do the big teardown. In the last year or so I have gotten quite a bit done on the bottom side. This includes rebuilding the rear end and drum brakes, the complete rear suspension with the addition of a sway bar. The gas tank, fuel lines, brake lines, hoses and all related hardware have been replaced.

Having had cooling problems that caused vapor locks when it was really hot, I took apart two radiators and silver soldered the good parts back together myself. After some paint it looks pretty nice. I am now working on the front suspension, adding tubular upper control arms and boxing the lowers. I am also adding fast ratio Pitman and Idler arms along with all poly-urethane bushings, gas shocks and a firm feel steering box.

The last items completed this year were upgrades to electronic ignition, electronic voltage regulator, bigger alternator, Sanden AC compressor, and I rebuilt everything in the rotating headlight system.

So it will soon be time for a final test drive and then......

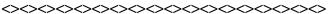
The next big thing is the plan of attack. I have to install my new door hinges and align the doors, align the front fenders and hood to the doors and cowl panel and then drill small holes so everything can be put back together after body work and paint. That means it will be time to take this monster apart, and send it to the body shop.

While the body is gone, the engine will be torn down and sent to the machine shop to have the stroker kit installed. I have most all new trim to go back on the car, but some pieces must be sent out for chrome or polish work. I also have new interior to go back in, and also all new wiring from front to rear. I have all new parts for the AC / heater box and everything to rebuild my dash and instruments.

I have two good friends who want to help take the Charger apart and put it back together. If we pull it off, I will own something that is not a show car but a really nice looking Mopar made for driving. That's all I have ever wanted!

Thank you all,

Author~~~Tom Wallace



Our October 27<sup>th</sup> weiner roast at the Tom Kelly Mopar Ranch was hosted by Tom & Teresa Kelly and, as usual, was filled with lots of fellowship and laughter from the 24 people that attended. It was a cool night but the camp fire was kept going and we just kept turning as though we were on a spit to keep warm (especially when the camera was brought out).

There was quite a variety of food – hot dogs, chips, potato salad, corn, baked beans, green beans, chili, barbecued green beans, cucumber & onions, macaroni & cheese, and too many deserts to mention. I may have left out some items but it's only because there was so much. If anyone left there hungry it was their own fault.

The almost full moon came out to give some light on us and remind us that Halloween was almost here. Vicki Wallace and Teresa said it looked like a Sleepy Hollow Moon!!! And they were right.

And of course we were entertained by Walter P, one of Tom & Teresa's dogs. Their other dog is Nettie P. Nettles but stays in the house. They also have 1 indoor cat and 3 "garage" cats. All in all, the best I can say is that it was a great success. Our sincere thanks to our gracious hosts.





Teresa & Walter P

Before it got too cold

Sleepy Hollow Moon



Another group before it got too cold



Loading up to chow down



Ronda and Nicole getting hungry



Another bunch trying to get warm



Trying to keep warm – got to keep turning



Teresa-Ronda-Jan-Sue Tired but happy now that the evening is over.

It is such a beautiful place for the cook-out. What more can I say? Just THANKS to all that came! Author~~~Jan Peel (Pictures provided by Jan Peel and Larry Mayes)

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#### INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, OCTOBER 25, 2012

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. President, Brian Berkowitz, brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members and guests were asked to introduce themselves. Attending were Jeff Andis, John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Rick & Susan Eilert, Tony Fields, Tom Kelly, Mike Leyes, Larry & Susan Mayes, Don & Shirley Mayhew, Gary McCormick, Scott Oller, David Opel, Jan Peel, Evan Springer, Mike Wallace, Glenda & Tom Wallace, and Dave Watt.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Glenda Wallace provided highlights of the September meeting.

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

Balance as of September 27, 2012, was \$2475.50. Income for September, 2012, was \$737.00. Expenses for September, 2012, were \$3207.00. Income for October, 2012, was \$0.00. Expenses for October, 2012, were \$0.00. Balance as of October 25, 2012, was \$2475.50.

Membership: There were 76 members for 2012.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**: Dave Watt: Dave will post the upcoming Christmas party info on line. Dave provided info about a Halloween cruise-in, October 31, 2012, Decatur Township.

**EVENT CALENDER:** Dave Sanders was not present for the meeting. Brian Berkowitz indicated that most car shows and cruise-ins are winding down for the season. He did provide info about the Muscle Car Corvette Nationals, November 17 and 18, Rosemont, Illinois. He stated that you can check the website for more details.

**EVENT ADVERTISING**: Bill Bratton had nothing new to report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: Brian Berkowitz:

- A. There were 8 club cars at the JDRF walk, October 6th, and 8 members walked. We received a nice thank you card from JDRF for our contribution.
- B. There were 10 club cars that went on the cruise October 21st. The group headed southeast and ended up at the casino in Shelbyville. Everyone had a good time.
- C. There will be a pitch-in/cookout at the Kelly's, October 27th, 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish, your own drinks, and chairs. RSVP to Dave Watt.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**: Brian Berkowitz:

- A. Brian discussed possible winter club events, such as bowling, a pizza party, or taking the Car Art Signs tour. If anyone has any suggestions, let Brian know. Brian stated that the World of Wheels show is in February, 2013.
- B. As far as club car shows for 2013, Brian has had no contact with Fletcher or Champion. The Westgate cruise-in will happen in September, 2013, due to the positive response from Westgate.
- C. The club Christmas party will be December 9th. The cost per person is \$15.95, which we will round up to \$16.00, donating the balance to a charity. There will be a white elephant gift exchange (\$15.00 limit), and a model car contest. Those present at the meeting, voted on the menu for the party. Those attending the party may pay for the party at the next meeting, or on the day of the party.

Officer Nominations for 2013/Vote at November meeting: Nominations were held, and the results were as follows:

President - Ronda Cherry

Vice President - Scott Oller

Secretary - Dave Opel

Treasurer - Mike Leyes

Communications Director - Dave Watt

If anyone is interested in running for one of the positions listed above, you may add your name for consideration at the next meeting.

#### CLUB MEMBER PROFILE FOR NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE:

November - Tom Wallace

December - No profile

January - Recap of the Christmas party

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Respectfully submitted Glenda Wallace



# **Member's Update**

Rick still has good days and bad days. We were glad to see both Rick and Susan at the October meeting. Please keep both of them and Ken Scobel in your prayers.

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

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

\*\*November 29, 2012, 7:00pm, Indy Mopar Club Meeting, MCL Cafeteria

\*\*December 9, 2012, 3:00pm, Indy Mopar Club annual dinner at the Atrium.



## **Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**



# **December Birthdays:**

Kerry Sanders, 12-1

Dave Sanders, 12-5

Cheryl Wisdom, 12-8

Susan Mayes, 12-9

Jeff Andis, 12-10

Constance Bratton, 12-16

Dave Watt, 12-17

# **December Anniversaries:**

Ken and Sharon Scobel, 12-13

Rick and Susan Eilert, 12-14

John and Carol Ann (Honey) Bauer, 12-22

Bill and Constance Bratton, 12-28

Congratulations to all!







Did you ever wonder why it is that at the meetings there can be all kinds of talk buzzing around the room until it comes time for nominations for the next year's officers. Then all of a sudden there will be SILENCE.

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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.)

# HAVE A GREAT AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Indy Mopar Christmas Party Registration
December 9, 2012
The Atrium
3143 East Thompson Road
Indianapolis IN 46227

Dinner will be Buffet Style
Southern Fried Chicken
Ham & Pineapple
Country Style Green Beans
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Salad
\$16.00 per person

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	Total Amount Enclosed	\$	

If paying by check please make the check out to Indy Mopar Club. This may be paid at the Indy Mopar Club meeting November 29<sup>th</sup> or brought to the Christmas Party or may be mailed to:

Indy Mopar Club % Mike Leyes 3130 E Hardacre Ct Newcastle IN 47362

\*\*\*Note: Dave Watt is getting a head count so if you plan on coming please contact him at 317-696-6071 or by e-mailing him at <a href="mailto:indymoparclub@indymoparclub.com">indymoparclub@indymoparclub.com</a>

Remember both Mike and Dave need to know if you are coming.