



# Indy Mopar Club News

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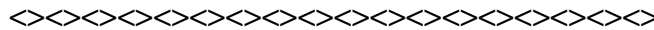
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, June 27, 2013** 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).



## **Polly's Trip Home**

As have many of us through the years, I have had my share of cars. But, there is always that one car that stands out from the rest. The one that you say “why did I part with that car”.

In 1967 I was working at Cummins Engine Company in the R & E Department as a mechanic and dyno operator. I was just starting my young family and driving my 1959 Plymouth Fury that I bought from my mom. Yes that same car that my wife said had the biggest fins she had ever seen on a car. Good car, but far from the hot cars of the past that I had become accustom to.

Then one day, just as destiny would have it, I was driving by the Cummins Credit Union and there in the parking lot was a beautiful white 1966 Plymouth Satellite 426 Street Hemi car sitting with a “For Sale” sign in the window. Upon inquiring about the car I found that it was a repossession. This car was destined to be mine! Believe it or not this car was to become our daily family go getter, a race car and a show car. We had many years of great times with her (the car), an awesome automobile with “throw you back in your seat power” whenever you asked her for a little excitement. Many wins and much attention were showered on her where ever she was seen. Great car!

Then came the day when it was time to sell all the toys, (cars, boats, and golf clubs). Time to be that responsible father and husband, raise a family, put food on the table, clothes on the kids, a roof on the house, and see that the kids enjoyed their pursuits of school, sports, and friends.

Fast forward to 2005: All of the are kids married off and starting their families and mom is content with life. I start browsing the internet, eBay and the like, just to see what that thing is out there that is exciting everyone about owning Classic Muscle Cars and seems to be sweeping the nation, (Barrett Jackson and all). Looking at all the pictures and reading about the cars on the internet is like going to car shows. Fascinating! Then there it was, a 1966 Plymouth Satellite that looked just exactly like my old Hemi car. Only one thing missing...no Hemi! But, it was a 318 Poly. Still, it was memory restorer and the juices starting flowing. I had to go see this car. The location was just outside of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I conferred with the wife and convinced her that I was not totally crazy. She relented to traveling with me to go see this car.

So we hopped in the ever reliable Caravan and set out on our little day trip. That is right, no truck and trailer to bring back this beauty in case I was obsessed with this prize? It was a beautiful, warm early Spring day. Just right for a little jaunt of roughly 320 miles, (one way), just a quick little trip on a nice day.

We arrived at our destination midday, talked with the owner, and got the cars history the best he knew it. We even found out that this car had been used in a bank robbery in Oklahoma! I looked over and under the car (the best I could). The car drove out really well. It was not cherry by all means, but I convinced myself that “it

was all there and had great potential”. It is funny how the mind works sometimes especially when you have your heart set on something. OK. Now is the time is for the bartering process. He doesn’t budge on his price! I’m 320 mile from home! I really want this car! I believe that my mind is starting to cloud over and it is convincing me that I need to take this car home? It is a nice sunny day. I can do this and I will drive it home. It is not very far? So I meet his price. What a great negotiator I am?



Next, I introduce myself to this car and we have a quick discussion about her future if she will just get me home today. OK, intro is over and I fire the big old Poly up and she roars to life (or something like that). First thing is to top off the tank with gas. Humm, gas needle still reads not full. Oh well I know that it is full so here we go!

About 20 miles down the road she is running fine and the engine is purring along but I have noticed that it has a gear in it that is not stock but not too radical. The speedometer seems right but we are not pushing it and 50 to 55 MPH seems safe. Even though Nickee is behind me in the van we don’t want to break anything now, out here on the interstate in the middle of nowhere. So we will just cruise home a little slower than usual. We will just have to be patient. A little further down the road I notice that clouds are starting to roll in and looks like we are going to get some rain soon. Still trucking along and wanting to get a little something to eat we stop at a station for some snacks to carry along just in case we might need them out on the road. I also notice that the gas gauge is dropping a little more than I thought it should so I top off the tank again. Maybe it is the gear/RPM? We have reached the Tennessee/Kentucky border.

Back on the road with my trusty service vehicle following me, it starts to rain. So I turn on my wipers. They seem work well for 40+ year old devices but I wonder if the blades are original as I can't see anything through the blur. Surely it will soon clear up a little. Maybe some film on the window? I stop and pour a little Coke on the window and this helps some. Besides at this speed who needs wipers anyway? I can't help but feel that the weather is starting to cool off and I am starting to get a little chilly. I didn't bring a jacket. This concerns me as there are several parts for the heater sitting on the seat next to me. Humm, this could be interesting. I flick a couple of switches and push some buttons. Yes! The heater fan works but I can't get heat. The vacuum controlled switch doesn't seem to be working and I'm still getting cold outside air through the vents. No air is flowing to the right places. Still trudging down the road at breakneck speeds of 58 mph I notice with the outside temperature getting colder and the rain still falling. The windows are starting to fog over. Great! No heat, no defroster! I can keep some small spots in front of me cleaned off with the paper napkins I got from the snack bar. I pick it up to 60 mph.

About midway into Kentucky we stop again. I get items to replace the shredded napkins to better clean off the windows, particularly the inside frost. Still concerned with fuel usage I top off the gas tank again. I'm starting to really feel the cold!

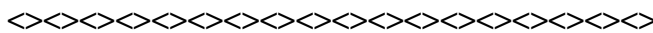
When we hit the Kentucky/Indiana border, half frozen, I get my first real sense that I may actually make it home tonight (alive) after all. Still a considerable distance from home the old Poly engine is performing flawlessly and I think to myself "patience my butt!" I step it up to 65 mph. She is starting to whine now but sounds solid. It stopped raining sometime in Kentucky but it is now starting to sleet.

Whose idea was it to drive this gal home from over 300 miles away? I have had plenty of time think, listen for every strange sound and tried to wonder of what I would do if she did break down in the middle of nowhere. I thought I was smarter than this. This endeavor could have put us all in jeopardy. Around Seymour I top off the tank again. I want to make sure that we don't run out of gas this close to home. Besides, I can't feel my fingertips!

I don't remember how many hours this venture took in total but it seemed like an eternity. When the lights of Greenwood came into view the pressure of all of us making it home in one piece had been lifted from me. When home I crawled out of the car, kissed the ground, patted her on the hood for a job well done and promised myself never again without a trailer. Hemi would have been proud of her!

Years later she has gone through many various restorations and made more roadworthy too. (One being a gas tank replacement for the original that had previously been caved in in the frontal area; who'd think it?). Though not perfect she is a great looker and a good driver. I am now toying with the crazy idea of building up a Poly with some pop. I have found an old Poly donor engine and the juices are starting to flow again. I'm always up for something unusual. Can't afford a Hemi so why not. We will just have wait and see. Maybe another article later?

Author~~~~Evan Springer



### **INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, May 30, 2013**

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. President, Ronda Cherry, brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm. All members and guests were asked to introduce themselves. Attending were Jeff Andis, Ronda Cherry, Chris Dewees, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, David Opel, Jan Peel, Ken Scobel, Evan Springer, Mike Wallace, Steve Wisdom and John Heeringa. (Bob Thomas dropped by for a few minutes before the meeting.)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Highlights of the April Minutes were given by Dave Opel

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Mike Leyes reported the balance as of 25, 2013, was \$2,995.24. Income for May, 2013, was \$2606.00. Expenses for May, 2013, were \$1790.04. Balance as of May 30, 2013, was \$3,811.20.

Mike gave a summary of the Fletcher Show financial. Mike reported that there are extra T-shirts and dash plaques available from the Fletcher Show.

**Membership** – Mike reported that there are now 71 paid members.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:** Dave Watt was absent – no report.

**MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Evan Springer reviewed the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of July.

**EVENT CALENDER:** Evan Springer spoke of many upcoming cars-shows. Then said that 80 entries were expected at the Fletcher Show but only 36 were present. More effective promotion will be given next year. Edwards Drive-In Car Show scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**EVENT ADVERTISING:** Bill Bratton was absent – no report.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Ronda Cherry:

1. Recap of Fletcher Show and cookout at Rick & Ginger Zimmerman's after the show. Fun was had by all that were present.
2. Monster Mopar Weekend June 28-30, 2013, at Lucas Raceway.
3. Mopar Nationals August 9-11, 2013.
4. Kokomo Transmission Car Show – August 25<sup>th</sup> – with a pitch-in at Dave Watts home to follow.
5. Westgate Cruise-In – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 1pm to 4pm.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Ronda Cherry:

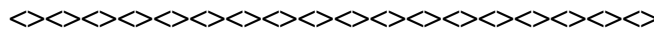
1. Club member profile for newsletter and website:
  - a. June – Evan Springer
  - b. July – Open
  - c. August – Open
2. Possible tour for IMC members – Dave Opel to contact local racing team shops.
3. Ronda asked Jessica McCormick if she would again be the contact for the registration form for the JDRF Walk in September.
4. The annual Christmas Party date is tentatively Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mike Wallace will make the reservation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jessica McCormick, and seconded by Jeff Andis, the motion carried.

President Ronda Cherry adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Opel



**Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**



**July Birthdays:**

- Barbara Crane, 7-3
- Jim Rockey, 7-3
- Tony Fields, 7-4
- David Tays, 7-7

**July Anniversaries:**

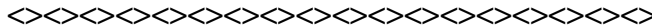
- Bob and Kristen Gallup, 7-6
- Jim and Mary Sweeney, 7-13
- Stan and Kerry Sanders, 7-20
- Rick and Ginger Zimmerman, 7-28
- Larry and Susan Mayes, 7-31

Congratulations to all!



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

- \*\*June 27, 7pm, *Indy Mopar Club Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, Indianapolis*
- \*\*June 28-30, *Monster Mopar Weekend at Lucas Oil Raceway*
- \*\*July 17-20, *WPC National Meet with DeSoto club in St Paul, Minn.*
- \*\**August 9-11, 2013 – Mopar Nationals*
- \*\**September 7, 2013 – Westgate Cruise-In*
- \*\*September 20-22 - *Hoosier Auto Show and Swap meet*
- \*\*October 5-6, *Newport Hill Climb*
- \*\* December 8 – *Indy Mopar Christmas Party – More information to follow*



**Tattler’s Corner**



Steve Wisdom may have been in a little hot water after the Fletcher Car Show – first of all I heard he got a little “misplaced” going home; second his grandson was with him and Steve, being a good grandpa, let him have a LOT of chocolate and he was really wired when taken home. Nicole Springer missed the May meeting as she was home with their new “baby” named Gabrielle or Gabby for short. Hmm!!!!!! What’s the story here????



I very much 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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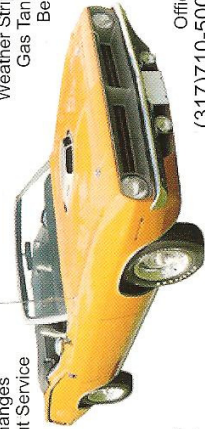
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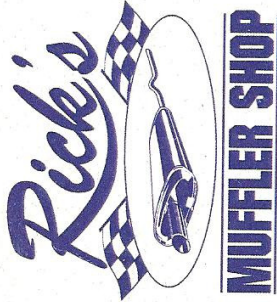
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