



Indy Mopar Club News

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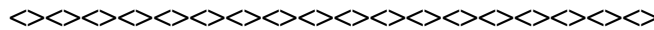
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 31, 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.



Meet Nicole Nash – The 68' Barracuda

I spent years watching race after race, all types, imaging what it would be like to be in the seat of that car, going hundreds of miles an hour, working on making a name for myself & being precise at every detail, cause we all know there is no room for error when it comes to winning races.

I'll never forget the 1st time I left the staging lanes & slowly crept into the lights, staging myself oh so slowly, staring at that 3rd yellow bulb, anxiously waiting for it to glow, then as quickly as it lights up I slam my foot down on the gas, taking off down that ¼ mile strip with nothing between the smoldering track & me besides the finish line! As I turn off the track, I'm all grins, my mind thinking wow, I actually did that...I actually completed my first "drag race".

The Cuda' is a 1968 Fastback with a 340 engine, 727 transmission. It has a 8 ¾ rear end, fitted with centerline wheels and a Cheetah Turbo Action Shifter! It is the 1st Classic Mopar I've owned. This car was a show car until we decided it was time for me to start racing and it would be the perfect starter car. Now that I have had several runs in this car and have learned the basics of drag racing, I am ready to get into a more powerful car and keep moving forward in the racing industry, keeping my eyes open to a future in racing.



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Tony Fields, Ron Hasler, John Heeringa, Dan Kelly, Jim Kelly, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Jessica McCormick, David Opel, Jan Peel, Dave Sanders, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, Dave Watt, and Steve Wisdom.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Opel read the highlights of the minutes in the September newsletter. Then he asked if there were any corrections. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes reported the balance as of August 29, 2013, was \$3,766.08. Income for September, 2013, was \$1,050.00. Expenses for September, 2013, was \$350.00. Balance as of September 26, 2013, is \$4,466.08.

Membership – Mike reported that there are still 73 paid members.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt reported there will be all cars present at the Westgate Cruise-In on the website.

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

EVENT CALENDER: Evan Springer – Evan gave an update on events and car shows in area in October.

EVENT ADVERTISING: Bill Bratton was absent – no report.

OLD BUSINESS – Ronda Cherry:

1. JDRF Kickoff, October 5, members who would display their cars requested to be there by 8am.
2. Westgate Cruise-In – September 7th, 2013 – After Mike Leyes provided the information of profit from car shows Tom Kelly made the motion to sent a check to JDRF for \$2,300.00. Tony Fields seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - a. A decision was made that a plaque should be made and given to Westgate for sponsoring the Cruise-In.
3. The Annual Christmas Party will be December 15th, 3:30pm. We will again have the model car contest. We need a commitment of at least 45 members that will attend to be able to reserve this date.

NEW BUSINESS – Ronda Cher

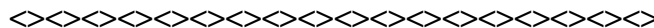
1. Club member profile for newsletter and website:
 - a. October – Nicole Nash
 - b. November – Don Sainsbury
 - c. December – Recap of annual Christmas Party.
 - d. January 2014 - Open
2. Possible tour for IMC members – Open – no update
3. October will be open for nomination from the floor for 2014 Officers. Nominees must have attended at least 6 meetings during 2013. Ballots will be counted at the November 21st meeting (Thanksgiving is November 28th).

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Leyes, and seconded by Brian Berkowitz, the motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel



Pure Stock Muscledrag Race Sept 2013

If you're a gear head and could turn back the clock, what year would you dial in? The '60s would be great. But then what about the 70-71 'Cudas, Challengers or Dusters and Demons... ok, maybe the '70s before the insurance man and the oil companies ended the fun would be a good time to see again.

Well, there is a time machine and it's parked in your driveway. It will take you back to the 60s & '70s when our Muscledrags were in their prime. All you have to do is take a drive north every mid September to Mid Michigan Motorplex drag strip in Stanton, Michigan. This speed party is the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race (PSMCDR) and it's the fastest 'take a walk back in time' car show in the country. Like the old days, you can watch drivers beat on their Hemi cars, aluminum ZL1 427 Camaros, 440 Six Packs, Cobra Jets, Max Wedges,

Stage 1 Buicks, Ram Air Pontiacs, 340 & 360 Dusters and even supercharged Studebaker Larks and Avantis. Name a Musclemar of the era and there is likely an example there.

While allowed a few mods along the line of NHRA Stock Eliminator, the cars look like the new car brochures of the day. Only stock colors, factory stripe packages and the original manufacturer's wheels are allowed. You'll even see a few with the hubcaps they wore off the assembly line. No custom hood scoops, aftermarket accessories, no headers, trick intakes or electric fans... only the factory components that could be checked off the manufacturer's order form. For tires, all run treaded DOT with a maximum one size larger than original allowed. No slicks or sticky DOT cheaters on these beasts. But do they make those skinny tires work to hold all that horsepower! Smoke rolling coming up to the line to get them hot and away they go.



The PSMCDR event has a wonderful formula for making everyone competitive. Everyone practices and has their 'qualifying' on Friday. The tower keeps tabs on all runs. When you come back to the track on Saturday morning, the fastest two cars are paired, then 3rd and 4th are paired and repeat until the two slowest cars are matched. You have a closely matched competitor and for those counting there are usually over 130 cars competing every year.



Finally, Saturday afternoon, after both the Canadian and American Anthems are played to kick it off, every pair runs a best 2 out of 3, heads-up, quarter mile shootout. There are provisions for eliminating sandbaggers but as this is all about bragging rights, everyone wants their car to run its' fastest each pass.

What else about this event should be of interest to the Indy Mopar Club? Well the club has been well represented in past years by member's participation. This past year Dave Watt and Mike Leyes both participated, joined by other Indiana contingent friends Seth Jones and Jeff Ancil. My brother Jim and I have been past participants but this year I was a spectator and shot plenty of photos of these beautiful cars. The great thing about this event is that these cars run the way they should as well as look show room stock.

At this year's event, Dave's low compression 340 73 Duster ran best of 14.12, Seth's 360 '74 Duster was in the 13.80s and Mike's '69 440-6BBL Road Runner 4 Speed ran in the low 12.70s at 110+mph. While Jeff has a '63 Plymouth Max Wedge, it has a roll bar and other race mods that prevent him from running it in this event. He races a gorgeous little '66 Chevy II 327, 350hp 4 speed car and had it running 13.80s at the event. Keep in mind, this is performance through original cast iron exhaust manifolds and full exhaust systems, stock carbs, cams that must be near stock spec. No porting, polishing allowed. They launch on the reproduction redwall or white letter tires like the cars originally came with. Believe me, there is a lot of finesse required to get a sub 2.00 second 60 foot time on these skinny tires but these guys and gals do it.

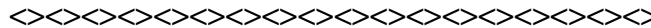


At the end of the day, our Indiana troupe bested their competitors and left at the end of the day anxious to discover a little bit of extra horsepower for next year.



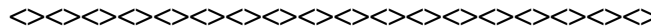
For those interested, you can Google 'PSMCDR' for info on the event and the rules. There are a number of videos of the races floating around in internet space on YouTube as well. Talk to Mike, Dave or me for info. As you can see from the pictures, you haven't seen anything like it.

Author ~~~~Tom Kelly



Member Information

Our sympathy goes out to Mike & Vicki Wallace and all of their family. Mike's brother in law was tragically killed when his tractor over turned and crushed him. He was 45 and has left 5 small children. Please keep them in your prayers.



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

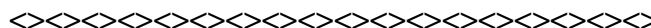
November Birthdays:

Jerry (Bud) Mounce, 11-1
 Jamie Daming, 11-5
 Jim Kelly, 11-7
 Joe Berding, 11-9
 Russ Flagle, 11-16
 Brenda Heeringa, 11-22
 Glenda Wallace, 11-29

Rick Kelly, 11-4
 Mike Wallace, 11-6
 Susan Eilert, 11-8
 James Ratliff, 11-11
 Mike Bengel, 11-17
 Jan Peel, 11-27

November Anniversaries:

Terry and Rose Richard, 11-6
 Gerry and Cindy Bush, 11-12
 Congratulations to all!



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

**November 21, 7pm, *Indy Mopar Club Meeting*

** December 15 – *Indy Mopar Christmas Party* – Be sure to bring your favorite model car you have put together for our contest. More information to follow.



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