

# **Indy Mopar Club News**

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 29, 2015 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 — <a href="https://www.indymoparclub.com">www.indymoparclub.com</a>.

**Welcome to new member Steve McGeary,** Franklin, with a 1969 Plymouth GTX, and a 2011 Dodge Mopar 11 R/T. We hope to see him soon at one of our meetings and/or events.

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From your Indy Mopar Club President:

Well the time is now here and I can't escape it any longer. I am your new Indy Mopar Club (IMC) President for 2015. I am Evan L. Springer, Mopar enthusiast, car nut and I love this club and all her members. I live in Greenwood; married to my childhood sweetheart of 51 years, have 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 dog, 2 Dodges, 1 Chrysler and 1 Plymouth.

My goals for 2015 are as follows:

- 1. To preserve and advance the positive direction of the Indy Mopar Club that has been set forth by all my predecessors, particularly, following in the tough shoes to fill of the outgoing President, Tom Kelly to whom we all profoundly appreciate.
- 2. To petition the entire membership for help in keeping the Indy Mopar Club the outstanding car club that it is now and in advancing the Indy Mopar Club in everything that it can be.
- 3. To maintain the great comradery and Club family environment we all have enjoyed.
- 4. To support and grow our efforts to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), our main Club charity.
- 5. To support Mopar mania everywhere!
- 6. To not be impeached before my term is up!!!

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President and hope that I can fulfill all the desires you have of me in serving the Indy Mopar Club. I will give great effort in my responsibilities as President to the Indy Mopar Club, a club that I sincerely care for.

If needed, I make myself available to all the membership. My Cell phone number is 317-416-3727.

If at any time you have an IMC related problem or concern with the Club's direction and/or my actions, **please** contact me for resolution. I will do everything I can to make it right!

As Walter P. once said, ... "Mopar or No Car". (Not sure which Walter P. that was?)

Thank you all and I'm looking forward to another great Mopar year,

Evan L. Springer



# **Member Profile of the Month – January 2015**

Happy New Year, everyone! I'm Brian Standeford, spawn of Lynn (owner of Molly, the '67 Dodge Charger). Although I do not own a Dodge, I share her passion for loving and caring of your wheeled companion. I do own a "wanna be" Dodge in the form of a '94 Mitsubishi Mighty Max, which was part of the DSM (Diamond Star Motors) era. I hope to drive alongside her at the strip when she finishes Molly, and I finish Maxine.

From the aspect of an outsider looking in, the friendliness and dedication of the Indy Mopar Club is astounding. These traits were apparent in the overall atmosphere when my mother and I attended the Christmas party. Everyone was welcoming, and smiles abounded over the smells of the wonderful food that was brought. Everyone was welcoming, right up until the presents came out.



It was game on. (This is a bewildered Brian at the Christmas Party inserted by Jan) I can't remember what was passed around more, the Chrysler MSTC ratchet, or the Dodge bag of goodies, what I do remember was how surprised I was when the Brad Keselowski poster was violently taken from me to be used for target practice. I am happy to say that I ended up with the ratchet, although my sweet mother could not keep her eyes off the Dodge bag!

I look forward to this coming year, and all the events that come with it! Although my mom is the primary attendee, I hope to attend some of the events with her. Here's to

hoping everyone has a wonderful year, and enough money to pay for the speeding tickets! Author~~~Brian Standeford

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This rest of this is going to be a "Memories from back in time" newsletter. It seems like the recent weather is making a lot of us have "Cabin Fever" and prompting our feelings to get nostalgic. Or is it just this editor's point of view? Whatever, I have been requested in the past to bring back some of our previous Member Profiles for our "newer" members plus bringing back good memories for the "older" (not necessarily referring to age) members. So, good, bad, or indifferent here are a couple for you. I hope you enjoy them.

## Member Profile of the Month - March 2009

Bud & Debbie Mounce - 68 Plymouth Hemi Roadrunner and 1971 340 Dart Swinger Clone







My adventure into cars started back in 1973 when I got my drivers license. My first two cars were made by American Motors. Growing up with two older brothers when the "muscle car" era was at its height, I developed a taste for Mopars. This taste I developed after being fortunate enough to have been given rides in such cars as a 70 AAR Cuda, a 70 340 Dart Swinger, and a couple of RoadRunners. I was hooked!

My first Mopar was a 70 orange 340 Duster with a 3-speed manual. I wish I still had that one but I wound up putting a rod through the block. My next Mopar was a 68 Barracuda. It too was orange in color and had a 440 stuffed into it and yeah, it was fast! Then came a 69 Barracuda Fastback, brown in color. I transplanted the drive-train from my 68 Barracuda into it. While only getting seven to eight miles per gallon and with the high price of gas back then, I decided it was time for a change.

In 1978 I got into drag racing with a good friend of mine. We had a 69 Plymouth GTX with a 440. We ran it in the Pro ET class at Raceway Park. In 1980, my wife Debbie and I decided we wanted a car of our own. So, in September 0f 80 new purchased Rick Allison's 68 Plymouth Hemi Roadrunner. We drag raced for 10 years running Super Pro or Super Street back then. Raceway Park, Muncie Dragway, and Edgewater Raceway were our homes away from home on weekends. My wife Debbie was my pit crew and when son Tanner came along he also was at the track two weeks after his birth. After 10 years of racing, during which we got married, bought a new home, and started a family, it was becoming to expensive to race so we decided to give it up. We sold the RoadRunner in 1991 to a buyer in Missouri.

After a long period of having no muscle cars, I purchased a 1967 Dodge Coronet 500 from Jamie Fenner in June of 2005. In August of 2007, we took the Coronet to the Mopar Nationals where we had not been in 14 years. As we were heading to the hotel to check in, we were involved in an accident and the car was totaled. "Ouch!!!"

We looked for months to replace the Coronet and wound up purchasing a 1971 340 Dart Swinger clone car. Currently, we have the engine and drive train straightened out, but it still needs some work inside and out. None of this would have been possible without the support of my wife, Debbie, as she has been there from the beginning and still is now. We met back in 1974 when I was a musician in a rock and roll band. We dated from 1974 until October 22, 1983, when we finally tied the knot. We recently had our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have one son, Tanner, who is 21 and will be receiving his degree in May from Ivy Tech.

Bud and Debbie Mounce



Besides my 1970 Hemicuda clone, I have a numbers matching 1971 Dodge Challenger R/T. I had not owned a Mopar for 26 years prior to the purchase of this car. My last Mopar, prior to this, was a 1970 Duster 340. With the gas crisis of the 70's and my own domestic priorities changing, I had made a conscious decision to give up on performance cars altogether.

Fast forward 20+ years. The desire to own an old muscle car started back in 1994 while I was in Houston on business. I was on the interstate, going to my hotel, when I heard the unmistakable roar of a bigblock, at speed, coming up behind me in the fast lane. I looked in the rearview mirror and there was a classic

'69 Charger R/T coming toward me. It passed me on the left, probably going 80+mph. It looked to be a fully restored, B5-blue beauty. It got me to thinking about getting a project to restore an old Mopar.

After getting back home, I decided to look for a 'Cuda to restore but was having difficulty finding a suitable car to purchase and work on. I decided to purchase the Challenger because I was itching to have a muscle car and it was already mostly restored - not to mention the fact I had been looking for a year and a half already. So now I could go to the cruises and shows while I was looking for my project car. The guy I bought it from was being cajoled into selling by his wife. They had just completed building a new house and the wife did not want "that old car" taking up space in the garage! He reluctantly put it up for sale. There was a buyer ahead of me but I had cash in my hand and that was all it took. I continued to see the seller, off and on over the years, at different shows and cruises, and he would always ask me if I was interested in selling it back to him, but I always said no.

Basically it's a numbers matching Challenger R/T. It is a "stripe-delete" R/T though. I guess the original owner did not want to call any excess attention to himself from the Highway Patrol - the car is originally from California. It has a 383 cid engine, a "slap-stick" automatic, power steering and brakes, and it has air conditioning. It is a nice car to drive and it has ample reserve power when you need it. I don't drive it nearly as much as I used to once the 'Cuda was completed. My wife, Karen, likes to drive it. She doesn't like to drive the 'Cuda though - it scares her!

Junk Car? Ok! I know you are curious about the "Junk car" moniker. My late son-in-law (and thanks to all for the emails, cards, and kind words of condolence) was going to a cruise with us and he really wanted me to let him drive the 'Cuda but I would not let him and I said he could drive the Challenger instead. He said with a sarcastic, joking voice: "Oh good, you're going to let me drive the junk car!" Every time after that we referred to the Challenger, in good-natured mocking tones, as the "junk car." We miss him still. Authored by Bob Rosenberger

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# **Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### February Birthdays:

Nicole Nash, 2-2 Cindy Sanders, 2-8 Brian Berkowitz, 2-17 Dan Kelly, 2-21 Tom Kelly, 2-28 Thelma Fields, 2-4 Randall Smith, 2-11 Chris Dewees, 2-21 Lynn Standeford, 2-21

## **February Anniversaries:**

Jack and Sheilla Collins, 2-2 Michael and Patricia Patterson, 2-18 Congratulations to all! Steve and Cheryl Wisdom, 2-7

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Do you remember who any of these "lovebirds" are?

What I don't get about Cupid is why, when someone is in love, he shoots arrows at them.

Happy Valentine's Day to all

Editor's Note: You may send your "Member Profile" to me in either Microsoft Word or Works by e-mail to <a href="mailto-jpeel83719@aol.com"><u>Jpeel83719@aol.com</u></a> or typed or hand written to: Jan Peel, 5128 E Rowney St, Indianapolis IN 46203. Jan Peel. Editor



#### 2015 INDY MOPAR CLUB - EVENT LIST

| Jan | 29          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg                    | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
|-----|-------------|-----------------|----------|--|---|----------------------------|
| Feb | 13-15<br>26 | Fri-Sun<br>Thur | 7-8p     | World of Wheels<br>Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg | Ind State Fairgrounds<br>MCL Cafeteria                      | Evan Springer              |
| Mar |             | Fri             | TBD      | Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trad     |   | Evan Springer              |
|     | 6-7         | Sat-Sun         |          | Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show    |   | Evan Springer              |
|     | 26          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg                    | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
| Apr | 30          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg                    | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
| May | TBD         | Sat             | 9a-3p    | Fletcher Chrysler/IMC – OPEN Car Show          | Franklin IN – <b>Rain or Shine</b>                          | Evan Springer              |
|     | 7-9         | Thur-Sat        |          | Auburn Spring Car Auction / AACA Meet          | Auburn IN   | Tom Kelly                  |
|     | 15-17       | Fri-Sun         |          | Chrysler Power Classic – National Trail Rad    |   | Mike Leyes                 |
|     | 22-23       | Fri-Sat         |          | Mopar Mania Somernites Cruise-Memorial         | Wknd Somerset KY  | Dave Sanders               |
|     | 28          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg                    | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
| Jun | 18-21       | Thu-Sun         |          | NMCA Race-Show at IRP                          | Lucan Raceway (IRP-Clermont)                                | Dave Watt                  |
|     | 19-20       | Fri-Sat         |          | FAST/Pure Stock Drags                          |   | Vatt-Mike Leyes            |
|     | 25          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg                    | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
|     | 25-27       | Thur-Sat        |          | Indy Road Rocket Rumble                        | Waterfront Hotel-Speedway                                   | Tom Kelly                  |
| Jul | 10-12       | Fri-Sun         |          | Carlisle Chrysler Nats                         | Carlisle PA   | Mike Leyes                 |
|     | 15-19       | Wed-Sun         |          | Natl DeSoto Meet                               | Kalamazoo MI  | Tom Kelly                  |
|     | 22-25       | Wed-Sat         |          | WPC National Meet                              | Springfield IL  | Tom Kelly                  |
|     | 30          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg                    | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
| Aug |             | Fri-Sun         |          | MOPAR NATIONALS                                | Columbus OH   | Tom Kelly                  |
|     | TBD         |                 |          | Plymouth Owners Club National Meet             |   | Jan Peel                   |
|     | 27          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg                    | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
| Sep | 12          |                 | 2n-3:30p | West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in             | Plainfield IN   | Dave Sanders               |
|     | 18-19       | Fri-Sat         |          | Pure Stock Drags                               |   | Vatt-Mike Leyes            |
|     | 24          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg                    | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
| Oct | TBD         | Sat             | 9a-12n   | JDRF RUN/WALK- Military Park                   | Indianapolis IN   | Evan Springer              |
|     | 29          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg-Halloween          | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
| Nov | 19          | Thur            | 7-8p     | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg                    | MCL Cafeteria   | Evan Springer              |
| Dec | TBD         | Sunday          | TBD      | Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party                | Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse<br>TBD - 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenv | Steve Wisdom<br>wood 46142 |