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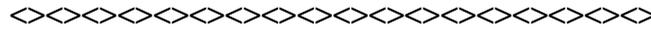
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, August 27, 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 – www.indymoparclub.com.



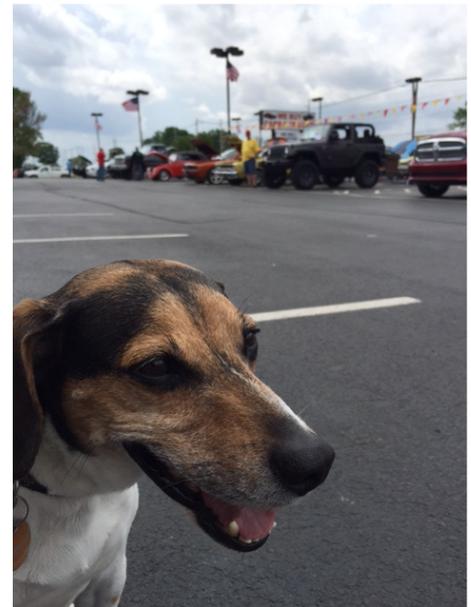
Member Profile of the Month – Dickie Smith

I didn't know I was a Mopar dog until recently. I always knew I liked people, but after my time on the streets I was a little afraid of vehicles, especially loud ones. I've pretty well gotten over that fear, and I've gone from your car interior's worst nightmare to a car show fanatic. For me it's not so much about the cars, but the people ... and the pettings. It's been a long road and I'd like to share my story with you ... I'll try to be brief.

I've been trotting this earth for about eleven years now and it's not always been an easy road. I was born to a puppy mill in central Illinois, where a young boy loved me, but I lived in squalor. When I was about a year and a half, I was liberated from the mill by my owner's vindictive ex-boyfriend. He stole me and tossed me out on a rural highway. I roamed the back-roads of downstate Illinois for several weeks, until, hungry and afraid, I was lured-in by a stranger. The stranger turned me in to the county doggie jail. There, no judge, no jury, they just put me on death row; guilty of being lost without an owner.



A young Dickie, just after narrowly escaping death row.



Dickie at the 2015 Fletcher Show

As my day drew near, a Rescue Angel came down and saved me. She heard about me while she was on vacation in Florida. She called the executioner and pleaded with him to grant me a stay. The executioner told her that euthanizing strays was the law and there was simply nothing else he could do. My Angel called again and again. The executioner eventually told her that the only way that I wasn't meeting my doggie maker on that day was if things were so busy that he didn't get to me. If he didn't get to me, I'd be there until the following Monday morning. Somehow that Friday was busy at the jail. True to her word, my Rescue Angel picked me up Monday morn.

I stayed with my Rescue Angel for a few weeks. I got my fifteen minutes of fame in a PBS local access TV story on the rescue agency and I got my first photo on the internet at Petfinder.com. That photo (above) is what caught the eye of my Dad (Randy Smith). Since then, my life has been one adventure after another. The first adventure was legal. After I'd been with the Smith family for almost a month, my big TV special debuted. My old family saw me on TV and sued my Rescue Angel. The judge gave my old owner a hard time in court. He

had ruled against my old family several times on charges of animal neglect and abuse. My old family decided to drop the suit.

Life with my new family was really different. There was no squalor and I was walked all the time: rain, sleet or snow. We went camping and attended political rallies. We had a big family with parents and brothers and sisters and nephews and nieces. I had cat friends, bird friends, and dog friends. But, as many families experience these days, things fell apart. As things fell apart, I met the love of my life ... isn't that always the way it goes. Her name was Abby.

Abby came my way and she helped me find some calm. I was a mess. We had moved way out into the woods and it was just me and Dad. Abby was a pound puppy too, but my sister was allergic to her, so Abby came to stay with Dad and I. Abby and I went everywhere together, whether it was just into town or states away. We were the best "fixed" couple you've ever seen. We had a great five years together. Unfortunately she passed-on a year ago due to complications from cancer. Since then, Dad and I have been trying to find a new normal. To help, the doc put me on meds. Dad and I walk nearly every day, which helps keep my mind off things. My Grandmother wants me to see a psychic. Granddad, Dad and I aren't convinced.



Dickie and Abby in 2009.

Dad struck out a year ago to find us some new people. Since then we've been to concerts, wineries, home improvement stores, football and baseball games, beer tasting events and... car shows. Apparently, one of Dad's great passions has always been cars. Every time we go to my Grandparents' house he takes me into the garage where he tinkers with his '70 'cuda and rambles-on, longingly, about bringing her out and getting her running again. But, that's his story and he'll have to write his own profile. For now, he and I suffice with riding in the Jeep – I'll let him tell you about that too.



Dickie sportin' the *Doggles®*.

We've met a lot of great people over the last year. Some of my favorites are members of the Indy Mopar Club, who always pay me great attention at Club events. We are also hanging out with a new family and there are kids who think I'm still a

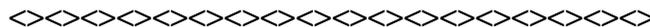
puppy! They also have a dog friend for me named Lewis. Lewis and I get along like Jay and Silent Bob. And like Jay and Silent Bob, I can run my mouth all I want, because Lewis brings the muscle. Well, actually, Lewis is blind. I help him get around and he covers me with a loud bark and mean posture when the neighborhood dogs get too aggressive.



Dickie and Lewis enjoy outdoor concert venues.

Over time, one thing I learned is that: Sometimes you lift your leg on the world, and other times the world lifts its leg on you. When the latter happens, you just gotta roll around in the grass to get the stink off, get up and get back in the driver's seat ... or if you can't reach the pedals, you can let Dad drive... preferably a Mopar.

Author~~~Randy Smith



From the Indy Mopar Club President:

From the Indy Mopar Club President 8-12-15:

Man, is this summer going quickly. With all the schools starting in the first of August and etc., everyone is frantically trying to get the summer vacations, trips and all the other family obligations taken care of. My plan to go to Columbus to the Mopar Nationals was thwarted by such activities. “(Nana) Nicole says “Grandkids have to come first”. I told her that Maggie and Polly (in the garage) were also our grandkids? She did not go for that.

Weather has been great for car shows, rod runs and cruising and I believe that the Mopar Nationals had great weather this year for a change. I’m sure that all those that went to the Nationals had a great time and they will share their experiences with us at the next IMC meeting this August 27th.

I still have one more family obligation. I am leaving tomorrow morning to go to Texas for “little” Evan’s Air Force Boot Camp graduation ceremonies. (Texas weather is averaging over 100 degrees daily? Humm?) Anyway, because I don’t have much time to get this out to Jan for the IMC Newsletter it is going to be fairly short and to the point. (Do I hear everybody clapping?)

The Westgate Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram Cruise-In is quickly approaching and we will be doing our due diligence to get ready to help the Westgate people put on another great show. I hear from a little birdie that efforts are being made to bring in even more vehicles than ever before. (Hope all goes well Dave and Brian!) Ronda Cherry is taking the lead on heading up our organizing efforts and has been in communication with Bob Davidson of Westgate.

At this August IMC meeting we will be organizing our personnel as to what we will need to be doing for our part in this event. We will need many of you to fill the slots and help out! Please all members that can be at this IMC meeting to help us get set up for this important function! All proceeds once again go to JDRF. Thanks all! Drive safely and see you at the meeting.

Evan L. Springer
August, 2015



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, JULY 30, 2015

President Evan Springer brought the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Evan preceded the meeting with interesting information concerning Kokomo Transmission plants building over 120 million transmissions. Plants having combined square footage in excess of 7 million feet.

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. A good turnout of 32 attended: Jeff Ancil, Jeff Andis, Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Tony Fields, John Hynds, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Ron & Dru Kriech, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Grant & Miriam McBee, John Miller, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Lynn Standeford, Bob Thomas, Dave Watt, Rick & Ginger Zimmerman, and guests Stephen Claycomb, Michael Matthews, and John Heeringa. Largest attendance in quite some time. Thank you.

A. Lynn Standeford told about the damage the recent flooding in Mooresville did to her autos and business.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Dave Opel

A. Minutes from the June meeting presented and accepted with no corrections.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes

A. June 25, 2015, Balance \$3,827.20; July Income \$125.00; July Expenses \$0.00; July 30, 2015 Balance \$3,952.20. Flower Fund Balance approximately \$320.00

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt

A. Dave spoke with Brian Berkowitz concerning Facebook and Mopar Group. Suggestions to follow.

MEMBER NEWS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Ronda Cherry

A. Members Names and dates were reported and congratulated.

EVENT CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS (Newsletter & IMC): Ronda Cherry

A. August 7-9 Mopar Nationals, Columbus, Ohio

B. August 15th – EAA FlyIn and Car Show, Franklin Rd between SR 52 and Washington St.

C. August 30th – Car Show at Old Chrysler Transmission Plant, Kokomo. Pitch-in outing to follow at Dave Watt's home.

EVENT ADVERTISING: Ronda Cherry

A. Ronda presented flyers for the Westgate Car Show

OLD BUSINESS: – Evan Springer

- A. Amend By-laws – Committee recommendation with “Notification”. Dave to e-mail.
- B. Possible club Slot Car Racing event at Fast Track in Avon
- C. Possible Go-Kart Event at 96th & Keystone.
- D. Social Media Upgrades – Discussion and ideas

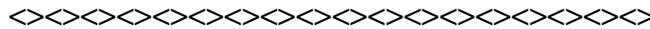
NEW BUSINESS: – Evan Springer

- A. Mopar Nationals – August 7th – 9th at Columbus, OH. Tom Kelly told about this upcoming event.
- B. EAA Chapter Fly-In & Car Show – August 15th.
- C. West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise IN – September 12th – Dave Sanders point person – need volunteers
- D. JDRF Walk – Saturday, October 3rd at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.
- E. Club Member Profile:
 - 1. July – Thanks to Rick Ordo for his great profile, chrome shackles and all!
 - 2. August – Randy Smith
 - 3. September – Lynn Standeford
 - 4. October – Tom Kelly
- F. Ideas for future IMC activities discussed
- G. Volunteers for future Show & Tell?
- H. Other New Business – might want to update club brochure/application

Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Crawmer, seconded by Rick Zimmerman, adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Opel



Sunday August 30th is the Chrysler Kokomo Transmission Plant Cruz-In from Noon to 4pm. This is an "All-American" car show with a heavy Mopar twist, however, All-American" cars are welcome. In addition its a chance to get a tour of the plant and see how Chrysler makes their awesome tranny's in Kokomo. They've been doing it since ~ 1955 and still going strong 60 yrs later!!

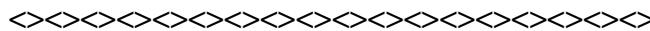
Once you clear Indy on the northside it's a nice drive straight up US31, be sure to take the St Rd 931 exit (for those coming from Indy) for those hitting Kokomo from the north, stay on US 31 (the new by-pass) and exit at Boulevard Rd and go west to St Rd 931 (old US31) and go south (left) Plant/car show are on the west side.

Afterward will be a pitch-in dinner at my home, 2215 E. 296th St., Atlanta In. There is no sign on US31 for 296th street, it will say 600S. Lisa's Pie Shop will be on the corner of the intersection.

<http://www.mapquest.com/#efc3235ee1b9033f71fdfba3>

Pulled BBQ pork sandwiches, table service, and soda will be provided. Bring a lawn chair, and your favorite side dish to share.

RSVP's appreciated via text, phone (317)-696-6071, or email watt340@hotmail.com



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays:

- Ronda Cherry, 9-7
- Dru Kriech, 9-21
- David Chapman, Sr, 9-23
- Bob Rosenberger, 9-30

September Anniversaries:

- Jim and Sue Kelly, 9-12
- Congratulations to all!





Tattler's Corner

Well, I guess we will have to wait for the September newsletter for any pictures from the Mopar Nats! Anyone out there have any to share????? What a delightful "Profile" from Randy Smith, Jan's sincere thanks.

2015 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

Jan	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Feb	13-15	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Mar	6	Fri	TBD	Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trade Show		Evan Springer
	7-8	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	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	2	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco De Mopar,3520 SR 38 E	Lafayette	
	9	9a-3p		Fletcher Chrysler/IMC – OPEN Car Show	Franklin IN – Rain or Shine	Rick & Ginger Zimmerman
	7-9	Thur-Sat		Auburn Spring Car Auction / AACA Meet	Auburn IN	Tom Kelly
	15-17	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic – National Trail Raceway	Columbus OH	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	16-21	Thu-Sun	→	NMCA Race Show at Indy CANCELED	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
	19-20	Fri-Sat		FAST/Pure Stock Drags	Martin MI	Dave Watt-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	7-9	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH	Tom Kelly
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	30	Sat	12-4pm	Car Show at Old Transmission Plant	Kokomo IN	
Sep	12	Sat	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Dave Sanders
	24-26	Thur-Sat		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet, O'Fallon, IL		If interested contact Jan Peel
	18-19	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Drags	Stanton MI	Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
	24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Oct	3	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK- Bankers Life Fieldhouse	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	6	Sunday	TBD	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom

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