

Indy Mopar Club News

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, November 19, 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 1987 Shelby Lancer Profile

It all started back in 1999. While out looking for a used car at the local Dodge dealership I saw a red 4 door Shelby Lancer that had been serviced and was waiting for the owners to come pick it up. I noticed that it said Shelby Lancer on the doors and had an Intercooled Turbo decal on each front fender. I thought "Oh my goodness this looks like a brand new car" but I knew it wasn't. I remember looking inside and seeing that it had an automatic tranny and leather seats. I was really impressed by this car as I had a 1989 Dodge Daytona at this time and knew I had stumbled onto something special.





I saw this car again around 2007 or 2008 coming out of a neighborhood near Interstate 65 and highway 46 here in Columbus. I was impressed again as it drove by. Fast forward to spring of this year. While rearranging the lifts in the garage I moved one over so it could be used from my other garage door. I pulled my Daytona Shelby Z on it and raised it up to make sure it would clear at the top since I had moved it. Everything looked OK so I closed the door. A few days later I moved the Daytona and pu it under the lift on the other side. At this time I noticed some chips on the back glass...looked like paint chips. When I closed the door on the other lift the part that hangs down with the release rope on it scratched the roof from the windshield to the back window.

I'll bet you are wondering what this has to do with a Shelby Lancer. Let me enlighten you. I took the Daytona into the body shop to have the paint repaired. When I went in to pick it up a week later Danny told me they had done some work on a red 4 door Dodge sedan a while back that had Carroll Shelby's name all over it. He told me it was behind their place and a block over. After I left I decided to drive over and check it out. I spotted it in their rear parking lot all fenced in. After seeing the wheels on the car I knew what it was. Yep, a 1987 Shelby Lancer. It also was the one I had seen back in 1999 I found out later.

In a matter of three days I had purchased the Shelby Lancer, sold my Daytona Shelby Z and my LeBaron GTC VNT conbertible. I guess you could say I was very serious about buying a numbered Shelby Automobile.

It only took me 15 years to get the job done. It was well worth the wait in my opinion.

The Shelby is a survivor with only 52,000 miles on it when I bought it. It has the original paint with the exception of the right front fender. It still has the original leather interior and carpet. It is Shelby Serial Number 400 out of 800 Shelby Lancers produced. There were plans to build 400 with cloth interiors and 5 speeds and 400 with the leather interiors and automatics. It is believed that there were only 380 made with the leather and automatic. My Shelby is one of those.

This Shelby was modified by Shelby Automobiles in April, 1987. When he received these cars from Dodge they were all painted PR5 Graphic Red.

His factory in Whittier California upgraded the suspension when he received the cars. The suspension changes consisted of high rate Shelby 'sport springs' that lowered ride height 1", Nonroe Formula GP struts and shocks and 14:1 quick ratio steering rack. A larger solid 1-1/8" rear sway bar was part of the SL – only rear crossmember. 205/60VR15 Goodyear Eagle VR 'Gatorbacks' were mounted on Shelby CSS 6.5" one-piece cast wheels

Under the hood quite a few changes were made. Beginning with the 146 hp T1 2.2, Shelby's changes included a Garrett T04 turbocharger, radiator/intercooler, larger injectors and fuel rail and a two-piece tuned intake with a 46mm blow-thru throttle body. The 2.2 engine now has 175 hp and 175 ft lbs of torque with 12 pounds of boost on the turbo. It is now a T2.

A Shelby Signature steering wheel was added and a Shelby Plaque was added to the dash showing the serial # 400.









With the SL, Shelby Automobiles had accomplished what they set out to do: produce a touring sedan with the performance equaling that of the European competition, albeit in the Carroll Shelby fashion. Shelby had done exactly what he intended: build a fast and well balanced luxury touring sedan with a less-than-German price tag. Any numbered Shelby, due to the relative scarcity coupled with Carroll Shelby's near-legend status would be a real prize. Although less than 300 Shelby Lancers are believed to survive, a pristine low-mileage example can still be obtained for less than \$10,000.

I am very glad I had the opportunity to purchase this Shelby. It's been a long time since I saw it in 1999. Who would have thought that I would have ended up with it.

Another fact is that my friend, Brad Wedan, worked at the Dodge Dealership back in 1999 when this car came in for service. Brad was the tech that performed the service. At the time he took pictures of the Shelby when it was there. After I bought the Shelby Brad gave me the pictures that he took. Small world I guess. When the Shelby was there in 1999 it had 17,000 miles on it.



This Shelby Lancer will be maintained as Carroll Shelby requested. Use only Mobile One oil and feed it premium gasoline. It is great to own a car that Carroll Shelby has probably breathed on and maybe he might have touched it at some time while it was in his factory.

R.I.P. Mr. Shelby 1923-2012 Author and submission by Tony Fields



From the Indy Mopar Club President:

From the Indy Mopar Club President:

It was just a year ago that I was appointed President of your Indy Mopar Club. This past year seem so short and has gone by so quickly. I have realized that in this position it takes at least one year and a lot of help to even grasp just some of what all needs to be done and the various ways in which the IMC functions to accomplish all that we do and do so well. I have learned so much but yet there is so much more to experience. I give my many, many thanks to all the Club members for the help that I have received along the way.

To my predecessor Tom Kelly, for allowing me to rely upon him for support and information, thank you! ... The IMC really looks up to you! To Ronda our V.P. and Secretary Dave Opel for their help and support, to Jan "Trouble" Peel for her wizardry, to Steve Wisdom for his help and guidance, to Randy and Lynn for their input and support, Thank you all so very much.

And then there is Dave Watt and Mike Leyes. I can't say enough for their many years of service and for all that they have given, not only to me, but to the Indy Mopar Club. You both have our deepest gratitude! My best wishes to you both in your new role as "member" of the IMC (that is sort of like being retired?). This club still needs you as much as ever! Thanks also to my wife and best friend Nicole for taking this journey with me.

NOTICE: Because of Thanksgiving our November meeting will be held on November 19th, the third Thursday of the month. This meeting will also be the "IMC Officer Elections" meeting where your 2016 IMC officers will be selected. Some of the nominations for potential club officers were made at the October IMC meeting and there is still need for more nominations especially for the Club Treasurer position. Rick Ordo was a perspective nomination for Club Treasurer. However, he is unable at this time to take the position. I ask that all IMC members please consider helping the club in some capacity. If there is anyone that would consider or be considered for an officer positions please step forward and make those nominations!

ANOTHER NOTICE: It was decided at the October IMC meeting that there will be a change in the Fletcher Car Show's date and function. The event will now be a Cruise-In and will be held July 9th, 2016. Please take note and pass along the information. There will be more info forth coming.

Lastly, December 6th, at 6:00pm is the <u>IMC Christmas Party</u>. Comradery, Fun, Great Food pitch-in Dinner, Fun "Cut-throat" Gift Exchange (exchanges from hand to hand to hand) and more Fun. This is with a doubt the best meeting and get-together of the year! <u>BE THERE!</u>

I love this Club and all of our members. I am honored to be your President. I look forward to the continued successes of the IMC. It will take the efforts of us all to make this MOPAR Club the best it can be and to be a club that is revered by all! I implore to everyone, "Be Involved". Volunteer to help in any way you can and for any event we do. Thank you all!

Drive safely and see you at the next meeting, November 19th, and the Christmas Party.

Evan L. Springer

November, 2015



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, OCTOBER 29, 2015

President Evan Springer brought the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. Our turnout of 15 who attended: Jeff Andis, Ronda Cherry, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Tony Fields, Tom Kelly, Ron Kriech, John Miller, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Lynn Standeford, and guest Dick Boschen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Opel

A. Minutes from the September meeting were presented and accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes was not present.

A. The financial report will be updated at the November 19th meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt

A. No report as Dave was absent.

MEMBER NEWS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Ronda Cherry

A. Members names and dates were reported and congratulated.

EVENT CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS (Newsletter & IMC): Ronda Cherry

A. Possible events were discussed.

EVENT ADVERTISING: Ronda Cherry

A. No report given

OLD BUSINESS: – Evan Springer

- A. Amend By-laws Committee recommendation with "Notification". Pending.
- B. Social Media Upgrades Discussion and suggestions were given.
- C. Recap JDRF Walk October 3rd
 - 1. IMC Donation #3,350.00 + \$80 = \$3,430.00.
- D. Recap Fall Cruise Thanks to Dave Sanders for organizing the trip. 13-14 cars were present. Good time was enjoyed by all.
- E. Other old Business None

NEW BUSINESS: – Evan Springer

- A. 2016 Fletcher/IMC Car Show Changed to a Cruise-In. New date will be July 9th.
- B. Christmas Party Sunday December 6th at 6pm at Steve Wisdom's Club House, 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood, IN. See info on page 5.
- C. Club Member Profile:
 - 1. November Tony Fields
 - 2. December Lynn Standeford
 - 3. January Christmas Party Photos & write up.
- D. Officer Nominations for 2016 IMC Officers Election at November 19th meeting

President – Evan Springer

Vice President – Ronda Cherry

Secretary – Dave Opel

Treasurer – Rick Ordo

Director of Communication - Randy Smith

Other nominations will be accepted until the November 19th meeting.

- E. Bring club ideas to the next meeting.
- F. Volunteers for future Show & Tell needed

Motion to adjourn was made by Ronda Cherry, seconded by Jeff Andis, adjourned at 8:30pm. Respectfully submitted,

David Opel

CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE: December 6th, 6pm, Clubhouse at 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood. From Hwy 135 and County Line Road go west on County Line Road .2 miles and turn left into Leisure Lane, the club house is on the right. The club will furnish the meat, ice, paper plates, paper cups, utensils. Please bring a covered dish or dessert and your drink. A \$15 limit White Elephant gift exchange and model car contest will highlight the evening. If you plan on coming please call Steve Wisdom at 317-457-5205 or e-mail him at beeep70@aol.com or call Jan Peel at 317-357-5760 or e-mail her at Jpeel83719@aol.com so that there will be ample meat. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY DECEMBER 4th. We hope to see you there.

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Member Birthdays and Anniversaries



December Birthdays:

Kerry Sanders, 12-1 Ted Sanders, 12-4
Kerry Sanders, 12-5 Cheryl Wisdom, 12-8
Susan Mayes, 12-9 Jeff Andis, 12-10
Dave Watt, 12-17 Ric Merchant, 12-20

Tami Keilman, Jr, 12-23

December Anniversaries:

Grant and Miriam McBee, 12-12

Congratulations to all!







Seems as though there was a lot of interest in the parking lot around a certain automobile after the meeting. What was the big attraction? Could Tony Fields have had something to do with it? Care to comment on that Tony??????

See you all next month.

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



HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING!