



# Indy Mopar Club News

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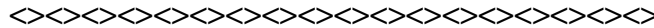
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 28, 2016** 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).



## Member Profile

Happy Winter everyone! My name is Lynn Standeford and this is my member profile for this month's newsletter.



This article is about how I started working on cars and my love of the Mopar. My growing up years were not the greatest. What got me through was working on our Dodges. I definitely learned patience, I gained self-confidence and yes – it made me happy.

I was born and raised in Southern California and have been around Mopars all of my life. We had a 1967 Dodge A-100 van with a 225 slant 6 motor, a 1976 Dodge pickup truck with a 318 motor, and a 1962 Dodge pickup truck with a 413 motor. I guess I always loved cars as I was not into playing with Barbie Dolls and preferred to play with my three toy cars, a lime green Ford Maverick, a white Ford Maverick and a red and white cement truck. Yes, I guess I was weird as I hung out with the boys and played football and raced bicycles. To top it all off, I loved taking things apart. Anything with screws would be neatly disassembled and pieces handed to my mom. I loved helping my dad work on the car and was so excited when he promoted me to "Go-For" instead of being told not to touch anything.

I started working on our cars when I was nine years old. I was responsible for lubing the chassis, then worked my way up to oil and filter changes. When I was 13, I did my first major tune-up, changing the plugs, cap, points, rotor and condenser.

My very first car however, was not a Dodge but a 1957 Nash Metropolitan. I inherited this car from my grandfather and rebuilt the motor with the help of my dad. At the age of 15, I was a member of the Metropolitan Club in California and found out that I was the only Metropolitan in the group that had the "Nash" emblem in the grill instead of the familiar "M".



In 1985, I was a straight A student and in the honors program when I had to drop out of high school to support my mom and dad. I was devastated as I felt that my dreams went out the window. My mom and dad needed me and I did everything I could to help them.



After working a couple of months, I bought a 1969 Dodge A-100 van, it had a 318 motor, 727 Loadflight transmission and it had "Willamette's Gospel Singers" painted on the side. Little did I know this van would have such an influence on me. Yes, he had a name – his name was Tony.

I rebuilt the motor in 1992 literally under a shade tree by a dry river bed. I planned the rebuild for months and saved up for the parts. I rebuilt the motor myself and I felt so awesome that I actually did it. He sounded great!



In 1992, I got married to my ex-husband who was in the Army. We moved from Escondido, California to Fort Rucker, Alabama. In 1993, we moved to El Paso, Texas. Having two small children and moving around a lot being married to a military member, I had to make the decision to let my Tony go. I could not work on cars as I needed to focus on my kids. I also was having an issue with having a place to work on the cars.

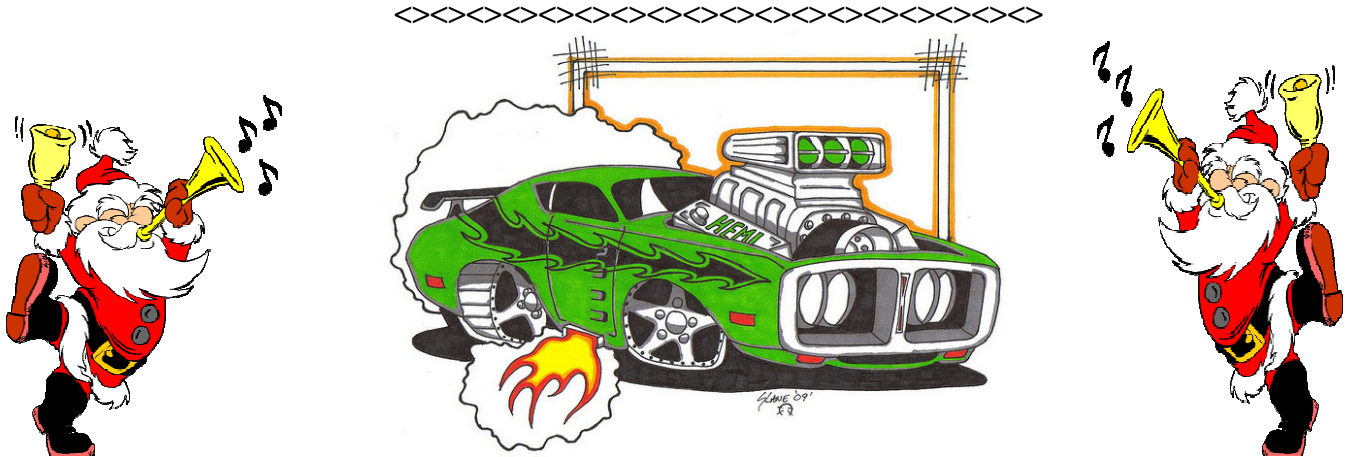
I bought him in 1985 and sold him to a church mission group in El Paso, Texas in 1993. I was heartbroken when I had to let him go as he had been there by my side through all of the trials of my life. While growing up and into my early twenties, whenever I was down, I would just turn on the stereo in Tony and tinker. He didn't judge and I could be myself. In a weird way, Tony was my best friend when I was growing up. After letting him go, I vowed that I would not work on cars again. I just didn't want to. Until 21 years later.....

You all know about my Molly. For those that do not know, Molly is my 1967 Dodge Charger. Molly was special and she picked me out. She came to me when I was feeling my lowest and helped me get through a rough Christmas this last year. I was hoping to have Molly where she could actively participate in the club events this year but unfortunately life happened. To my surprise, she did however, make it to one club meeting courtesy of my boyfriend John Miller and his son John Miller Jr.



I am so happy to be a member of the Indy Mopar Club. I have met some wonderful friends. I am looking forward to starting work on Miss Molly and sharing the awesome automotive history that Molly is a part of.

Author ~~~~~Lynn Standeford



From the Indy Mopar Club President:

Well, it has been almost a year since I was elected to the position of Indy Mopar Club President and I haven't been impeached yet. Whew! Wow!

I really look forward to the coming year of 2016 and the fun and challenges that lie ahead. My very special thanks to Dave Watt and Mike Leyes for all your years of service to the IMC! You're the greatest!

Just a reminder that coming up real soon on March 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> is the Indy Cylinder Head Chrysler Performance Trade Show and Swap Meet. (More details later)

The other "Note of Importance" for 2016 is that the Fletcher CDJR/IMC Show has been moved to **July 9<sup>th</sup>** and this year it will be a **Cruise In**. We will need to start our planning and marketing for this very quickly.

Meanwhile, rest easy, drink an eggnog ;) and have a

**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
A GREAT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

God Bless Everyone!

Evan L. Springer December, 2015



## INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

President Evan Springer brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. Our turnout of 20 who attended: Jeff Andis, Ronda Cherry, Stephen & Cathy Claycomb, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Tony Fields, Tom Kelly, Mike Leyes, John Miller, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Lynn Standeford, and Steve & Cheryl Wisdom.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Dave Opel

- A. Minutes from the October meeting were presented and accepted as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Mike Leyes:

- A. September 24, 2015, Balance \$5,688.70; October and November Income \$0.00; October Expenses \$0.00; November 18, 2015 Expense to JDRF Donation \$3,350.00; November 19, 2015 Balance \$2,338.70. 63 Members currently paid.

**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. Classic Car Show, Nov 20-22, Rosemont, Illinois
- B. Indy Cylinder Head Trade Show, State Fairgrounds, March 4-5-6

**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 – No report given.
- C. 2016 Fletcher Car Show – July 9<sup>th</sup>
- D. Christmas Party – Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, Pitch-In dinner, Model Car Contest & Gift Exchange, Steve Wisdom's Club House, 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood.
- E. Officer Elections
  - President – Evan Springer
  - Vice President – Ronda Cherry
  - Secretary – Dave Opel
  - Treasurer – Steve Wisdom
  - Communication Director – Randy SmithRandy Smith made a motion to accept the nominees, Dick Crawmer seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- F. Other old Business - None

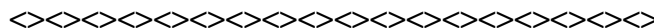
**NEW BUSINESS:** – Evan Springer

- A. Club Member Profile:
  - 1. December – Lynn Standeford
  - 2. January – Christmas Party Photos & write up.
  - 3. February – Dave Opel
  - 4. 2016 Membership Applications to be made inclusive – remove Classic/Vintage designations.
- B. Volunteers for future Show & Tell needed

Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Crawmer, seconded by Steve Wisdom, adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Opel



## Member Birthdays and Anniversaries



### January Birthdays:

Sheilla Collins, 1-11

Butch Gillock, 1-19

Lou Ann Ewing, 1-21

Michelle Berding, 1-28

Don Sainsbury, 1-11

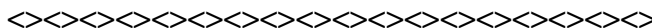
Bob Gallup, 1-20

Bill Edgerton, 1-26

### January Anniversaries:

Butch and Diane Gillock, 1-24

Congratulations to all!



### Tattler's Corner



If you missed the IMC Christmas Party you missed a really good time. Ronda did a great job keeping the gift exchange going and Evan did his best as Ginger's fill in. But we missed Ginger and all her little "comments"  
See you all next month.

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### 2016 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

Jan	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Feb	12-14	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Mar	4	Fri	TBD	Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trade Show		Evan Springer
	5-6	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Evan Springer
	31	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Apr	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
May	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jun	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jul	9	Sat	TBD	Fletcher CDJR/IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Aug	TBD	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH	
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Sep	TBD	Sat	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	
	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Oct	TBD	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK	Indianapolis IN	
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg-Halloween	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Nov	17	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 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom