



# Indy Mopar Club News

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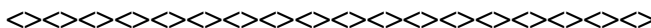
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 29, 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).



## Our 2016 Trip to Carlisle

We arrived at the hotel in Shippensburg, PA, 20 minutes from Carlisle. It was a long drive of about 9.5 hours with a stop at Company 7 BBQ in the Dayton area, Englewood exit. This is rated as one of the 30 best BBQ Restaurants in the country. After a filling lunch we pressed on. Quite a bit of construction on I-70 slowed us down. Since my wife is from China, she had never seen this part of the country.

My son Kevin, past President of Indy Mopar Club, and his wife were coming from Ft. Wayne the next morning. They had entered “Her” ’72 Plymouth Fury, 4-Door, that was showing only 31,000 or so miles on the “clock”. Unfortunately the car was found to have some hidden rust problems and was deemed unfit to drive. He wasn’t too keen to trailer it because of his aversion to trailer Queens. Their route took a little longer than they had planned. We met them at Gate 3 after they checked into the hotel.

The fairgrounds seemed to be larger than the track area at National Trails, venue for the Mopar Nats in August. The “Swap Area” was 2-3 times as large as the Nats. Unbelievable, they had the same stuff, ha ha.



Unlike the Nats, the cars were assigned areas which were reserved for each body type and year groups. You could look at the grounds map and find the cars you were most interested in. There were also displays of C-Body cars in special places. This was the tribute car this year. Herb McCandless, “Mr. 4-Speed” driving for the Sox & Martin Team during the Pro-Stock wars in the ‘60’s & ‘70’s, had brought his Chrysler 300’s. He has transplanted a hemi 5.7 and drive-train. He said this is the best way to go. It is modern and comfortable and a pleasure to cruise. He used the modern wiring harness. He says “have you ever had wiring problems? Those wires in your classic cars are 50-80 years old. Ever get stuck on the road?” The cars were fully restored and beautiful.

They were giving rides in Hellcats and Vipers. They used a small winding road course to demonstrate drifting. It was not long, but had some S’s and a 180° turn which the cars drifted at high power. It was interesting to note the Hellcat powered through the course faster than the Viper. This performance gap may have been because of driver skill, power, or tire size. Nonetheless the Hellcat seemed to be the better ride.

Richard Petty was in attendance. And, as usual, the line for autographs began to form 2-3 hours before his arrival.



If you were a fan of the '60's and '70's Pro-Stock wars, you were in luck. The surviving members of the Ramchargers had a special tent and a long table. They shared the area with the likes of the Melrose Missile, Golden Commandos and displayed The Boss from Sox & Martin.

Along with personally talking to the fans, a tent next door had many speakers who relayed stories and exploits of that era. Using the credentials for the '72 Plymouth, we brought my Challenger in and drove to that area. While waiting his turn to speak Mr. Herb McCandless autographed the dash next to "Big Daddy Don Garlits".



The next day the girls decided to go shopping and to a spa, I think. It worked out fine because Kevin and I went to the "shopping" area of the show. Most of the presentations were for A & B bodies. Not a lot of C-body offerings. Certainly not a subframe he needs for the '72. There were a lot of duplicate parts as well as some rare finds. As in any swap meet you needed to know exactly what you were looking for.

As it turned out we spent most of the day wandering in the area. If you are going there to find parts that you need, reserve a full day for the search – it is a large swap meet.

In addition there was the usual assortment of vendors and manufacturers. Just as in the Mopar Nats, bring your credit cards or a Large Wallet.





## **INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, AUGUST 25, 2016**

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

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. A good turnout of 26 attended: Ronda Cherry, Stephen & Cathleen Claycomb, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill Edgerton, John Hynds, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Ron & Dru Kriech, Scott Oller, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo and guest Debbie Brown, Jan Peel, Bob Rosenberger, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Dustin & Monica Stidd, Bob Thomas, Steve & Cheryl Wisdom, and Rick Zimmerman.

Evan then thanked everyone for coming and welcomed the guests. He then had each person give their name and tell about cars they own.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Dave Opel

- A. Minutes from the July 28, 2016 meeting were given and accepted with no revisions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Steve Wisdom

- A. July 28, 2016 Balance \$5,795.22. August Income \$40.00. August Expenses \$3,513.65 August 25, 2016 Balance \$2,321.57.
- B. Steve reported 67 paid members/families.
- C. Flower Fund Balance \$329.78

**COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR REPORT:** Randy Smith

- A. Website design discussed and suggestion of possible project for graphic design students at Marian College.

**MEMBER NEWS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Ronda Cherry

- A. Member's names and respective dates were read. Congratulations to all.

**EVENT CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS (Newsletter & IMC):** Ronda Cherry

- A. Numerous Cruise-Ins / Car shows for month of September.

**EVENT ADVERTISING:** Ronda Cherry – currently being revised

**OLD BUSINESS:** – Evan Springer:

- A. 2016 Membership Applications – Randy Smith
- B. Social Media & IMC Upgrades – Lynn Standeford not present – no report
- C. Recap – Mopar Nationals
  - 1. Numerous club members made the trip with their automobiles. Friday was met with inclement weather. Thanks again to Rick & Ginger for shelter in their RV
- D. Other old Business – None

**NEW BUSINESS:** – Evan Springer

- A. FCA Kokomo Transmission Cruise-In August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- B. DSR Open House – September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- C. Westgate CJDR Cruise-In September 10th
- D. JDRF One Walk – October 2<sup>nd</sup> – with new location at Victory Field. 9am check in – 10:15am start.
- E. Club Member Profile:
  - 1. September – Bob Thomas - also need volunteer for Westgate Cruise-In write-up & pictures.
  - 2. October – Need Volunteer – JDRF Walk?
  - 3. November – TBD – Need Volunteer

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Ideas for Club Activities – Evan Springer – N/A

B. Show & Tell – Need Volunteers – Evan Springer – N/A

C. Additional New Business – Members input – Evan Springer

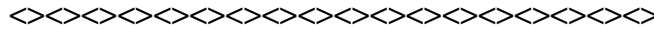
1. Tom & Teresa Kelly have again volunteered the “Kelly Farm” for an Indy Moapr Club cookout. October 15, 2016 (Rain or Shine) 4pm until ??? Address: 2345 N. State Road 39, Danville IN, 46122
2. We will supply the campfire, hot dogs, buns, condiments, soft drinks, coffee & tea. Guests please bring folding chairs, side dish & your own alcoholic beverages. If nice out, please bring your classic car or truck, we have plenty of space for parking. Please dress warmly for outdoor activity. We will have indoor space for nasty weather backup.

3. **Please RSVP by Wed Oct 12 at 317 439-1727 (Tom) or tomvkelly@aol.com**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel



### Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### October Birthdays:

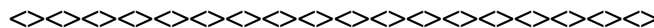


David Opel, 10-5  
Patricia Patterson, 10-14  
Monica Stidd, 10-16  
David Hammons, 10-17  
Mike Patterson, 10-20  
Karen Roserberger, 10-20  
Scott Oller, 10-27  
Jack Collins, 10-30

#### October Anniversaries:

**Missed in the August Newsletter – Mike and Chris Bryant, 9-10**

Lou and Janice Rivieccio, 10-1  
Bill and Carla Crask, 10-2  
Ron and Dru Kriech, 10-9  
Harry and LouAnn Ewing, 10-11  
Tony and Thelma Fields, 10-15  
Congratulations to all!

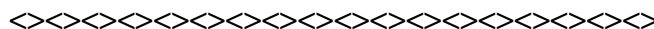


### Additional IMC Event comments by Dave Opel

Many club members made the trip with their families to the Kokomo Transmission Cruise-In. A nice time was had by all.

The DSR Open House was a fantastic event with over 100 vehicles present. The IMC was well represented with 12 automobiles. The machine department was operating with various CNC projects. With all the Wally's, DSR might have to enlarge their entrance.

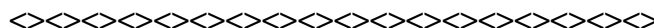
Unfortunately the Westgate CJDR Cruise In was canceled due to inclement weather. Bob said there will be a cookout for IMC later.



### Tattler's Corner



It's really strange – some people don't want their birthday to be announced. But a certain “eagle eared” person caught Ronda leaving her own birthday out. Shame on her. Hope it was happy.



## **Ken Mosier - IMC Supporter will do the work on WWII vet's Mustang to get makeover after rip-off**

Harry Donovan stood by his mailbox and waved as a pickup truck pulling a shiny black trailer drove away from his home. It was a day that Donovan, a 95-year-old World War II veteran, wasn't sure would come — at least during his lifetime. Inside the trailer was Donovan's 1967 Mustang. More accurately, the trailer was carting away what is left of the car after Donovan was ripped off by a scammer he had paid nearly \$10,000 for a restoration project that never materialized. Instead of fixing up the car as agreed, the man Donovan hired spent his money — then stole key components, including the engine, transmission, bumper, hood and other parts from the car Donovan purchased nearly 50 years ago for his wife.

"I had almost lost hope," Donovan said as he watched the truck and trailer leaving his Indianapolis home.

This time, his car is going to be restored — and the right way. The do-over is coming courtesy of a group of "car guys," veterans' organizations and others who offered to help after an IndyStar story in July detailed Donovan's plight. Even better, the restoration pros will be donating much of the costly labor, while raising money and securing donations of parts they'll need to do the job. The goal is to get the car restored without Donovan having to pay twice.

Donovan, an Air Force pilot who flew more than 20 missions over Germany during World War II, said he has been touched by the generosity of strangers stepping up to help.

Two days after Donovan's 95th birthday, the shell of Donovan's car was hauled away from his garage to the shop where it will be restored. He called the moment "a great, late birthday gift." If all goes as planned, Donovan will get the car back — fully restored — in about six months, said Ken Mosier, owner of the The Finer Details restoration shop in Danville, who is spearheading the project.

Although Donovan still has a driver's license, he no longer drives and admitted he probably won't drive the car when it is finished. He said it will be Harry Donovan IV, his grandson, who climbs behind the wheel to take him for the maiden voyage in the restored Mustang.

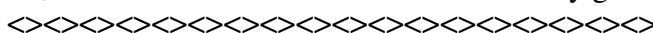
Mosier was one of several automotive restorers who offered to help Donovan after reading the IndyStar story. Donovan and his family settled on Mosier after a visit to his Hendricks County shop. "First class," Donovan beamed as he recalled visiting the shop.

Mosier has been restoring magazine and show-quality cars for 30 years. He used his veteran connections to secure \$2,400 in donations from Danville American Legion Post 118 and the post's Sons of the Legion group. American Legion Post 79 in Zionsville and its Legion Riders and Sons of the Legion group have donated \$500.

Donovan's family has established a Go Fund Me page to accept online donations and an account at Citizens State Bank in Carmel where people can contribute to the estimated \$10,000 needed to restore the car. To donate to the bank account, checks can be sent to "Friends of Harry Donovan" at Citizens State Bank, 902 S. Rangeline Road, Carmel, 46032. The family will give any leftover donated money to organizations that serve veterans. They also signed an agreement that, in the event the car is sold, the family will give the amount donated for the work back to veterans groups.

Mosier said neither he nor anyone else involved stands to profit from the project, which he estimated would normally cost Donovan \$50,000 or more. Several of his workers also have volunteered to donate their services after hours and on weekends Mosier has started reaching out to suppliers and others he knows from 30-plus years in the restoration and car show world to see if they will donate materials or sell them at a reduced cost.

The project is expected to get another boost from car publications — including Ford Performance, Mustang Monthly and Old Cars Weekly — that have expressed interest in interviewing Donovan and Mosier during the Mustang Club of America's 40th anniversary celebration this weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Donovan gets emotional when he reflects on how so many strangers are coming forward to help after learning of his plight. "I'm just so grateful," he said. "I can't wait to see it when they get done."



## 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	7	Sat		Cinco de Mopar	Lafayette, IN	
	11 – 14	Wed-Sat		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet – Kerrville, Texas – For info contact Jan Peel		
	17-21	Tue-Sat		Mecum Auto Auction	IN State Fairgrounds	
	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	12-14	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH	
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	28	Sun	12p-4p	FCA Kokomo Transmission Plant 2016 Cruz-IN	Kokomo, IN	
Sep	2	Fri		DSR Open House Invitation	Brownsburg	
	10	Sat	12-3:30	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	
	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Oct	2	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – VICTORY FIELD	Indianapolis IN	
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Nov	17	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Dec	10	Sat	5pm	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party?	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom