



Indy Mopar Club News

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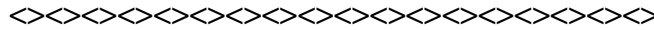
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 27, 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.



Pure Stock Muscleder Drag Race (PSMCDR)- 2016

The Indy Mopar Club had a presence again this past Sept 16& 17 at the PSMCDR in Stanton Michigan, at Mid-Michigan Dragway. This annual event typically draws 120-140 of the nicest original appearing US factory built performance cars from the 1955-1979 era. This event rivals the best car shows yet these cars are not show ponies; the drivers run them like the old days! The event draws varied manufacturers including Dodge, Plymouth, Chevy, Pontiac, Olds, Buick, Ford, Mercury, AMC and even a contingent of Studebakers, many with the factory supercharger package. Though blueprinting and a few performance improving modifications are allowed (eg. a .070 over bore and a 1.5 point compression increase above factory advertised is allowed) most stock components are dictated. Cars run through factory exhaust manifolds and full exhaust, with original intakes, carbs and stock lift cams. No porting, extrude honing, stroker kits, roller cams, aftermarket power adders, etc. are allowed... and the big equalizer is stock tires. If your year vehicle originally came with 70 series redwalls or 60 series white letters, that's what you run. No slicks or sticky DOT race tires allowed.



This year the IMC's Jim Kelly, Mike Leyes and Dave Watt raced again. I got cold feet after racing my Road Runner last year. I worried that after racing it in these types of events off & on since '87 that I will run out of luck and damage my original Hemi engine, so watched from the bleachers this year. The IMC cheering section included Dan Kelly, John Kelly, grandson Isaiah Weiland, Ron Kriech and Jeff Ancil who sold his Pure Stock racer just weeks prior to the event.

The weekend was not without interesting events. The Kelly contingent didn't finalize plans to attend until late with Jim now moving to Colorado and Dan in Florida so last minute lodging was sketchy. There are not many places close to this remote track and most book early for this event. Our normal cheap lodging (affectionately referred to as the "crime scene" based on the condition of its carpet and upholstery) would not answer repeated calls for availability. Since not sure if it was currently closed or shut down and surrounded by yellow tape, I found alternate lodging a few miles further away in Alma, MI. We had to split up the crew since

we could not get three rooms at one location. We arrived late Thursday evening since Isaiah had a math test he couldn't miss before we could hit the road.

The race schedule is practice and qualifying on Friday with all race times recorded. The event organizers then pair the two fastest, then next two fastest, etc., though the last pairing for the best 2 out of 3 match race pairings on Saturday. It is a nice format which allows everyone to be fairly evenly matched with their competitor no matter how fast your car. Times range from mid 11s to 16 second ETs.

Saturday, rain was pouring when we awoke, but the locals were optimistic that it would pass and leave a window to complete the event. The monsoon eventually subsided and after track drying, racing got underway. Jim had qualified on Friday at 12.38 at 113.10 mph in his '63 Plymouth Savoy, 426 Max Wedge. Mike's '69 440-6BBL Road Runner qualified at 12.82 at 109.24 mph. Mike's car has a 4 speed transmission so launching on skinny 6" wide redwalls and nailing the shifts is even more of a challenge but one he always handles.

Dave still has his first car, a '73 340 Duster and even with the '73 model's lower compression qualified well with a 14.07 ET at 99.5 mph.



At the end of an exciting day of match racing, Jim won his first run against his opponent in a 1970 454 LS6 450 hp Chevelle with an outstanding 1.88 60 ft time. He then lost the next 2, sealing his fate with a red light in his final round though he had the Chevelle covered.



Mike and Dave both won their matches against their opponents. Mike's competition was to be a '73 Pontiac 455 Pontiac but he left Saturday when it looked like it might be a wash-out. Mike paired up with a Pontiac GTO whose match partner also left early. Though the GTO had qualified quicker than Mike on Friday, Mike lost round one on a red light, won round two straight up and then won the final and the match on a hole

shot. Mike did record a perfect reaction time during the event, a .000 light, one of only two during the hundreds of races over the weekend.

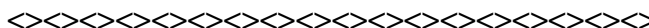
Dave raced a 1970 Challenger R/T 440 4 barrel who qualified at a 14.07 at 100 mph. First round the Challenger spun badly and with Dave's .071 reaction time his Duster won. Second round, the Challenger got a good launch and kept the lead to the stripe so the match was tied at 1 and 1. Final round, the Challenger lost traction again and Dave's .027 light got him the win and the match.

The event did hold a 32 car bracket race Saturday night for the match race winners that chose to participate. Dave did win two rounds on hole shots (quicker driver reaction time beating a faster ET) before getting beaten in round 3.



If anyone is interested in this type of event, chat with any of us at a club meeting or event as we love this event. There is also a PSMCDR web site with info and rules. Additionally, YouTube has numerous videos of event action over the years that you may find enjoyable.

Submitted by Tom Kelly October 2016



From your Indy Mopar Club President:



Early this month on Sunday, October the 2nd, Randy "Doc" Smith and Steve and Cheryl Wisdom represented the Indy Mopar Club at the JDRF Walk, October 2nd at Victory Field. All three of them completed the optional longer 5K distance walk and survived! Special thanks go out to Doc., Cheryl and Steve for their representation in our behalf. Great job!

The night of Saturday, October the 8th, Bob Davidson put on a cookout in the service bays at the Westgate CJDR dealership. Great hamburgers, hotdogs and coney's with all the fixins and drinks were the main fare. Several of the IMC members were in attendance along with many of Westgate's Cruise-In regulars and friends. This included Bob and Karen Rosenberg, Dave Sanders, Brian Berkowitz, Rick Ordo, and Lynn Sandiford with the soon to be hubby John Miller. It was also great see Bud and Debbie Mounce there. The order of the night was good food, stories, comradery, and plenty of door prizes. Westgate has given the Indy

Mopar Club \$1,000.00 for JDRF from the cookout. This money was raised by the people in attendance and Westgate themselves. Big "THANK YOU" to Bob Davidson and Westgate!

Last night, Saturday, October 15th, was the "Annual Kelly IMC Cookout" & social gathering. I and Nicole as well as all the others really enjoy this event. You talk about great fun, great food and a great time. I wish that all IMC members experience the "Kelly Cookout". This is one of those very special times when we can all gather together as a club and maybe get to know each other a little better. Many thanks go to Teresa and Tom for their hospitality and for sharing their home with us for this very special affair. (This also allows Walter P. the opportunity to socialize too). There will be more about this festive affair in a later newsletter.

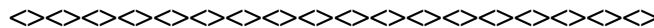
The nominations for the 2017 IMC officers are to be announced at our next meeting, Thursday, October 27th at 7:00pm. At the following meeting in November, the election for the 2017 IMC officers will be held. If you ever thought of being an officer in the club, this is a great opportunity to run for a position. Consider being involved! Help your club in some capacity!

As a personal note I can't help but think about Jan Peel, Debbie Mounce and Tony fields. All are battling their own types of gremlins. All are dealing with their ailments better than I think that I ever could. All are waiting to find the solutions to their predicaments. I'm sure that there are others in the club that I am not aware of that are wrestling with some kind of issue. I just want them all to know that we have them in our thoughts and prayers! God Bless!

Thanks again to all of you for your help and participation! This is a great Club! I always look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings.

Till then, drive carefully, be safe and "Mopar or No Car".

Evan Springer
October, 2016



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 23 attended: Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, John Hynds, Rick Kelly, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Ron & Dru Kriech, Mike Leyes, John Miller, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Bob Rosenberger, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Lynn Standeford, Bob Thomas, and Steve Wisdom.

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 review from the August, 2016 meeting, accepted as given with no additions / changes.
- B. Tom Kelly suggested a club donation of \$200 toward restoration of Harry Donovans 1967 Mustang to be completed by Ken Mosier of Finer Details. Tom then made the motion, Bob Resenberger seconded the motion, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Steve Wisdom

- A. August 25, 2016 Balance \$2,321.57. September – No Income or Expenses. September 29, 2016 Balance \$2,321.57.
- B. Flower Fund Balance \$329.78
- C. Steve reported 67 paid members/families.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR REPORT: Randy Smith

- A. New directory in print format – Motion – Randy Smith – 2nd Ronda Cherry.
- B. Has received buy/sell advertisements for inclusion on our website, requested to forward to other websites.

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 / Drive-Ins noted around this area

EVENT ADVERTISING: Ronda Cherry – currently being revised

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: – Evan Springer:

- A. 2016 Membership Applications – Randy Smith
 - 1. Upgrades / revisions presented
- B. Social Media - Website upgrade discussed
- C. Recap – DSR Open House & Car Show – Evan Springer
- D. Recap – Westgate Cruise In – Evan Springer
 - 1. A cookout will be held October 8 at Westgate CJD due to earlier cruise-in cancellation.
- E. Recap – Kokomo Cruise-In
- F. Other unfinished Business – None

NEW BUSINESS: – Evan Springer

- A. JDRF One Walk – October 2nd – with new location at Victory Field. 9am check in – 10:15am start.
- B. IMC 2017 Officer Nominations due at October meeting
- C. Club Member Profile:
 - 1. October – Tom Kelly – article on a race
 - 2. November – Kelly Farm Cookout – Need Volunteer
 - 3. December – Christmas Party – Need Volunteer

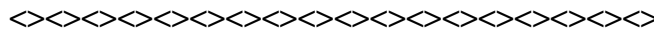
OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ideas for Club Activities – Evan Springer – N/A
- B. Show & Tell – Tom Kelly brought some Memorabilia
- C. Additional New Business – Members input – Evan Springer

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays:

- Chuck Cochran, 11-4
- Rick Kelly, 11-4
- Jim Kelly, 11-7
- Susan Eilert, 11-8
- Russ Flagle, 11-16
- Rick Ordo, 11-23
- Greg McDermott, 11-25
- Jan Peel, 11-27

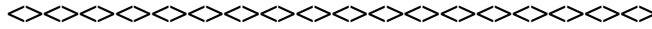


November Anniversaries:

Gerry and Cindy Bush, 11-12

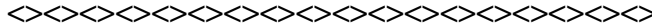
Terry and Brenda Hill, 11-12

Congratulations to all!

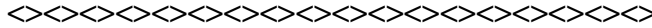


Additional IMC Event comments by Dave Opel

A cookout was held Saturday, October 8th at Westgate CJDR due to earlier cancellation due to inclement weather. Bob Davidson headed the cookout and a good time was had by those present.



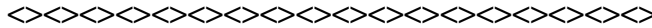
Editors note – my apologies to Tom Kelly if pictures were not in the correct order. Jan Peel



Tattler’s Corner



I, Jan Peel, announced at the September meeting that I will be receiving radiation and chemotherapy at the St Francis South Cancer Center. I ask for no pity or advice – but any spare prayers you might want to make would sure be appreciated. Thank you for my “Hug” card, I really appreciate it. And thanks to all of you, you are my extended family and I am grateful for all of you.



You all know that this is an important year for voting.

Regardless of your politics – please remember to VOTE!!!

If you don’t vote – don’t grumble for the next 4 years about the US President and all the elective officers.

Personally, I will probably grumble no matter who wins.

I, Jan Peel, will have 4 generations voting this year – myself, my oldest daughter, my oldest granddaughter, and my oldest great grandson who will turn 18 on November 6th so will be eligible to vote.

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 Nominations for 2017 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Nov	17	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Election night for 2017 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Dec	10	Sat	5pm	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom