



# Indy Mopar Club News

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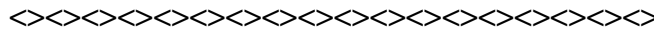
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 26, 2017** 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

### Mining for Treasure in Colorado

This past October 2016, Teresa and I, along with Ron & Dru Kriech, headed to Colorado to deliver my brother Jim's '63 Plymouth Max Wedge and his Viper GTS Coupe. Jim had a delay filled wait for the construction of his new pole barn before he had a place to store his cars. Later in the week after unloading and putting his babies into the new garage, Jim, Ron and I decided to tour the Pueblo Colorado area he now calls home. We found the local drag strip which is only about a mile or so from his new house. On the way back he mentioned he had seen a junk yard in the area that had some old Plymouths setting toward the front. He didn't have to ask us twice if we wanted to go mining for old Mopar Gold!



As we approached, the trio in front that caught our attention included a 48 Plymouth Coupe and a pair of 53 or 54 Plymouths.

There were no signs up indicating it was a commercial enterprise. It appeared to be a homeplace with a number of detached outbuildings surrounded by dozens of old cars, trucks and tractors in varied states of damage or dismemberment scattered over a few acres.

We chatted with a couple of fellows under the hood of one of the cars who directed us to the owner who resided in the house. After intros, the kindly older gentlemen said sure things might be for sale and to feel free to walk the site. If interested in anything, he said to just let him know.

Now this was not your typical graveled walkway, Pick-a-Part that we see locally here today. This was an accumulation of old cars and trucks that were dragged in or parked over the last 'who knows how long' with just a smidge of organization. The next hour or so was spent snooping, excitedly walking back & forth, sticking



heads into cars and under hoods, climbing over rubble, debris, weeds & thistles and then making our way to the next group of interest.

Most of the assorted vehicles were banged up or missing parts. Along with the 53-54 Plymouths, there were an abundance of early to mid-fifties Dodge pick-up trucks all in a row.



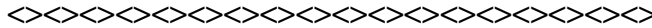
Tom  
in  
Pueblo  
CO

We later crossed paths with a pale blue mid-60 Dodge D100 pickup, a '61 Plymouth, a Duster as well as numerous other vehicles of different marques. The owner was also fond of Massey-Harris tractors as we saw a number of them in various states.

Though I loved every one of them, dragging something new home was not an option if I wish to remain married. We went back up to the house to thank the gentleman for allowing us to wander his property and look at his treasures. He was very chatty, told us he was 89 years young and introduced us to his daughter and beamed about his grandchildren. He acknowledged being a car lover in general and a Mopar guy in particular. We told him Jim had just moved to the area and promised to bring the Plymouth by sometime to show him. He told us he got out of the Army as a young man and decided to make a trek to see the country with a goal of finally settling down in Alaska. Said he stopped in Pueblo, met a beautiful young lady in a short skirt, married her and never left!

As we said goodbye and left Jim, he got a new assignment. He is to be on the lookout for more of these forgotten little havens where the price of scrap has not enticed the old car lovers to have these wonderful treasures crushed!

Submitted by Tom Kelly, Jan 2017



From your Indy Mopar Club President:



I am still recovering from a great Christmas Party!

I wish all of you MOPAR enthusiasts a most Happy & Prosperous New Year in 2017!

It is said that the “Third Time Around” is a Charm? By unanimous vote ( ☺ ) I serve you as your Club President for the third year (Hey....try and control your enthusiasm). Myself along with your other IMC board members, VP Ronda, Secretary Dave, Treasurer Steve and Communications Dir. Randy, will strive to follow up on a great 2016 with an even better year 2017. So have a seat, buckle up buckaroo and let’s all enjoy the ride.

Our new year starts now. We need to begin preparations for our involvement in the Chrysler Performance Trade Show and Swap Meet presented by Indy Cylinder Head. The dates for the Swap meet this year is Friday, March 3rd – 5th. Friday is the set up day for the weekend’s show. This is a big event for us as we help the Indy Cylinder Head folks and they in turn provide us with booth space aiding us in marketing our Indy Mopar Club.

We will have 4 spaces for car displays along with our usual booth space for the Indy Mopar Club. We will need people to work the show at our booth to meet and greet folks, explain the Indy Mopar Club to those who would might like to be part of our club, and/or just present the Indy Mopar Club to all the Mopar Fanatics that attend the show. The Show is a two day affair so the more people we have to help out, the more the merrier and less demand of your time. Besides, it’s really a great time of comradery, a time to get to know your fellow club members.

By the way, anyone interested in showing their car as part of the club’s display should notify me or Ronda. We also can use a few people to work door security for the Indy Cylinder people during the show. We will be signing up volunteers for all positions at the next two IMC meetings.

I’m honored to serve as your President once again along with your Board; Vice President Ronda Cherry, Secretary Dave Opel, Treasurer Steve Wisdom and Communications Dir. Dr. Randy Smith. We all petition for your input and help for we cannot do it alone. As a group we can all accomplish so much more!

Evan L. Springer

January, 2017

PS Don’t miss the World of Wheels Car Show, February 10th – 12th at the Indy Fair Grounds. It’s a great show!

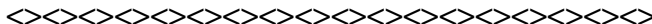


## INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2016

According to President Evan Springer the actual meeting lasted about 2 minutes. Therefore there will be no minutes.

### A. Club Member Profile

- a. January – Tom Kelly
- b. February – Dave Opel
- c. March – Need Volunteer
- d. April – Mopar Swap Meet / Indy Fairgrounds – Need Volunteer



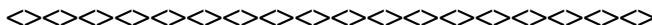
### Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### February Birthdays:

Thelma Fields, 2-4  
Cindy Sanders, 2-8  
Randy Smith, 2-11  
John Miller, 2-16  
Dan Kelly, 2-21  
Lynn Miller, 2-21  
Robert Quack, 2-22  
Tom Kelly, 2-28

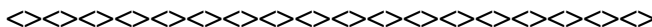
#### February Anniversaries:

Jack and Sheilla Collins, 2-2  
Steve and Cheryl Wisdom, 2-7  
Michael and Patricia Patterson, 2-18  
Congratulations to all!



### Tattler's Corner

A wise person once said "To have a happy marriage there has to be give and take on both sides – 110% on each side." As I have observed our members over the years we have more couples than I can count that tend to do that very thing.



### Have a Happy Valentine's Day



## 2017 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

Jan	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Feb	10-12	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	
	23	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	25	Fri		Ohio Motor Sports Expo/Winter Swap Meet	Ohio State Fairgrounds	
Mar	3	Fri	TBD	Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trade Show		Evan Springer
	4-5	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Evan Springer
	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Apr	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
May	6	Sat		Cinco de Mopar	Lafayette, IN	
	16-20	Tue-Sat		Mecum Auto Auction	IN State Fairgrounds	
	19-21	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic	National Trail Raceway	
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jun	14-17	Wed-Sat		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet – Lincoln Nebraska – For info contact Jan Peel		
Jun	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jul	TBD	Sat	TBD	Fletcher CDJR/IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Aug	11-13	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH	Tom Kelly
	24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	tbd	Sun	12p-4p	FCA Kokomo Transmission Plant 2017 Cruz-IN	Kokomo, IN	Dave Watt
Sep	1	Fri		DSR Open House Invitation	Brownsburg	
	TBD	Sat	12-3:30	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	
	15-16	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Tom Kelly
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Oct	TBD	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – VICTORY FIELD	Indianapolis IN	
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
				Nominations for 2018 Officers		
Nov	16 or 30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
				Election night for 2018 Officers		
Dec	TBD	Sat	5pm	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse	Steve Wisdom
					1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	
<b>TBD: To Be Determined (dates not yet finalized)</b>						