



# Indy Mopar Club News

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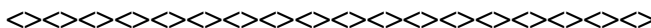
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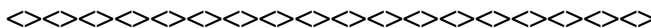
Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, March 30, 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).



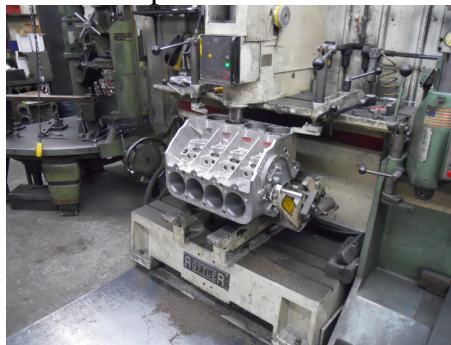
## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members **Chester & Kaye Branham**, New Palestine, 1971 Dodge Dart Swinger; **Ray & Bonita Brewer**, Manilla, 1967 Coronet, and 1968 Plymouth GTX; **Kenneth Malott**, Martinsville, 1965 Cuda, 1966 Dodge Coronet, and 1965 Dodge Coronet; **Terry & Catina Snyder**, Indianapolis, 1970 Dodge Dart GT; **Bob & Kim Vorpe**, Brownsburg, 1971 Dodge Dart Swinger, 1966 Dodge Coronet 500, and 2012 Dodge Challenger SRT 8; and **Ed & Pam Wagler**, Morgantown, 1970 Plymouth Cuda.



## 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury – Eighth year of upgrading

I am now into my eighth year of upgrading my 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury. Suspension, interior upgrades have been completed. I am now currently into upgrading my engine which is a 1969 manufacture date along with a matching 727 transmission which was rebuilt with B&M parts by an employee at a Chrysler Transmission plant in Kokomo Indiana.



The 440 engine has a +.030 overbore into which will be receiving Keith Black pistons along with a Mopar purple shaft cam and new lifters and pushrods. A high volume oil pump along with a windage tray will be installed in the bottom end. The crankshaft journals have been polished and will receive Clevite rod and main bearings along with ARP fasteners. The cylinder heads are 452 castings from Indy Cylinder Head with stainless steel valves and new valve springs – retainers and keepers. They also have bronze valve guides and 3

angle valve seats. The short block is being assembled by Steve Schmidt Automotive on east 30<sup>th</sup> street in Indianapolis. The reciprocating components will be balanced to 1 gram.

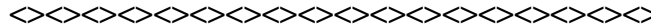
With my numerous visits to his shop I have witnessed boring, honing, sizing of many components. His racing engines are works of art fetching prices up to \$150,000. Steve campaigned a pro stock Camaro in the late 1980's and early 2000's.

Bob Thomas (an early super stock racer and current IMC member) has offered his garage and services to install this engine and transmission when all my parts are gathered. He says it will be a piece of cake (my words not his).

I am looking forward to the day when all the mechanicals are completed and I can proceed to the next step which is some minor bodywork and finishing with some paint. I only wish I had deep pockets like Evan and could take this car into a one stop shop and to have them let me know what the final bill will be so I could write them a check.

I want to thank all in the club for your suggestions and assistance. This truly is a club of Mopar (or No Car) brothers and sisters.

Author~~~~~Dave Opel



**From your Indy Mopar Club President:**



Another Indy Cylinder Head Chrysler Performance Trade Show and Swap Meet has come and gone. From my standpoint it was the best show yet! The attendance Saturday was almost over whelming. The Indy Cylinder Head people said that it was their biggest show to date with 15 more vender booths than ever before.

Thanks to all who were available to help with set up and to those who performed security detail on Friday. Three of the Club member's cars that were on display showed really well. Almost all that passed by the display wanted a ride in Mel's Hell Cat. The Club's setting was very attractive and all presented the quality of our Club. Thanks to Bob Thomas and Mel Crane for their efforts to prepare and show their cars. We had one other car that could not make it at the very last minute, bummer. I was somewhat concerned about showing my car but when all was said and done I was really glad, and as Tony Fields has said, "really proud that I did it" and would do it again. Of course having really great weather this year made all a lot easier.

Many show goers and Mopar Fanatics stopped by our booths for information as well as just good old Mopar conversation. Some renewed their memberships while others joined the IMC. We shared life stories, car tails and experiences, past acquaintances, engine rebuilding, reminiscing and a whole slew of topics. A great time was had by attendees and IMC members (as well as a great selection of donuts and pastries).

A few of the IMC members ventured over to the Indy Cylinder Head display and presented a plaque to the Indy Cylinder Head owners denoting IMC's appreciation of their support of the Indy Mopar Club. Thanks Ronda for taking the lead for IMC on this project! Nice job everybody!

Steve Wisdom has met with the Car Arts Owner and has set up a date and time for the IMC to tour the Car Arts facility and operation. This event will take place Thursday, April 13, 6:30 pm at the Car Arts facility, 4<sup>th</sup> and Main in Beech Grove. We will discuss this further at our next meeting, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Steve for making this arrangement and thanks to Dr. Randy for posting a blurb out to all regarding this event.

It doesn't seem like that our next big endeavor is very soon but the Fletcher Cruise-In Car Show is just around the corner now. It is never too late to make arrangements acquiring items for door prizes and raffles. Other big thanks to Rick Ordo, Dick Crawmer and Bill Edgerton who have once again accepted the task of taking the lead in planning and managing the IMC/Fletcher Cruise-In Car Show in July.

Once again, my hat is off to everyone in this great Indy Mopar Club. It is all of you that make this an exceptional Club! I hope everyone can make the next IMC meeting March 30th. Be safe! "Mopar or No Car".  
Evan Springer

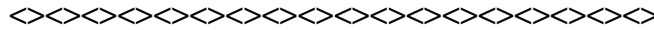
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Ps Thanks to the Z-man for covering my tailgate.

From Randy Smith: Evan asked me to pass along that the Exec. Comm. has gotten in touch with the owner of Business Art DeSIGNS - the people who do the [Car Art Signs](#) and inquired about a facility tour.

The owner said he'd love to have us back, as long as some of us brought our cars (weather permitting, of course). We've scheduled a tour for April 13th at 6:30 PM. Their facility is in Beech Grove at 402 Main Street (4th and Main). Please mark your calendars. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Randy Smith

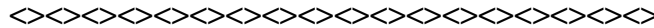


### **THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Our condolences go out to Chad Wisdom (Steve & Cheryl's son) and family. His father-in-law passed away on March 9<sup>th</sup> due to heart problems.

Tony Fields is having more ups and downs with heart issues. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers

Jan Peel is now slowly healing from a fracture on her spine they discovered while she was in the hospital. It looks like another 6-8 weeks to heal. 'Trouble' Peel vows she will be back on her feet soon!



### **INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

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

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign-in was conducted by Ronda Cherry. A good turnout of 20 attended: Chester Branham, Ronda Cherry, Stephen Claycomb, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, John Hynds, John & Lynn Miller, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Bob Rosenberger, Stan Sanders, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, Steve Wisdom and Chuck & Linda Butler.

**The group welcomed new members Chuck and Linda Butler to the meeting.**

Evan asked all to introduce themselves and then thanked everyone for coming.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Dave Opel

- A. Minutes from the January meeting reviewed and approved as presented with no corrections.

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

- A. December 31, 2016 Balance \$1,369.57. January 2017 Income \$330.00; January 2017 Expenses \$439.33. January 26, 2017 Balance \$1,260.24.
- B. February Income \$350.00; February Expenses \$37.99. February 23, 2017 Balance \$1,572.25.
- C. Flower Fund \$329.78.
- D. 56 Members

#### **COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR REPORT:** Randy Smith

- A. Continue looking for copies of Newsletters / Club minutes for period 2002 – 2007
- B. No report given s Randy had commitments with school activities.

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

- A. Member's names and respective dates were read. Congratulations to all.
- B. Jan Peel better after being diagnosed with pneumonia. Currently convalescing at home.
- C. Tony Fields still dealing with heart issues. Keep them both in our thoughts and prayers.

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

- A. Tom Kelly presented an article from the World of Wheels. Thanks so much.
- B. Indy Cylinder Head March 4-5 (Set-up Fri Mar 3)

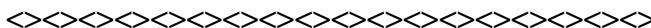


## UNFINISHED BUSINESS: – Evan Springer:

- A. 2017 Membership Applications Flyer/Application available for distribution. Also new business (IMC) cards available. They are really nice. Thanks Guys!! – Randy Smith
- B. Social Media - Website upgrading work in progress – Lynn Miller
- C. Sponsor Plaques were purchased for Westgate CJDE, Car Art Signs, Indy Cylinder Heads. Evan has presented plaque to Fletcher CJDR. Evan will contact Steve Wisdom regarding Westgate plaque since Bob Davidson is retiring on Feb 3.
- D. Reviewed Indy Cylinder Head Show. Assistance requested and a Sign-in Sheet routed. Lynn Miller has club display and will need assistance on Friday for set up. Ronda is Club coordinator for this event. Total four vehicles required for IMC display.
- E. Other unfinished business – none reported – Evan Springer

## NEW BUSINESS: – Evan Springer

- A. Tom Kelly presented enlarged copy of IMC Business cards that were ordered. Card contains Website, Facebook and email contacts with blank line for members to fill in when handed out. 500ea ordered.
- B. Club Member Profile-Newsletter Article
  - a. March – Dave Opel
  - b. April – Steve Claycomb
  - c. May – TBD – Need Volunteer
- C. Show & Tell – Need Volunteer
- D. Suggested Addition to Newsletter- “What Projects members are currently working on” (T. Kelly will compile. Provide info to email [tomvkelly@aol.com](mailto:tomvkelly@aol.com) or call mobile 317-439-1727.
- E. Additional New Business – Members input requested.
- F. Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Crawmer and seconded by Bob Rosenberger; the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.



### April Birthdays:

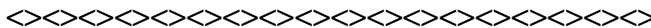


Terry Snyder, 4-3  
Diane Gillock, 4-4  
Mel Crane, 4-7  
Ron Kriech, 4-8  
Ginger Zimmerman, 4-14  
Rick Zimmerman, 4-19  
Evan Springer, 4-23

### April Anniversaries:

Jeff and Sherri Andis, 4-29

**Congratulations to all!**



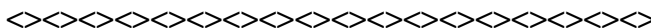
### Tattler's Corner



Good to see Bob and Kim Vorpe back as Indy Mopar Club members.

Please let Tom Kelly ([tomvkelly@aol.com](mailto:tomvkelly@aol.com)) and/or Jan Peel ([jpeel83719@aol.com](mailto:jpeel83719@aol.com)) know if anything interesting should be noted in the next newsletter!

Jan Peel's sincere thanks to Tom Kelly for stepping in and issuing the newsletters during her illness. Of course, that is how it should be. Since it was Tom that twisted Jan's arm to start publishing the newsletter back in 2005. Turnabout is fair play!!!



From Rick Zimmerman: For Sale 17x9 Motor Metal Chrome Rims \$750 for set (5) like new  
Rick Zimmerman 317-374-6718

## 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	13	Thur	6:30pm	Car Art Signs Tour – 402 Main St	Beech Grove	
Apr	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
May	6	Sat		Cinco de Mopar	Lafayette, IN	
	16-21	Tue-Sun		Mecum Auto Auction – 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	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	8	Sat	<b>TBD</b>	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 Transm. Plant 2017 Cruz-In	Kokomo, IN	Dave Watt
Sep	1	Fri		DSR Open House Invitation	Brownsburg	
	9	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
Sept	30	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – VICTORY FIELD	Indianapolis IN	
Oct	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2018 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Nov	<b>16 or 30</b>	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Election night for 2018 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Dec	16	Sat	5pm	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom
<b>TBD: To Be Determined (dates or time not yet finalized)</b>						