



Indy Mopar Club News

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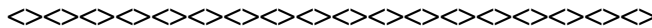
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, August 31, 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.



Memory from Ten Years ago this month – Partial August 2007 newsletter



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Jan Peel and Dave Watt, editors

Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except December due to the holidays.

Thursday August 30 and Thursday September 27 will be the next regular meetings at Ryans Family Steakhouse on US 31 South in Greenwood, 7pm.

Trivia question: What two special "Package Cars" were built in 1968 but not street legal? Answer on page 2.

September 22, 2007, 9-3pm, The Indy Mopar Club will host an all Mopar car show at Danville Chrysler Dodge Jeep located at 20 S. County Road 300 E. #362 in Danville Indiana, (317)-745-5809. Top 20 awards, The Finer Detail Award, Presidents Choice Award, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, DJ, food and more. Rain date: Sept. 29

Our 1970 340 Dodge Dart Swinger by Steve Shutter's

My wife Judy and I first met Steve Wisdom, Rick and Ginger Zimmerman at the Fair Oaks Mall in Columbus last year. They told us about the Indy Mopar Club, we joined right then. Because of our work schedules we weren't able to go to any of the shows last year, but that has changed for this year. I have always been a Mopar guy with my first car being a 1963 Plymouth Fury with a 318. My dad bought it new and bought it from him. My first modifications were Cragar S/S wheels with Penny's Scat Trac tires, remember those!?!

My next Mopar was a 1967 GTX which I drove to school and raced on the weekends.

We purchased our 1970 340 Dodge Dart Swinger from the original owner in Miami Florida, it arrived two days before Christmas 1999. In 2000, we drove it to the Mopar Nationals and entered it in the A-body judged class so we could find out what we needed to do to make it better. While there, American Muscle Car was filming a series on the A-body's and our car was filmed twice for the show. It was also published in the Year One catalog for A-body's. It is numbers matching 340, 727 Auto, 3.23 Sure Grip and has 21 options including factory air with a final price of over \$4,000. We also have several other Mopars which we will share with the club in the future. I have to go for now, I'm trying to get the engine in the '63 to drive before winter.



Read about Steve and Judy Shutter's 1970 Dodge Dart Swinger 340 above.



Photos from the 2007 Dodge Racers on the Circle event. Thank you to all 14 participants for bringing out your Dodge muscle.

Trivia answer: The 1968 Dodge Dart and Plymouth Barracuda Super Stock Hemi cars were built as a special "Package Car". They are still the Kings of NHRA Super Stock competition and in a class all by themselves. They are running in the mid to high 8 second quarter mile times at nearly 150 MPH. Did you get it right?

Welcome to New Members: **Preston & Rose Droddy**, Indianapolis, with a '70 Dodge Challenger T/A. We hope to see them again soon.



Now that the Dodge Racers on the Circle is in the history books, thank you to everyone who brought out their Dodges to show the great history of the Dodge product line. I will soon be adding a photo page to the website.

A new "Other Events" page has been added for events the club is not associated with. Click on the link to check it out. <http://www.indymoparclub.com/otherevents.html>

Flyers and information may be submitted to indymoparclub@indymoparclub.com in .jpeg format for the flyers is requested due to its smaller file size.

Dave Watt - Communications Director for the Indy Mopar Club www.indymoparclub.com

From our President John Bauer: We did not have any kind of a meeting as the live band was so **LOUD** you had to yell at the person you were talking to or they couldn't hear you. Very, very loud but it was a good event.

These are the folks that attended the Dodge On The Circle:

Dan Kelly

Tom Kelly

Dave & Nancy Watt & children

Mike Leyes

Ed & Mary Leyes

Preston Droddy

Dennis & Ronda Cherry

Bob & Julia Schonegg

Bob Thomas

Jim Parker

Chris Usher

Bill & Constance Bratton

Rick & Susan Eilert

Jason Cummings

Rick & Ginger Zimmerman

Ken & Sharon Scobel

Steve & Judy Shutters

Dave & Terry Fishburn

Bud & Debbie Mounce

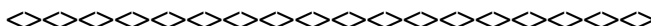
Darren Turpen

Stan Sanders

Steve Wisdom

Me & "Honey"

We hope to have a good attendance at the August meeting as we prepare for the September all Mopar car show at Danville Chrysler Dodge Jeep located at 20 S. County Road 300 E. #362 in Danville Indiana.



Tattler's Corner

Do you remember an old song “You Picked a Fine Time to Leave Me Lucille”? Do a little modification to that and make it “You Picked a Fine Time to Leave Me Loose Wheel”. A certain husband told his honey that if he hadn't fixed it she would have been singing the second version. And all she could do was laugh until she cried. No names mentioned here.



Back to our August 2017 Indy Mopar Club Newsletter

From your Indy Mopar Club President:



I believe all of us remember the 2016 Westgate Cruise-In was rained out last year. Several months later Bob Davidson, the person that for years headed up the Westgate Cruise-Ins, put on a cookout in the service bays of the dealership. We all had a great time, good fellowship with employees, club members and even some past participants of the Westgate Cruise-Ins. Westgate's owner concluded the evening by making a sizable donation to the Indy Mopar Club to be given to our charity, JDRF.

The past Westgate Cruise-Ins were always popular and favored by many participants. But last year we saw the retirement of Bob Davidson and the people that were chosen to continue the Westgate Cruise-In tradition this year fell by the wayside. The present management could not find any one to organize and lead the 2017 cruise-in. It looked as if the popular Westgate event was doomed.

After meeting with management it was determined that Westgate still desired to have the event but lacked the manpower to do so. After discussion it was decided that with some in-house marketing and financial assistance from Westgate, the Indy Mopar Club would continue the tradition of the Annual Westgate Cruise-In. It was also decided that the 7th annual Westgate Cruise-In would be on its customary 2nd weekend of September, this September 9th, 2017.

I believe that we all are in agreement that we want to see this tradition continue and it is also a great opportunity for us to spread our wings on the west side of Indy. This is an eleventh hour decision to put on this event and it will take all of the Indy Mopar Club to pull it off and keep it the quality show that it was in the past. The response that I have received from members so far is very positive and I know that we are looking forward to this challenge.

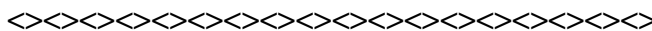
Besides all this hoopla, without this Annual Cruise-in on the west side, we might never have gotten the chance to enjoy another post-event “KELLY COOK-OUT”. All are invited to Tom and Teresa Kelly's “haunted woods” for a fabulous pitch-in meal by the bonfire! More on this soon....

Another fun event coming up this September 1st is the Don Schumacher Racing Open House. We have 13 cars presently signed up to show our Indy Mopar Club presence. Hopefully we will meet early (7:30ish) for breakfast at Flap Jacks in Brownsburg and then parade in to the facilities as one club. DSR has a deep relationship with Mopar and they have invited us to be present. They have also asked that we be given a visible position in the show. In the past we have been the only Mopar Club there. We will tour their machine and fabrication shops and their show rooms. They have a large silent auction. You'll see a vintage nitro cackle-fest, driver signings, many displays, big car show and much, much more. It is a great time. Come sign up with us. We can use as many members and their rides as possible and show our Mopar enthusiasm to all. There is an entry fee which goes to Riley's Kids. It is all worth it!

I say again thanks to all of you for your help and participation! This is a great Club and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, Thursday, August 31st at 7:00pm!

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

Evan Springer, August, 2017



The following is testament of our appreciation of the support to the Indy Mopar Club and our efforts to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We need to never forget our friends and all they do for

us each year. Without their backing we would not have been able to do what we have done. Many thanks to all of them.



Above left photo – Back Row Steve Claycomb and Steve Wisdom. Bottom Row Bob Thomas, Russ Flagle, Ronda Cherry, Fred Flagle, and Dick Crawmer while presenting the Indy Cylinder Head Plaque.

Above right photo – Steve Wisdom, Bart Heldman and Evan Springer while presenting the Car Arts Sign Plaque.

Photo to the left – Rick Ordo, J.R. Fletcher, and Evan Springer while presenting the Fletcher Chrysler Plaque.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, JULY 27, 2017

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Prior to the meeting a get-well card was passed around for signatures for club member, Tony Fields.

Meeting minutes were taken by Cheryl Wisdom in the absence of Dave Opal, Club Secretary, who had a prior commitment at a church function.

At 7 pm the meeting was opened by Evan Springer, Club President. Evan started out by having club members introduce their guests. Bill Edgerton brought his 2 granddaughters who were visiting from Virginia Beach, VA. Tom and Theresa Kelly brought their grandson, Jayden. Friends of the club, Steve and Brenda Grantham, visited the meeting to put forth a proposal from the Forever MOPAR Club in Grand Rapids, MI. More on the proposal at the end of these minutes.

Club member introductions proceeded around the room. Evan had each member state their favorite color of car. Several colors were mentioned with B5 Blue (3), Plum Crazy Purple (2), Red (2), Lime Green (2), Black

(2), White (2), and Sandstone Gold, Turquoise, Medium Metallic Green, Petty Blue, Sea Foam Green, and Green, each garnering 1 vote each.

The meeting was attended by Chet Branham, Chuck & Linda Butler, Ronda Cherry, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton and granddaughters Hannah Bailey & Elizibeth Bailey, Tom & Teresa Kelly and grandson Jadin Dickerson, Ron & Dru Kriech, Ken Malott, Lynn Miller, Scott Oller, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Randall & Ann Smith, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, Steve & Cheryl Wisdom, and guests Steve & Brenda Grantham.

Last month Evan requested that members submit a picture of their cars including the owner in the picture. Steve Wisdom and Jan Peel each submitted pictures.

June 2017 minutes were approved.

Discussion of how much to sell the left-over T-Shirts from the Fletcher Cruise-In show in July. It was decided to sell those shirts for \$10 each with the proceeds going to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

The Treasurer's report was read by Steve Wisdom, club treasurer. He reported the July cruise-in at Fletcher in Franklin raised a total of \$2,759.85 which will be donated to JDRF. The club will wait before writing the check to the JDRF in hopes of selling more of the left-over T-Shirts which will increase the amount going to JDRF. Steve will send a "Thank You" card to Miller Hudson, "Kid Representative" from the JDRF, and his mother, Tina Hudson, for attending the Fletcher show to put a face to the charity.

Randy Smith, Communications Director for the club, reported that letters went out to former club members trying to get them to re-join the club. This enabled him to update the club member roster. If you are not getting email communications from the club check with Randy to make sure your contact info is correct. Randy continues to facilitate the updating of the club website. He asked all members for any ideas they may have. Randy discussed the Facebook presence of another club who have named themselves very similar to our club name. They do not embody the character of our club and we need to figure out how to distance ourselves from them. This is an ongoing concern. Our online presence should and does convey that we are a family oriented and G-Rated club.

Rhonda Cherry read member birthdays, anniversaries, and news. Rhonda also listed area events coming up which club members may want to attend. One of these events is the Kokomo Transmission Plant annual cruise-in on August 27th.

Evan indicated he has been in discussions with Jeff Reynolds of Westgate regarding the September 9th cruise-in. Jeff said Westgate will not be doing the show this year. Jeff has asked if the club would want to put on the cruise-in. Discussion ensued. By show of hands interest was strong for putting on this cruise-in. Chuck Butler volunteered to go with Evan to Westgate to discuss this with Jeff Reynolds.

The Fletcher Cruise-In in July was discussed. Cruise-In was deemed successful. Fletcher was pleased with the turn-out. Rick Ordo received suggestions for next year's cruise-in.

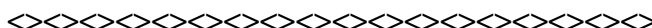
New Business: DSR Open House – Evan has 9 names to date of members who want to attend.

Volunteers were requested for the monthly newsletter profile/stories. Jan Peel will pull from the archives for the August newsletter. Chester Branham will submit a story for the September newsletter.

Friends of the club Steve and Brenda Grantham who are former members of the Forever MOPAR Club in Grand Rapids, Michigan made a proposal for our club to host the Forever MOPAR club members in September. Club interest was high to do this. Several ideas and events were mentioned as to what we could do to show them the City of Indianapolis and what we could as a club to make them welcome and get to know them. Evan asked for volunteers to work with Steve and Brenda Grantham on the details. Steve Wisdom and Rick Ordo volunteered for this project.

8:10 pm a motion was made by Dick Crawmer to adjourn and was seconded by Randy Smith.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cheryl Wisdom





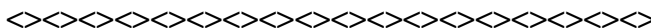
September Birthdays:

Cathleen Claycomb, 9-6
 Ronda Cherry, 9-7
 Kim Vorpe, 9-15
 Dru Kriech, 9-21
 Bob Rosenberger, 9-30

September Anniversaries:

Jim and Sue Kelly, 9-12

Congratulations to all!



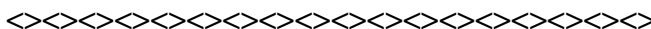
Tattler's Corner



Did you notice that our Secretary for July was a much prettier one than our actual and/or fill in male secretaries?? August has been a weird month – rainy then hot and rainy – then cool. Most people have had both their air conditioner and/or furnace on at one point or another. The old saying for Indiana is proving true to form – If you don't like the weather just stick around an hour or two and it will change.

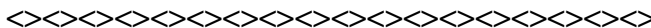
Editor's note: My personal thanks to Cheryl Wisdom for stepping up this month to take the minutes.

Please let Tom Kelly (tomvkelly@aol.com) and/or Jan Peel (Jpeel83719@aol.com) know if anything interesting should be noted in the next newsletter!



FOR SALE

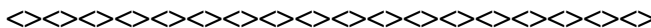
From Rick Zimmerman: For Sale 17x9 Motor Metal Chrome Rims \$750 for set (5) like new
 Rick Zimmerman 317-374-6718



CORRECTION ON THE 2017 INDY MOPAR CLUB ROSTER

None this month

Please provide any further corrections to Jan Peel at Jpeel83719@aol.com or call her at 317-357-5760 or give her the correction at the IMC Meeting.



The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883. Be thankful we have so many that serve on that day. And be thankful for and say your prayers for all the service men/women who “labor” every day of the year.



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 th 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	24-July 2			The Great Race – Will be in Franklin IN June 27		
Jun	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jul	8	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 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	30	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

TBD: To Be Determined (dates or time not yet finalized)