



Indy Mopar Club News

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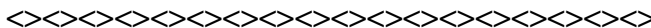
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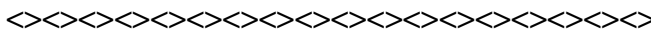
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 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.



Welcome to new member **Curt Carzares**, Indianapolis, with a 2014 Dodge Challenger. We hope to see him soon.



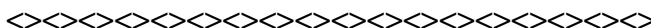
It is with a heavy heart that I pass along notification of the passing of Tony Fields. Tony was more than just a member of the IMC Club, he was a good friend to many of us. We will certainly miss him. The Club sends its condolences to Thelma Fields and the Fields family. Thelma tells us that, consistent with Tony's wishes, there will be no funeral. However, there may be a future celebration of life gathering. The following is his obituary:

Anthony G. Fields, 70, of Columbus, died Saturday, September 30, 2017 at his home. Mr. Fields retired from Rockwell Automation in August of 2006 after 41 years of employment.

He was a member of the Shelby Dodge Auto Club, Indy Mopar Club, For A Bodies Only, and a founding member of the Columbus Corvette Club. Tony also loved snow-skiing, golf, playing the banjo and guitar, and car shows. He also loved to travel and was an amateur astronomer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Loreva (Banks) Fields. Survivors include his loving wife of 50 years, Thelma Fields; daughter, Tonya (Chris) Manley of Columbus; granddaughter, Samantha Rose Ansara of Columbus; brother, Larry Fields of Columbus, and sister, Teresa (Charles) Sturgill of Whitesburg, Kentucky. Also surviving are three nephews and one niece.

Private services are planned for a later date. Memorials in his name are suggested to K9's for Warriors, 114 Camp K9 Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32081 or k9sforwarriors.org. The family will accept online condolences at www.Myers-Reed.com. Myers-Reed Chapel is serving the Fields family.



Mopar Nationals 2017- Member Profile

National Trails Raceway, in Hebron Ohio (just east of Columbus) once again hosted the 37th Annual Mopar Nationals on Friday August 11 thru Sunday August 13. A number of IMC members attended and had awnings set up to welcome friends and escape the sun during the event. The weather was some of the best in recent years without downpours or blazing sun.

The Kelly-Zimmerman-Wisdom group set up in our usual place on the east side of the track mid-field so close to the car corral, swap meet, midway and track. The Sanders-Berkowitz-Bratton group was located near the staging line, Bob Vorpe and friends camped adjacent to the east side track gate and Mel Crane was set up in the campground next to the track as well. Dave Watt and Mike Leyes did not race this year so drove over without the 340 Duster and 69 Road Runner 6-BBL for the weekend. Kent Wallace, past IMC officer now living in Michigan and son Drew attended as usual. There may have been others there but in such a large venue we did not cross paths.



Rick and Ginger brought out their beautiful green '69 Road Runner after a winter of work on the new dash electricals, suspension rebuild and other work.

My brother Jim flew in from Colorado and then he and I drove over in my '79 Lil Red Express, leaving on Wednesday the 9th to get our usual camp spot. My Ram Dually had steering linkage issues that sidelined trailering my '68 Road Runner to consecutive Mopar Nats for the first time since I completed restoring it in 1987.



Brother Dan drove his 2002 Viper GTS up from Naples Florida, arriving Thursday nite after driving over 1000 miles that day. My brother Rick and cousin Pat came over on Saturday for the day. We take this show seriously! Steve and son Chad drove the B5 Blue Challenger commenting that although the Challenger had a huge trunk, it didn't match the capacity of his old yellow Road Runner!

As usual, we walked the swap meet like a giant Easter Egg Hunt. I collected a little assortment of treasures, including an AMD trunk pan, some reproduction Shaker parts and a space saver tire for my 70 440-6 Cuda project and some manifold heat shield pieces for my Lil Red. We found some 426 Street Wedge pieces for brother Rick's 64 Fury. The Car Corral was filled by the weekend with a little of everything from completed cars to 'diamonds in the rough'. A gorgeous little stock 65 Dart wagon was a steal at under \$7k. Rick Zimmerman was attracted to a cute little A100 Pick-up but the gent was asking a bit more than Rick thought it was worth to Ginger's great relief!

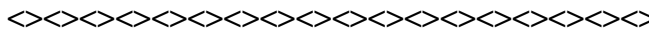
The local Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep dealership, Tri-County Chrysler had their annual parking lot car show with a live band on Saturday evening. The cooler evening temps make this a 'must attend' as well.

Someone brought in a very cool unrestored early 40s Dodge Cab Over Engine (COE) in its glory and patina! Very cool. This show combined with the Cruising in Heath give participants something to do in the evening after the track closes.



At the end of the weekend, we were ready to head home to families, friends and pets but we are also looking forward to next year. For 2018, the event is scheduled for August 10-12 and will feature a special tribute to the 50th anniversary of the 1968 Models, including a special display for the 50th Anniversary of the Road Runner. The display will include one example of every year of Road Runner for the model years it was produced. Mark your calendar, plan your vacation and see you there!

Submitted by Tom Kelly, Oct 2017



From your Indy Mopar Club President:



The last couple of months have been a whirlwind of activity for me and the Indy Mopar Club. It all started late August with our monthly meeting, then early September with the DSR open house, the Indy National Drags, then the Westgate Cruise-In, the famed Kelly cook- out, the NMCA National Street Finals, and ending up with the JDRF Run/Walk. Not counting the extra meetings, tee times, yard mowing, leaf raking, church and the ever important Dog Walks. Whew! There for a minute I thought I was retired.

The Indy Mopar Club was well represented at the JDRF Walk, October 1st at Victory Field. Donning our best Indy Mopar attire, I was joined with Randy "Doc" Smith, Steve and Cheryl Wisdom and their two grandchildren Willow and Nolan, and Ken Malott. We checked in at the registration tent and then looked over several of the displays.



Preparing ourselves for the “Walk” we approached the start area when I heard my name called out. As I turned around I was pleasantly surprised to see Steve and Cathleen Claycomb trying to make their way to us. Steve was not only in his IMC apparel but he was also sporting his cane and two knee braces wrapped around his two brand new knees! It was great to have them with us.

We started the walk bound determined to this year find the exit for the short walk and we did so, thank goodness. We all enjoyed snacks and barbecue sandwiches after the walk. It was a beautiful day and a lovely environment throughout the walk. Best of all was the comradery. All of us survived and really enjoyed the time together! Special thanks go out to Doc., Cheryl, Steve, Willow, Nolan, Ken, Steve and Cathleen for their sharing and their representation in the IMC behalf. Great job!

There is planning afoot for an IMC Cruise to West Baden and French Lick for a tour of the Hotel, a restaurant stop, and a possible sleep over if desired. The cruise is to take place October 15th. Steve Wisdom and Dave Sanders are finalizing the plans. This will all take place before the next meeting and possibly before you read about it in these Presidents comments. I hope that all will have been able to be involved in this club activity. I’m sure that there will be a recap of the trip at the next meeting.

The nominations for the 2017 IMC officers are to be announced at our next meeting, Thursday, October 26th at 7:00pm. At the following meeting in November, the election for the 2018 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!

Late last month we lost a great friend and a loyal member, Tony Fields. As a personal note I can’t help but think about Tony, Thelma and their family. I am so very thankful for the special one-on-one time I got to spend with Tony a few months ago. He was a very special person and I will miss him very much. My deepest condolences and heartfelt best wishes go out to Thelma and family. I just want them all to know that we all have them in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless Tony! I know that he is resting easier and in a better place now. There may be a Celebration of Life service at a later date.

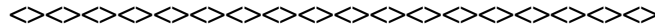


Thanks again to all of you for your help and participation! This is a great Club! I always look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings.

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

Evan Springer

October, 2017



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Evan Springer, Club President.

The meeting was attended by Chet Branham, Chuck & Linda Butler, Ronda Cherry, Steve Claycomb, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill Dawson, Bill Edgerton, Tom Kelly, Ron Kriech, Ken Malott, Lynn Miller, David Opel, Rick Ordo, Randall Smith, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, Ed Wagler, and Steve Wisdom.

Secretary's Report – Dave Opel

The August minutes were given with no changes or corrections and were approved as given.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom

August 31, 2017 Balance \$3,992.08; September income was \$1,937.00; September Expenses were \$4,581.41; September 28, 2018 Balance \$1,397.67. Flower Fund \$280.06

Club Membership is currently 67.

Communication Director – Randy Smith

Upgrades are currently being developed. Will be presented to membership for approval.

Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Ronda Cherry

Report was given with congratulations to all. Lynn Miller read the report due to Ronda's Laryngitis.

Event Calendar – Ronda Cherry – read by Lynn Miller due to Ronda's Laryngitis

Unfinished Business – Evan Springer

- A. DSR Open House Wrap-up – Evan Springer reported approximately 130 cars were present. Tom Kelly walked away with "Tony's Pick Award" presented by Tony Schumacher
- B. Westgate Cruise-In Wrap-up – Evan Springer reported another successful show presented, due to the excellent efforts of our show club team of Chuck Butler, Tom Kelly and Rick Ordo with assistance by many club members. Over 100 cars present.
- C. Kelly Cookout – Tom Kelly – A beautiful evening with plenty of food was enjoyed by all who made the trip. Looking forward to another cookout next year.
- D. Forever Mopar Club Visit recap – Steve Wisdom – 4 members with their cars came down from Michigan and exhibited them at the Westgate Cruise-In. Went to IMS to see the track but it was closed. They said they enjoyed the trip and meeting with us.
- E. Other unfinished Business - None

New Business – Evan Springer

- A. JDRF Run, Walk, September 30th at Victory Field – Steve Wisdom
- B. IMC 2018 Officer Nominations – Evan Springer
 - 1. Nominations are due at October meeting with nominations to be made for upcoming year.
- C. Indy Cylinder Head Invitation/ Tour
 - 1. Time and date to be decided.
- D. Club Newsletter Member Profile
 - 1. October – Tom Kelly
 - 2. November – Need volunteer
 - 3. December – Christmas Party
 - 4. January – Need volunteer

Other new business

A. Ideas for Club Activities

1. A cruise has been proposed for West Baden Hotel in French Lick for October 15th. Dave Sanders and Brian Berkowitz will be spearheading the trip.

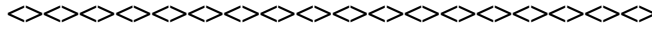
B. ***Date for November Meeting will be Thursday, November 30th.

C. ***Date for Christmas Party – Saturday, December 16th.

A motion was made by Dick Crawmer to adjourn and was seconded by Bob Thomas. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel



***Bruce Phillips birthday was missed in September's newsletter – October 13th



November Birthdays:

Chuck Cochran, 11-4

Rick Kelly, 11-4

Jim Kelly, 11-7

Susan Eilert, 11-8

Ed Wagler, 11-15

Rick Ordo, 11-23

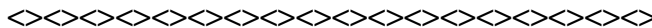
Jan Peel, 11-27

November Anniversaries:

Gerry and Cindy Bush, 11-12

Terry and Brenda Hill, 11-12

Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner

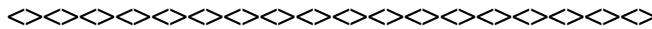


A certain person kept forgetting names when he was trying to talk to the club members. Hint – his initials are E.S. Any questions you may call Ronda Cherry.

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

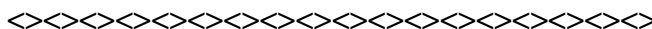


Tom Kelly and Ron Kriech drove to Tom's brother Dan's home in Florida to help with repairs. The hurricane stripped about 1/3 of his shingles and removed sections elsewhere so water damage on ceiling. Tore his hard cover off his pickup and tore all the screens out of his pool mosquito enclosure. Lost some trees but no injuries and he rode it out. He was without power & water for week & a half. He's in much better spirits with roof done. His homeowners insurance has yet to pay him anything. Tom and Ron are now back home in Indiana.

CORRECTION ON THE 2017 INDY MOPAR CLUB ROSTER

I will hopefully have the roster updated before the October 26th meeting. I will ask Randy to post it on our website.

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.



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)

Have a Happy Halloween

