



Indy Mopar Club News

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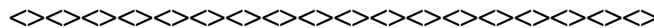
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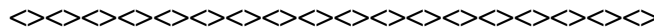
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2018, 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 members **Dart & Donna Liebrandt**, Columbus, IN, with 1967 Dodge Dart GT Convertible,



Member Profile – Dave Opel

I was fortunate to travel to Kissimmee, Florida, for Mecum Auctions Auto sale on January 11, 2018, held at Osceola Heritage Park. There were thousands of automobiles offered for sale during this period January 5-14, 2018.

I was primarily interested in Mopars offered for sale plus many of the factory lightweights that were featured. To see these automobiles up close and personal was quite a thrill. Also to meet Don “Big Daddy” Garlits and to shake his hand will be something I will never forget. I also purchased his 2013 publication titled “Don Garlits and His Cars”. To have him autograph it was an added bonus.

The weather was fantastic – in the 70’s and there were many automobiles present. Jerry Alderman had 2 Blue ovals presented for sale and driven by Bob Martin and tuned by Bill Ryder. I knew both these fellows as I worked for Alderman. A mustang driven by Gas Ronda, Dick Landy’s altered wheel base Dodge Coronet, Bob Lambeck’s Big Block 68 Dart.



I would have liked to have purchased one of the many Mopars offered for sale, but left my checkbook at home. This show is a precursor of the Mecum Auction to be held in May at the Indiana State Fairgrounds May 15-19.

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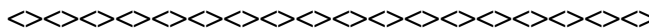
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I will be there to witness again the many fine automobiles offered for sale. If at all possible I would recommend you attend this auction.



With closing I will say: The big dollar car sold on Friday was a 2015 Ferrari La Ferrari which sold for 3.1 million dollars. A 2018 Bugatti reached 3.8 million bid but did not sale. Who would want a car with a 1749 horsepower engine, said to reach speeds in excess of 230 mph.

Oh well, life goes on. And remember: Mopar or No car
Author ~~~~~Dave Opel



Presidents Message

Happy February!

The love affair with the car has been around for decades. This love affair has shaped our culture – from policies, to movies, to music. Even events, like this month's World of Wheels that helps showcase our love affair with the car. We all remember our very first car like we remember our first real crush. For some, our cars have outlasted human relationships. Driving down the road with your favorite tunes is associated with freedom. One would think that our relationship with our car is in jeopardy because of self-driving technology.

A not-so-new technology – self-driving vehicles. They are being designed to help the roads be safer and reduce accidents from distracted driving. I have to admit, I have not been much of a fan of the technology but when I did a little bit of research on this I found that the concept is not so new. The idea has been around since the 1920s with experiments on cars running on circuits in the pavement during the 1950s. There are fully

autonomous cars that are being piloted (tested) but not yet a Mopar that I am aware of. However, there are some safety features that are included.

Dodge/Chrysler has incorporated some features to help keep the driver safe and to minimize the risk of accidents. One of these features is the Adaptive Cruise Control with Stop. Adaptive Cruise Control will automatically reduce the cruising speed when slower traffic is detected helping to maintain a safe distance between the from the front of the vehicle to the vehicle in front of you. Other features such as ParkSense, Blind Spot Monitoring, Automatic High Beams are also offered.

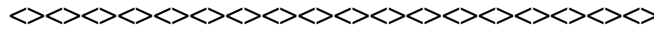
These features are what is listed on the 2018 Dodge models. I have included a website link below to the 2018 Challenger. <https://www.dodge.com/challenger/safety-security.html>

Remember – Indy Cylinder Head show is coming up and we still need volunteers to help with the IMC Booth and setup!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting!

Mopar Love,

Lynn & Molly



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY 25, 2018

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by our new President Lynn Miller.

The meeting was attended by Chuck & Linda Butler, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill Dawson, Lynn Miller, David Opel, Rick Ordo, Jeff Platzer, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, Steve Wisdom and new members Dart & Donna Liebrandt.

Members introduced themselves with Mopar presently owned.

Secretary's Report – Dave Opel

The minutes from previous December Christmas party were noted as no meeting was scheduled. As witnessed by photos a good time was had by all who attended. A motion was made by Dick Crawmer to accept the report and was seconded by Evan Springer.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom

November 30, 2017 Balance \$1,369.91; December income was \$530.00; December Expenses were \$228.98; December 28, 2017 Balance \$1,670.93. Flower Fund \$210.06.

December 28, 2017 Balance \$1,670.03; January Income \$230.00; January Expenses \$240.22; January 25, 2018 Balance \$1,660.71. Flower Fund \$210.06

31 Members currently paid. A motion was made by Chuck Butler to accept the report and was seconded by Bill Dawson.

Communication Director – Randy Smith

No report as Randy was unable to attend.

Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Bob Thomas

Bob read names of club members on their respective Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Event Calendar – Ronda Cherry – read by Bob Thomas due to Ronda's outpatient surgery today

- A. February 9-11 World of Wheels at Indiana State Fairgrounds.
- B. February 18 Chicagoland Mopar Connection Swap Meet
- C. February 22 – Indy Mopar Club Meeting

Old Business – Lynn Miller

- A. 2018 Membership Application upgrade – Randy Smith has finalized

- B. IMC Christmas Party – Lynn Miller noted that all in attendance had a most enjoyable time. Plenty of food – a great gift exchange – excellent fellowship enjoyed by all. Once again Ginger did a great job with the gifts.
- C. Mopar Muscle – Member Feature – Dave Opel reported the following Club members featured in the Mopar Muscle Publication of March 2018: **Dave Sanders**, 2016 Dodge Hellcat Challenger; **Dave Watt**, 1973 Duster 340; and **Mike Leyes**, 1969 Road Runner 440-6 pack. Thanks fellows for representing IMC Traditions.
- D. Confirmation of 2018 Show Dates – Evan Springer & Chuck Butler
 - 1. July 7, 2018 Fletcher CDJR Cruise In
 - 2. September 8, 2018 Westgate Chrysler Cruise In

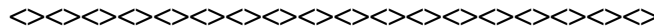
New Business – Lynn Miller

- A. March 3-4 – Indy Cylinder Head Mopar Performance Show – Indiana State Fairgrounds
 - 1. Sign up Sheets – Volunteers needed
 - 2. Set up – March 2
 - 3. IMC Club Display – 4 cars needed
- B. February 9-11 – World of Wheels – Indiana State Fairgrounds
- C. Club Newsletter Member Profile
 - 1. February – Dave Opel
 - 2. March – Volunteer needed
 - 3. April – Volunteer needed
- D. Other New Business
 - 1. Ideas for club activities and Show & Tell – Need Volunteers

A motion was made by Dick Crawmer to adjourn and was seconded by Bill Dawson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel



New Member Donna Liebrandt birthday February 12 was missed in the January newsletter



March Birthdays:

Miriam McBee, 3-2

Teresa Kelly, 3-2

Char Cochran, 3-7

Jerry Bayse, 3-13

Regina Brock, 3-19

Janet Oller, 3-24

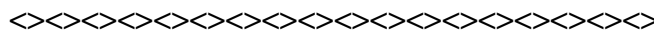
Sue Kelly, 3-29

March Anniversaries:

Dick and Dorinda Crawmer, 3-14

Congratulations to all!

If I have missed anyone it is because I do not have a new listing as yet from the dues renewals.

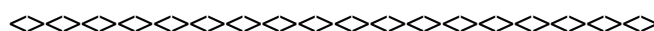


Tattler's Corner



A bit of 2018 news...Rick & Ginger Zimmerman are going to be a new Grandpa & Grandma this year!! Guess who will be carrying something with lots of pictures!!!

I wonder if Dave will leave his wallet at home at the Mecum Auction in May!!!



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Once again, the season of our dear Savior's birth is upon us. Char and I have just returned from another 93 million mile trip around the sun. We blocked out on time in typical Military Airlift Command forced fashion and blocked in to the second as in VIP flights with help from Approach Control and the Tower. We had a few maintenance write-ups but expect to repeat the trip in 2018. We had hoped to slow down in 2017, but it was not to be. Maybe in 2018. This year we campaigned the 1934 Chrysler Airflow coupe. At the Cincinnati Concours de Elegance, it won a Distinguished Award. The following week, it went to Independence, Missouri, to the Antique Automobile Club of America once per year Grand National Show which is only for previous Junior and Senior winners, in other words, the top tier of the four tier level, and it won. Shortly thereafter, we attended the Airflow Club's 53rd National Meet in Hudson, Wisconsin. There our Airflow made a clean sweep being awarded Best in Class, Best in Junior Division, Best in Show, and People's Choice. It was the seventh time we had won Best of Show in the Club over the years with five different Airflows. After the Meet, we journeyed northward to Cold Lake, Minnesota, to visit our good friends, Fred and Renee Mehr, where we had a most enjoyable time.

The remainder of the summer was spent in work mode as I prepared three antique autos to be auctioned at Auburn, Indiana, on Labor Day weekend as the collection was getting too unwieldy. I hated to see old friends depart, but something had to give due to space considerations. In October, it was our usual one week trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania, to the annual Mecca type gathering of all things antique auto related. It was our 44th year of attendance of the last 46.

We still have season tickets for all Indiana University basketball and football games and attend regularly although I have come to disperse the University itself for its overexpansion (43,000 students on campus) and its far left liberal policies. I do like Archie Miller as I have followed his career since Dayton. Our two Greyhounds, Spring and Ruby, both retired racers from Florida, occupy center stage in our lives. They are loving, thankful, and gracious at ages 11 and 10. Ruby was always loving, but Spring had been abused before we adopted her and would not come out of her pen. After three months, I was ready to return her to spend the rest of her life in a rescue facility, but after four years of love, she has become quite friendly and lovable. The experience has shown me the power of love.

Keep those cards and letters coming in.

Chuck and Char



2018 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST – TBV – to be verified TBD – to be determined

Jan	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
Feb	9-11	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly
	18	Sun	3pm	Chicagoland Mopar Connection Swap Meet	Illinois	Tom Kelly
	22	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
Mar	2	Fri	TBD	Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trade Show		Ronda Cherry
	3-4	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Lynn Miller
	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
Apr	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
May	5	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco de Mopar-American Cancer Society Car Show	Lafayette, IN	Tom Kelly
	15-20	Tue-Sun		Mecum Collector Car Auction	IN State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly
	18-20	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic Nat'l Trail Raceway	Columbus OH	Dave Watt
	31	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
Jun	20-24	Wed-Sun		Airflow Club of America National Meet	Chico CA	Tom Kelly
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
	29-30	Fri-Sat		FAST-Pure Stock Drags	Martin MI	Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
Jul	7	Sat	TBD	Fletcher CDJR/IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	Lynn Miller
	13-15	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA	Dave Watt
	21-22	Sat-Sun		Belvidere Mopar Happening	Belvidere IL	Tom Kelly
	24-28	Tue-Sat		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet	Northville/Novi MI	Tom Kelly/Jan Peel
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
Aug	10-12	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Nat'l Trails Raceway	Columbus (Hebron) OH	Tom Kelly
	14-18	Tue-Sat		Back to the Bricks Car Show	Flint MI	Tom Kelly
	17-19	Fri-Sun		Woodward Dream Cruise	Oakland County MI	Tom Kelly
	22-26	Wed-Sun		National DeSoto Club Convention	Branson MO	Tom Kelly
	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
	31-TBV	Fri	TBD	DSR Open House-Car Show	Brownsburg IN	Evan Springer
Sep	4-8	Tue-Sat		Walter P Chrysler Club National Meet	Chattanooga TN	Tom Kelly
	8	Sat	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Lynn Miller
	14-15	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Dave Watt/Mike Leyes
	20-23	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clairmont)	Dave Watt
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
	TBD	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – Military Park	Indianapolis IN	Evan Springer
Oct	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2018 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
Nov	17-18	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL	Tom Kelly
	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Election night for 2019 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Lynn Miller
Dec	TBD	Sat		Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Lynn Miller
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