



Indy Mopar Club News

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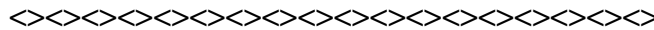
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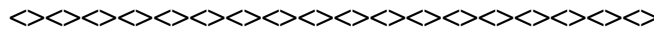
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 27, 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 **Robert and Patricia Turner**, Mooresville, with their 1968 Dodge Charger. We hope to see them again at the upcoming events and meetings.



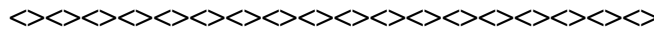
Presidents Message

September 2018

I have taken the time to go to the Monster Mopar weekend at Gateway Motorsports Park near St. Louis. Their attendance was down just as it was at the Mopar Nationals. That seems to be a trend this year. However, I did score a VFN Fiberglass bumper for my '65 Dodge Coronet.

I also went to some cruise-ins and talked with other car people. They seem to know about our rain date for the Westgate show. Cudos to all who spread the word.

Bob Thomas



IMC Attended Events in Aug and Sept 2018

August and September 2018 had plenty of memorable car and weather events for many of the Indy Mopar Club members. Though the extreme heat at some shows sticks in mind, rain did reek a bit of havoc as well.

The **Mopar Nationals** (August 10-12) started off a bit steamy, got wet & muddy quickly and then finished off with the heat once more. Camping out on Wednesday night at the camp grounds across from National Trails Raceway in Hebron Ohio, brother Jim and I watched my trusty Pop-up Awning do a lift-off in the ground's night lights. We looked like drown rats as we caught it from its death tumble across the camp ground. It was salvaged the next morning by pounding the square tubing back close to its original shape, and then pressed it into service for the balance of the weekend. It has now seen its last Nats & has since been retired and replaced.

The tractors were out spreading new gravel at the track the next day, so the swap aisles were not as swampy as some years past. The weather didn't dampen spirits however as the IMC crowd hit the grounds again over the weekend to enjoy the show. It was noted by everyone that the vendor spaces are shrinking however. Much of the paved area on the east side of the track was void of the typical parts peddlers.



Some of the IMC attendees that I saw included Rick & Ginger Zimmerman, Bob Thomas and son Kevin, Steve Wisdom & son Chad, Dave Watt, Mike Leyes, Brian Berkowitz, Dave Sanders, Jim Kelly, Dan Kelly & daughter Buffy, Bob Vorpe, Mel Crane & wife. As usual, most set up awnings in groups for a 'home base' then wandered off to watch racing, tour the swap meet, the car corral or wade through the few thousand beautiful old and new Mopars.



One tent had an awesome display of restored race cars including Butch Leal's 65 Belvedere Super Stocker & later Duster Pro Stock 'California Flash' cars, the Mopar Missile 'wire car' (abbreviated rear suspension to reduce weight that used tension cables to support the rear sheetmetal). 'Billy the Kid' Stepp's Demon Pro Stocker along with a beautifully preserved original '62 Plymouth 413 Max Wedge were also displayed.

The Nat's drag racing program went on the entire weekend and with the balance of display vehicles made a great weekend.

Next up was the **Kokomo Transmission Plant's Community Cruise-In** on Sunday August 26. Staged in front of KTP on original US 31, there was special parking for Road Runners to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the first model in 1968. Wow, for me personally it seems like just yesterday when I saw the first '68 RR with a Manufacturer plate at the US Nationals in Sept 1967 just prior to its first public release. It was sent to the event to drum up excitement and that it did! Expecting to sell a few thousand, Chrysler sold about 45 thousand that first model year and then doubled it for 1969, along with collecting Motor Trend's Car of the Year Award. The Road Runner's popularity drove Dodge to rethink their product line-up which resulted in the mid '68 model year release of their own budget musclecar, the Super Bee.

The benefit to bringing our Road Runners to this event included prime parking at the plant in front of their main Chrysler Kokomo Transmission Plant facility sign. Rick Zimmerman brought their green '69 RR and I brought my red '68. It was a pleasant surprise to see my friend Seth Jones there with his father and his father's Blue 68 RR that he's had since 1971. Seth remembers riding in the back seat when his mom would take it to the grocery store!



The show was open to all brands so had a great variety of vehicles, from early 1920s to modern muscle. Music, along with free hot dogs, soft drinks and ice cream made it all the better. A 1962 Plymouth on display with an era correct travel trailer included memorabilia from 1962 that was a real treat to see.



Next on the event schedule was the **Don Schumacher Racing (DSR) Open House – Charity Benefit Car Show**. This event's proceeds go to the Riley Children's Hospital and generates a great crowd. The silent auction items are typically race theme but true 'one of a kind' items you could not purchase, no matter where you shop.

As the DSR group's fleet of Transporters with their Top Fuelers, Funny Cars and Drag Pak Challengers are out at the US Nationals up the road in Clermont, they open the facility for a fabulous indoor and outdoor car show. Thanks to Evan Springer's efforts again this year, the Indy Hi-Winders, who organize the event for DSR, provided space for the IMC attendees indoors once more. We had a good IMC attendance, Jeff & Deb Platzer brought & set up the IMC Club banner and we also had some interest from a few folks in joining the club.





The event includes food vendors, tours of the DSR race facilities and a ‘Cackle Fest’ where some of the vintage dragsters and funny cars on display are fired up for a few minutes for a feast for the ears!

Another attraction of this event is that many of the DSR Drivers who include Leah Pritchett, Antron Brown, Ron Capps, Jack Beckman, Matt Hagan, Tommy Johnson Jr and Mark Pawuk, make themselves available to sign autographs for the fans.

Unfortunately, the rain reared its ugly head to disrupt our September 8 **Westgate Chrysler Cruise-In**. Chuck Butler had to make the call Friday night before the event for the food vendor’s deadline. His call was spot-on as Saturday was a complete downpour all day. Westgate requested Saturday October 6 as the Rain Date, so we’ll hopefully have another great turnout.

The last event I’ll report on was the **Pure Stock Musclecar Drag Race** in Stanton Michigan which was held on Friday Sept 13 and Saturday Sept 14. This is an event I’ve attended and raced at numerous times but this year I sat in the bleachers with brothers Dan and John cheering on IMC members Dave Watt, Mike Leyes, Jeff Ancil and brother Jim Kelly. Dave raced his ’73 340 Duster, Mike his ’69 440-6BBL Road Runner, Jim his ’63 Plymouth Savoy 426 Max Wedge and Jeff his 1969 L78 Nova. Jeff’s 63 Plymouth Max Wedge Nostalgia Super Stock is ineligible for this Pure Stock Race due to its headers, chassis roll bar and fiberglass body components, so he rolled out his Nova.



This event is open to 'factory performance' vehicles from model years 1955 through 1979. All vehicles must comply with the organizers' rules which includes correct original manufacturer's main engine components like heads, valve springs, cam specs, intake and exhaust manifolds and carbs. Headers, aftermarket intakes and aftermarket carburetors are not allowed. Original displacement with a max .060 overbore is allowed. No stroker cranks or aftermarket cylinder heads are allowed. Slicks or sticky DOT tires are not allowed so most run on reproduction red wall or raised white letter treaded tires. No custom paint, scoops, etc are allowed. The main exception to stock is that 1.5 points of compression above the original factory rating is allowed though not all run that. As an example, an engine originally advertised with 10:1 compression can run up to an 11.5:1 piston if desired.

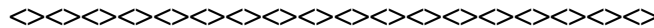
The great thing about this event is that a majority of the cars could contend for Best of Show at any car show but these are being pounded down the quarter mile as they were designed to be. No trailer queens here, these guys drive them hard! Elapsed times ranged from 11.50s to 19.0 seconds (a lovely little Studebaker Hawk). Roll bars are prohibited to conform to the Pure Stock appearance, so due to track insurance requirements, a car capable of sub 11.50 ETs is disqualified. Even on the small stock type treaded tires and near stock displacement, a couple of cars were bounced when they broke into the 11.40s.

This race is a trip back in time. You get to watch 340 Darts, Cudas, Demons and Dusters, Boss 302 and 428 Fords, Z/28, ZL-1, 350, 396 Camaros and Novas, a Hemi Super Bee, Hemi Road Runners and Cudas, 440 GTX and R/Ts, Cougars, Supercharged Studebakers, AMXs and 390 Rambler Scramblers battling it out!

The format is to run qualifying runs all day Friday. Times are recorded in the tower and your best pass is your qualifying time for the event. The fastest two cars are paired, the next fastest two are paired and so on, down to the two slowest qualified cars. Everyone then has a best 2 out of 3 match with your paired car on Saturday after getting a few practice runs in the morning. Sand bagging (running slower than you can to get a better match-up) is discouraged by having a 0.3 breakout rule. That means if you run 3 tenths of a second under your qualifying time and you forfeit your match on Saturday.

It was a great weekend for the IMC contingent as all won their events. Jim's Max Wedge ran its best time ever at this track with a 12.35 ET and he won his 2 out of 3 shootout against a 396/375hp '68 Camaro. Mike's A-12 4speed Road Runner ran in the 12.80s and won his match against a 455 SD Pontiac Firebird in two straight. Dave's 340 Duster ran in the 13.90s and won 2 straight against a '69 455 Hurst Olds 442. Jeff's car ran his Stanton best 12.88 and also won his match. There were lots of smiles afterwards as we loaded up and headed home. If you want more info on this annual event, talk to any of us. I swear it will make you feel years younger when you attend!

Tom Kelly Sept 2018



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, AUGUST 30, 2018

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by our President Bob Thomas.

Introduction of members and guests for the meeting included Bob Thomas, Chester Branham, Chuck & Linda Butler, Ronda Cherry, Stephen Claycomb, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Tom Kelly, Ron Kriech, Dart & Donna Liebrandt, Lynn Miller, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Jeff Platzer, Bob Rosenberger, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Terry Thompson, Steve Wisdom, Rick Zimmerman, and guests Joshua Erickson, and Robert & Patty Turner.

Secretary's Report – Dave Opel

Highlights of the minutes for July were presented with no changes. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom

July 26, 2018 Balance \$4,002.55; August income was \$1,050.00; August Expenses were \$238.71; August 30, 2018 Balance \$4,813.84. Flower Fund \$300.00. 60 paid members.

Communication Director – Randy Smith

Efforts are ongoing to purchase IMC.com to end confusion with other competing club websites. Randy Smith made a motion to continue the effort, Rick Ordo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Ronda Cherry

Ronda Cherry gave the report for the birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulations to all.

Event Calendar – Ronda Cherry

- A. Check the newsletter and IMC on-line

Old Business

- A. Westgate Show Update – September 8th - Chuck Butler
 - a. Chuck gave the updated report with a cautious eye on the weather.
- B. Schumacher Open House – August 31, 2018 – Evan Springer
 - a. Evan reported that the breakfast that morning is still on so that we can enter as a club.
- C. JDRF Walk – Evan Springer
 - a. Date is October 6 – Please let Evan know who will be attending.
- D. Other unfinished business - none

New Business – Bob Thomas

- A. Randy Smith reported that the Website-Webmaster information needs to be unlisted. IMC.com domain acquisition to cost \$230.00 for 5 years. Evan Springer made a motion to proceed with this, Rick Ordo seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- B. Club Newsletter Member Profile
 - a. September – Recap of Westgate Cruise-In – Tom Kelly
 - b. October – Scott Oller
 - c. November – Dave Opel
- C. Other new business
 - a. Ideas for club activities – Racing at O’Gara Speedway, Tune & Test at Lucas Oil Raceway, Dallara Tour, Museums, Cruise-Ins, Tour Indy Cylinder Head.
 - b. Show and tell – Bob Thomas discussed the Air Show at Terre Haute Airport the weekend of August 24-25. Many planes available for viewing. He talked about the F22 and then about the F100 (only 1 left in the world).

A motion was made by Chet Branham to adjourn and was seconded by Linda Butler. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

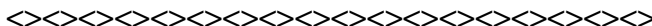
Dave Opel

Addendum to Secretary's Report from Dave Opel

- A. Westgate Show September 8th was cancelled due to rain. It was rescheduled to October 6th per Chuck Butler
- B. Per Dave Opel the Schumacher Open House had many entries from central Indiana with IMC automobiles present. A very interesting day.
- C. With the Westgate show cancelled to October 6th the participation in both the Westgate show and JDRF Walk will be optional.

D. Menard Racing Tour October 11, 2018 at 6:30pm. This is at the Delara Building on Main Street in Speedway. This should be a very well attended event, as along with racing engines, they have between 12-15 cars on display. See You There!!!

Addendum Respectfully submitted,
Dave Opel



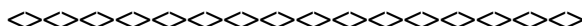
October Birthdays:

Ann Smith, 10-1
Dave Opel, 10-5
Bruce Phillips, 10-13
Patricia Patterson, 10-14
Michael Patterson, 10-20
Bob Rosenberger, 10-20
Patricia Turner, 10-21
Scott Oller, 10-27
Jack Collins, 10-30

October Anniversaries:

Bill and Carla Crask, 10-2
Ron and Dru Kriech, 10-9
Robert and Patricia Turner, 10-16
Dart and Donna Liebrandt, 10-26
John and Lynn Miller, 10-29

Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner

Oops – caught on candid camera again.
Tom don't blame Jan – picture courtesy
of Rick Ordo.

Editor's note - My sincere thanks to Tom Kelly for another super article for the IMC newsletter.

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

May 5	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco de Mopar-American Cancer Society Car Show	Lafayette, IN	Tom Kelly
13	Sun	9-Noon	IMS Speedway Cars & Coffee	Speedway –Indianapolis	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
2-9-16-23-30	Wed	5pm	LOR Wild Wednesday's	Lucas Oil Racing	Evan Springer
Jun 9	Sat	9-Noon	IMS Speedway Cars & Coffee	Speedway –Indianapolis	Tom Kelly
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
6-13-20	Wed	5pm	LOR Wild Wednesday's	Lucas Oil Racing	Evan Springer
Jul 7	Sat	TBD	Fletcher CDJR/IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	Lynn Miller
13-15	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA	Dave Watt
14	Sat	9-Noon	IMS Speedway Cars & Coffee	Speedway –Indianapolis	Tom Kelly
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
11-18-25	Wed	5pm	LOR Wild Wednesday's	Lucas Oil Racing	Evan Springer
Aug 10-12	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Nat'l Trails Raceway	Columbus (Hebron) OH	Tom Kelly
11	Sat	9-Noon	IMS Speedway Cars & Coffee	Speedway –Indianapolis	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	Fri		DSR Open House-Car Show	Brownsburg IN	Evan Springer
1-5	Wed	5pm	LOR Wild Wednesday's	Lucas Oil Racing	Evan Springer
Sep 4-8	Tue-Sat		Walter P Chrysler Club National Meet	Chattanooga TN	Tom Kelly
Rescheduled to Oct. 6			West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Chuck Butler
14-15	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Dave Watt/Mike Leyes
15	Sat	9-Noon	IMS Speedway Cars & Coffee	Speedway –Indianapolis	Tom Kelly
20-23	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clairmont)	Dave Watt
27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Oct 6	Sat	9a-1pm	JDRF RUN/WALK – Victory Field	Indianapolis IN	Steve Wisdom
6	Sat	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Chuck Butler
11	Thur	6:30pm	Menard Racing Tour	Speedway IN	Dave Opel
13	Sat	9-Noon	IMS Speedway Cars & Coffee	Speedway –Indianapolis	Tom Kelly
25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
31	Wed	5pm	LOR Wild Wednesday's	Lucas Oil Racing	Evan Springer
Nov 17-18	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL	Tom Kelly
29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
			Election night for 2019 Officers		
Dec 15	Sat		Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Bob Thomas

Cruise-In's

Danville	Fri	4pm - ?	1 st Friday of May through October	Court House
Avon	Sat	5pm - ?	Saturday's May through October	Lowes Lot
Mooreville	Fri	4pm - ?	Friday nights May through October	Kroger Lot
Fortville	Wed	5pm - ?	Wednesday nights May through October	Main Street Downtown
Greenwood	Sat	3pm - ?	Saturday's May through October	The SUDS