



Indy Mopar Club News

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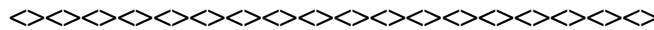
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 25, 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.

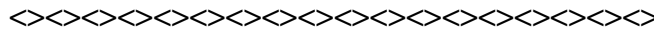


Presidents Message

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Another successful cruise-in, rain delayed, at Westgate. We had a good weather day and many fine cars in attendance. I must go to Chicago during the next meeting. I am confident the other officers will step up and you will be fine. Remember to consider your nominations for next year's officers. How you nominate and vote will determine next year's accomplishments.

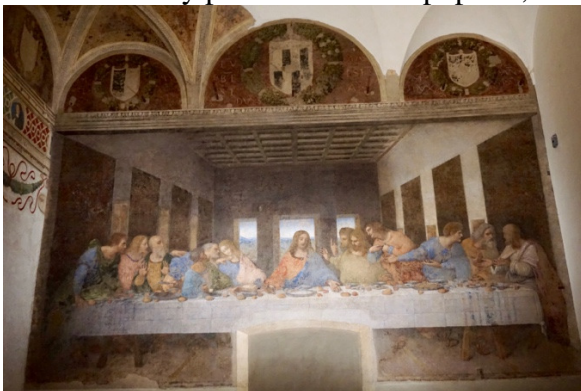
Bob Thomas - Mo-pwr to you all. October 2018



Close Encounters of the European Mopar Kind by Scott Oller

Randy Smith's article in the August newsletter about his and Ann's trip to Japan gave me the idea to write about the Mopars we encountered on our European vacation. Jan and I enjoyed our trip very much. We started in Milan, Italy. Since Italy is the home of Fiat Chrysler, I figured I would see lots of Mopars on the streets. I was not disappointed. About every fourth car on the road in Italy is a Mopar, in the form of a Fiat. We passed by a Fiat Jeep Chrysler dealership on the train from the airport to Milan but I was too slow with my camera to snap a photo.

Our biggest highlight while touring Milan was seeing Leonardo da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper." We also discovered why pizza became so popular, Italian pizza is really good pizza.



Monza is just a few miles north of Milan. I toured the Monza speedway and took a ride-along lap around it in a diesel powered Mopar sports car, an Alfa Romeo. Monza speedway, Autodromo Nazionale Monza, was built in 1922 as a combination road course and high banked oval. The combined course was 6.2 miles long. The oval track still exists and according to the tour guide is used for exhibition and vintage car events. I remember it as a kid from the 1966 movie Grand Prix starring James Garner. The last race in the movie was held at Monza on the high banked track. Today they host a few races each year, the biggest being the Italian Grand Prix Formula 1 race. The current road course configuration is 3.6 miles long.

The next day we were on our way to Como from Milan. Some type of car event called “The Challenge 2018” was taking place. Participants were staying at a hotel between ours and the train station. There were some serious sports cars in the parking lot. Most had huge carbon brakes mounted. They were just getting started for their touring event that day so I got a chance to see the cars up close and take a few photos. One had a Wile E. Coyote paint job with a small Road Runner on the back. The Mopars in the group were a few Maseratis and Ferraris, although Ferraris are really not Mopars any longer since Fiat spun off Ferrari in 2015. Other cars seen in the group were Lamborghini, Porsche and Mercedes.



American style Mopars were few in number. During the entire trip I saw four Jeeps in total and only one Ram pickup truck. Just as Randy had pointed out in his article, the Ram pickup looked very out of place on the street in Como, Italy with all the small sedan sized cars around.

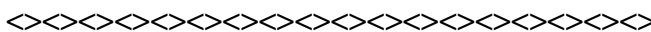
We left Como and continued our trip north through Switzerland to Basel where we boarded a river boat for a 7-day Rhine river cruise through France, Germany and into the Netherlands. I saw a billboard advertising Jeep Compass near Strasbourg, France for 22,500 euros but no Jeeps were spotted on the streets. A store in Germany used a ‘69 Charger R/T model in its display case to sell Police brand watches. Apparently the Fast and Furious movies are a big hit there.



Houses and buildings in Amsterdam traditionally have a brightly painted stone plaque mounted on the front called a gable stone. In the Middle Ages they were used to identify the building because many people could not read. The pictures on the stone represented the name, origin, religion or profession of the owner. Around 1875 numbers were used to identify the addresses. Today, the gable stones are just for fun and tradition. A real surprise was seeing a Fisk Tire gable stone dated 1933 on a building wall.

We finished out our trip with a ride to the Amsterdam airport in a Mopar. The hotel shuttle was a Fiat Ducato van.

Author ~~~~ Scott Oller



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Edgerton, Tom Kelly, Ron Kriech, Scott Oller, Dave Opel, Jan Peel, Jeff Platzer, Randy Smith, Terry Thompson, Robert Turner, and guest Jeannette Leavitt.

Secretary's Report – Dave Opel

- A. Minutes for the August meeting were read. A motion was made by Ronda Cherry to accept the minutes as presented, Scott Oller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom – Tom Kelly gave the report in Steve Wisdom's absence

- A. August 30, 2018 Balance \$4,813.84; August income was \$30.00; August Expenses were \$3,589.64; September 27, 2018 Balance \$1,254.20. Flower Fund \$300.00. 60 paid members. A motion was made by Chet Branham to accept the treasurer's report, Scott Oller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Communication Director – Randy Smith

- A. 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

- A. Ronda Cherry gave the report for the birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulations to all. Ronda stated the Bill Dawson is currently undergoing medical treatment. Keep him in your prayers.

Event Calendar – Ronda Cherry

- A. Ronda reported on drive/cruise-ins in this area

Old Business

- A. Westgate Show Update – September 8th - **Chuck Butler**
 - a. Chuck gave the updated report with a cautious eye on the weather again. The September 8th show has been **updated to October 6th**.
- B. Schumacher Open House – August 31, 2018 – Evan Springer
 - a. No report given.
- C. JDRF Walk – Evan Springer
 - a. Date is October 6 – Please let Evan know who will be attending.
- D. Update for Indy Cylinder Head Tour – Bob Thomas
 - a. Bob took a head count of who would be interested and will follow up.
- E. Other unfinished business - none

New Business – Bob Thomas

- A. Bob Thomas requested someone to direct the October meeting as he will be out of town that day.
- B. Bob Thomas reminded the members that nominations for 2019 Officers will be taken during the October meeting.
- C. Randy Smith reported in August that the Website-Webmaster information needs to be unlisted. IMC.com domain acquisition to cost \$230.00 for 5 years. More on this later.
- D. Club Newsletter Member Profile
 - a. October – Recap of Westgate Cruise-In – Tom Kelly ??
 - b. October – Scott Oller
 - c. November – Dave Opel
 - d. December – Christmas Party
- E. Other new business

- a. Dave Opel announced that the Dallara Tour in Speedway is set for October 18th, 6:30pm. Tom Kelly requested permission to ask the members of the Hoosier Plymouth Owners Club to join us. Permission was granted.
- b. Ideas for club activities – Racing at O’Gara Speedway, Tune & Test at Lucas Oil Raceway, Dallara Tour, Museums, Cruise-Ins, Tour Indy Cylinder Head.

A motion was made by Chet Branham to adjourn and was seconded by Chuck Butler. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel

Addendum to Secretary’s Report from Dave Opel

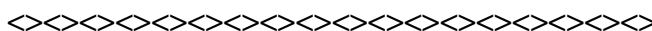
A. The weather finally cooperated and we had a very successful show at Westgate Show CJD.

Approximately 100 automobiles were present. Photos were taken and awards/plaques were presented.

DJ was 50’s-60’s Sounds. Thanks to all who participated.

Addendum Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel



IndyCar Shop Tour October 18, 2018

The Hoosier Region of the Plymouth Owners Club accepted an invitation from the Indy Mopar Club (IMC) to join them in a tour of IndyCar's facilities which adjoins the Dallara Race Car Factory in Speedway Indiana. Many of the Plymouth Club members and guests met ahead of the tour at the Big Woods Brewpub just a block away on Speedway's Main Street. They were joined by a few members of IMC who dined there as well. Louie Pippen, Dave Clayton, Jerry Murray and Don Ulrich drove down from Muncie to attend. Bob & Wanda Van Buskirk were joined by son Brian & his wife Jane with Bob & Wanda's grandson Seth. Keith & Andrew Rohloff and Todd Bracik attended along with Jan Peel & Bob Jones. Tom & Teresa Kelly brought grandson Jadin and his cousin Easton King. Bob Thomas, Jeff Ancil, Dave Watt & his dad Tony rounded out members of both Clubs that enjoyed visiting and the delicious Big Woods' signature Pulled Pork Nachos! Plymouth Club Members Kevin & Kristin Reeves joined the Plymouth group after dinner.

Many of the dinner crowd chose to walk the two & a half blocks down to the tour facility (our way of walking off the large meal!). As we walked down Main Street on this mild October evening, the light traffic noise was interrupted by the sound of a race motor driving on the streets. This evening, Dallara had a guest event where you donned a race helmet and climbed into the specially manufactured two-person IndyCars for a high speed jaunt around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway!



Quite a sight to see an Indy car with headlights buzzing along the street. We were later informed that rides run from \$100 to \$3000 depending upon number of laps and the speed reached. Speeds could be 130, 190mph and the special "over 200mph" at certain times of the year when professionals with names like Andretti or Luyendyk actually chauffeured the car.

The IndyCar shop occupies the east end of Dallara's facility so after we gathered with the balance of the IMC & Plymouth Club groups, our guide for the evening Bill Delve began the tour. As we walked, Bill pointed out different areas of the shop and the differences between the two-person Indy cars manufactured in fiberglass versus the exotic actual Indy race cars fabricated in carbon fiber and light weight metals. The IndyCar facility along with building the two passenger cars had racks of the Honda powerplants that propelled them.



An actual carbon fiber Indy Road Race Car (maroon) was pointed out, noting the differences in the front and rear spoilers. Bill noted that enough downforce is created on the bottom side of an Indy car that it could drive across the ceiling upside down at full speed... just don't slow it down or gravity takes over! Think of your Hot Wheels Car on the looped track back when you were a kid!

Menards is also a customer and one of their stock cars was in the shop. This facility had a second floor mezzanine with graphics equipment for producing the plastic wraps for Menard's semi fleet. Bill said that an entire semi trailer graphic wrap could be produced in only an hour.



Bill answered lots of questions thrown out during the tour and provided a wealth of information for the crowd. We were allowed to touch& feel the components as we walked (thanks to Terry Thompson for reminding me to be cautious when touching raw carbon fiber... think scratchy/sharp fiberglass but much, much worse!).

Bill actually runs a custom engine shop in this facility and noted he works on all types of engines, even Chryslers! He got his start as a youngster and began as a drag racer. A wide variety of customer engines were in various stages of assembly. They included a huge 4 cylinder, flat crank Minneapolis Moline tractor engine equipped with massive aluminum rods and forged Pistons (to be twin turbo'd for a tractor puller), a 1964 Ford Indy car engine like Graham Hill & Jimmy Clark drove) to a 12 cylinder Lamborghini engine destined for a Miura that had been damaged in a fire. Chevy and Honda Indy car engines were also staged in the area for work.



Last, Bill pointed out the machine shop filled with mills, lathes and Sunnen boring and honing equipment. He said they could perform all necessary machine work for engine rebuilds without farming anything out. It was a very impressive shop and tour and many thanks to Bill Delve (pronounced Del-Vey).



As the tour ended, Bill said he does work on all engines and mentioned having worked on Hemi. Louie Phippen even asked about working on Plymouth flat head sixes! Bill provided his phone number and said would be more than happy to talk to any of us if you need engine machine shop services. He can be reached at 317 374-5822.

Many thanks to Dave Opel of the Indy Mopar Club for setting up this outstanding tour. With a crowd of over 40 and too many names to list attending, this was a rousing success!

←Dave Opel and Bill Delve

Tom Kelly (member of IMC and Plymouth Club)
October 2018



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:

None reported for November

Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner

Well, guess who didn't show up for the event they set up????? It was Evan Springer at the DSR open house – car show. At least that is the info that was given to me. Shame, shame. (I sincerely hope it wasn't something serious.)

For Sale

Carter Thermoquad Carburator 6-2124 S \$10
4 Wheels off 2010 Challenger SRT 8 \$500
Differential off 2010 Challenger SRT 8 3.91 ratio limited slip, needs lash set \$500
Chuck Butler – onechevy1972@yahoo.com or 317.539.2950

Happy Halloween - Stay Safe



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