



# Indy Mopar Club News

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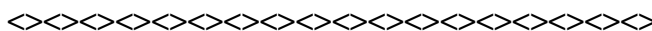
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: January 31, 2019**, 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](http://www.indymoparclub.com).



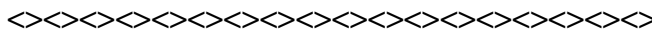
## Presidents Message

President's Message:

I hope all of you had a good Christmas, New Year is coming and we should all be on good behavior to make it to 2019.

We have good weather to work on our projects, mine is going well. The engine is out and the black paint and grime is ready to be removed. I hope yours are going as well.

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



## A Curious Tale by Dave Watt

Even though I've had my 1973 Plymouth Duster 340 since 1984, part of me hoped to find a 1971 Duster 340 project someday. Setting apart the 1971 vs. 1973 was the Sharktooth grille, High Impact colors, sleeker tail lights and bumpers, recessed side marker lights, the engine painted Street Hemi Orange, one year only Carter Thermoquad carburetor, black wrinkle finish air cleaner, and an 8 3/4" rear axle.

For quite a few years, casual searching didn't reveal any cars that were close enough to look at in person, or just weren't exciting.

During a Craigslist search in October 2015, increasing the search radius led to an ad from the Madison Wisconsin area for a one year only color Curious Yellow 1971 Duster 340. Equipped with a column shift automatic, black bench seat with plaid cloth inserts, AM radio, manual steering and brakes, and chrome dual exhaust tips, white tail stripe but oddly had black rubber body side moldings instead of white stripes, this car was very basic.

Dad and I hopped into the truck and headed northwest to Sun Prairie Wisconsin with trailer in tow.

When we arrived, it was evident the car had not run in years, wore the original paint, showed 43,000 hard miles on the odometer and still had a 1984 California license plate. Story goes that a guy in Kenosha Wisconsin had bought the car out of California years ago, but never did anything with it. The original engine and transmission were long gone, but it didn't matter to me because this car is going to be used for racing in the Pure Stock and Factory Stock Muscle Car Drags. A fresh engine and transmission would be built anyway.

After striking a deal with the owner and getting the car home, first order of business was to replace the driver side quarter panel and tail light panel, both had too much accident and rust damage. The spare tire well and a few small patches were the only other rust damage. Fenders and doors were rust free, although the passenger fender had significant accident damage which I ended up repairing. A different hood was needed due to a hole being cut in the original for a Velocity Stack.

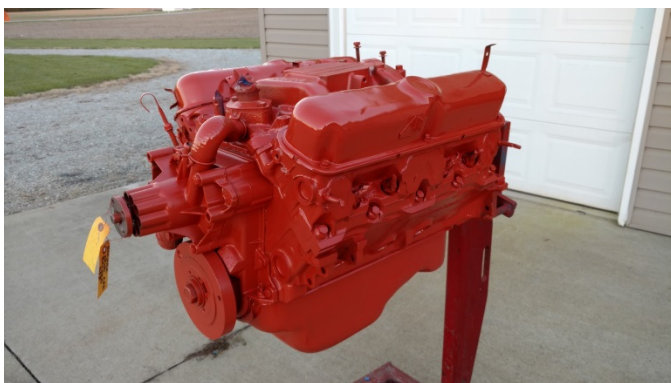
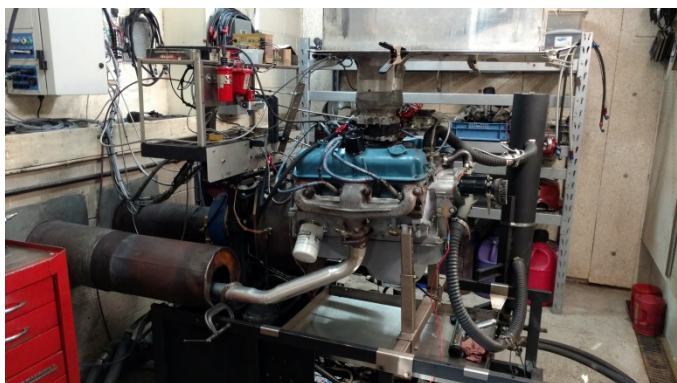


After media blasting the bare shell and priming with a Zinc Chromate aircraft primer, multiple coats of high build primer were sprayed to allow block sanding and getting the panels arrow straight. It was time to apply the fresh Curious Yellow paint. I've lost track of how many hours I've spent doing all of this work so far, but it's enjoyable.



The new engine is ready to go racing. Our Muscle Car Drags rules require stock engine components including block, crank, cylinder heads, carburetor, intake and exhaust manifolds. Bruce Parsons at High Performance in Dayton Ohio utilized careful machining and close tolerances during the whole engine build. Testing the engine on a dynamometer produced 401 horsepower at 404 foot pounds of torque. Factory ratings were 275 horsepower and 340 foot pounds of torque, so the new engine is substantially more, should be fun.

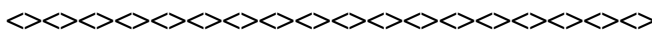




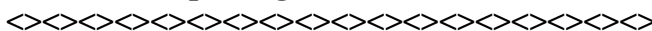
My goal is to finish the car in time for our first race at the end of May, but there is still a ton of things to do.



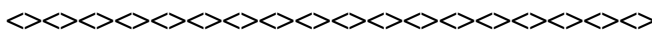
Author ~~~~~Dave Watt, December 2018



**Condolences and prayers go out to Dorinda and Dick Crawmer with the passing of Dorinda's mother; and to Steve and Cheryl Wisdom with the passing of Steve's brother.**



This was the start of our Christmas Party – more pictures on page 5 & 6



## **INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, NOVEMBER 29, 2018**

### **WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Bob Thomas.

He asked for names and any changes in cars. Those attending were: Bob Thomas, Chester Branham, Chuck & Linda Butler, Ronda Cherry, Stephen Claycomb, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Tom Kelly, Ron Kriech, Dart & Donaa Liebrandt, Scott Oller, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Jeff Platzer, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, and Steve Wisdom.

## Secretary's Report – Dave Opel

- A. Minutes for the October meeting were read with no additions or changes.

## Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom

- A. October 25, 2018 Balance \$1,454.20; October income was \$60.00; October Expenses were \$173.02; November 29, 2018 Balance \$1,341.18. Flower Fund \$300.00. 62 paid members.  
B. Donations to JDRF in 2018 was \$3,578.08.

## Communication Director – Randy Smith

- A. Nothing new to report at this time.

## Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Ronda Cherry

- A. Ronda Cherry gave the report for the birthdays and anniversaries.  
Kaye Branham's December 29<sup>th</sup> birthday was not included in the list. Jan Peel missed listing it.

## Event Calendar – Ronda Cherry

### Old Business

- A. Update for Indy Cylinder Head Tour – Bob Thomas  
a. Need 6-8 for tour in March – Friday early AM or mid afternoon?  
B. Particulars for Christmas party – December 15<sup>th</sup>  
a. Ronda will bring the chips for the gift exchange  
C. Other unfinished business - none

### New Business – Bob Thomas

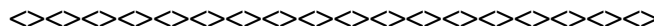
- A. Nominations for 2019 Officers  
a. President – Bob Thomas  
b. Vice President – Chuck Butler  
c. Secretary – Dave Opel  
d. Treasurer – Steve Wisdom  
e. Communications Director – Randy Smith  
B. Nominations were closed. Dick Crawmer made a motion that the nominations that were presented be voted in as elected, Chet Branham seconded the motion. The motion was carried and new officers elected by unanimous vote by members present.  
C. Club Newsletter Member Profile  
a. December – Dave Watt and the Christmas Party  
b. January – More Christmas Party pictures  
c. February – Evan Springer  
d. March – Bob Thomas  
D. Other new business – Bob Thomas  
a. Open to Membership – Ideas for Club Activities:  
b. Show & Tell – Open – Jeff Platzer had a display of many prints of Mopar Muscle Cars.

A motion was made by Chet Branham to adjourn and was seconded by Steve Wisdom. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel



### January Birthdays:

Sheilla Collins, 1-11  
Vaneesa Smith, 1-12  
Chet Branham, 1-22

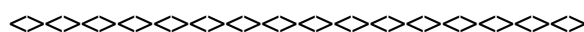
Don Sainsbury, 1-11  
Butch Gillock, 1-19  
Bill Edgerton, 1-26

### Anniversaries:

Chet and Kaye Branham, 1-5  
Butch and Diane Gillock, 1-24

Bill and Randi Edgerton, 1-20  
Jared and Vaneesa Smith, 1-24

**Congratulations to all!**





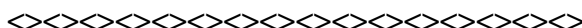


### Tattler's Corner

Ginger Zimmerman and Ronda Cherry did their usual excellent “job” at the Christmas Party. And as usual, Ginger “helped” some of the people select their gifts. And a few were slightly embarrassed but that’s OK. They will have a chance next year to get even.



Do you think this might have been a “put up” deal????



To the left Linda was laughing while we all sang Happy Birthday to her.  
To the right Lucy was laughing at Bob trying to decide what prize to take.



Some of our group partaking of all the “goodies”



Guess who this is!

Keep going – more pictures to come





Rick and Ginger  
Zimmerman and their  
grandson who stole the  
show. ----->



**2019 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST – TBV – to be verified TBV – to be determined**

Jan	31	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Feb	8-10	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly
	17	Sun	8a-3p	Chicagoland Mopar Connection Swap Meet	Illinois	Tom Kelly
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Mar	1	Fri	TBD	Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trade Show		(Ronda Cherry)
	2-3	Sat-Sun	9a-5p	Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Bob Thomas
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Apr	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
May	4	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco de Mopar-Commun Cancer Show	Lafayette, IN	Tom Kelly
	14-18	Tue-Sun	8a-?	Mecum Collector Car Auction	IN State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly
	17-18	Fri-Sat		Chrysler Power Classic Nat'l Trail Raceway	Columbus OH	Dave Watt
	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
	31-Jun 1	Fri-Sat		FAST-Pure Stock Drags	Martin MI	Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
Jun	TBD	Wed-Sun		Airflow Club of America National Meet	TBD	Tom Kelly
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Jul	TBD	Sat	TBD	Fletcher CDJR/IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	(Rick Ordo)
	12-14	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA	Dave Watt
	16-21	Tue-Sun		National DeSoto Club Convention	Hutchinson KS	Tom Kelly
	20-21	Sat-Sun		Belvidere Mopar Happening	Belvidere IL	Tom Kelly
	TBD	Tue-Sat		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet	TBD	Tom Kelly/Jan Peel
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Aug	9-11	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Nat'l Trails Raceway	Columbus (Hebron) OH	Tom Kelly
	13-18	Tue-Sat		Walter P Chrysler Club National Meet	Auburn Hills MI	Tom Kelly
	13-17	Tue-Sat		Back to the Bricks Car Show	Flint MI	Tom Kelly
	17	Sat		Woodward Dream Cruise	Oakland County MI	Tom Kelly
	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
	TBD	Fri	TBD	DSR Open House-Car Show	Brownsburg IN	Evan Springer
Sep	TBD	Sat	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Bob Thomas
	13-14	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
	19-22	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
	TBD	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – Military Park	Indianapolis IN	Evan Springer
Oct	31	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2020 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Nov	23-24	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
	21	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Election night for 2020 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Dec	TBD	Sat	TBD	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Bob Thomas