



Indy Mopar Club News

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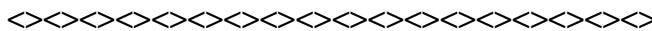
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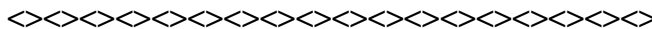
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: March 28, 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.



Welcome to new members Rick & Anna Bruettig, Monrovia, with a 1970 Dodge Coronet & 2015 Dodge Durango R/T; **Sam McKinney**, Westfield, with a 1972 Plymouth Duster; and **Matt & Shawnda Trout**, Indianapolis, with a 1969 Dodge Charger R/T. We hope to see them at a meeting or event again soon.

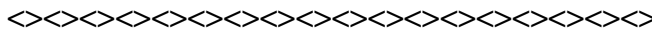


Presidents Message

It looks like we finally got a break in the weather. Just don't hold your breath, it's still Indiana. The Bird is alive and running. Just a month late. I would like to thank every one who helped at the Indy Show. It was a fair turnout, modified by the threat of heavy snow south and east. If you think we had a problem, think again of the vendors from Virginia, Kentucky and even Florida. That made Sunday a virtual ghost town. Hopefully, you all found what you needed. Luckily, I found the grille part I had torched with my heater mishap. Now I need the right paint.

In all consideration, it is time to get out the shine and prepare for the cruise/show season. Remember as you attend other shows, be sure to invite the participants to come to ours.

Bob Thomas - March 2019



Indy Cylinder Head – Chrysler Performance Trade Show

This is the first show of the year where the Indy Mopar Club has a presence with our booth and display. Our club involvement began on Friday March 1 set-up.



A group of members set up the IMC booth display, moved three members cars into position and prepped for the show that opened at 9am Saturday morning March 2.

Many thanks to all that helped in set-up, assisted Indy Cylinder Head with manning the doors and pulled duty at the IMC booth over the two days.



Jeff & Deb Platzer's Dodge Magnum, Bob Thomas' Chrysler TC convertible and Ed Wagler's bronze '70 Plymouth 'Cuda represented the Club in fine fashion at the Show. The Trade Show which benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation just as the IMC, was again very successful with a large variety of used parts, new parts suppliers along with Mopar cars & trucks for sale.

The IMC booth took JDRF donations, sold past Fletcher & Westgate event shirts, signed up new and renewed members and got the Club in front of the general Mopar public. The booth also provided a great hangout for members to socialize or just take a needed break from walking the Marsh Buildings at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

On the 'Cars for Sale' scene, vehicles ran the gamut from a front wheel drive Daytona, a '65 Dodge Coronet HT, a '69 Dodge Charger to a fairly well preserved '68 Super Stock Hemi Barracuda (for only \$90k). A few members including Dave Watt & Mike Lyes had their own swap spot to sell parts, literature and die-cast models.



Two really cool Super Stock race cars from the past were on display this year. The Sox & Martin '67 RO Hemi Belvedere SS/D & Butch Leal's '65 Plymouth Belvedere SS/B cars were beautifully restored. As a teenager working at Indianapolis Raceway Park in the late 60s, I had the opportunity to see Ronnie Sox race the '67 Plymouth and a year later the '68 Super Stock Hemi Barracuda at the NHRA Nationals; those are memories I'll never forget!



The group with the Sox & Martin Display also featured a Double Overhead Cam Chrysler Hemi engine on a stand complete with postings of original design drawings. This engine was being developed as the next step in the NASCAR war with Ford but was shut down early when NASCAR banned the Hemi for competition in 1965. This was NASCAR's attempt to make the manufacturers only run vehicles and engines available to the general public. This was later proven to be a godsend to the Mopar faithful as Chrysler chose to release the Street Hemi as an option to anyone walking into a showroom in 1966. Without the ban, this likely may not have occurred and only a chosen few would have the delight of owning and driving one of these magnificent beasts!

Though the weather for the first March weekend show was brisk, the skies did cooperate on Friday and Saturday. Snow set in on Sunday afternoon so teardown began around noon as those traveling wished to miss slick, nasty roads. All told, it was another great show to break the winter blues until spring when our Mopar wheels start spinning again!

This month I have covered a couple of recent automobile related venues I attended. Both are worth seeing if you have the opportunity in the future. Now on to the next one.

REVS Institute, Naples Florida

As part of my wife Teresa, our friends and fellow IMC members Ron & Dru Kriech, and my annual pilgrimage to visit my brother Dan in Naples Florida, we visited a local automobile collection for the first time this year. I had heard of the REVS Institute Museum (2500 S. Horseshoe Drive, Naples FL 34104; phone 239-687-7387; website: revsinstitute.org) from enthusiast magazines and recently from a conversation with another 'car guy' at a restaurant in Indy. Hearing so much positive press, we decided to check it out while on vacation there.

As a note, the museum is only open a few days per week and has limited hours. You must purchase advanced tickets (on-line or by phone) for specific dates and timeslots. Appointments only, no 'walk-ins' per their website.

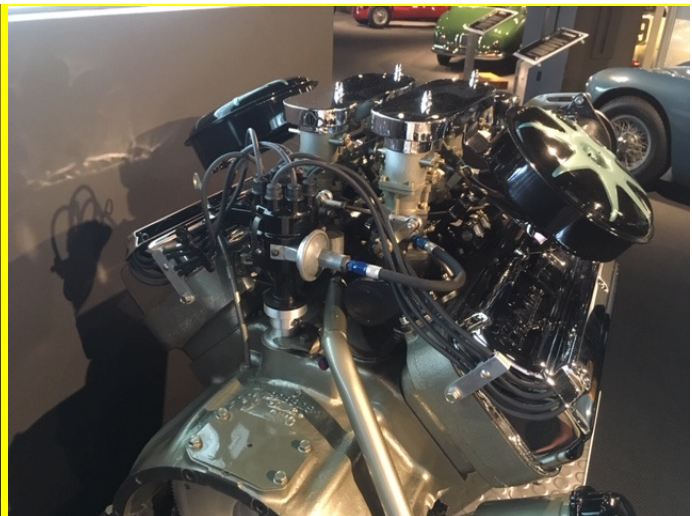
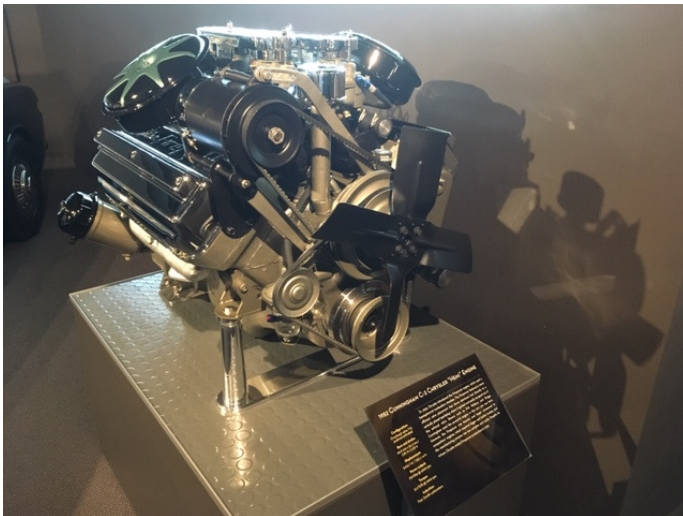
Interestingly, the museum collection is owned by a member of the Collier family. The patriarch of the family purchased much of the land this area of southern Florida in the 1920 before any development which was

obviously a very lucrative decision. Now the 3rd largest county in Florida, Collier County encompasses Naples, Marco Island and much of this southern area.

The museum did not disappoint. Their stated Mission is to deepen the “understanding and appreciation of automotive history”. The collection is largely European exotics, though they did have a number of unusual American marque vehicles on display, including my main draw, a Chrysler Airflow coupe.



The extensive collection also had early to mid-50s Hemi powered Cunninghams, Cadillac racers including a prototype and of course the Ford GT 40s that dominated Lemans in the mid-60s. Hemi engine below.



The museum includes cars from 1896 to 1995, many that had a racing career in Europe, the US and even Cuba. The collection included those manufactured by Lotus, Ferrari, Maserati, Bentley, Fiat, Porsche, Mercedes, Abarth-Simca, Jaguar, Hispano Suiza, Bugatti, Stutz, Pierce-Arrow, Duesenberg, Packard, MG, Lancia, McLaren and so many more. The most visually spectacular was a 1937 Delahaye 135 Competition Special Roadster.



**1937 Delahaye 135
Competition Special
Roadster**



The aerodynamic design was stunning.

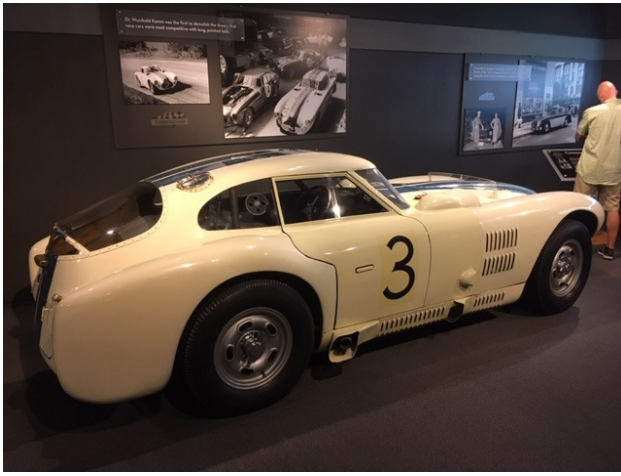
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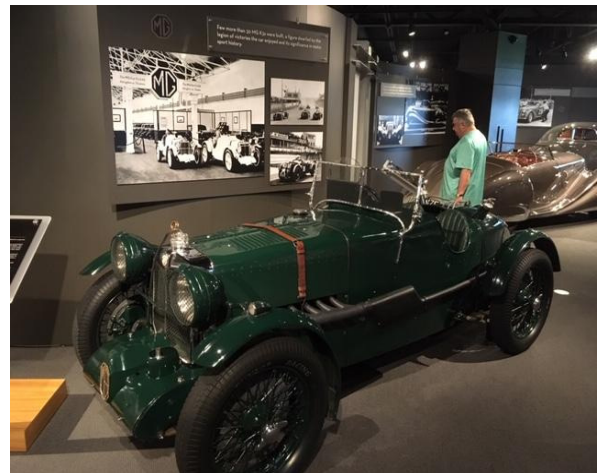
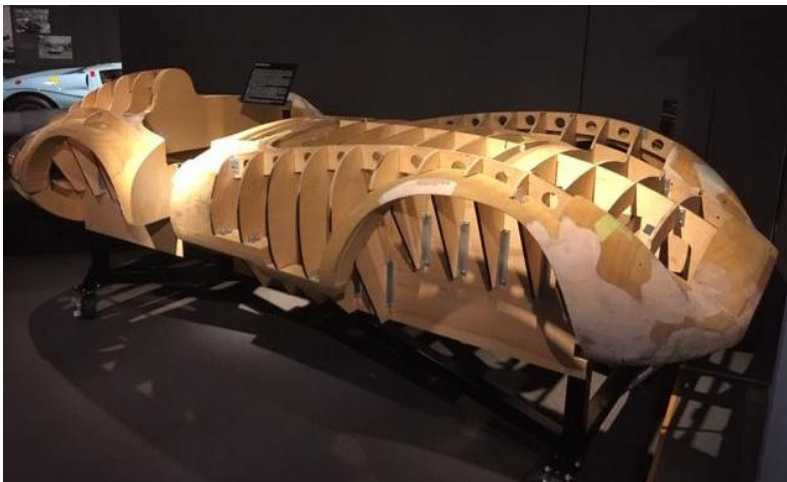
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A large black & white checkerboard hat reminded me of the hilariously gaudy dress of many of the spectators during the month of May in years past.



Even the lowly little Citroen 2CV, VW Bug and an East German Trabant were on display. An interesting personal side note... when I was stationed in Germany in the Army in 1973-74, GIs were told we could not own or even drive a Citroen 2CV. This was based on their unique propensity to easily roll-over on a less than speedy turn. Their spectacular independent rear suspension would fold quicker than a gambler with a bad card hand! Maybe the Army really did care about us!

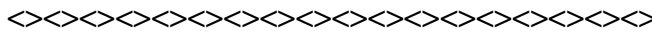




Vintage automobilia, artwork, dealership tapestries, an extensive collection of automotive mascots (hood ornaments) and the beautiful facilities made the viewing experience that much more rewarding.

If you are an automobile enthusiast and find yourself in Naples, it would be well worth the trip to the REVS Institute.

Submitted by Tom Kelly, March 2019



Indy Mopar Club Meeting Minutes Meeting February 28, 2019

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:

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

Bob Thomas asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Chet Branham.

Jan Peel read the thank you card from Karen Wisdom & family for the memorial gift of the beautiful wind chime and poinsettia plant for Dennis Wisdom - Steve Wisdom's brother.

Members were asked to introduce themselves and say whatever they wanted to, those that attended were Bob Thomas, Chuck & Linda Butler Ronda Cherry, Stephen Claycomb, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Tim and Sandy Dewitt, Bill Edgerton, Dart & Donna Liebrandt, Scott Oller, Dave Opel, Jan Peel, Jeff Platzer, Evan Springer, Sam and Sandy Willard, and Steve Wisdom. Jay Mayes stopped by for a minute.

Secretary's Report – Dave Opel

- A. Minutes were presented from the January meeting as written by Tom Kelly in my absence.
- B. A motion was made by Dick Crawmer to accept the minutes as presented, Evan Springer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom

- A. January 31, 2019 balance was \$1,582.34; February income was \$205.00; February Expenses were \$64.15; February 28, 2019 Balance \$1,723.19. Flower Fund \$220.66. 37 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 - Absent

- A. No report was given as Randy was absent.

Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Chuck Butler

- A. Chuck Butler gave the report for the birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulations to all.

Event Calendar – Chuck Butler

- A. Indy Cylinder Car Show/Swap Meet - March 1-3 at Indiana State Fair Grounds
- B. Westgate Show will be September 7 with rain date of September 14

Old Business

- A. Update for Indy Cylinder Head Tour – Ronda Cherry

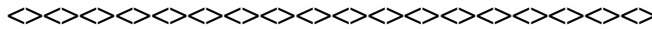
- a. Ronda is still in contact with them
- B. Indy Cylinder Head Show, March 1-3 - Ronda Cherry is the contact
 - a. Volunteers needed - a signup sheet was sent around
- C. Member's page on website report was given by Bob Thomas with suggestion of club cars with 4X6 photo of owner.
A motion was made by Evan Springer to pursue this, Steve Wisdom seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- D. Westgate Show will be September 7 with rain date of September 14

New Business – Bob Thomas

- A. Fletcher Cruise-in - July 13th, with Dick Crawmer volunteering to be in charge of arrangements.
- B. Club Newsletter Member Profile
 - a. March – Recap of Indy Cylinder Head Show/Swap Meet – Tom Kelly
 - b. April – Bob Thomas
 - c. May – Dart Liebrandt
 - d. June - Sam Willard
 - e. July - Fletcher Cruise-In??
- C. Other new business
 - a. Discussion to purchase stanchions with plastic chain to place around club cars at shows.
 - a. Show and tell - Dart Liebrandt brought a copy of his new sign.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Opel



April Birthdays:

Diane Gillock, 4-4
Mel Crane, 4-7
Ron Kriech, 4-8
Ginger Zimmerman, 4-14
Stan Sanders, 4-17
Rick Zimmerman, 4-19
Evan Springer, 4-23
Tim Dewitt, 4-27

April Anniversaries:

Rick and Anna Bruettig, 4-16
Jeffery and Sherri Andis, 4-29

Congratulations to all!

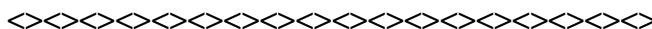
FOR SALE

1970 Plymouth Barracuda 440, Torqueflite with Overdrive; Slapstick shifter functions with toggle for electronic OD. 3.91 rear ratio Member Contact info: Ed Wagler at 812-327-1605

Tattler's Corner



The weather finally cooperated so that we had a nice crowd at the meeting this month
Let's just hope that it favors us again for our March 28th meeting.



Condolences to former members John & Carol Ann Bauer - John's mother passed away recently. Their address is 2800 Lost Ball Dr, Sebring FL 33872

2019 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST – **TBV – to be verified **TBD** – 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	13	Sat	TBD	Fletcher CDJR/IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	Dick Crawmer
	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	7	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