



Indy Mopar Club News

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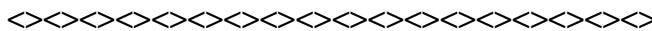
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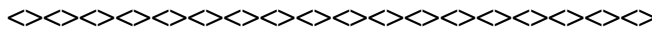
Next regular meeting: May 30, 2019, will be held at **MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street** Indianapolis (US 31- N of Southern Plaza between Sumner & National). Meet for dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. A Map Quest link is available on the IMC website – www.indymoparclub.com.



Presidents Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather, between rainstorms. Just a reminder, if you forgot your chair at the Indy Show, I have three that were left and I will bring them to the next meeting.

Bob Thomas - May 2019



Dart & Donna's Odyssey (or as Donna calls it 'The Money Pit Experience')

Almost 2 years ago Donna decided it was no longer felt safe to ride our 2005 Honda Goldwing motorcycle due all the motorists she was observing texting and driving. We had ridden to California and back, to the Outer Banks on the east coast, the Dragon's Tail at Deal's Gap, and a lot of other fun destinations. So we sold our motorcycle.

So what to do and still have the experience of the open road. We decided to buy a convertible. I wanted a classic car that I can do normal maintenance on. On the internet I came across a 1967 Dodge Dart GT convertible in B5 blue with white interior and top that a classic car dealership had. It had the white bumble bee stripes on the back and Rallye wheels. The dealer said the previous owner had rebuilt it about 7 to 8 years ago. It was a beautiful looking car, and since it was a Dart and my first name is Dart - I wanted it. Dart would have a DART.



The car was located in Oklahoma and the pictures showed the body was in good shape and had a 273 Commando engine with an automatic transmission and power steering (Donna could drive it). Since the car was so far away we decided to hire an inspector to check it out. The dealership recommended an inspector that would be honest, so we hired the inspector. The inspector sent us a report with photos and a video of him driving the car, so everything seemed good. We bought the car and hired a transporter to haul it to our home.

The car arrived and it looked as good as the photos, yeah. Upon our first drive we noticed the engine did not run as well as I thought it should, a noise was coming from the rear end, and none of the dash gauges worked. None of these issues were mentioned in the inspector's report.

Looking over the engine I noticed it had a 2 barrel carburetor which is not correct for a 273 Commando engine, should have a 4 barrel. I checked the number on the carburetor and it indicated it came off of a 1950's era Desoto. We did not feel safe driving the car very far in the condition it was in. So we contacted Wedan Street & Performance located in Columbus, Indiana to evaluate and fix issues.

It turned out the rear end was in terrible shape. They had to replace everything inside it and could only keep the outside part of the axle. The original 2.73 gears were replaced with 3.55 gears. The gauges did not work because the circuit boards in the dash had cracked due to old age and had to be replaced. The cigarette lighter worked, but every time we plugged the GPS into it the fuse would blow. So a separate auxiliary plug-in was installed.

The steering was pretty sloppy. The steering unit was replaced with a Firm Feel unit, which cured the problem.

We could not lock the doors because the ignition key did not fit them, and there was not a key provided for the doors. The door locks had to be changed. The driver side window did not roll up and down very well, so had to have that fixed. Especially since it did not roll up level.

Donna did not like the manual brakes, plus it did not stop as quickly as her 2015 Subaru Forester. This was also due to having drum brakes in front and back. So we decided to invest in a power brake booster and disc brakes on the front. It turned out the 14 inch Rallye wheels would not fit the disc brake conversion so we had to upgrade to 15 inch Rallye wheels. Which meant we had to go from 5X4 inch bolt pattern to 5X4.5 inch bolt pattern, resulting in converting the bolt pattern on the rebuilt rear end.

Turns out the engine and 904 transmission also needed some TLC. So we could either have the engine and transmission in the car rebuilt, or have another engine and transmission put in.



Wedan Performance had a 318 with 4 barrel intake and carb that was taken out of a Mopar (the owner had a 340 installed) and another 904 transmission. So we decided to have the 318 and other 904 done the way we wanted. The 318 had an Edelbrock intake manifold and Edelbrock Performer 4 barrel 600 CFM carburetor.

The 318 was bored 30 thousands over. Inputted were hydraulic lifters, roller rocker arms, premium piston rings, double roller timing set, SBM cam bearing, Hi-Energy pushrods, and COMP XE262H cam. The radiator was cleaned and pressure tested. The 904 was rebuilt and in great shape. It turned out the kick down linkage on the 273 would not fit the 318 so we had to install a kick down cable. I decided to have Edelbrock aluminum heads installed. Unfortunately the stock exhaust manifolds will not fit these heads so we had to install Hedman Hedders. The car already had dual exhausts with an H pipe configuration. There was only about 1.5 inches of clearance between the driver Hedder and the road. So the torsion bars had to be adjusted to raise up the front end, and that resulted in having a realignment of the front.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom

- A. March 28, 2019 balance was \$2,115.19; April income was \$80.00; April Expenses were \$195.61; April 25, 2019 Balance \$1,999.58. Flower Fund \$128.85. 49 paid members.

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. May 4 - Cinco de Mopar - Lafayette
- B. May 14-18 - Mecum Car Auction - Indiana Fairgrounds
- C. May 17-18 - Chrysler Power Classic - Columbus Ohio
- D. May 30 - IMC Meeting
- E. May 31-June 1 - Fast-Pure Stock Drags - Martin Michigan

Old Business - Bob Thomas

- A. No update for Indy Cylinder Head Tour – Nothing currently planned
- B. Member's page on IMC website - Photos with cars and their member. 4X6 size requested
- C. Update on Auburn Cruise - Tom Kelly
- D. August trip to Detroit - this is the largest cruise-in held in United States on Woodward Avenue. Thousands of participants.
- E. Other unfinished business - Membership
Gutters to be disposed of by Evan Springer. Motion by Dick Crawmer, seconded by Chuck Butler.

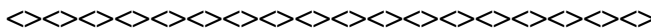
New Business – Bob Thomas

- A. Chuck Butler proposed a cruise-nic with club members to a local city park, tentative date September
- B. Fletcher Cruise-in meeting to be held this month with Steve Wisdom and Dick Crawmer and Further CDJR members.
- C. Mark Dinsmore, Indy Driver, has a go cart race track east of Indianapolis I70 Exit 123. Entrance on Hwy 3 South approximately 1/4 mile on East side of Highway. I attended Sunday May 5 a benefit for Dan Wheldon with 14 IMS drivers - A good program.
- D. Club Newsletter Member Profile
 - a. June - Sam Willard
 - b. July - Fletcher Cruise-In

A motion was made by Dick Crawmer to adjourn and was seconded by Jeff Platzer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel



Sandra Willard's birthday was May 10th and was inadvertently left out in the April newsletter.



June Birthdays:

Jay Mays, 6-14	Bob Thomas, 6-14	Steve Haug, 6-19	Grant McBee, 6-21
Randi Edgerton, 6-23	Michelle Haug, 6-24	Carlton Brock, 6-29	

June Anniversaries:

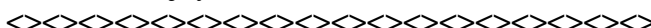
Mel and Barbara Crane, 6-2	Ed and Mary Leyes, 6-8	Scott and Janet Oller, 6-12
Ray and Bonita Brewer, 6-18	Glenn and Tami Keilman, 6-20	Sam and Sandra Willard, 6-20
Randy and Ann Smith, 6-24	Tom and Teresa Kelly, 6-25	

Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner

We are finally getting some good weather (in between the rain drops) so that we can get our classic/antique cars out to enjoy them.



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		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	5-9	Wed-Sun		Airflow Club of America National Meet	Charlottesville Virginia	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
	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 (Rain Date 9-14)	Bob Thomas
	12-15	Thu-Sun		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet	St. Clair MO	Tom Kelly/Jan Peel
	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	14	Sat	TBD	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Bob Thomas

In May we have Memorial Day -and of course the 500. Then of course Fathers Day in June.



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**