



Indy Mopar Club News

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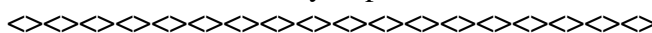
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

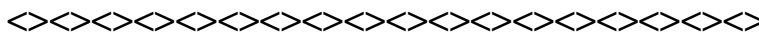
Next regular meeting: June 27, 2019, will be held at **MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street** Indianapolis (US 31- N of Southern Plaza between Sumner & National). Meet for dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. A Map Quest link is available on the IMC website – www.indymoparclub.com.



Presidents Message

Well, I went to Bargersville Car Show. It was very wet and only about 35 cars attended. The jeep off road crowd was there, but of course that is their ballywick. Even brought some flyers for our Fletcher Show. The Indy show at Wannamaker and the Lowes parking lot is coming up. Remember to advertise our show at these and other gatherings you attend.

Bob Thomas - June 2019



Sam Willard Profile

I have always been a “car guy.” I tell people my wife describes it as a “sickness” and perhaps I should consider the Henry Ford Clinic! I believe the earliest “Mopar” impact for me was my neighbor. He was a Chrysler Executive that was able to bring home some really amazing cars in the mid-sixties and early seventies. There were Newport’s, New Yorker’s, Sport Fury’s, GTX’s, Charger’s, wagons, convertibles...it was awesome, especially for a teenage boy!!

My first Mopar was a 1966 Plymouth Satellite with a 383 hi-performance engine and automatic transmission. Let’s just say it was fast; a sweet car for high school. Since Sandy and I married in 1977 we have had many Mopar vehicles the last 42 years. They have included the benign vehicles offered in the 80’s and 90’s such as a Cordoba, New Yorker (with a turbocharged 4 cylinder), Shadow convertible, etc. We also had a few full-size custom vans, a Ram Charger and several pick-up trucks ½ ton through 1 ton. It was a Chrysler vehicle that delivered both of our sons’ home from the hospital.

I have recently had two late model Challengers’, a 2013 and a 2016. Both were the SRT edition with the 392, both black and very fun to drive. The 2013 had a manual transmission while the ‘16 had an automatic. As much fun as the manual was to drive, the automatic was faster.

While I had the '13, I started looking for a '70 Challenger R/T so I could have the best of both worlds. Unfortunately, I couldn't find the right combination I was looking for; condition and price. However, I was very fortunate to find our '68 Charger R/T, in which we are the 3rd owner. This Charger only had 58,000 miles when purchased. It's a true R/T, 440, factory rated 375HP, automatic transmission, vinyl top with the "bumble bee" stripes. It has been

re-painted once, but has the original vinyl interior with bucket seats and console. The non-original parts include a Grant steering wheel, sport mirrors, aluminum intake, headers and Cragger wheels, which were very popular in the 60's, 70's and today!



We also enjoyed taking the '13 Challenger to the Chrysler Nationals in Hershey, PA and several other events.

I have taken the Charger to several car shows, one that's most memorable was in 2016 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The Sportscar

Vintage Racing Association was hosting their Vintage Racing Invitational and Hagerty hosted a car show. At the time my five-year-old grandson, Andrew and I entered



the Charger. We were very fortunate and won “Best of Class” and then was able to take several laps around the 2-1/2mile track! I have also taken our only granddaughter Kaylee to the Suds so she could have an ice cold root beer in a frosty glass mug...not to mention all the cool cars.

I sold 2013 Challenger and it wasn't long before we purchased a 2016 model. In addition to it being an SRT, it had the Scat Pack and “Shaker Hood” options. This Challenger got positive looks and admiration consistently. This car came from the factory with ‘3’ season radial tires, not a cold weather car by any means. I was very fortunate to take the '16 Challenger on a road trip with my then 10-year-old grandson,

Samuel III. Not just any road trip, but one on the Mother Road, Route 66! We intentionally stayed at as many non-chain, “old style” motels with real room keys as possible. We made it to Winslow, AZ (saw the flat bed Ford) and the Grand Canyon before heading home.

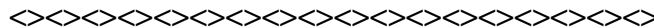


We have two other grandsons, Ethan and Jacob who will soon be enjoying the pleasure of vintage vehicles and I'm hoping will be Mopar enthusiasts as well!

Sandy and I also have a '34 Plymouth Street Rod, factory steel body and original frame. However, not much of anything else is original. It has a small block Chevrolet engine with aluminum heads, hi-rise aluminum intake with dual Edelbrock 4 BBL carburetors, headers, Pontiac Fiero bucket seats and tail lights from a '65 Impala. We have taken this car to many local car shows and to two NSRA Street Rod Nationals in Louisville, KY. We plan to attend this year's show as well especially since it's the 50th Anniversary!



Our everyday drivers are Chrysler products as well, a '14 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a '17 Ram 1500. We are new members and look forward to participating with the club events! I hope to see everyone at our next meeting.



Indy Mopar Club Meeting Minutes Meeting May 30, 2019

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:

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

Members were asked to introduce themselves. The 21 members that attended were Bob Thomas, Chuck & Linda Butler, Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill Edgerton, Dart & Donna Liebrandt, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Jeff Platzer, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Sam & Sandra Willard, Steve Wisdom, and guests Steve Claycomb (renewed tonight), and former member Michael Markowski.

Members were asked to speak of their autos and current projects.

Secretary's Report – Dave Opel

- A. Minutes from the April meeting was presented with no changes.
- B. A motion was made by Jeff Platzer to accept the minutes as presented, Bob Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom

- A. April 25, 2019 balance was \$1,999.58; May income was \$0.00; May expenses were \$284.98; May 30, 2019 Balance \$1,714.60. Flower Fund \$128.85. 50 paid members.

Communication Director – Randy Smith

- A. Current events on Website/Facebook being updated.
- B. IMC website made private. Cost \$9.99. Domain name IMC.com \$39.99. IMC.com \$34.95 annual hosting \$200 for 3 year period.
- C. Motion to accept was made by Rick Ordo, seconded by Steve Wisdom, motion carried.
- D. Approved \$50.00 for additional expenses.

Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Chuck Butler

- A. Chuck Butler gave the report for the birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulations to all.
- B. Spouse Birthday and couple anniversary to be added to future IMC applications.

Event Calendar – Chuck Butler

- A. Rick Ordo told about Glenn Miller Ban appearing at Art Craft Theatre in Franklin June 19th, 7 PM.

Old Business - Bob Thomas

- A. Member's page on IMC website - Photos with cars and their member. 4X6 size requested.
- B. Update on Fletcher Cruise-In. Meeting hel with Dick Crawmer and Fletcher management.
- C. Update on Auburn Cruise - Tom Kelly was to attend - was not present tonight

