

Indy Mopar Club News

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

Next regular meeting: <u>January 30, 2020</u> 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 – <u>www.indymoparclub.com</u>.



Note from the IMC President:

Happy New Year everyone! As we put 2019 in the rear-view mirror, let's join in a big **Thank You** to past Club President **Bob Thomas** and Club Secretary **Dave Opel** for their help & service to the club!

To kick off, I'm Tom Kelly the IMC President for 2020. I'm really looking forward to this upcoming year and hoping we can plan some great activities for the Club members to enjoy in the months ahead. I look forward to everyone's input and assistance in making our year's events both exciting for participants and beneficial to our Club's charity, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

While we'll have our two Cruise-Ins and presence at the Chrysler Performance Trade Show (Indy Cylinder Head Show), Don Schumacher Racing Open House, etc. as in the past, I'd like to increase our attendance as the IMC group at additional events this year. I'd love to increase awareness of our Club to foster growth. I'm sure many of you appreciate the new friendships that have grown from being a part of this club and our mutual interest in all things MOPAR. I'd love to get even more Mopar folks out there aware of the great group of people we have in our Club.

To kick this off, I've put an activity survey sheet together that you'll find in this newsletter. It will include activities that I hope would be of interest to our members. I'll also pass this out at the January meeting but if you are not able to attend, just drop me a note on events you'd be interested in us organizing. You can send your thoughts to the IMC site at indymoparclub@indymoparclub.com or directly to me at my email, tomvkelly@aol.com. I'll tally up responses for an indicator of interest. If you have additional ideas, please forward detail and we can review with the IMC family! Everyone's input and participation will ensure the Club's continued success.

Have a happy, successful and blessed New Year!

Tom Kelly

IMC President



Welcome to new members Jay & Caryn Williamson, Franklin, with a 1967 Dodge Coronet R/T. We hope to see them soon at a meeting or event.



Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals November 23-24, 2019

Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals... a bit of a mouthful so most refer to it by the acronym used by the organizers: MCACN. It is an enormous indoor car show held typically around the third weekend of November at the at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center near O'Hare Airport, northwest of Chicago. Not a bad trip from Indy if you bypass downtown (approximately 3.5hrs).

I've been to this show before and in fact, club members Mike Leyes & Dave Watt have displayed their cars in conjunction with the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race event in the past. I have always been in awe of the quality of cars that are enticed by the organizers to display each year. There are typically special groups or themes that they invite each year. A few years ago, they

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gathered dozens of original Hemi Cuda and Hemi Challenger Convertibles for a large display. I doubt this many e-body Hemi ragtops had been together in one place since they were produced.

One of this year's themes was the Class of 1969 as the '69 model year musclecars celebrated their 50th birthdays in 2019. This show has every marque muscle car represented including old supercharged Studebakers and the sometimes-overlooked AMCs (Rebel Machines, AMXs, Javelins).





Shirley Shahan ("Drag-On-Lady"), former Mopar Super Stock racer and later AMC Super Stock AMX racer was there in the area displaying some of her former restored race cars signing autographs. Obviously, I had to stand in line and chat with her, having seen her compete at Indianapolis Raceway Park back in the 60s.

The special Mopar subgroups parked in groups this year included the fiberglass hood '69-1/2 440-Six Pack Dodge Super Bees and 440-6BBL Plymouth Road Runners and the M code 440 A-Body Darts and 'Cudas. Every other imaginable Mopar muscle car was also represented including the early Max Wedges, along with every body style of 340, 383, 440s & Hemi cars.





There was one of the original bronze Chrysler Turbine Cars along with a complete Turbine engine on a stand next to it. Lots of old restored race cars including the Sox & Martin '71 Hemi Cuda





displayed next to Bill Grumpy Jenkin's '70 Camaro Pro Stocker. These two just sold at Mecum Kissimmee for \$375k & \$190k respectively. Looks like Sox is still beating Jenkins even after death! Bob Glidden's '72 Pinto Pro Stocker was also displayed at MCACN (just sold in Kissimmee for \$\$200k) as well as the 'Hurst Hemi Under Glass' wheel stander.





And for the movie buffs, the original Bullet '67 Mustang driven by Steve McQueen was enclosed in a glass booth at Mecum's MCACN display noting it would be auctioned at Mecum 2020 Kissimmee Florida event as well. A cool document shown was an original letter written to the owner from Steve McQueen many years ago stating Steve's interest in buying the car from him. The original owner chose not to sell it and the car fell off the radar up until a couple of years ago after the owner's death. His son decided to sell and as a side note, this Mustang just sold this past week in Kissimmee for \$3.74 million! Good decision by his dad to hang onto it for his family!









As noted, this convention center show is enormous with a car count of around 650 I understand. My brothers Dan and Rick along with Ron Kriech made it a day trip though it is a two-day show. You likely will not see everything in a one-day visit but it sure is worth the trip.

Submitted by Tom Kelly Jan 2020





February Birthdays:

Cindy Sanders, 2-8

Randy Smith, 2-11

Donna Liebrandt, 2-12

Pam Wagler, 2-16

Dan Kelly, 2-21

Robert Turner, 2-21

Tom Kelly, 2-28

February Anniversaries:

Jack and Sheilla Collins, 2-2

Chuck and Char Cochran, 2-3

Stuart and Melissa Quakenbush, 2-3

Steve and Cheryl Wisdom, 2-7 (50 years)

Michael and Patricia Patterson, 2-18

Ed and Pam Wagler, 2-19

Congratulations to all!



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Tattler's Corner

A certain past IMC President while walking his dog ended up in a neighboring creek. Hint - initials are ES. Did Cupid come around to someone at Christmas time? Hmmm! Wonder who he hit with his arrow.

2020 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST – TBV – to be verified TBD – to be determined-updated by Tom Kelly

Jan	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
Feb	7-9	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly
	9	Sun	= 0	WPC Winter (Mopar) Swap Meet	Macomb College Detroit	Tom Kelly
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
Mar	6	Fri	TBD	Indy Cyl Hd Show Set-up		Ronda Cherry
	7-8	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
Apr	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
May	2	Sat	11a-5p			Tom Kelly
	8-9	Fri-Sat		FAST-Pure Stock Drags - US 131 Motorspo	orts Park - Martin, MI	D Watt/M Leyes
	12-17	Tue-Sun		Mecum Collector Car Auction	IN State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly
	16-17	Sat-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic Nat'l Trail Raceway	y Columbus OH	Dave Watt
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
Jun	17-21	Wed-Sun		Airflow Club of America 57 th National Mee	t Independence, MO	Tom Kelly
	17-21	Wed-Sun		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet	Springfield, IL	Tom Kelly-Jan Peel
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
Jul	TBD	Sat	TBD	Fletcher Chrysler - IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	Tom Kelly
	10-12	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
,	7-29-8-2	Tue-Sun		National DeSoto Club National Meet	Brookfield, WI	Tom Kelly
	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
Aug		Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Nat'l Trails Racew	ay Columbus (Hebron) OF	
	15	Sat		Woodward Dream Cruise (week long lead u		Jeff Platzer
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
	TBD	Tue-Sat		Walter P Chrysler Club National Meet	TBD	Tom Kelly
Sep	4	Fri	TBV	DSR Open House-Car Show	Brownsburg, IN	Evan Springer

	12 18-19 24-27 24 TBD	Sat Fri-Sat Thu-Sun Thur Sat	TBV 7-8p 9a-12n	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race NMCA Race-Show Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg JDRF RUN/WALK – Victory Field Baseba	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly e Watt-Mike Leyes) Dave Watt Tom Kelly Steve Wisdom		
Oct	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2021 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly		
Nov	19	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg 1 week early because of Thanksgiving - Ele	MCL Cafeteria ction night for 2021 Officers	Tom Kelly		
	21-22	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show		e Watt/Tom Kelly		
Dec	TBD	Sat	TBD	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood	Tom Kelly I 46142		
	Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccurring)							
Months May thru Sept TBV		Time 5-9pm 6-9pm	Name of Event / Day Danville Cruise-In 1st Friday of Month Lowes Summer Cruise-in - Every Sat Night	Location Danville IN Town Square Ayon IN US 36	IMC Contact Tom Kelly			
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Apr Jun	Apr 11 Sat 9a-12p Indpls Motor Speedway Museum Cars & Coffee Speedway IN Jun 13 Sat 9a-12p Indpls Motor Speedway Museum Cars & Coffee Speedway IN				offee Speedway IN	Tom Kelly Tom Kelly		

IMC ACTIVITIES SURVEY

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1.00	Ray Skillman Classic Car Museum	1280 S. US 31 Greenwood IN	Car & Automobilia Museum, Open Mon-Sat 10a- 5pm	Tour				
2.00	Lucas Oil Raceway	Clermont IN	Drag Racing Wednesday (Spring-Fall) Open at 5p, racing at 5:30pm	Race or just Spectate;				
	Wild Wednesday Test & Tune Drag Racing			members bring food & chairs				
3.00	Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana History Ctr	450 West Ohio Indpls IN	Indiana Historical Museum	Tour				
4.00	Oldfield: Ind Art Museum, Lilly House	West 38th Indpls IN	Art Museum, Grounds, Historic Lilly House Tours	Tour				
5.00	Indiana War Memorial	- 1	Military and Veterans Museum; Wed-Sun 9a-5p	Tour				
6.00	Soldiers & Sailors Monument	Circle	Veterans Tribute Museum; Fri-Sun Winter hrs 10:30a-5:30p	Tour				
7.00	Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum	Indpls IN 16th St Speedway IN	"From the Vault" exhibit through April 20 Nov-Feb 10a-4p; Mar-Oct 9a-5p	Tour (vehicles not seen before)				
9.00	State Park Eagle Creek Various Other Sport Car Club of America Solo Event (SCCA Indiana Chapter)	W. 56st St Indiana Grissom AFB Peru IN	Late Spring thru early fall for warm weather Cruise-IN & Picnic, Driving Tour & Club Picnic Solo (Pylon Cone Course) Timed Race or Spectate Sundays in Spring-early Fall	pitch-in lunch pitch-in lunch pitch-in lunch				
10.00	Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum	I-69 Auburn IN	Multiple Museums in Auburn area	tour				
11.00	various local cruise-in attendance as Club	various	(ie: Avon Lowes, Danville Square, Mooresville, Wannamaker, Washington Square, etc.	Cruise-In				
12.00	Wright Patterson Air Force Museum	Dayton OH	Military and early aircraft museum, interactive displays, dioramas Open daily, 9am-5pm	Tour				
13.00	Studebaker National Museum	South Bend IN	early wagon and automobile museum. Historical homes. Mon-Sat 10a-5p; Sun 12p-5p	Tour				