



Indy Mopar Club News



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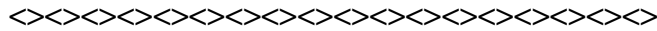
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: February 27, 2020 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.



IMC Newsletter Presidents Notes February 2020

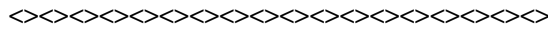
Hello All. We're off to a busy start planning Club activities for the coming year and I'd like to thank all who have jumped in already to get us kick-started. Steve Wisdom & Chuck Butler have already gotten our Fletcher & Westgate Cruise-In dates nailed down (see Event Calendar in this newsletter). Ronda Cherry has contacted Indy Cylinder Head in light of their new ownership to confirm arrangement for our Club display at the March Chrysler Performance Trade Show. Happy to say they have agreed to our past arrangement. We pay for our Club display corner spot and Indy Cylinder Head furnishes (at no cost) four spots for Club display vehicles. We in turn provide club volunteers to assist on Friday manning the doors during their show set up. Another thanks to Evan Springer who has graciously agreed to handle our Club's event advertising with on-line car show sites. At our January meeting, we had many others step up for covering our booth throughout the Indy Cylinder Head show and for the Friday set up. I can't thank everyone enough for volunteering!

I sent out a list of potential Club Activities and Events in the last newsletter. We subsequently discussed the list at the January meeting and the group was asked to check off all events that may be of interest. Though some wanted to think about it a bit, please see this newsletter for the tallies I have to date. We'll set up some of these activities for the year ahead at the next few meetings.

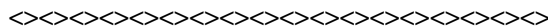
As a reminder, please check your email for other Club info sent out this month. This included the Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws for clarifying member voting and an event flyer for an Indiana cruise raising money for Gleaners' Food Bank that sounds like a great time for a great cause. We'll cover both at the February meeting.

Hope to see you at future events!

Tom



Welcome to new members David & Erin Gut, Avon, with a 1966 Dodge Charger. We hope to see them soon at a meeting or event.



Rick and Pat Kelly Member Profile

I guess it all started back in 2007 when my son Patrick got hired for a great paying new job. I was so proud of him, always wanting the best for both him and my daughter Amanda. He was only 17 years old at the time and he seemed very mature for his age. We were coming back home from southern Indiana and were just north of Martinsville. He spotted a black Dodge Neon on the side of the road with a 'For Sale' sign on it. He saw it and begged me to turn around to go back and look (just look!!). I wondered what all the excitement was about since I didn't know much about Neons as I'm more of an old muscle car fan.

When we pulled up, the first thing I noticed was the tall spoiler on the back and the bright red brake calipers. His eyes just lit up when he told me it truly was a 2005 Neon SRT-4. I didn't know anything about them. He told me how fast they were, but I thought, "how fast can a 4 cylinder be?"; I didn't think they could

be that fast. By now I guess he had my interest. The guy's name and number were on the sign, so we called him and he was there within minutes to take us for a ride. I don't think the guy put his foot fully into the throttle when I told him it was for Pat and not me.

After a lot of begging on his part, Pat finally talked me into co-signing for him against my better judgement. People told me I must be out of my mind, but I signed any way. I begged him not to race it on the streets. That was my one condition. If he was (or when he does) race it, I told him to take it out to Raceway Park and I'd buy his ticket. He surprised me when he came home from the track one day and told me he had run a 13.70. Here I'd been playing with my stock '64 Fury with a rebuilt 383 and the best I'd been able to get out of it was a 15.00 flat.

He had a lot of fun with it over the next few years, taking it on trips with his buds to St. Louis, the Mopar Nats, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and to Florida, just to name a few. He later told me his friends thought he was the coolest kid at school with that car.

Then came the day he lost his job and ran out of money to maintain it. One snowy winter night he lost control with the 'Bald Eagles' he was driving on and hit a snow bank and ditch. He was too sick to even look at it. It had a lot of damage but not so much that my older brother Tom couldn't (or wasn't afraid) to handle. Tom bought it from Pat and took his time over the years to repair it. When it went through the ditch it had both front and rear damage. The front radiator support members required replacement, some straightening of the fenders and exhaust system, a new intercooler and front facia. A replacement front wheel was purchased on eBay. While it was down, the timing belt, tensioner, intercooler hoses & water pump were replaced and motor mounts along with a lot of other items replaced or repaired.

After time, Tom got it back into 'driveway' running order though it still had some bad sensors, harness wiring damage & needed the front & rear facias reassembled and installed. Every time Pat would go out to Tom's, he would see it and it would remind him of how much he messed up by not being mature enough to take care of it at the time.

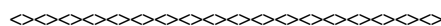
Over the years while Tom worked on it, Pat would ask me if I thought Tom would sell it back to him. I told him he would have to ask. After building up enough courage he finally asked. Well guess what's parked back in the driveway?

Pat got it home and immediately put a lot of additional work into it to get it road worthy. He hit the "Pick-a-Part" locations in Indy for a dash pad, windshield and other miscellaneous components. He traced & repaired the wiring and sensor issues and read the SRT forums on-line to resolve other glitches.



Pat's 30 years old now and with Chelsea they have a new baby boy, so I know he's matured a lot since the SRT-4 went in the ditch. Tom's said how proud he is of Pat getting it back on the road so quickly. Pat now appreciates how special his SRT-4 is and treats it like a brand-new car!

Rick Kelly Feb 2020



World of Wheels 2020

Ron Kriech, Rick Zimmerman, Dan Kelly and I attended the Indianapolis World of Wheels (WoW) Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds over Feb 7-9. This indoor show has always been a nice welcomed

break from the winter weather blahs. This was no exception though it was sadly short on our beloved Mopars. It was great seeing the ones that were there and as I get older, I've come to appreciate all the different makes and models from earlier days. There were some very nice Camaros, Cobra Jet Mustangs and a couple of pretty cool Thunderbolt 427 Ford Fairlanes. Even a very cool lowered Studebaker station wagon. Likely some of my appreciation of these brand X muscle cars stems from attending the drag races back in the '60s & '70s and watching them battle on the track with the great running Hemis, Six Packs, Max Wedges and 340s!

The WoW venue is set up in three buildings with connecting halls. It is somewhat organized by a couple of areas for the custom, show and restored cars, another area for the low riders, tuners, hydraulic 'jumpers' and another area for the old school rat rods, primered or unpainted hot rods. Lots of vendors and restoration shops showing their work. Summit Racing was there with a fabricator actually chopping the roof of an old hot rod to show their catalog's tool selection. Very neat display. They have a charity pin striping contest with a lot of talented people painting during the show.



And you could even pose in a backdrop with LiMu Emu from the TV insurance commercials. All we needed was Dave Watt's yellow Duster in that picture!

As far as Mopars, there were a few early '50s Plymouths and DeSotos, a couple of '65 Barracudas, a '69 Road Runner and a very nice '67 Coronet R/T 4 speed. There was a little Mopar oasis with IMC member Mel Crane's brand-new Redeye Hellcat, Bob Vorpe's gorgeous '66 Coronet 500 (with a beautiful 440-6bbl transplant) and their friend's early Challenger.



Noting the lack of Mopars, our little gang discussed that it may be time for us to organize an IMC Club Display next year as we did in 2010 & 2011. Got to let the home town know we're still here! We'll discuss at an upcoming meeting.

Tom Kelly - Feb 2020



Indy Mopar Club Meeting Minutes January 30, 2020 - WELCOME AND SIGN-IN

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Tom Kelly.

Those attending were Tom and Teresa Kelly, Chuck and Linda Butler, Ron Kriech, Ronda Cherry, Randy Smith, Steve and Cheryl Wisdom, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, Robert and Patty Turner, Jay Williamson, Rick Zimmerman, Jack Collins, Dick and Dorinda Crawmer, Tim Dewitt, Bill and Randi

Edgerton, Dan Kelly, Rick Kelly, Mike Leyes, Dart and Donna Liebrandt, Jay Mays, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, and Jeff Platzer.

Secretary’s Report – Ron Kriech

A. There were no minutes for the December as we held our Christmas Party with no meeting.

Treasure’s Report – Steve Wisdom

A. January 30,2020 balance was \$1,830.06; January income was \$275.00; January expenses were \$208.44; Flower Fund \$294.35.

Communication Director – Randy Smith

A. There was discussion about the web site changes. We need a software update before we can make significant changes.

Members News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Chuck Butler

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

Event Calendar – Chuck Butler

A. Fletcher cruise-in is scheduled for July 11, 2020 from 10 – 2. Steve Wisdom will take point.

B. Westgate cruise-in is scheduled For September 12, 2020 from 12 – 3. Chuck Butler has agreed to take point on this event.

Event Advertising – Evan Springer

A. Evan is going to send our cruise-in information to applicable media outlets. Please contact him with other publications of interest.

Old Business – Tom Kelly

A. Steve Wisdom is going contact Dave Stephenson for his input regarding Christmas Pictures for the newsletter.

B. By-law revision was defined for Section 5. The change will be sent to the full membership for review prior to approval vote at next meeting.

C. The membership page on website is on hold until website updates can be made.

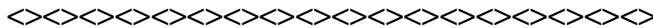
D. March Member Profile - Jay Williamson

E. April Member Profile - Randy Smith

New Business – Tom Kelly

A. The Indy Cylinder Head Show is scheduled March 7 & 8 2020, Ronda Cherry has contacted the new owners they approved the same arrangements that have been provided in the past, notably the corner space with four spots for our cars to be displayed. The participation signup sheet was sent around. Chuck Butler has the display material and Tom Kelly will supply the stanchions for the chain barrier around the cars. No 50/50 raffle was held. Dick Crawmer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve wisdom. The meeting ended at 8:02 PM.

For your approval,
Ron Kriech



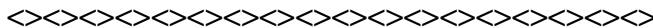
March Birthdays:

- Teresa Kelly, 3-2
- Miriam McBee, 3-2
- Char Cochran, 3-7
- Wendell Kegerreis, 3-18
- Regina Brock, 3-19
- Scott Oller, 3-24
- Sue Kelly, 3-29

March Anniversaries:

Dick and Dorinda Crawmer, 3-14

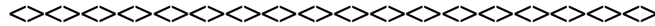
Congratulations to all!





Tattler's Corner

Wow, the Kelly families must have a lot of separate birthday celebrations or one whale of a big bash to celebrate all the birthdays in February and March.

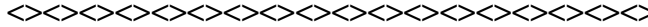


2020 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST – **TBV** – to be verified **TBD** – to be determined-updated by Tom Kelly

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		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	Cinco de Mopar-Purdue Cancer Research Car Show - Lafayette, IN		Tom Kelly
	8-9	Fri-Sat		FAST-Pure Stock Drags - US 131 Motorsports Park - Martin, MI	Dave Watt/Mike 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	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 Meet	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	11	Sat	10a-2p	Fletcher Chrysler - IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	Steve Wisdom
	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	7-9	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Nat'l Trails Raceway Columbus (Hebron) OH		Tom Kelly
	15	Sat		Woodward Dream Cruise (week long lead up Oakland County MI		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	Sat	12n-3p	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Chuck Butler
	18-19	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
	24-27	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
	24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
	TBD	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – Victory Field Baseball Stadium - Indianapolis IN		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	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
	21-22	Sat-Sun		1 week early because of Thanksgiving - Election night for 2021 Officers Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
Dec	14	Sat	4pm	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Tom Kelly

Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccurring)

Months	Time	Name of Event / Day	Location	IMC Contact
May thru Sept	5-9pm	Danville Cruise-In 1st Friday of Month	Danville IN Town Square	Tom Kelly
TBV	6-9pm	Lowes Summer Cruise-in - Every Sat Night	Avon IN US 36	
TBV	TBV	Mooresville Cruise-in / TBV	Mooresville IN	
TBV	TBV	The SUDS Cruise-in / TBV	Greenwood IN	
Apr 11 Sat	9a-12p	Indpls Motor Speedway Museum Cars & Coffee	Speedway IN	Tom Kelly
Jun 13 Sat	9a-12p	Indpls Motor Speedway Museum Cars & Coffee	Speedway IN	Tom Kelly

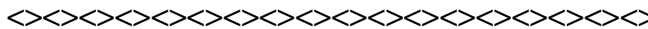


IMC ACTIVITIES SURVEY

Item	Event	Votes
1.00	Ray Skillman Classic Car Museum	10
2.00	Lucas Oil Raceway - Wild Wednesday Test & Tune Drag Racing **	8
3.00	Eugene & Marlyn Glick Indiana History Ctr	6
4.00	Oldfield: Ind Art Museum, Lilly House	4
5.00	Indiana War Memorial	5
6.00	Soldiers & Sailors Monument	6
7.00	Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum	7
8.00	State Park - Eagle Creek or other	10
9.00	Sport Car Club of America Solo Event	1
10.00	Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum	7
11.00	various local cruise-in attendance as Club	8
12.00	Wright Patterson Air Force Museum	8
13.00	Studebaker National Museum	9
14.00	Drive-In Outdoor Movie	10
15.00	IMS Cars and Coffee	4

Notes: Surveys turned in from 11 people

** Muncie Race Track mentioned in Mtg as LOR is limited entries this year.



I hope you had a great Valentine's Day

Have a good Saint Patrick's Day

