



Indy Mopar Club News

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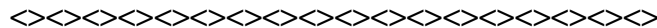
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Meetings are normally the last Thursday of every month except November & December. Refer to the President's Message for both those and future meeting dates.

Next regular meeting: August 26, 2021 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



Message from the President:

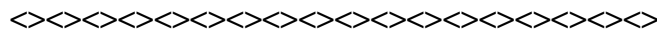
Message from the President:

First of all, thank you to all that attended and helped with the Speedway show. A first year show is so difficult to predict in attendance, but I think that overall we did pretty well, considering the weather. I do know for a fact that if it wasn't for the weather we would've had at least 20-30+ more cars. Steve will give us the final numbers, but I believe we had 66 paid participants and Evan counted 83 cars. One takeaway I have from the show is that if we had gotten more cars, we were quickly running out of space. Due to the karting leagues, and the morning breakfast crowd at Charlie Brown's, the city did not want us using those southern parking spaces in that direction. I am not sure, that if we decide to do the show again, that we could handle more cars at that venue. A second thought is that we were in major competition with several other large shows that Saturday weekend. I am currently thinking that Sunday would've probably been better in acquiring more participants, and that the street situation would be much less trafficked. I have not yet talked to the City of Speedway to get their thoughts. We'll make future decisions.

Next up of course is the York show Sept. 11. We are in pretty good shape at this point and we'll finalize the details at the August meeting. This will be our first time working with York. I have been in touch with Kaye York several times, and will be continuing to do so. Bob Davidson will again be our DJ. The food vendor is in question today, as Jeff King had to cancel that weekend for personal family reason. I am working on another and hope to have that solidified by the meeting. The most important thing for finalizing the show is who can work the show. Any help is always appreciated.

I will be anxious to see the photos and overall impressions from the Mopar Nats. Deb and I are heading to Detroit for the Woodward Dream Cruise this weekend. With both shows canceled last year, it will be interesting to see how many people are anxious to get out and back to normal. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Thanks,
Jeff



Mopar Nationals August 2021

This was the 40th Annual Nats this year and I believe my brothers and I have attended nearly all of them. Last year was cancelled due to Covid so I had hoped there would be a banner turnout but that didn't

happen. There were lots of vendors missing so the show was moved entirely to the east side of the track this year. Though the Vendors Midway had lots of open spaces, the swap meet was pretty full as was the Judges Show & Fun Field car areas. There were still lots of gorgeous cars and a great assortment to see. Though this show seems to primarily attract the muscle car era vehicles, there was a 1929 Plymouth and a 1936 Dodge in the Car Corral for sale. There were a few good deals to be found but also a lot of 'fishing' for suckers! There was a beautiful butterscotch A12 Lift Off Hood car for sale but an asking price was not set. The owner sitting next to it would only say he was "accepting offers"... some friends were gonna offer \$10,500 just to irritate him!



<--Dash
Plaque

One interesting car next to us was a pristinely restored yellow '71 Plymouth Hemi 4-spd GTX. The Placard said that it was sold originally in Pueblo Colorado, where my brothers Jim and Dan now currently live. --->



Jim spoke with the current owner who lives in Pennsylvania about details of the car. Jim then called a friend back in Pueblo from their local car club who had lived his entire life in Pueblo. The friend actually remembered the car as there were only two Hemis in town back then. He even knew the story on the missing original engine. After owning the car for a number of years, the original owner evidently grew more attached to his Harley motorcycle so pulled the Hemi and traded it for a Harley engine. Not unheard of back then I guess but still a bit unbelievable to us die-hard car guys. Anyway, Jim's friend knew the Hemi either went to a local machine shop or to Judy Lilly who came down from Denver to buy a used Hemi back around the same time. Either way, the new owner has a great story to tell.

I'm not sure of all the IMC members that attended this year. There was the same crowd in our area,



Rick & Ginger Zimmerman ('69 RR), Steve and Chad Wisdom (B5 Challenger), Bob Vorpe, my brothers Dan, Jim, Rick and his son Pat Kelly along with our cousin Pat LaGrange. I brought my red '68 RR again this year. Past IMC member Kent Wallace came down again from Michigan with stepson Drew; Kent's brother-in-law Tim attended again with his son Luke in their Challenger.



<--Also from Michigan was our friend Mark Graver and his son Matt with Mark's blue '67 R/T 4 speed convertible.

Chuck was visiting ->



Dave Watt ('71 340 Duster) and Mike Leyes ('69 440-6BBL RR) were there and raced their cars in the Trophy and 4-Speed classes respectively. I understood Dave Sanders, Brian Berkowitz and Bud Mounce were in attendance with their Challengers.



<-My brother Jim was also visited by the gentleman that bought his '63 Plymouth Max Wedge wagon years ago. Jim has stayed in touch with Mark who lives in northern Ohio.
Ginger and Rick Zimmerman -->



Ginger was our guardian angel in the evenings when we went out to eat. She called ahead to get on the wait list at Longhorn Steakhouse and the next night at the Olive Garden in Heath. Saved a bunch of time... darn it, I just gave away our secret! We did find a nice little place on Buckeye Lake on Thursday with outside dining that was nice as well. Great fish though I don't believe it came out of the adjacent lake!

Weather was typical for Columbus in August it seems. My brothers and I got to the campground next to the track on Wednesday to get some of the limited electrical service before it sold out. We got rain that day and then multiple storm showers again on Thursday and Friday. Though we got some wind, thank goodness it was not the 70mph straight-line winds that reeked havoc with tents and port-a-lets in 2019! With the potential storms Bob Vorpe gave up on his tent after the first night and found a hotel room. Of course the horrible campground facilities this year could have also weighed in the decision. Saturday was a very pleasant day. It was overcast for part of the day but that helped cool it down a bit.



<--Dan Kelly & Rick Zimmerman taking care of business.

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Group relaxing while the weather permitted.



Dan Kelly & Rick Zimmerman taking care of business.

Well, now my soapbox comments: National Trails Raceway bought the campground next door to the track a couple of years ago. All of us who have stayed there for years and watched the facilities deteriorate each year had hoped that was a good thing. Well, so far, it was not. This year the camp ground facilities were worse than ever. The front shower house was closed down completely and overrun with weeds, the number of Port-a-lets at the front of the camp ground was decreased and the main building shower-toilet facilities in the back of the grounds was even more neglected. Guess the Track just wanted the site for overflow parking which they instituted this year. Of course their camping prices did not come down from past years. All this camp site had going for it before was convenience and even that is not very appealing any more.

Back to the show, I greatly missed one the vendors, Art's Toys who carried model kits along with Chrysler vehicle and Mopar memorabilia and toys. I was like a kid in a toy store in his tent. I've since read that the owner Art Reisinger passed away just after the Carlisle show this year from prostate cancer at age 57. He will be missed; rest in peace.

For those into the Dukes of Hazzard show, there was a jump performed at the show this year on the drag strip in front of the stands. The good news was that 'no real Chargers were harmed' in this stunt. The car was a Crown Vic Ford with AMD Charger body panels attached to the cut down chassis/body. There are YouTube videos out on the internet if interested. A couple of the original show's actors were on-site for autographs as well. They had a long line so lots of folks are still interested. I'm just happy the destruction of real Chargers has stopped.

There was no Chrysler or Mopar (Stellantis) display presence this year as in past. I believe they missed an opportunity. Hopefully they'll be back in the future. Lots of loyal Mopar customers at this show both in the number of new Challengers and Chargers but also in the Dodge trucks that tow in the classics and race cars!



62 Plymouth 413 Max Wedge



1938 Plymouth Hemi and the 1938 Hemi engine in it.



62 Plymouth Wagon



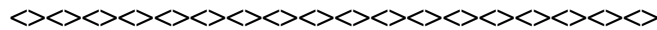
Rat Rod Dodge Pickup



Late 40's DeSoto

All in all it was a good show with something for everyone's taste in Mopars. The good Lord willing, we'll be back for the 41st!

Tom Kelly Aug 17, 2021 [\(More pictures on pages 5 & 6\)](#)



Indy Mopar Club Meeting Minutes Meeting July 29, 2021

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by our President Jeff Platzer. Attendance was taken by Ronda Cherry: Jeff & Debbie Platzer, Ronda Cherry, Steve Claycomb, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Tom Kelly, Dave Opel, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Jay Williamson, Steve Wisdom, and guests Cody and Quinn Crawmer (Dick & Dorinda's grandchildren).

Introduction of Members and guests by Jeff Platzer.

Secretary Report – Dave Opel

Report given as printed for June 24, 2021 meeting were presented and approved with no changes.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom

A. June 24, 2021 balance was \$2,355.56; July income was \$2,094.00; July expenses were \$696.35; July 29, 2021 Balance \$3,753.21. Flower Fund \$229.65.

B. 59 Paid Memberships

Communication Director Report - Randy Smith

Any photos of Fletcher Cruise-In please submit to Randy via E-mail at indymoparclub@indymoparclub.com or call him at 317-696-1894

Member Birthdays & Anniversary dates - Ronda Cherry

August report was given with congratulations to all

Event Calendar - Revised in Newsletter by Tom Kelly

A. July 31st - Indiana Fastest Street Cars - Jeff Platzer

B. August 13-15 Mopar Nationals - Hebron Ohio - Tom Kelly

Event Advertising - Jeff Platzer

Attendance - Ronda Cherry

A. Attendance was taken by Ronda

Old business - Tom Kelly

A. Club Member Profile

1. August - Mopar Nationals - Tom Kelly
2. September - Need a volunteer

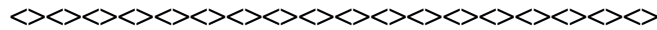
New Business - Jeff Platzter

- A. Review June Meeting at Speedway
- B. Review Fletcher Show
- C. Review York Show
- D. Discuss July 31 Show in detail

Dick Crawmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Randy Smith seconded the motion, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Respectively submitted - Dave Opel



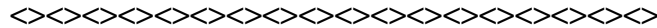
September 2021 Birthdays:

Cathleen Claycomb, 9-6	Ronda Cherry, 9-7	Donna Opel, 9-13
Kim Vorpe, 9-15	Jay Williamson, 9-19	Dru Kriech, 9-21
John Roberts, 9-23	Mike Kohout, 9-24	Deb Platzter, 9-24
David Gut, 9-29	Bob Rosenberger, 9-30	

September 2021 Anniversaries:

Jim and Sue Kelly, 9-12 (40 years)

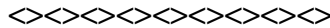
Congratulations to all!



Do you recognize this gentleman? ->
We don't usually get this kind of picture for him.



<--Well this is kind of a common one for this gentleman.



Original 70 Dodge Hemi Challenger Convertible



Valiant 2 Door



Motown Missile



California Flash Dart Sport



Chizler 60 Fuel Dragster



67 Hemi GTX Convertible



66 Plymouth Satellite



64 Dodge Dart Convertible



Chrysler Imperial



61 Plymouth



64 Plymouth Race Hemi



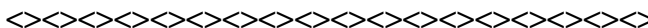
68 Dart GTS



66 Dodge Coronet



69 340 Dart Swinger



Have a Happy and safe Labor Day!!!

Jan	28	- Cancelled	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	Cancelled	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Feb	25	Cancelled	Sun Thurs		WPC Winter (Mopar) Swap Meet Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	Rescheduled Feb 6, 2022	Macomb College Detroit MCL Cafeteria	Dave Watt Jeff Platzer
Mar	5		Fri		Indy Cyl Hd Show Set-up			Ronda Cherry
	6-7		Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show		Ind State Fairgrounds	Jeff Platzer
	25		Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg		MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Apr	16-18		Fri-Sun		O'Reilly World of Wheels Car Show		Ind State Fairgrounds	Jeff Platzer
	29		Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg		MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
May	13-14		Thur-Fri		FAST-Pure Stock Drags - US 131 Motorsports Park - Martin, MI			D Watt/M Leyes
	14-22		Fri-Sat	wk later	Mecum Collector Car Auction		IN State Fairgrounds	Ronda Cherry
	27		Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg		MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Jun	4-5		Fri- Sat		No Prep Kings		Norwalk Raceway Park	Jeff Platzer
	16-20		Wed-Sun		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet		Springfield, IL	Tom Kelly-Jan Peel
	24		Thurs	6-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg		Speedway-Big Woods Restaurant	Jeff Platzer
Jul	10	Rescheduled to 24th			Fletcher Chrysler - IMC Cruise-In		Franklin, IN	Evan Springer
	9-11		Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats		Carlisle PA	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
	7-28	- 8-1	Tue-Sun		National DeSoto Club National Meet		Brookfield, WI	Tom Kelly
	29		Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg		MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
	31		Sat	10a-3p	Indiana's Fastest Street Car Show-IMC		Speedway IN	Jeff Platzer
	31		Sat	9a-4:30p	Cinco de Mopar-Car Show		9 Irish Bros-East Lafayette, IN	Tom Kelly
Aug	1	- TBC	Sat		Indiana's Fastest Street Cars		Speedway, IN	Jeff Platzer
	4-8		Wed-Sun		Walter P Chrysler Club National Meet		Auburn Hills, MI	Tom Kelly
	13-15		Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Nat'l Trails Raceway		Columbus (Hebron) OH	Tom Kelly
	21	TBV	Sat		Woodward Dream Cruise (week long lead up)		Oakland County MI	Jeff Platzer
	21	TBV	Sat		Spring Mill St Park-Vintage Trailer Cruise		Mitchell IN	Tom Kelly
	26		Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg		MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Sep	4	TBV	Fri		DSR Open House-Car Show		Brownsburg, IN	Evan Springer
	11		Sat	10a-3p	York Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in		Plainfield IN	Chuck Butler
	13-17		Mon-Fri		Airflow Club of America 57 th National Meet		Independence, MO	Tom Kelly
	17-18		Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race		Stanton MI	D Watt/M Leyes
	23-26		Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show		Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
	30		Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg		MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
		TBD	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – Victory Field Baseball Stadium - Indianapolis IN			Steve Wisdom
Oct	28		Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2022 Officers		MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Nov	18		Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg		MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
	20-21		Sat-Sun		NOTE: 1 week early because of Thanksgiving - Election night for 2022 Officers Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show		Rosemont IL	Tom Kelly/Dave Watt
Dec	11	TBV	Sat	4p	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party		Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse	Steve Wisdom
					NOTE: NO DECEMBER MEETING AT MCL		1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	

Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccurring)

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	Jeff Platzer
TBV	TBV	Mooreville Cruise-in	/ TBV	Mooreville IN	Dick Crawmer
TBV	TBV	The SUDS Cruise-in	/ TBV	Greenwood IN	Evan Springer
TBV	TBV	Martinsville Thursday Cruise	on the Square	Martinsville IN	Dick Crawmer