



# Indy Mopar Club News



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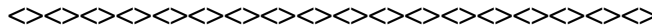
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*Meetings are normally the last Thursday of every month except November & December. Refer to the President's Message for both those and future meeting dates.*

**Next regular meeting:** **August 25, 2022** 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](http://www.indymoparclub.com)



### Message from Jeff Platzer, President:

Hello everyone! Deb and I just returned from the Mopar Nats. A beautiful day to see the cars and watch some drag racing. We ran into the Kelly clan with Rick Zimmerman. You'll see some nice photos from us attached. I hadn't been to the Nats for many many years.

Traffic was fairly light on Friday and I'm guessing Saturday was busy. We drove over Friday night to Brice Road to see what was going on there and was surprised that nothing much Mopar wise was out there. There was a huge gathering of cars in one area but it was all younger people and not car specific at all. We ate dinner with Mike Kohout and then left.

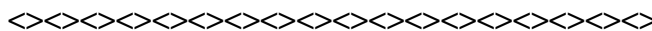
Deb and I will be heading to the Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit this coming Thursday August 18 through Saturday. If anyone else is going let me know. My phone number is 260-403-6616. If you've never been you need this on your bucket list!

The only other piece of news to relate concerns the upcoming show at York in Crawfordsville Sept. 10. We're all set to go. I have stayed in touch with them and know how to do the set up there. They have a food truck they've invited and Bob Davidson will be doing the DJ services. We'll talk about any other last minute details at the meeting. Please bring any raffle give away items to the meeting so we have an idea what we have to work with. If you know you won't be there let me know. I have been passing out flyers, hope you are too!

Please also put the Cruise Indy event on Sept. 17 on your calendar. That will be an official club event we'd like to see as many club members attend as possible. See the attached information from the oldcarsonly website.

September 17, 2022 - ([Carmel, IN. 46032](#) ) Cruise Indy Car Show & Car Cruise. This event allows collectors to not only show their vehicle in a festive setting complete with music, food, silent auction and entertainment, but the day will also culminate with the opportunity to enjoy an 8-10 mile open cruise between Carmel and Indianapolis, all while raising money to benefit Folds of Honor & The Scoliosis Project of Indiana. All participants receive a collectors medallion and dash plaque. DJ, Food, 50/50 Drawing, Silent Auction, Merchandise, Awards, Face Painting and Scavenger Hunt for the kiddos. Registration is \$20 before September 15th & \$25 at the door. For more information or to register your car visit: [www.CruiseIndy.com](http://www.CruiseIndy.com) or contact Sandra Haugo- 317-275-1947 or [shaugo@indianaspinegroup.com](mailto:shaugo@indianaspinegroup.com).

Thanks, Jeff



## The Mopar Nationals 2022

The 2022 Mopar Nats were held August 12, 13 and 14 again at National Trails Raceway east of Columbus Ohio. The weather was beautiful Friday and Saturday. A good number of IMC members made the show including Steve Wisdom, Randy Smith, Rick Zimmerman, Dave Watt, Mike Leyes, Jeff and Deb Platzer, and Dan, Jim & Tom Kelly. I believe others (Dave Sanders included) were there though we didn't cross paths over the weekend. Past IMC Vice President Kent Wallace, his son Drew along with friend Mark Graver and his son Matt came down from the Detroit area with their pair of '67 R/T convertibles. We had our awnings set up together again in the 'Fun Field'; it served us well as our social hub oasis (and as a rest area when our legs wore out from walking).

Dave Watt left the show with a truck load of preordered and swap meet finds for his '69 440-6BBL Road Runner project and I know Randy Smith was on the hunt for '70 340 Cuda parts. My brother Dan located a good deal on a 383 Air Cleaner for his '68 Road Runner and Rick Zimmerman picked up some needed rubber trim pieces for his '69 Runner as well. I thought long and hard about a 3:55 Sure Grip third member but decided I needed to save my money for more important home repair projects... sad, huh?

Overall, the show Manufacturer's Midway was down considerably from past years. Unfortunately, vendor displays have been shrinking for the last number of years and this year was more sparse than ever. The swap meet was still pretty large and the 'For Sale' Car Corral had a decent number of vehicles brought in.

There were some really cool famous race cars again this year. A couple that stood out was the Paul Rossi 440 Six Pack Dodge Super Stock car and Judy Lilly's '67 Hemi Belvedere, both fresh from complete restorations. The Rossi car was stunning and parked along side Butch Leal's California Flash '65 Plymouth Super Stock Race Package car and the Motown Missile Pro Stocker. Both Paul Rossi and Butch Leal were on hand to sign autographs and sell some very cool replica die casts including an awesome Dodge ramp truck. All these cars were very successful race winners and received a lot of press back in the day, including pics in the Direct Connection catalogs of the era.

A highlight for me was an original black 1962 Plymouth 413 Max Wedge Belvedere. We spoke with the owner and he bought it brand new. Due to his age of only 16, he needed his mother to sign for his purchase and loan. As they left the dealership, he nailed the accelerator and after a quick trip through the gears, his mother told him "I thought this was a 6 cylinder". "I would never have signed for it if I knew it was this fast!" He still laughed like a teenager when he told us this story!

After decades of taking my '68 Road Runner to the show, transportation circumstance made me take my '79 Lil Red Express truck. My brother Jim graciously drove it over from Indy without the comfort of air conditioning while I towed my travel trailer. It was pretty cool that on Saturday, there were 5 'Lil Reds parked within sight of each other. I believe that's the most I've seen together at this show in recent years.

Other older Dodge truck participation has ramped up considerably over the years and there were some stunning examples this year. A couple of lifted '40-50 era Power Wagons were definite crowd stoppers. One even had dual rear axles so capable of putting serious power to the pavement!

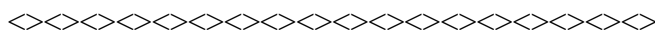
Station wagons have also been in vogue for a while now and I saw a couple that really caught my attention. One was a 1961 Plymouth (so homely they are cool!) and another was a pristine red 1960, 9-passenger Chrysler wagon. The amount of space in that wagon was phenomenal!

The gentleman that organizes the wonderful MCACN car show in Chicago each November has a booth at the Nats each year selling memorabilia, old car magazines and diecasts. He hosts the Mopar Nats Model Car Contest and there were some really nice famous race car replicas this year. There will likely be coverage in Mopar Collectors Guide magazine later this year if that is of interest.

We enjoyed the show again this year. Others shared concern about the event's shrinking size but it is still a great time with lots to see and a great opportunity to spend a weekend visiting with friends.

*Submitted by Tom Kelly August 2022*

(Pictures follow on next page)





Lil Red Truck Row



Nats Model Car Display

Dual Axle Power Wagon

61 Plymouth Wagon

Butch Leal California Flash

Kent Wallace '67 R/T

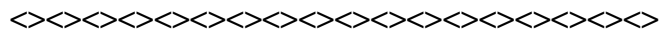
Dick Landry's

Original 413 Max Wedge

PappyFry Plymouth

60 Chrysler Wagon

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**Indy Mopar Club- July28, 2022 Meeting Minutes, MCL South**

**President Jeff Platzer** opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**Introduction of Guests/Members by Jeff Platzer.**

Those attending were Jeff Platzer, Ronda Cherry, David Opel, Steve Wisdom, Randall Smith, Steve Claycomb, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Dart & Donna Liebrandt, Larry & Susan Mayes, Scott Oller, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, and John-Paul & Megan Woempner.

**Secretary Dave Opel:**

- A. Dave gave highlights of the June meeting as were presented in the July Newsletter with no corrections. Accepted by members present.
- B. Successful June Cruise In at Fletcher CDJP with plenty of photos.

**Treasurer Steve Wisdom:**

- A. Treasurer Report Indy Mopar Club July1 to July 28, 2022. June 30, 2022 Balance \$2,919.45. July, 2022 Income \$1,585.00.
  - July 2022 Expenses \$957.63
  - July 28, 2022 Balance \$3,546.82
  - (Flower Fund \$195.65) 64 paid memberships.

**Randy Smith - Communication Director**

- A. Club website updated. - Crawfordsville Automotive Flyers available for distribution.

**Vice President Ronda Cherry**

- A. Ronda took the attendance - 17 members were present.
- B. She gave the current member news on August birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulations to all.

**Event Calendar -Tom Kelly - Absent**

- A. 9-3 9th Annual Boys & Girls Club Car Show, Morristown IN, \$20 registration
- B. 9-3 Amity Baptist Church Car Show, 3597 S US Hwy 31 - Dart Liebrandt
- C. 9-5 Greenfield First Church of Nazarene, 1980 S State St, Greenfield, \$20 registration
- D. 9-10 Hot Rod Nationals Car Show, Lucas Oil Raceway, Clermont, \$20 registration
- E. 9-17 Cruise Indy Car Show, Carmel, \$20 registration
- F. 9-24/25 21st Annual NMCA World Street Finals, Lucas Oil Raceway, Clermont

**New Business**

- A. Fletcher review - Excellent show
- B. York update - the show has been moved to Crawfordsville September 10
- C. Cruise Indy - scheduled for September 17
- D. Club Member Profile - September, October, & November - NEEDED

**Old Business:**

- A. York/Fletcher Update
- B. IMC Patches - See Jeff
- C. Cruise Indy Discussion
- D. Suds Update

Dorinda Crawmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Evan Springer seconded the motion, the motion carried.  
 Jeff Platzer adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.  
 Respectively submitted by David Opel



**Tattler's Corner**



We've had a little bit of usual Mother Nature Indiana weather - stormy, rainy in spots, hot days, cool nights. Personally I had one spot of rain where it rained across the street and my property had not a drop. I've only seen that a few times.



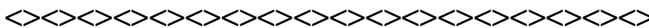
**September 2022 Birthdays:**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cathleen Claycomb, 9-6 | Dru Kriech, 9-21      |
| Ronda Cherry, 9-7      | John Roberts, 9-23    |
| Donna Opel, 9-13       | Mike Kohout, 9-24     |
| Kim Vorpe, 9-15        | Deb Platzer, 9-24     |
| Jay Williamson, 9-19   | Bob Rosenberger, 9-30 |
| Zack Minnick, 9-20     |                       |
| John Rodrigusz, 9-20   |                       |

**September 2022 Anniversaries:**

- Jim and Sue Kelly, 9-12
- John and Dana, 9-22

**Congratulations to all!**



*Enjoy your long Labor Day Weekend*

**2022 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST**    **TBV** – to be verified    **TBD** – to be determined    **R1** Updated 2-18-21 tvk    **IMC Contact**

Jan	27 -	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Feb	6	Sun		WPC Winter (Mopar) Swap Meet	Macomb College Detroit	Dave Watt
	<del>24</del>	<del>Thurs</del>	<del>7-8p</del>	<del>Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg</del>	<del>MCL Cafeteria</del> → Canceled	Jeff Platzer
Mar	3-5	Thu-Sat		Indy Cyl Hd Show Set-up Thu/Show Fri-Sat	Ind State Fairgrounds	Ronda Cherry/Jeff Platzer
	25-27	Fri-Sun		O'Reilly World of Wheels Car Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Jeff Platzer
	31	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Apr	25-29			Dodge Bros Club	Charleston SC	Tom Kelly
	28	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
May	12-13	Thur-Fri		FAST-Pure Stock Drags - US 131 Motorsports Park - Martin, MI		D Watt
	13-21	Fri-Sat wk later		Mecum Collector Car Auction	IN State Fairgrounds	Ronda Cherry
	26	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Jun	15-19	Wed-Sun		The National DeSoto Club Natl Meet	Altoona PA	Tom Kelly
	30	Thurs	6-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Jul	9	Sat		Fletcher Chrysler - IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	Steve Wisdom
	7-10	Thurs-Sun		Commemorative Air Force	Terre Haute IN	Tom Kelly
	9-14	Sat-Thurs		Airflow Club of Amer National Meet	Independence MS	Tom Kelly
	15-17	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
	20-24	Wed-Sun		Walter P Chrysler WPC Natl Meet	Elk City OK	Tom Kelly
	28	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
		<b>TBD</b>		<b>Indiana's Fastest Street Car Show-IMC</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Jeff Platzer</b>
Aug	12-14	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Natl Trails Raceway Columbus (Hebron) OH		Tom Kelly
	20	Sat		Woodward Dream Cruise (wk long lead up) Oakland County MI		Jeff Platzer
	25	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
	8-28/9-1	Sun-Thur		Ply Owners Club Great River Tour-Miss River: St Louis-Dubuque IA		Tom Kelly-Jan Peel
Sep	2	Fri	<b>TBV</b>	DSR Open House-Car Show	Brownsburg, IN	Evan Springer
	10	Sat		York Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Crawfordsville IN	Jeff Platzer
	15-17	Thurs-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	D Watt/Tom Kelly
	17	Sat	9a-12p	Cruise Indy	Carmel IN	J Platzer
	16-18	Fri-Sun		Holley Moparty-Beech Bend Raceway	Bowling Green KY	J Platzer
	22-25	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
	29	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Oct	22	Sat	<b>TBD</b>	JDRF RUN/WALK – Victory Field Baseball Stadium - Indianapolis IN		Steve Wisdom
	27	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
				Nominations for 2023 Officers		
Nov	17	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
				NOTE: 1 week early because of Thanksgiving - Election night for 2023 Officers		
	19-20	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL	Tom Kelly/Dave Watt
Dec	11	Sun	5p	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse	Steve Wisdom
				NOTE: NO DECEMBER MEETING AT MCL	1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	
<b>Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccurring)</b>						
May thru Sept	<b>1st Fri</b>	5-9pm		Danville Cruise-In 1st Friday of Month	Danville IN Town Square	Tom Kelly
May thru Sept	Sat	6-9pm		Lowes Summer Cruise-in - Every Sat Night	Avon IN US 36	Jeff Platzer
May thru Sept	<b>TBV</b>			<b>Mooreville Cruise-in / TBV</b>	<b>Mooreville IN</b>	<b>Dick Crawmer</b>
Apr thru Oct	Sat	4pm		The SUDS Cruise-in / TBV	Greenwood IN	Evan Springer
May thru Sept	Thur	5-9pm		Martinsville Thursday Cruise on the Square	Martinsville IN	Dick Crawmer
May thru Sept	Sat	4-9pm		Noblesville Cruise	Noblesville IN	