



Indy Mopar Club News

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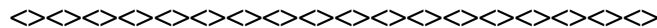
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Meetings are normally the last Thursday of every month except November & December. Refer to the President's Message for both those and future meeting dates.

Next regular meeting: **October 27, 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



Message from Jeff Platzer, President:

October here we are. Now's the time we start thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas and put the cars away for winter. I'm still hoping for a few more days left in the 60's and 70's maybe.

Well first of all, thanks to Tom Kelly for handling our last meeting. I had a quick change of plans for a family event we wanted to go to, and Ronda was good to takeover, well at least until she got sick at the last minute. We should both be good this time.

I attended a couple of car shows recently and have seen some really nice Mopars. I always carry a few club cards with me and passed out all I had in my wallet. Two guys came to the Avon Strides show as a father and son with a 70 AAR Cuda and a 70 TA Challenger. Both were purchased in Avon, having been in long time storage and possession. It's amazing what's still lurking out there in barns. In Mooresville I came across a guy with a beautiful white 68 Dart GTS with a 383 4-barel and 4-speed. Hopefully we'll see some new members.

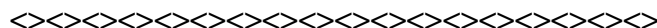
We discussed that the temporary Crawfordsville show turned out pretty well considering how far out it was and it being a first time event. It'll be great to get back to Plainfield next year and Kaye York has already said she's good to go for it. Cruise Indy was a great show in Carmel with 148 cars. They donated a check to us for JDRF for \$500 for helping them with some marketing. We'll see if they want anymore help next year.

Some of the things we want to discuss going forward are, how can we increase our donation amount to JDRF? I'd like to entertain some discussions about food, music and perhaps a third show. Another point of discussion is how can we get more help from the members in acquiring door prizes? We need more members to step up and either donate a small amount of money that would allow us to purchase some door prizes, or have members go out and make a commitment to get maybe one store to help with a sponsorship of some sort. That could be some automotive supplies, or restaurant gift cards, or anything really. Those of us that run the show work hard to make these events happen, but we need more help.

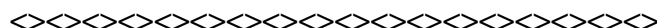
As most of you know, this October meeting will feature the nomination of new officers for 2023. If you are interested in running for a position, or would like to nominate someone for a position, please attend this meeting. Or maybe, you just would like to say that you're willing to help any way that you can, we'll see what we can find for you.

Thanks and we'll see you soon!

Jeff



Condolences to Steve & Cheryl Wisdom - Steve's brother-in-law Thomas Wallace of North Carolina passed away Friday the 14th of October.



Larry (and Sue) Mayes Profile

It has been a long time since I have been able to participate in any activities after they closed the plant I worked at here in Indy and transferred to Louisville KY. The older members know me and my cars but for the newer members will reintroduce myself and a little bit about my cars.

I grew up on the east side of Indianapolis and my dad worked at the Chrysler Electrical plant. Dad was a machine repairman and could fix just about anything. I was his little shadow and he had his mechanics license and would inspect cars at my uncles body shop on E. Washington (where Cherry Tree is today) in the 60's when Indiana had to have cars inspected annually and I was there to be his assistant.

In 1972 my dad took me to look at a 67 Barracuda notchback that was a slant 6 auto, factory ac & ps. He said if I kept it clean and didn't tell mom how much he paid for it he would sell it to me when I got my license in 2 years. HECK YES, what 14 year old wouldn't want his own car. My sister was 2 years older and wanted it so she got it instead.

When I was to get my 1st car dad said, I work at Chrysler and can get parts, YOU will drive a Chrysler product. I was ok with that and at 15 I bought a 67 Barracuda notchback from a guy dad worked with that had been run off the road and thru a fence. Nothing special and this gave me time to get it fixed before I got my license. My older brother and I took it to my uncles body shop (he had moved to Columbus IN by this time and started to remove trim for repairs and color change. It was ice blue with black vinyl top and dark blue interior. I HATED LIGHT BLUE and wanted it midnight blue. After a few days I got a job and could no longer go to work on it so my brother and Uncle completed it without me. My uncle had a habit of mixing whatever paint he had on hand when painting something he wasn't going to make much money on. I would ask him what color he painted it and he wouldn't tell me and said you will find out when you see it.

It was painted the color I wanted and it came out great. Then my oldest sister needed a car and dad and I went and looked at a 67 fastback Formula S 273 hipo auto. It smoked some so dad had a 318 installed and I said I want the engine. The 1st engine I ever rebuilt was this 273 and installed it in place of my 67 with factory 273 2 barrel. So at one time we had 2 67 notchback and one 67 Fastback Barracudas sitting in the driveway. Wish I had taken a picture of the 3 together.

This was the start of my love of Mopars. My brother also had a 69 GTS 383 Auto 3.91 gear that was white, white interior and red stripe that I wanted really bad but dad wouldn't let me buy it from him saying I would get KILLED IN IT! I was able to drive it and never had it out of shape so far as to come close to wrecking it, but was it ever FAST.

Many cars have come and gone, 69 Roadrunner, 69 BB Charger SE, 70 BB Grand Coupe Barracuda, 70 340 Challenger, 71 Cuda Convertible, 72 340 3 spd manual RallyeChallenger (Changed to hemi 4 speed), 72 Barracuda, 73 & 74 Challenger and even to the dark side 69 SS 396/375 hp 4.11 Chevelle, 71 Mach 1, 74 Camaro, but my roots keeps me coming back to my MOPARS. Today I don't buy and sell, I like what I have and have had long time. My 67 Dart convertible we have owned for 29 years, the 1999 Prowler we bought new in 1998, the 1981 Imperial mom bought new in Oct 1980

The Dart was a slant 6 auto on column that was a decent car but needed some work. We drove it for about 2 years before taking it completely apart. It took 10 years to get it back on the road. Between being in body shop jail and me spending my fun money on my Prowler it got put on the back burner.

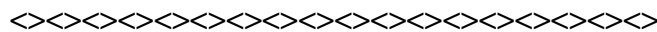
Today the Dart (one of 3,728 67 Convertibles) has a 1971 340, A833 4 speed, 3.73 sure grip 8 3/4' rear, painted 1999 Chrysler Pearl white by Tony Spears, custom Ultra leather interior by Jim Matthews, Blue cloth top by Kents Upholstery. It was in Mopar Muscle in 2012 Dec edition (Pearl of a Dart).





My wife, Sue and I have been married for 29 years and enjoyed taking our cars to cruise ins, car shows and helping in the club activities. Relocating to Louisville stopped most of our activities around Indianapolis and we started doing things in southern Indiana and Louisville KY area. Her Parkinson progressed and I retired in 2019 to become caregiver for her. We no longer can go and enjoy the cars much. In 2020 we moved back to the far east side of Indy just a street over from where I grew up. Hopefully we can get out to some things even if just for a short period of time.

Author~~~~Larry Mayes



Indy Mopar Club- September 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes, MCL South

President Jeff Platzer had prior engagement so **Tom Kelly** opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Introduction of 20 Guests/Members by Tom Kelly

Those attending were Steve Wisdom, David Opel, Randall Smith, Steve Claycomb, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Rick Kelly, Tom Kelly, John & Dana Kramer, Dart & Donna Liebrandt, Summer McFarland, John Roberts, Evan Springer, Rick Zimmerman, and guest Garrett Bergquist.

Secretary Dave Opel:

- A. Highlights of the August meeting as were presented in the September Newsletter with no corrections.
Accepted by members present.

Treasurer Steve Wisdom:

- A. Treasurer Report Indy Mopar Club August 25 to September 29, 2022. August 25, 2022 Balance \$1,459.69.
September 2022 Income \$1,788.00. September 2022 Expenses \$2,109.32. September 29, 2022 Balance \$1,138.37. (Flower Fund \$120.65) 64 paid memberships.

Randy Smith - Communication Director

- A. Working to send out link.

Vice President Ronda Cherry was absent - Randy Smith gave the report.

- A. Randy gave the current member birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulations to all.

Event Calendar -Tom Kelly

- A. The Season is winding down as inclement weather is approaching.
B. October 22 - Cars on the Circle and JDRF Run/Walk at Victory Field Baseball Stadium

New Business

- A. Club Member Profile October - Larry Mayes
B. Club Member Profile November - Summer Mc Farland
C. Club Member Profile December - Dave Opel
D. Nominations for 2023 Officers - October meeting

Old Business:

- A. IMC Patches - See Jeff
B. Member activities:

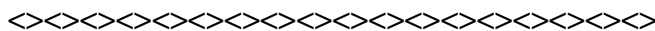
Steve Wisdom discussed his trip to Bowling Green, KY at an annual car show with drag cars. Show sponsored by Holley Products.

Tom Kelly, with others, attended the Pure Stock Racing located at Stanton, Michigan. Dave Watt participated.

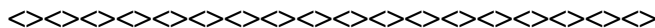
Dick Crawmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rick Zimmerman seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Tom Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectively submitted by David Opel

**Tattler's Corner**

From Dave Opel: Leaves are turning colors, an opportunity to visit State Parks. Have A Nice Fall!!!!

**November 2022 Birthdays:**

Caryn Williamson, 11-1

Chuck Cochran, 11-4

Rick Kelly, 11-4

Jim Kelly, 11-7

Ed Wagler, 11-15

Rick Ordo, 11-23

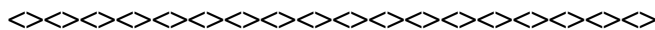
Jan Peel, 11-27

November 2022 Anniversaries:

John and Rebecca Roberts, 11-9

Keith and Cyndi Rohloff, 11-18

Congratulations to all!



Have a fun / safe / (and hopefully warm.) Halloween

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
	24	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria → 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
	TBD			Indiana's Fastest Street Car Show-IMC	TBD	Jeff Platzer
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	TBV	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	TBD	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	
Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccurring)						
May thru Sept	1st Fri	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	TBV			Mooreville Cruise-in / TBV	Mooreville IN	Dick Crawmer
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	

Note from Editor Jan Peel - I don't normally include an obituary but when Steve told me of some Tom Wallace's history I was fascinated and decided to include it. I am praying no one will be offended.

Steve Wisdom's brother-in-law Tom Wallace Obituary:

Tom was born on January 4, 1940 in Hoopeston, Illinois to Gilford and Eunice Wallace. His father was a railroad man which kept him away often from his family. Eunice remarried to Winford Bales which joined two brothers, Jim and Tom, to their new stepsister, Shirley. This new union also welcomed Tom's half-brother William "Bill" Bales into the family. As soon as the opportunity arose, Tom joined the US Navy and was stationed in Bermuda and Newfoundland. Oddly, he never set foot on a ship but served in Naval Aviation until his honorable discharge in 1961. Before he ended his service, he was gloriously saved at the Indianapolis Baptist Temple.

There, he met and began a sixty-one-year love story with Carol Wisdom. Surrendering for the ministry, they both enrolled for training at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. After Pastoring in Illinois and Indiana, the call from beyond came for them to take the gospel to the mission field. Planning to serve in Australia, God re-directed them to England. In 1973 they arrived in London with their daughter, Paula Sue and son, Tom Junior, to preach God's saving truth and plant Baptist Churches. While there, God blessed the family again with another son and daughter, Timothy and Elizabeth.

Trailblazing missions in England, Tom was instrumental in starting Bible Baptist Church in Nuneaton; Kersley Baptist Church in Coventry; Victory Baptist Church at Upper Heyford Airforce Base; Grace Baptist Church in Hinckley, and he pastored the International Baptist Church in Harrogate. He Co-founded the original Baptist Bible College of Great Britain and was the Director of many Youth camps. Also, he helped start the first A.C.E school in England, the Coventry Christian Academy. In 1980, Tom received an Honorary Doctorate Degree for his distinguished ministry service. Furthermore, he performed Gospel Magic to teach Biblical truths to children and was for a short time, a member of the Magic Circle of London.

In 1994, Tom took his family to the Republic of Ireland and pastored the Boyne Valley Baptist Church and helped establish what is lovingly referred to as the "Iron Church" outside of Kells. He also had the joy of teaching at the Baptist Institute in Dublin.

After forty-seven years of missionary work, they reluctantly retired and returned to America to be with his family and to settle in North Carolina. Tom is survived by his adoring wife, Carol along with his two daughters, Paula Sue and Elizabeth; his two sons, Tom Junior and Tim. His Five Grandchildren are: Tiffany Hudson, David Wallace, Maddison Wallace, Ryan Wallace and Jonathon Wallace. In addition, he leaves four Great- Grandchildren with two more on the way.