



Indy Mopar Club News



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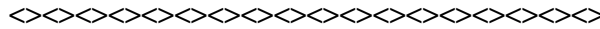
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Meetings are normally the last Thursday of every month except November & December. Refer to the President's Message for both those and future meeting dates.

Next regular meeting: **January 26, 2023** 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:

Message from the President:

Merry Christmas to everyone! Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

As most of you know, we had the election of officers for 2023 last month. The current officers all remain as they were for this coming year.

We'll start to talk about our new year plans at the January meeting. As always, the first item of business will be the Mopar swap meet.

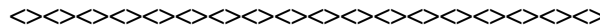
We had our annual Christmas party on December 11th at the usual place, Steve Wisdom's clubhouse. The gathering was smaller than normal due to an unusually high number of competing commitments, along with a few health issues. All in all, it was our usual good meal of fried chicken and ham, along with many good side dishes and desserts. The gift exchange party was the usual fun event of the evening. Ronda was the lead for that and we all had a good time. We had 24 people there. Normally we have 40-45, so it was a fairly big drop in attendance.

Bob Thomas called us during the dinner to say that he was in the hospital, which took us all by surprise, since he said he and his wife were coming, and we were wondering where he was.

Steve and I talked to him and he said he had had a mild stroke. Fortunately he said he was recovering well, and we hope that's the continuing case.

My opening goal for 2023 will be to continue a drive for more members, along with making a couple of the Saturday night cruise-ins club events. Hopefully The Suds will remain open this coming year, so we can do one there and one at Lowe's in Avon.

Jeff



Member Profile December - MCACN – Chicago 2022

I've said it before, but this needs to be a 'Bucket List' item for any gearhead into the '60 & '70s muscle car era! This show gets better every year, and this rendition proved the point. For those that don't remember or haven't heard of it, it is formally known as the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals. It is typically held the weekend before Thanksgiving at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont Illinois, near Chicago's O'Hare Airport. There is a huge parking garage (\$15/day) attached to the Convention Center and a number of hotels for those choosing to make a weekend of it.

My brother Rick and Rick Zimmerman (his first time there) made the trip this year as an up-and-back on Saturday Nov. 19. About 3 hours each way from the west side of Indy so not a horrible drive. Admission is \$30 pp/day, but well worth it compared to any other indoor show you've attended. It's a two-day event and display vehicles are not allowed to pack up early before show closing on Sunday. Therefore, if you want to walk the show with a smaller crowd, but still not miss the entire display, Sunday would be the best.

Our schedules dictated Saturday, but even though crowded, it was still a great time to see everything. For us 'old guys' with aching hips, backs and legs, there are numerous tables and chairs near the food court to rest your weary bones. Yeah, we took advantage! The food isn't cheap either but what convention or sporting event is. There are vendors and a few used parts for sale so you might stop by the ATM beforehand.

The last couple of shows have been even more interesting because I've had friends with their cars in the show. Last year Club member Dave Watt had his '71 Duster in the lobby as you entered the exhibit. This year Kent Wallace

(past IMC V-P) and our friend Mark Graver were invited to be a part of the 'Class of '67 Muscle Car' Display. Kent's silver with maroon interior 1967 Coronet R/T convertible was on display with Mark's Blue with white interior convertible. Mark's is one of the rare 4 speed ragtops produced. Club member (and past Treasurer) Mike Leyes drove his truck and enclosed trailer up to Detroit to haul Mark's R/T to and from the Chicago show since there was a threat of snowstorms and Mark did not have a trailer! There were other R/Ts and GTXs in that specific display but the most famous was the Silver Bullet made famous by its original owner Jimmy Addison of Detroit. The Woodward Avenue warrior is now owned by Harold Sullivan and was just a couple cars down from Kent & Mark's cars.



A third car on display this year had ties to the Indy Mopar Club. Dart & Donna Leibbrandt's nephew Daniel had his 1969 Dodge Charger 500 in the Tim Welborn Wing Car and Charger 500 display. Daniel's beautiful Hemi powered copper Charger had a crowd around it all day. Dart's brother was with Daniel and we did nab a couple of photos for this article.

The show is open to all the manufacturers, so there were beautiful examples of Boss 429 & 302 Mustangs, ZL-1 and COPO Camaros, LS Chevelles, Stage I Buicks, Pontiac GTOs of all years, AMC 390 Scramblers and AMXs, Supercharged Studebakers, on and on. Of course, we primarily zeroed in on the Mopars and we were not disappointed.



The Superbird that was splashed all over the internet, having been flipped on its roof by Hurricane Ian was on display with a placard showing several pictures of it at the time, including the wreckers flipping it back right-side-up. The shop that will restore it had brought it as a dramatic "Before" visual. Per their recent pics on the internet, it is now stripped and undergoing body repair.

There are always an abundance of famous old Hemi and Max Wedge race cars. I cherish these cars and the memories they bring having spent many years at IRP and the NHRA Nationals and pouring over the car magazines at the time. I spoke at length with the current owner of a '67 RO Hemi Belvedere originally owned and sponsored by Ferris Motors out of Savanna Illinois. It was so cool that though the original owner is now deceased, his wife and daughter were in attendance with the current owner who displayed it. Another favorite of mine at the show was the sinister black, white and orange checkered Shadowwoods Super Stock/A '68 Hemi Cuda of the Tignanelli Brothers. Just amazing to see these racers brought back to life.



Mopar Direct Connection racer Paul Rossi was also in attendance with his famous 440 Six Pack '70 Challenger. Paul and his car have been making the circuit this past year with attendance at Carlisle, Holley's Bowling Green event, the Mopar Nats, SEMA and the Indy PRI show this month. Pics of that Super Stocker on its back wheels in the mid '70s was on numerous magazine covers of the day.



Mr. 4 Speed, Herb McCandless was in attendance with his family's newly restored 1955 Chrysler 300 Daytona speed record holder. You had to see it in person to appreciate the fantastic results of its restoration.



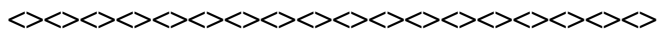
As in past years, the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race group had an impressive display of vehicles again this year. The Mopar contingent included a '69 Cuda 440, a 340 Duster, a '66 Hi Po 273 Formula-S Barracuda, a '69 Coronet R/T and a '69 Six Pack Super Bee among others. A couple of the ladies even dressed up in their '70s Paisley dresses and white boots of the era to set off this display.



We spent 6 hours walking the floor (ok with a short sit-down lunch) and still missed some things as I reviewed internet pics that were posted by attendees after the event. Speaking with Dave Watt, who has spent the night for the show in the past, that may be the smart plan for next year!

This show is not to be missed so now is the time to pencil it in for November 2023!

Submitted by Tom Kelly, December 2022



Indy Mopar Club- November 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes, MCL South

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Club President Jeff Platzer.

Those attending the meeting were: Jeff Platzer, Ronda Cherry, Steve Wisdom, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Rick Kelly, Tom Kelly, Ron Kriech, Dart & Donna Liebrandt, John Roberts, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, and Rick Zimmerman.

Attendance taken by Club VP Ronda Cherry

Dave Opel, Club Secretary was out ill so Minutes taken by Tom Kelly.

Jeff requested head count for Christmas Party for Steve Wisdom. Per Steve, the record number at a Christmas Party was 78 people.

Dave Opel was not present to review Minutes from last meeting. The Minutes were published in the last newsletter so were accepted as written.

Steve Wisdom read the Treasurer's Report: October 27, 2022 balance \$1,194.37. October 28 and November Income \$127.00. November Expenses \$250.56. November 17, 2022 balance \$1,070.81. Flower Fund \$162.51.

A. Steve noted that **\$3613.01** was raised this year for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) that included the \$500 donation from the Cruise Indy group. Steve stated that since 2005, the Club has donated **\$66,513.36** to JDRF. He has no records for donations prior to 2005. There are currently 66 member families.

Randy Smith gave the Communications Report. Nothing significant to report except that some IMC Facebook members are flooding the Club's Page with reposts from other sites that are causing volume issues to our page. He plans to contact those individuals and respectfully ask they limit their posts to 2-3 max per day. It was decided by group consensus that if they did not respect that request after the 3rd warning, they would be blocked from our site.

Ronda read the Birthdays & Anniversaries for the upcoming month.

The Thank-you card from Steve Wisdom for the Wind chimes in remembrance of his brother-in-law was noted and circulated.

Members were asked if anyone had made any progress on their projects they wanted to discuss. Bob Thomas said he now had a new white convertible top installed on his white Chrysler Maserati TC to replace the old dark top and turned out great. Don's Trim on west Rockville Road did the work for him and Bob was very happy with their craftsmanship. It was noted they sometimes have a display at World of Wheels if anyone wanted to talk with them. Rick Kelly mentioned he has his new T/A Challenger Ceramic Coated this past week. Other members had heard good results from this type paint protection coating.

Upcoming Events was reviewed.

A. Tom Kelly reviewed the MCACN show in Chicago at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center (near O'Hare Airport) this coming weekend, Nov 19 & 20th. Tom noted that he, Rick Zimmerman, Rick Kelly, Dave Watt and Mike Leyes will be attending. This is a high caliber, indoor invitational show and past Club VP Kent Wallace (now residing in Michigan) was invited to bring his '67 R/T Convertible for the 55th Anniversary of the 1967 Model display section. Dart Liebrandt said his nephew Daniel was also invited to show his 1969 Charger 500. Tom Kelly said he would do a feature on the show for the newsletter.

B. Jeff discussed the Graham Rahal facility in Brownsburg and their monthly hosting of a Cars and Coffee event. He said there are 500-1000 vehicles that show up, many being exotics. He said it would be a nice event for group attendance.

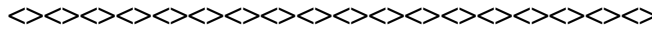
C. The upcoming Christmas party was reviewed. It will be on Sunday December 11 this year as the normal Saturday was already booked. Steve noted members could arrive between 4:30-5pm and expects to eat at 5:30-6:00pm. The Club will provide fried chicken and a ham and members should bring a dish for the pitch-in. The Gift Exchange should be \$20 Maximum and men should bring a gift labeled 'Guy' and ladies bring a gift labeled 'Gal'. The same format used in the past for picking a number for order of draw and 'stealing' a gift a maximum of 3 owners will apply. There will be a craft table for anyone wanting to display their hobby or craft items. Ronda will bring the number chips used for the draw.

D. Jeff reviewed the number of Show/Cruise-Ins the Club puts on each year (Fletcher, York and a display at the Indy Cyl Head Show) and wondered if interest in pursuing another Cruise next year. It was noted that with the limited number of members that assist at these events, we should not expand beyond what we do at this time. It was also

discussed whether a move to a Sunday afternoon (allowing for morning Church attendance) would be advantageous based on so many conflicts with other shows on Saturdays. The York Show date was also discussed as whether beneficial to move to a different weekend because of the huge IRP event that same weekend. Jeff said he's going to try to review this issue and asked others to consider whether a date change would be a good idea or not.

E. Ronda had a conversation with Deanna at Indy Cylinder Head regarding our participation at the March Meet on Friday March 3 and Saturday March 4, 2023. This coming year the Club will have a display for 3 cars plus one spot for member's swap meet items, plus our Display spot. It was noted that volunteers for the event should sign up at the appropriate time and get Ronda's cell phone number so handing out event wrist bands and building access goes smoothly.

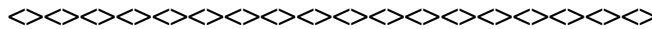
F. Jeff discussed a new 2-day event coming to Indy's west side this year. It will be called the Pro-Street Invasion and is supposed to be scheduled in July at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds (Danville). He'll provide more details when available.



Tattler's Corner



From Jan Peel: Many thanks to our 2023 Indy Mopar Club Officers who have graciously stepped up and will be leading us AGAIN.



January 2023 Birthdays:



Sheilla Collins, 1-11
 Dana Kramer, 1-13
 Bill Edgerton, 1-26

Don Sainsbury, 1-11
 Bob Vorpe, 1-17

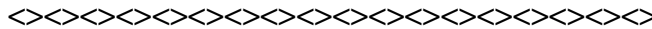
Anita Wehrmeister, 1-12
 LouAnn Ewing, 1-21

January 2023 Anniversaries:

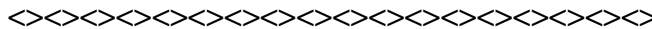
John-Paul and Megan Woempner, 1-15

Bill and Randi Edgerton, 1-20

Congratulations to all!



2023 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST						TBV – to be verified	TBD – to be determined	Tom Kelly will update	Contact
Jan	26	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria				Jeff Platzer
Feb	23	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria				Jeff Platzer
Mar	30	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria				Jeff Platzer



Have a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year for 2023