



# Indy Mopar Club News

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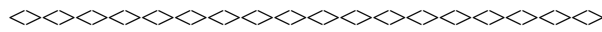
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*Meetings are normally the last Thursday of every month except November & December. Refer to the President's Message for both those and future meeting dates.*

**Next regular meeting: April 25, 2024**; 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, Club President:

Spring has finally sprung! It's so nice to get some warm sunny days. The major cruise-ins are all officially underway, so can't wait to hit the streets.

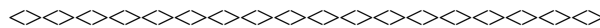
Hey, was that eclipse awesome or what? Totally amazing how the effect is so much more dramatic when it's a total eclipse. My brother lives in Fort Wayne, and even though they got close to a full eclipse they said it only got a bit dark, and you still couldn't look up at the sun. That one little sliver of light is so strong that it doesn't look the same as the total eclipse. I was just amazed at it. Imagine back in the really old days how ancient societies would be convinced that this was some act of one of the Gods.

For April's meeting we'll discuss a few minor things. We did decide for May to cancel the formal meeting (but keep that MCL dinner as a social gathering) , and also have an official club get together at IRP racetrack for the National Hemi Owner's national event. Please put Saturday May 18 on your calendar. Our plan is to find a spot to all park together somewhere on the inside of the track. We'll set up a tent or two and use that as a hangout during the day. We won't have an official time range, but let's try to meet up for lunch together, in between walking around and watching the racing. As we get closer to the event, and we get more info, we'll put out an email again. You can also always call us, as our phone numbers are at the top of the monthly newsletter.

One thing we did talk about last month was the need to start getting some door prizes together for our two cruise-ins. It's been getting harder and harder to get freebies from the various auto parts stores. With so many shows going on all the time many of them have had to stop giving stuff away. So as members, we need to each try to donate some items for our events. We'll use some club money to buy some, but we really need your help. It's all a charitable write off. would say a good goal is to donate 2-4 items. If you have some brand-new stuff in your garage that you can donate, that's great too. Whatever you can do helps, as our main mission is to raise money for the kids.

Remember that the Mecum Auction is at the Fairgrounds from May 10-18. Always some killer nice Mopars to see. I've never tried to sell a car through an auction, but maybe someday I'll try it. Look for Ronda driving the cars.

Jeff

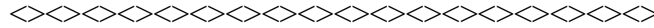


**UPDATE on the National Hemi Owners Assoc. (NHOA) Reunion:** I contacted the President of the Nostalgia Drag Race League, the organizer of the Hot Rod Nationals event at IRP that will host the NHOA group. I was told the IMC can park together in an area near the NHOA group, in the southwest area of the dragstrip on Sat May 18. Golf carts & mobility scooters are allowed without paying an additional fee as well. I'll have more details at the next meeting or contact me at 317-439-1727 for information. Tom Kelly

## **IMC March 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes** Submitted by Dave Opel, IMC Secretary

1. The meeting was called to order to order at 7pm by IMC Club President. - Jeff Platzer.
2. Introduction of Guests. – Jeff Platzer.
3. Secretary Report - Dave Opel
  - a. Minutes as published in February Newsletter accepted with no additions.
4. Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom
  - a. February 2024 Treasurer's Report was read by Jeff Platzer in Steve Wisdom's absence.
  - b. Balance Sheet March 28, 2024
    - i. Feb 22 Balance: \$1,110.69
    - ii. Mar Income: \$528.00
    - iii. Mar Expenses: \$378.58.00
    - iv. Mar 28 Balance: \$1,260.11
    - v. Flower Fund: \$209.16
  - c. 49 Member Families Paid including 1 new member.
5. Communications Director Report – Randy Smith
  - a. IMC Website updated.
  - b. Club Directory updated.
  - c. Randy discussed a new phone App that might be useful for Club commo. To be reviewed further.
6. Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Ronda Cherry
  - a. Read from newsletter – Congratulations to all!
7. Event Calendar – Tom Kelly
  - a. Model Car Show Sat April 13 at UAW Hall 2320 S. Tibbs Ave.
  - b. May 11 'Steve Cooper Memorial' Show in Rockville. Referred by friend Keith Minor, who works at A&A Transmission booth at major shows, Steve was a Hemi Mopar owner who passed away recently.
  - c. Dart Liebrandt had fliers for Amity Baptist Church Cruise-in Franklin on May 11, 10a-2pm.
  - d. Jeff mentioned IMC attendance at National Hemi Owner's Association Reunion to be held at IRP on Sat May 18 as participants in the Nostalgia Drag Racing League's Hot Rod Nationals event that weekend. Tom to check if IMC group attendees can park together.
  - e. Mecum is May 10-18.
8. Attendance – Ronda Cherry
  - a. 19 Members present.
  - b. Attendees: Jeff Platzer, Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Dave Opel, Randy Smith, Dorinda & Dick Crawmer, Tom Kelly, Rick Zimmerman, Scott Oller, Elaine & Walter Thomas, Vicki & John Walker, Donna & Dart Liebrandt, Tim Little, Larry Mayes and new member Brad Auler.
9. Old Business – Jeff Platzer
  - a. Jeff sold one of his cars & purchased a 1966 Coronet with a 572 Cu. In. Hemi. See feature in this issue.
  - b. The Indy Cylinder Head show was reviewed. A very good turnout of vendors and automobiles, including Jeff's Pro Street Magnum and Tim Little's red Daytona.
  - c. The IMC May Meeting will be an informal, social gathering dinner. No formal meeting will be held.
  - d. The Club will order 50 old-style IMC iron-on patches. They will be \$4/each.
  - e. Jeff requested high end door prizes for upcoming IMC Cruise-ins. Donated items are welcome.
10. New Business – Jeff Platzer
  - a. Bill Estes Chrysler in Brownsburg seems interested in an IMC Cruise-in; will be investigated further.
  - b. Culvers/Meijers on East Washington St. is a huge Friday late afternoon/evening event 3p-8p starting.
  - c. Tom Kelly requested member profiles/features/articles for our newsletter. Brad Auler volunteered.
11. Motion to Adjourn by Dick Crawmer, Seconded by Rick Zimmerman. The Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Note from Dave Opel: "Hope all took precautions in viewing the Solar Eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>. I called a friend in West Palm Beach who was able to see approximately 50%. Have a great summer!"



## MEMBERSHIP FEATURES

### From new member Brad Auler:

"1970 "Moulin Rouge" pink AAR Cude - 1 of 47 AAR's painted this color. It came out of a garage in NorthEast Ohio - up by Cleveland. As told it was purchased and stayed around that area. The last it was plated was in 1978. It is a 340 6 pack automatic.

It was dragged out and loaded up and brought back to the Pendleton Indiana area where it was unloaded, cleaned up and fired up. It was titled with 38,000 something miles. You could tell by the pedals this car did not have many miles on it.

As for why it looks like it does, well let's just say the garage it was pulled out of had some major issue's (holes in the roof, big cracks in the walls, so unfortunately even though it was not driven that much - the elements of the upper Ohio area did lay its hands upon the car.

After cleaning it up, it was fired up, but ultimately the motor was pulled and refreshed - but not painted to give it that survivor look. There are plans to restore it but as of now it's driven and enjoyed as with the current look, it turns many heads and draws a lot of attention at what few shows it's been to this early in the season."

Thanks Brad! Brad also passed along a couple of flyers from Shows that he recommends. We will forward via email! Tvk



**From Jeff Platzer:**

A few notes on his new 1966 Dodge Coronet, 572 Cu. In. Hemi, 932 HP. Another we look forward to seeing soon!

*"I recognized the car when just having fun searching the internet. It was built by Jason Bair in Fort Wayne. He had a company named Big Hemi Customs, and he specialized in very high performance streetable B body Mopars. So this car is a nut and bolt rotisserie build with a lot of top notch parts as you can see. The engine was custom built by Mike Ware at Muscle Motors. It's no crate engine. They built it for maximum performance on 93 octane pump gas. Although it was built around 2006, it looks brand new still today. I'm going to have a poster board made for the specs, so here are the basics I roughed out for the sign guy."*

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1966 DODGE  
CORONET 580  
SUPER STOCK  
= 572 HEMI =  
932HP @ 6,800 RPM

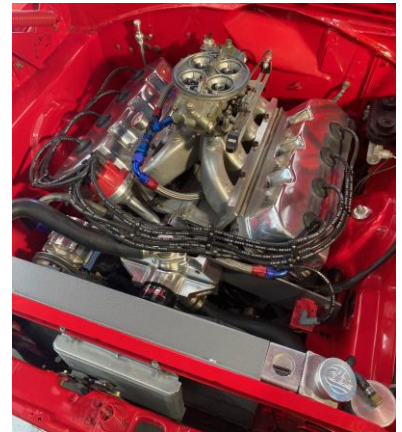
COMP RACING TRANSMISSION  
4800 S&L CONVERTER

MAGNUM FORCE TUBULAR F-FRAME  
ALUMINUM COVERS  
WILWOOD DISC BRAKES  
FLAMING RIVER STEERING COLUMN  
DANA 60 STRAIGHT AXLES  
CHASSIS ENGINEERING REAR SUSPENSION  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN DASH - ANOMETER GAUGES

INDY MOPAR CLUB

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**Miniature Mopars (w/ an AMC) from the Jo-Han USA Oldies L11LC show in Indy this past weekend:**

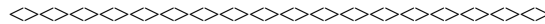




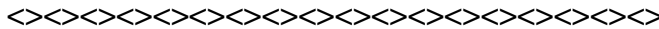
Found these on cool Facebook sites: **old Chrysler pictures, including JFK in a Plymouth convert....** tvk



Turbine car next to a Tucker:



**TATTLER'S CORNER** (*In Memory of Jan Peel and her sense of humor!*)  
(Looking for some funny/silly content on members here! Please let me know!!)



**MAY 2024 Birthdays:**

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|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Harry Ewing 5-7    | Sandra Williard 5-10   | Dick Crawmer 5-11  |
| Kevin Nitzel 5-11  | Nicole Springer 5-12   | Ed Leyes 5-12      |
| Jackie Tays 5-14   | Xiang Thomas 5-16      | Keith Rohloff 5-16 |
| Rick Bruettig 5-19 | Glenn Keilman Jr. 5-19 | Steve Wisdom 5-22  |
| Mary Leyes 5-23    | Walter Thomas 5-25     | Mike Leyes 5/28    |

**MAY 2024 Anniversaries:**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nicole & Evan Springer 5-01 | Kim & Bob Vorpe 5-19       |
| Xiang & Bob Thomas 5-20     | Michelle & Steve Haug 5-25 |

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!**

**2024 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST** TBV – to be verified TBD – to be determined 04-20-24 tvk

IMC Contact

Jan	25	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Feb	4	Sun		WPC Winter (Mopar) Swap Meet	Expo Ctr Warren MI	Dave Watt
	22	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg (rev)	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Mar	1-2	Fri-Sat		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds Ronda Cherry	Jeff Platzer
	22-24	Fri-Sun		O'Reilly World of Wheels Car Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Jeff Platzer/
	28	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Apr	25	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
May	10-11	Fri-Sat		FAST-Pure Stock Drags - US 131 Motorsports Park - Martin, MI		Dave Watt
	11	Sat		Steve 'Pete' Cooper Memorial Car Show	Rockville IN	Tom Kelly
	11	Sat		Amity Baptist Church Cruise-In	Franklin IN	Dart Liebrandt
	10-18	Fri-Sat wk later		Mecum Collector Car Auction	IN State Fairgrounds	Ronda Cherry
	17-19	Fri-Sun		Natl Hemi Owners Assoc Reunion	IRP/Lucas Oil Raceway	Tom Kelly
	30	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Jun	6-8	Thurs-Sat		Natl Assoc of Lil Red Express Owners	Louisville KY	Tom Kelly
	27	Thurs	6-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Jul	13	Sat	10a-2p	Fletcher Chrysler - IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	Steve Wisdom
	12-14	Fri-Sun		Chryslers at Carlisle	Carlisle PA	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
	24-28	Wed-Sun		The National DeSoto Club Natl Meet	New Orleans LA	Tom Kelly
	25	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Aug	4-8	Sun-Thur		Ply Owners Club National Meet	Brainerd MN	Tom Kelly
	6-11	Tue-Sun		Walter P Chrysler WPC Natl Meet	Windsor Ont Canada	Tom Kelly
	9-11	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Natl Trails Raceway	Columbus (Hebron) OH	Tom Kelly
	13-16	Tue-Fri		Airflow Club of Amer National Meet	London Ont Canada	Tom Kelly
	17	Sat		Woodward Dream Cruise (wk long lead up)	Oakland County MI	Jeff Platzer
	29	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Sept	13-14	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
	13-15	Fri-Sun		Holley Moparty-Beech Bend Raceway	Bowling Green KY	J Platzer
	19-22	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
	26	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
	29	Sun	10a-2p	York Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Jeff Platzer
Oct	<span style="color: red;">TBD</span>	<span style="color: red;">Sat</span>	<span style="color: red;">tbd</span>	<span style="color: red;">JDRF RUN/WALK</span>	<span style="color: red;">Indianapolis IN</span>	<span style="color: red;">Steve Wisdom</span>
	31	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2023 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Nov	23-24	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL	Tom Kelly/Dave Watt
	28	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Dec	15	Sun	5p	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom

**Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccurring)**

April thru Oct	Fri	5-9pm	Culvers/Meijers Cruise-In	E. Washington	Indpls, IN	Larry Mayes
May thru Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> 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		<span style="color: red;">TBV</span>	Mooreville Cruise-in	/ <span style="color: red;">TBV</span>	Mooreville IN	Dick Crawmer
Apr thru Oct	Sat	4pm	The SUDS Cruise-in		Greenwood IN	Evan Springer
May thru Sept	Thur	5-9pm	Martinsville Thursday Cruise on the Square		Martinsville IN	Dick Crawmer