



# Indy Mopar Club News

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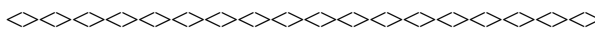
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*Meetings are normally the last Thursday of every month except November & December. Refer to the President's Message for both those and future meeting dates.*

**Next regular meeting: June 27, 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)



### ***With Deepest Sympathy***

On Saturday June 15, Sue Mayes (spouse of Larry) passed away. There will be no service at this time. Our condolences to Larry, daughter Carlee and family for their loss.

On Sunday June 16, IMC Member **Ed Leyes** passed away. Ed was a Chrysler New Castle retiree and member of other Chrysler Car Clubs as well. We have no information yet on the Service but will forward. Our condolences to member Mike Leyes and his entire family on their loss.

### **Message from Jeff Platzter, Club President:**

It's officially summer! And I guess the heat proves it. Yikes.

Welcome back to our next meeting at MCL on June 27th. We skipped May, as we didn't have much going on. Now it's time to do our final preparation for our Fletcher Cruise-In on July 13. From a member standpoint, the main thing we need you to help with is door prizes. Hopefully you can attend the meeting and bring any items with you for door prizes. If we're still short, we'll just have to purchase what we need.

We're in good shape for auction items, but if you've got anything special you think would do well as auction item please bring it. If you can't make the meeting, please contact me or Steve and let us know what you might bring to the show, or we can meet up before the show. We'd also like to ask who plans to be there to help work the show, or even more importantly, who won't make it that usually does help?

As far as York's cruise-in goes, it's still up in the air. York says their lot is too full to move cars to make room for the show. So, we are trying to see if they will participate as a sponsor at another location away from the store. Hopefully I'll have an answer to that before the meeting. I have been talking to GR Auto Gallery, and they are interested in helping us with some sponsorship money for a show/cruise-in. I've been looking at some ideas and will wait until I hear from York before I go any further. I'll fill everyone in at the meeting. Hopefully we can pull something together.

As a reminder we want to make the **Wanamaker show an official Indy Mopar Club event**. Since the show is still tied to Indy Cylinder Head, I think it makes sense. It's a **Sunday show on July 30 from 9-2pm. It's on Main St.** and it is also their street fair days, so it makes for a nice event. Driving over there on a Sunday morning is also quiet for traffic. Let us know if you can make it, so we can try to park together as best as may be possible.

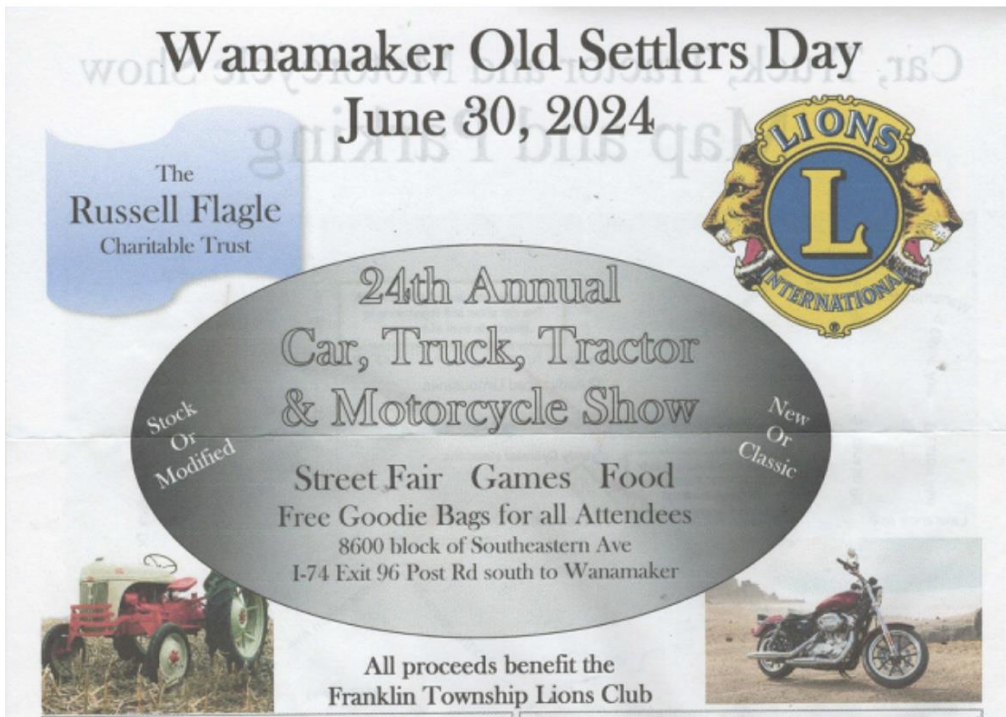
Hope to see you at MCL!

Jeff

IMC May Meeting Minutes *There was no May 2024 Meeting*

**MEMBERSHIP FEATURES**

Jeff asked IMC members to mark their calendars to make this a IMC attended event.



**Rinehart Brothers Gasoline Alley Cruise-In Sat June 15**

Avid automotive collectors Mark & Dennis Rinehart held their first for 2024 Open House/Cruise-in at their shop in old Gasoline Alley Speedway on Saturday June 15. The place was packed for this event with a large variety of restored, modified or just rat-rod type cars, trucks and bikes. IMC Member Dave Sanders ('66 Coronet), Bob Vorpe ('66 Coronet), Deb & Jeff Platzer ('78 Dodge Magnum & '67 Coronet), Ginger & Rick Zimmerman ('69 Road Runner) and Teresa & Tom Kelly ('94 Dodge Viper) all attended. There were a large number of fantastic Mopars in attendance.

The Rinehart's had Jeff King (King's Classics, who has catered some of our IMC cruise-ins and had an open house for the IMC in the past) provide a delicious buffet meal and soft drinks, all free to attendees!

The brothers opened their shops to the group so we could tour their collection and view Mark's fantastic mural artwork that graced the walls. Many Thanks to Mark & Dennis for this outstanding event!! *Submitted by Tom Kelly*



Rick & Ginger Zimmerman



Jeff & Deb Platzer



Dave Sanders



Bob Vorpe



Rinehart Brothers Collection



Some of the great cars and trucks in attendance; note Mark's awesome shop wall art murals:



*Photos submitted by Tom Kelly*

## '63 Plymouth Max Wedge Wagon Finds Its Way Home...

Eleven years ago, Jim Kelly decided he wanted a Dodge Viper. He had finally finished a matching pair of 1963 Max Wedge powered Plymouths earlier (a two door Savoy sedan and a Savoy Station Wagon). While he drag raced the Sedan in Pure Stock Drag Racing events, he decided to sell the wagon to finance a silver Viper. He sold the wagon at the Mopar Nats but as typical, asked to be notified first if the new owner decided to sell it down the road.

Jim and the new owner Mark stayed in touch over the years, even sending each other event T-shirts from shows or races they attended with the cars. Mark loved the wagon, and he even won the Mancini's Choice Award at Norwalk's Chrysler Show last year, an honor that made a lot of press coverage.

Mark visited us anytime he came down from his home in northern Ohio to the Mopar Nats but unfortunately his health took a bad turn a few years back and he lost his leg so did not bring the car.

Well Jim got the call a few months back, and Mark's health had started to deteriorate rapidly, and he asked if Jim was interested in buying the car back. Jim didn't hesitate to answer "Yes" but told Mark he needed to sell the Viper first. Mark was fine with that, so agreement was reached over the phone. Jim obviously priced the Viper a bit low to speed up the process as it sold within hours of posting and he had 80 responses to his advertisement! He wanted the car and did not want the purchase to drag out.

Unfortunately, every time Jim spoke to Mark, he sounded weaker and soon arrangements to meet were made with Mark's wonderful wife Susie, as Mark had been placed in hospice. It was agreed that Jim would tow brother Dan's enclosed trailer from Pueblo Colorado (where they now both reside) to my house in Danville on Sunday before Memorial Day, then he & I would arrive at Mark and Susie's home just west of Cleveland on Tuesday May 29. When we arrived, Jim went with Mark's wife to visit him, but was not sure Mark was aware he had visitors. As we loaded the car, Susie said we were to take all the wall signs, books and spare parts as Mark had instructed her. He wanted Jim to have them. We got to spend time with Mark's best friend Kent, & some of the family as we loaded. I learned that Mark was a career US Air Force officer. His specialty was installation of the cable systems used on Navy aircraft carriers and even installed at land bases to 'hook' aircraft coming in for landing. I've often seen films of this, but it is really an incredible operation when you stop to think about it. I told Kent it's hard to imagine how many lives he saved by his work and attention to detail over the years.

We left their home around 2pm on Tuesday afternoon. Jim got a text at 3:30pm as we traveled home. His wife said Mark had just passed. She said in the text, she honestly believed Mark stayed on until he knew his wagon was "back in good hands". And it truly is...

*Submitted by Tom Kelly and Jim Kelly*



**Mancini Racing**

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Our Manufacturers' Choice Car Show Award from last weekend's World of Mopar event at Norwalk Raceway Park went to US Air Force vet Mark Charlton. His 1963 Max Wedge Plymouth Station Wagon was so cool! #moparforlife #moparfamilly



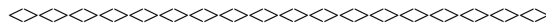


1963 Plymouth Savoy Wagon 426 Max Wedge



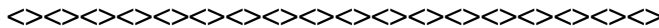
The silver siblings are home together again!

1963 Plymouth Savoy Sedan 426 Max Wedge



**TATTLER'S CORNER** *(In Memory of Jan Peel and her sense of humor!)*

Need your house roofed? If he has his way, a certain member's 5 year old Grandson will show up at your door with a roofing nailer after being shown how to use it. After a successful few minutes mastering the tool, he told his Pa-paw Rick they need to start "lining up some roofing jobs to make some money".



**JULY 2024 Birthdays:**

**Barbara Crane 7-03    David Tays 7-07    John Walker 7-23    Dart Liebrandt 7-28**

**JULY 2024 Anniversaries:**

**Deb & Jeff Platzer 7-25                      Ginger & Rick Zimmerman 7-28**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!**

**2024 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST** TBV – to be verified TBD – to be determined 06-19-24 tvk

IMC Contact

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
	30	Sun	9a-2p	Wannamaker’s Settlers Days Car Show	Wannamaker	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
NOTE: NO DECEMBER MEETING AT MCL						

**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