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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: <u>March 27, 2025</u>; 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 – <u>www.indymoparclub.com</u>

Message from Vickie Walker, IMC Club President:

Hi everyone

Spring is almost here and I,m sure everyone is tired of winter. With Springs arrival comes renewal, growth, and changes. This is a topic we will be addressing with the upcoming meeting. I need your input on how to motivate and renew your interest in OUR club. I want it to be revitalized. So please put on your thinking caps and include your spouse, partner, or friend they are important too. Let's launch into a renewed season and strut our stuff. Hope to see you all at our next meeting. Thank you

IMC FEB. 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Welcome Call to Order	Vickie Walker
Introduction of Members and Guests	Membership
Secretary Report	Dave Opel
Minutes from January meeting accepted as published	
Motion: Evan Springer; 2 nd : Larry Mayes	
Treasurer's Report (see below)	Steve Wisdom
Communication Director Report	Randy Smith
No report given as Randy was absent	
Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.	Ronda Cherry
Congratulations to ALL	
Event Calendar	Tom Kelly
INDY Cylinder Head Performance Show Feb28-Mar1	
Oreilly World of Wheels Car Show Mar28-30	
IMC Meeting Mar 27	
Chryslers at Carlisle is Major Show w/ 100 Yr Anniversary of Chrysler Corp.	July 11-13

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Unfinished/Old Business IMC Bylaws Revision acc Motion accepted By Unani	cepted as presented mous Vote by those present	Tom Kelly	
New Business	mous vote by mose present	Vickie Walker	
A. York Hummel Park Sho	X 7	Jeff Platzer	
Plainfield, IN OCT 4; Rai		Jen Thatzer	
	how vs Cruise-in. Decided event will be		
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Awards to eliminate conflict of interest issues. There was discussion that IMC could			
have separate awards for members cars. Entry fee to be determined based			
on sponsorship. YORK, GR Auto Gallery, Little Caesars are sponsors			
and Jeff Platzer is working on others currently. Discussion of Saturday			
•	Oct 5 date was discussed so no other sho	ow conflicts.	
This issue to be determ	e	X Y 1 Y Y 1	
A A	scussed and flyers & day passes handed	l out. Vickie Walker	
C. Request club member art	icles for newsletter		
D. New/Broke/Fixed			
Meeting Adjourned @ 7:	45pm	Vickie Walker	
Motion: Steve Wisdom 2 nd : Dick Crawmer			
Group reminded: Don't forget to tip our waitress			
February Mtg Attendance	21 members present	Ronda Cherry /Tom Kelly	

Jon Kautz. Vickie & John Walker, Ronda Cherry, Dave Opel, Cheryl & Steve Wisdom, Jeff Andis, Dart & Donna Liebrandt, Dorinda & Dick Crawmer, Steve Claycomb, Tim Little, Scott Oller, Rick Zimmerman, Tom Kelly, Larry Mayes, Jay Williamson, Jeff Platzer and Evan Springer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sheet Feb. 27, 2025	
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January 30, 2025 Balance Forward		\$	891.68
Income			
01/31/25	10 Renewal, 1 New Member, 2 Patches, 4 Club Shirts, \$122 for Flower Fund	\$	485.00
02/07/25	1 Renewals Rick Ordo.	\$	20.00
February Total Income:			\$ 505.00
Expenses			
01/30/25	Reimburse Tom Kelly for Newsletter costs	\$	93.14
02/16/25	S&S Customs Club shirts	\$	112.35
February Total Expenses:			\$ 205.49
(Flower Fund: \$244	.73)		
		\$ 1,191.19	
42 Currently Paid M	1embership Families		

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Nearly 60 Year Quest to Fulfill a Dream



By Jay Williamson

This story starts in the Fall of 1966 when I was 6 years old. By this age, I knew my Father had a love for old cars. He would often point out cars as we drove down the street and tell me how I could identify the year, make and model of a car.

On one particular day, the love of cars would be passed to me. It was my first day of what would be my 1st grade school year. It was a little intimidating as I walked by myself to school. But as I walked onto the parking lot, the most beautiful car caught my eye. It belonged to a new teacher at my school, Miss Cronin. She was very attractive, but my attention went to her car.

You may remember that in 1966 the Batman cartoon started airing each afternoon. My friends and I loved everything Batman. Especially the Batmobile. As I watched Miss Cronin pull onto the school lot, I thought her car could have been the Batmobile. It turns out that it was a 1960 Chrysler 300 F Hardtop. I stood there for probably 10 minutes just staring at this long, black finned car. It was at that moment that I fell in love with classic cars. I told myself that if I ever had the opportunity to buy a car just like that one, I would.

Fast forward about 30 years. I bought my first classic car. A 1960 Studebaker Lark Convertible. The same type of car my parents owned when I was a very young child. Since then, I have purchased, restored and then sold 11 more classic cars. The goal was to set money aside to purchase one of these beauties if one ever became available. Then this past Fall, I had one pop up on my computer. These rarely come up for sale because they only built 964 of them and only 215 are still known to exist.

Road Trip

The car was in rural Arkansas and while it was priced fairly, I still wanted to inspect it first. I immediately called Jeff Platzer to consult with him and share pictures. We both felt it was a good candidate and decided to make a road trip to look at the car. I called the owner, who was the sister of the owner, who had suddenly passed away. She explained that he loved the car so much that he had built a building around the car to store it. I jumped on the computer and reserved a trailer to be picked up in Arkansas and was planning to pull it with my Jeep Grand Cherokee. The night before leaving we realized the tow capacity on the web was wrong and I could not use the Jeep, so I scrambled and borrowed my Sons Pickup Truck. At the same time, Jeff received the bad news that he would not be able to get time off work to go with me. I decided to make the trip solo and pray I could get the car on the trailer by myself. I made the 10 hour trip to Southwest Arkansas where my first stop was at the trailer rental. Then the plan was to pick the trailer up the day before and take it with me to look at the car. But I decided that would remove any ability to negotiate if I showed up with a trailer, so I told the rental people I would return the next day after inspecting the car. They explained it would be no problem and the trailer was already on the lot and ready for pick up the next morning.



The Inspection and Negotiation

By this time, I had figured out my tow vehicle, reserved my trailer, got my wife onboard to be ready to send a wire transfer from our bank. I was now ready to get up the next morning to inspect the car. I showed up in the middle of nowhere early the next morning. I thought I heard Banjos playing as I weaved my way through the remote Arkansas roads. As I pulled down the lane, there she sat. My dream car. I was surprised to see the car running, but the owners sister greeted me by saying that the car had been running perfect until that morning when they couldn't get it to start, ran down the battery trying and eventually had to get a jump. As I walked around the car, I noticed that the paint looked original. So much that I could see the primer through the paint. Still, the car showed no signs of ever having rust or body damage. I jumped in the car for a test drive and found a few small gremlins that needed addressing. Turn signals worked in one direction only, tachometer was non operable, Electroillumination lighting was not working, the two rear windows were non operable and the gauges were not working, but the car ran great with no noises and the push button transmission shifted hard, but went through all the gears. I gave Jeff a call and filled him in. We agreed that the asking price was well below average for the car, but it was going to take some money to get it where I wanted it. Jeff suggested that I tell them I was interested, but wanted to go back to my Hotel and look up costs to restore the car and then come back with an offer that night. Before I could leave the driveway, they threw out a number that was 25% lower than their asking price. After consulting again with Jeff and my wife, I negotiated a price that made all involved happy.

Not so Fast

After going back to my Hotel Room, I just went and chilled out. I tried to get some sleep, but I tossed and turned. Something just didn't feel right. I couldn't put my finger on it. I called my wife hoping she would talk me off the cliff, but she said if I didn't feel good about it, just come on home. In the end, I decided I would buy the car unless one other hurdle popped up before I got it loaded. I instructed my wife to go to the bank and be ready to wire transfer the money and I would go pick the trailer up from the rental store and load the car once funds were received.

I arrived at the rental store and met with the same person that told me the day before that he had my trailer ready to go. We went through all the paperwork and he went outside to inspect my trailer hitch. He looked at my plates and said, "oh, this is going to Indiana?" I said yes and that was in my reservation. We went back inside and he started typing again on his computer, he did this for 10 minutes until I asked if there was a problem. He said yes, that he didn't have a trailer for me and the nearest one was 190 miles away. I explained I had driven 10:hours to get there and I just put eyes on the trailer he had pointed to me as mine the day before. He just repeated that he had no trailer for me. That was the last straw for me. I stopped my wife from going to the bank, called the owner and apologized and told her I would not be buying the car that day. I was fuming all the way home as I drove another 10 hours. For three days I tried to find a way to make this deal work. I decided to get quotes for a covered transport. I thought if I could get the seller to help with the cost, I would buy the car. To my amazement, she agreed to pay for nearly all the shipping.

I now have the car and I'm thrilled. It's even better than I thought. I have fixed most of the little things and am now having the exhaust replaced. I also had the two-4 barrel carburetors rebuilt and in a week, it goes in for a complete repaint. I still need to sort out the gauges and repair the two rear window motors. I have a new dash pad ordered, which comes from Sweden of all places. It also needs the bumpers re-chromed. Can't wait to get the car out this summer. Might even try to go to Carlisle with it.

Thanks to Jeff Platzer for his expertise and advice

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

(Please let me know if any humourous stories involving Club Members!)



<u>April 2025 Birthdays:</u>

Ron Kriech 04-08Ginger Zimmerman 04-14Rick Zimmerman 04-19Lori Karch 04-19Evan Springer 04-23

April 2025 Anniversaries:

Linda & Tim Little 04-16 Sharon & Kevin Weden 04-25 Sherri & Jeff Andis 04-29

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

2025 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST TBV – to be verified TBD – to be determined 03-16-25 tyk

IMC Contact Vickie Walker Jan 30 Thurs 7-8p Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg MCL Cafeteria Feb 2 Sun WPC Winter (Mopar) Swap Meet Expo Ctr Warren MI Tom Kellv 20 Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg MCL Cafeteria Vickie Walker Thurs 7-8p 28-Mar 1 Fri-Sat Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show Ind State Fairgrounds Ronda Cherry/Vickie Walker Mar 1 Ind State Fairgrounds Ronda Cherry/Vickie Walker Sat Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show 28-30 Fri-Sun O'Reilly World of Wheels Car Show Ind State Fairgrounds Larry Mayes 27 Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg MCL Cafeteria Vickie Walker Thurs 7-8p Vickie Walker Apr 24 Thurs 7-8p Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg MCL Cafeteria May 9-17 Fri-Sat wk later Mecum Collector Car Auction IN State Fairgrounds Ronda Cherry Vickie Walker 29 MCL Cafeteria Thurs 7-8p Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Jun 1-6 Airflow Club of Amer National Meet Springfield, IL Tom Kelly Sun-Fri 5-7 Natl Assoc of Lil Red Express Owners Strongsville, OH Tom Kelly Thur-Sat 25 - 29Wed-Sun The National DeSoto Club 39th Natl Meet Akron, OH Tom Kelly 26 Thurs 6-8p Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg MCL Cafeteria Vickie Walker Jul 12 Sat 10a-2p Fletcher Chrysler - IMC Cruise-In Franklin. IN Steve Wisdom Wed-Sun Walter P Chrysler WPC Natl Meet Tom Kelly 9-13 Carlisle PA 10-13 Plymouth Owners Club National Meet Tom Kelly Thu-Sun Carlisle PA 11-13 Fri-Sun Chrysler 100 Yr Anniversary at Carlisle (All Clubs) Carlisle PA Tom Kelly Vickie Walker 31 7-8p Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg MCL Cafeteria Thurs Aug 8-10 Fri-Sun MOPAR NATIONALS-Natl Trails Raceway Columbus (Hebron) OH Tom Kelly 16 Sat Woodward Dream Cruise (wk long lead up) Oakland County MI Jeff Platzerr 28 Thurs 7-8p Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg MCL Cafeteria Vickie Walker Sept 12-13 Fri-Sat Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race Stanton MI Tom Kelly 12-14 Fri-Sun Holley Moparty-Beech Bend Raceway Bowling Green KY Tom Kelly 12-14 Fri-Sun Natl Hemi Owners Assoc Reunion Bowling Green KY Tom Kelly Indy Mopar Club March 2025 Newsletter Page 5

25	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Vickie Walker
Oct 4 Sat (I TBD	Rain Sun 5 th)	10a-2p	York Chrysler / IMC Cruise-In Breakthru T1D (JDRF) RUN/WALK	Plainfield IN Indianapolis IN	Vickie Walker Steve Wisdom
30	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2026 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Vickie Walker
Nov 20	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Vickie Walker
22-23	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL	Tom Kelly
Dec 7	Sun NOTE:	5p NO DEC	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party EMBER MEETING AT MCL	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46	Steve Wisdom 142
Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccurring)					
May thru Sep	t 1 st Fri	5-9pm	Danville Cruise-In 1st Friday of Month	Danville IN Town Square	Tom Kelly
May thru Sep	t Sat	6-9pm	Lowes Summer Cruise-in - Every Sat Night	Avon IN US 36	Jeff Platzer
May thru Sep	t	TBV	Mooresville Cruise-in / TBV	Mooresville IN	Dick Crawmer
Apr thru Oct	Sat	4pm	The SUDS Cruise-in	Greenwood IN	Evan Springer
May thru Sep		5-9pm	Martinsville Thursday Cruise on the Square		Dick Crawmer
Apr thru Oct	Fri	5-8pm	Indy Eastside Cruise-in 11351 E. Wash St.	Culver's/Meijers Indpls	Larry Mayes
TBV	Thur	4-8pm	Happy Days Restaurant 2126 S, Sherman	Indpls	Larry Mayes