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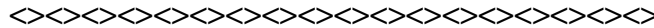
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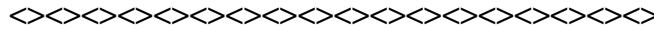
Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2014 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.



Member Information

Welcome to new members **Jeff Ancil & Sherry Ancil**, McCordsville, 1963 Belvedere; **Ron & Dru Kriech**, Danville, 1979 Jeep Wrangler; and **Nicole Nash**, Lebanon, 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited and 1968 Plymouth Barracuda.



That First Time – Author Bob Rosenberger

What to do! It's Saturday afternoon and I have a dead line coming up fast. I have to write this article for the newsletter and have it in shortly. Jan said it did not have to be car related, which may be a good thing, because I have written about three articles on cars previously. I'm running out of car stuff to talk about.

So, I thought I would talk about "that first time"...with an aircraft...more specifically...an airplane...more particularly...a WWII airplane...a B25 Mitchell bomber! I had the good fortune to be able to work on one, fly on one, contribute to one, and associate with a lot of genuinely nice people along the way. It all started when, in 1985, my employer transferred me to our plant in North Kansas City, MO. I was talking to one of my new employees, Sandy Howerton, when I noticed, above her desk, on a cork board, an eight by ten picture of a B25 in flight. I made the comment that it was a nice picture of a B25 Mitchell. She said: "Oh, you know what that is? It's my husband's plane." I said in an amazed and excited voice: "Your husband owns a B25?!" She nodded in the affirmative.

A little history is needed here. Now the B25 was a personal favorite of mine since I was small because one of the first movies I remember seeing was a rerun of "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo." For those not familiar with the movie, it is about the famous raid on April 18, 1942. The 16 plane raid was launched from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Hornet and was the first time bombers had been launched from a ship. It was a daring and very dangerous endeavor as it was highly probable none of the 16 bomber crews (80 men) would live to return. The raid was carried out at probably the lowest point in the Pacific war with Japan - we were losing badly! We needed something to boost morale so the go ahead was given for the raid. The idea was for each plane to drop two 1000 pound bombs and then hightail it out of there and head to China where they were to land in non-Japanese occupied areas. That was the plan...the execution of which was somewhat different...the Hornet spotted a Japanese boat before they reached their launch point and they decided to launch rather than scuttle the mission. They were several hundred miles short of the calculated launch point. Not good...not good at all. Now they knew they would not be able to reach the "friendly" areas even if they survived the raid itself. All of the men were volunteers. Col. Doolittle, whose idea it was for the raid, gave them one last chance to back out but not a man did. The raid was not concocted by Doolittle sitting at a desk, Doolittle was also the leader in the #1 plane. They took off, and flew into history. They bombed their assigned targets, headed for China but had to bail out in the dark, when their planes ran out of fuel. Most of the 80 men survived but a few died and a few were captured by the Japanese. The ones not captured made it back and continued the war as pilots and crew in the European/African theaters.

Having said all that, I was very impressed by the movie even though I was young. Not to mention that the plane is esthetically pleasing to the eye, as airplanes go. I would build several models of that plane, along with others but it was my favorite bomber.

Thus endeth the history lesson. Back to Sandy. I told her I would love to meet her husband and his merry band of crewmen. A year later I was invited to go on a short flight up to St. Joseph, MO and I accepted. The plane was at the old former Richards-Gebaur AFB, south of Kansas City. Even at that it was not going to be a long flight. Now I was a little apprehensive as I really don't like to fly. This is worse than flying commercial. Think about it. Getting into a 40 year old plane having been worked on by a bunch of guys you don't know and only one of them having any formal training and certification? It was made worse by being told I was given the honor of riding in the seat up in the nose. Why "worse" you might ask? I knew that the military did not allow persons to be in the nose on take offs or landings...not a good place to be if the nose gear collapses, yikes! How could I back out in front of the nine other guys...had to man-up...fear or no fear.

One thing you notice right away...is how LOUD it is...it is incredibly noisy. There are no mufflers on airplanes and the B25 has a certain reputation for being one of the louder ones. Think of it this way, each cylinder of the 14 cylinder Wright-Cyclone R-2600 engine was equivalent to my entire 2.8 liter Camaro engine at the time. It is a twin engine plane so it was like having 28 Camaro engines running at several thousand rpm with no mufflers. Everyone wore ear protection if they were not wearing radio headsets. Oh, by the way, each cylinder is a Hemi. That's right, it has hemispherical combustion chambers. Cutting edge technology at the time I suppose.

The pilots taxied out to the runway to run-up the engines as part of the preflight check. I had on a headset and could hear the pilots and the tower but I could not talk to either. The pilots told the tower they were ready and the tower gave final ok and we rolled out and lined up on the runway. I heard the pilots talking to each other and just after I heard "mixture full rich and flaps at 15%," we took off. When I say we took off, I mean I thought we were in a dragster. I was really pressed back in the seat. It felt even more than it would in a jet. You don't get the same illusion of speed when looking from this airplane because they are much bigger than a car. You are higher up off the ground so you don't get the feeling of fast movement as no objects are whizzing past you. You can feel the concrete as you come up to speed, about 110 mph, but then you sense the nose wheel is not on the runway anymore and you know you are going up. You hear the gear coming up and the horizon is below where you normally expect it, you are flying and climbing. I was actually so excited and apprehensive I think I forgot to breathe for a while. I loved it, I did love it so!

We flew towards Kansas City and I thought we were just going to fly around and head north to St. Jo. But I heard the pilots call the tower for clearance to land. Seems we were going to fuel up at the old downtown airport because they had cheaper fuel. So now I was going to get a taste of landing. I always liked landings when I flew commercial and wondered if it was going to be any different. It was very much the same, slow down, gear down, flaps down, line up the runway and put it on the "numbers." By numbers they mean the compass heading of the runway that is painted on every runway at either end. By landing on the numbers means you have the maximum amount of runway to try and get the plane to stop in a controlled manner...we won't talk about the "uncontrolled" manner!

We fueled up (just 1000 gallons) and went through the exact same preflight and checks as we did 45 minutes earlier at Richards-Gebaur. I've seen some pilots not do the checks if they have not been down very long but we did it every time for safety reasons. Taking off from the downtown airport is a hoot in the summer because you generally take off into the wind. The airport is just north of the city across the Missouri river, so you take off to the south, right into the city. The big buildings sit high on the bluffs and there is the Army Corps of Engineer's levee lining the river at the end of the runway. What fun, taking off heading right for the levee, thinking we're not going to make it up over the levee and the bluffs and the buildings on the other side. Scary but we made it. I actually looked over and I could see down into office buildings thirty feet below us...I saw one guy reading a paper as we roared past. I can only imagine the fun those office workers had as big jets come through there. Well we were off and heading north. I figured at our cruising speed of about 150 mph, we should only take 20 minutes to get there. We headed north for a short bit and the pilots stated circling what looked like a grass runway with some small buildings nearby. The pilots were getting lower and still going in circles. I thought, oh my, we've got a problem. I did hear the pilots talk to one of the crew about something to do with the

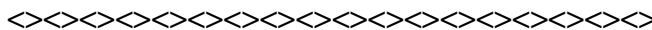
magnetos and about "flashing the generators" but couldn't really make it out. I thought we were making an emergency landing. The pilots stopped circling and were now going in a straight line while descending at a fast rate. Faster and faster as we got closer to the ground. I thought, wait a minute, we are going way too fast to be landing. Just then the pilots poured on the throttles and we really accelerated while coming closer and closer to the ground...ok, I was really getting nervous now. Just as I was about to scream out for my "mommy," we leveled off and I could see people out waving at us as we fly by. Just then the plane nosed upward and the horizon disappeared. I thought my head was going to come out my other end as the pull up pressed me down into the seat so hard I thought I was made of lead. Then as that dissipated, I felt the funny feeling you get when "hill-jumping" in a car. The near weightless feeling you get as you almost go ballistic. It's a good thing we all had our seat belts on. As a kid, I have been on every kind of amusement ride but nothing could compare to a low, high speed pass and subsequent pullout. I can still feel it when I think about it. The pilots called the little airport and the guy on the other end laughingly said our landing gear was up. Our pilot laughingly said to the co-pilot: "our gear was up." On to St. Joseph.

The last leg was straight to the airstrip at St. Jo. And we approached and landed without incident to crowds of people waiting to see us, and others, come in for the static display of aircraft. I could see my wife, Karen, standing, waiting for us to taxi to a halt and power down (she had driven up). She could see I was beside myself over the whole experience. I was hooked. I joined the group and soon became one of the "Can-Do" crew. I would go on many flights after that "first time" but they really didn't get familiar upon repeated tries, so to speak but there is only one first.



The "Fairfax Ghost" was sold to the man who has the European and North American Red Bull sports drink franchises. It currently resides in Austria.

I have written a lot but I had to leave out a lot of material for brevity's sake. I tried to keep it short but some things need some background. Maybe I should write a book...just joking!



From IMC Club President:

From Indy Mopar Club (IMC) President:

Ok, I'm guessing everyone is as tired of the snow and cold as I am. So while we can't get all of our Mopars out much for play, we can still enjoy ourselves with some nice 'car theme' indoor activities. Brian Berkowitz has a slot car racing event set for Sunday Feb 23, 1:00pm at Fast Tracks in Avon. Hopefully many of you got through the snow to the World of Wheels Show recently. If you missed The Finer Details' gorgeous Charger 500, '70 Cuda and '64 Plymouth Sedan on display, you have another opportunity to see their craft at their new location Open House on Friday Feb 28. See the IMC emails or the IMC web site for more detail.

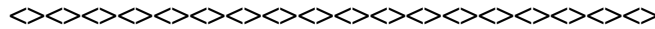
I also have some other exciting news. Ginger Zimmerman has locked down a date from Fletcher Chrysler for our Open Car Show to benefit our Club charity, JDRF. The 2014 show is set for Saturday May 10. We'll start discussing details very soon. You can pencil it in now and can start getting the word out. Ginger also found info on an inaugural vintage car race event at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway this year. The event is scheduled for June 6-8. I spoke to someone knowledgeable of the event and was told the Trans Am series cars will also be racing so some of the original factory backed '70 AAR and Challenger T/As should be in the mix. That might make a great hometown event to attend as a group.

Our club event calendar is being organized currently and will hit our web site soon. It already has some Midwest area Mopar events compiled and includes our other JDRF benefit West Gate Chrysler Cruise-in. The Cruise-in is set for Saturday Sept 6, 2014. Bob Davidson of West Gate is already planning an even better event than those past. Another one to put down on your calendar.

We will be finalizing our club presence for the Indy Cylinder Head Chrysler Performance Trade Show at our Feb 27 IMC meeting. This is another great indoor event at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on March 1 & 2. Hope you can join us. Looking at all these hot Mopars will help bridge this frigid weather until we can get our wheels out again!

Please be cautious on the roads and icy walks.

See you soon,
Tom Kelly
Feb 2014



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, January 30, 2014

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. President, Tom Kelly, brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Introduction of new Officers, members and guests. 2014 Officers introduced themselves and our new President, Tom Kelly, congratulated 2013 previous officers for a job well done. Tom reported that Vice President Mike Wallace could not be here because of a death in the family.

Attending were Jeff Andis, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Tony Fields, Dan Kelly, Jim Kelly, Rick Kelly, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Bud & Debbie Mounce, Larry Nash, Nicole Nash, David Opel, Jan Peel, Bob & Karen Rosenberger, Dave Sanders, Bob Thomas, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom, Rick & Ginger Zimmerman and guests Ron Kriech and Jeff Ancil.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Opel read the highlights of the minutes for the November meeting. Then he asked if there were any corrections. The minutes were approved with no corrections. There was no December meeting as it was replaced by the annual Christmas Party held at Logan's Roadhouse at Greenwood Square. A very large turnout was present and a good time was enjoyed by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes reported the following: Income for December \$170.00; Expenses for December \$1216.05; December 31, 2013 Balance \$2,226.95. Income for January \$695.00; Expenses for January \$110.00; January 30, 2014 balance \$2,811.95.

Membership – Mike reported that there are 26 paid members and 2 new members.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt reported the website has been updated.

MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Dave Opel reviewed the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of February as Mike Wallace was unable to attend.

EVENT CALENDER: Tom Kelly – Tom gave an update. There will be a new format on-line.

- a. World of Wheels, February 8-9, 2014 Indiana Fairgrounds
- b. February 28, 6-9pm, Ken Mosier's Grand Opening of Ken Mosier's new "The Finer Details" muscle car restoration facility 2001 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122.
<http://www.thefinerdetails-1.com>
- c. Indy Cylinder Head Swap Meet, March 1-2, 2014
- d. Walter P. Chrysler National Meet, July 9-12, 2014, to be held in Auburn Hill, MI
- e. Westgate C/P, September 6

EVENT ADVERTISING: To be discussed

OLD BUSINESS – Tom Kelly:

1. Options discussed for future activities, plaques to be presented to Mopar show sponsors. Karen Rosenberger showed the new plaque.
2. Recap of Chuck and Char Cochran Garage Museum Tour
3. Recap of the Annual Christmas Party, December 15th at Logans Roadhouse. The model car contest received donations of approximately \$46.00 for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank.

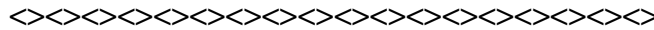
NEW BUSINESS – Tom Kelly

1. Club member profile for newsletter and website:
 - a. February 2014 – Bob Rosenberger

- b. March 2014 – Rick Zimmerman
- c. April 2014 – Jeff Ancil
- d. May 2014 – Karen Rosenberger & Debbie Mounce
- 2. New Club Activities – Future activities sheet presented by Tom Kelly
 - a. Fall Cruise/Tour proposed by Dave Sanders, he will pick a date with a rain date
- 3. Indy Cylinder Head Show & Swap Meet – March 1 & 2 – to be held at Indiana Fairgrounds – event lead coordinator discussed and signup sheet presented for members to volunteer for IMC Club booth at show.
- 4. Pictures for future Meetings and Event Slide Shows requested.
- 5. Other New Business
 - a. Mike Lyes discussed pricing for ol IMC shirts not sold and a \$5 price was set.
- 6. Show and Tell – Tom Kelly and Brian Berkowitz
 - a. Brian brought numerous slot cars he races at Fast Track in Avon; he proposed a club event for February 16th.
 - b. Tom Kelly brought in numerous Mopar literature from previous years.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Berkowitz, seconded by Rick Zimmerman, the motion carried. President Tom Kelly adjourned the meeting.

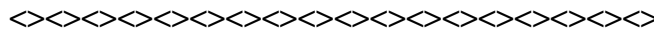
Respectfully submitted,
Dave Opel



At Show and Tell time Tom Kelly had a collection of Chrysler/Dodge/Plymouth/Desoto sales brochures displayed. Brian Berkowitz showed his collection of “drag cars” and gave an interesting talk regarding them. See the picture and story below.

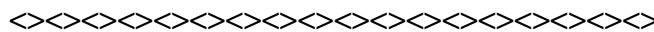


A little more than a year ago I rediscovered a childhood hobby, slot cars. Now these are not the slot car I ran as a kid. They are bigger and faster. I started out with one car for oval track racing, after doing that for awhile I became hooked on drag racing. I now have 10 drag cars. In the winter I try to race every Friday night at the track, win or lose I enjoy it. If you are interested in coming out, Fast Tracks is located in Avon on 36 just east of the Toyota Dealership.
Brian Berkowitz



REMINDER

Friday February 28, Grand Opening of Ken Mosier's new "The Finer Details" muscle car restoration facility 2001 E Main St, Danville, In 46122. <http://www.thefinerdetails-1.com/>
The Grand Opening party will start at 6pm and go until approximately 9pm. Food, live music, and shop tours. If you are interested in attending, an RSVP is required. Call Ken at 317-709-3625 cell, or e-mail him at challengerken@yahoo.com . Ken is very excited to have the Indy Mopar Club be in attendance.



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays:

Teresa Kelly, 3-2
Mark Fields, 3-6
Regina Brock, 3-19
Don Mayhew, 3-25

Randall Thomas, 3-5
Ken Komlanc, 3-18
Janet Oller, 3-24
Sue Kelly, 3-29

March Anniversaries:

Dick and Dorinda Crawmer, 3-14

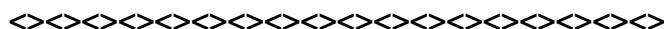
John and Brenda Heeringa, 3-24

Congratulations to all!



2014 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

Jan						
30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Feb						
7-9	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds		
23	Sunday	1p-4p	Fast Tracks-Slot Car Racing 1pm	Avon IN		Brian Berkowitz
27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
28	Friday		Indy Cyl Hd Show Set-up	Ind State Fairgrounds		
28	Friday	6p-9p	Finer Details New Facility Open House	Danville IN		
Mar						
1 & 2	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show			
27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Apr						
24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
May						
10	Sat	9a-3p	Fletcher Chrysler/IMC – OPEN Car Show	Franklin IN		
17-18	Sat-Sun		Chrysler Power Show	Columbus OH		
29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Jun						
5-8	Thu-Sun		IMS Vintage Car Races	Indpls Motor Speedway		
13-14	Thur- Fri		Pure Stock Drags	Martin MI		Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
27-29	Fri-Sun		Monster Mopar Weekend	IRP – check		to be verified
Jul						
9-12	Wed-Sat		WPC National Meet	Auburn Hills MI		
11-13	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA		
16-20	Wed-Sun		Natl DeSoto Meet	Ft Wayne IN		
31	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Aug						
8-10	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH		
20-24	Wed-Sun		Plymouth Owner Club National Meet	Port Huron MI		
28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Sep						
6	Sat	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN		
6	Sat	6p-10p	IMC Cookout – Kelly's	Danville IN		Tom Kelly
12-13	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Drags	Stanton MI		Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Oct						
9-12	Thur-Sun		NMCA Race-Show @ IRP	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clairmont)		Dave Watt
30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg-Halloween	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Nov						
20	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Dec						
7 or 14	Sunday		Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	TBD		
Jan 2015						
Feb 2015						
TBD			World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds		






Tattler's Corner

Seems like Ronda Cherry likes to ice skate without skates – but took a fall and broke her left collarbone. How about roller skates next time? Take care – spring is just around the corner – I didn't say which corner!!! I'm looking forward to seeing what our members bring to the new "Show and Tell" ideas!!!

2014 Indy Mopar Club Dues were due and payable by January 31, 2014. If you haven't already paid, please do so.

We hope to see you at the February meeting.

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