



Indy Mopar Club News

www.indymoparclub.com

January 2014



Jan Peel Editor 317.357.5760

Tom Kelly, President 317.439.1727

Mike Wallace, Vice President 317.710.5009

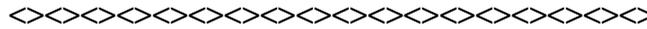
Mike Leyes, Treasurer 765.524.0326

Dave Opel, Secretary 317.850.1834

Dave Watt, Communications Director 317.696.6071

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 30, 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.



“Once in a Lifetime...”

If the car count was achieved, some thought it would likely be a “once in a lifetime” event. In the previous 49 years of the Airflow Club of America’s annual gatherings, the Airflow car count had never exceeded 39 of these extraordinary vehicles. With as few of these still around, a typical count in the twenties was considered a successful show. But because this was the 50th Anniversary, the hosts had high expectations. Members called other members, some begged folks to bring out their cars, even if not running or even complete. Even the Chrysler Museum, which is now only opened on special occasions, was contacted to participate.



And participate, everyone did. Fifty Three (53) Airflows, mixed DeSoto and Chrysler models descended upon Dayton Ohio, July 23-28, 2013. It was indeed a spectacular display. Some drove their cars from as far away as the west coast, some came in by transporter, most on trailers. Some pristine, some in various states of assembly, and even one lost its clutch being offloaded but fifty three were there and history was made.

The week was filled with plenty of photo ops as various member groups toured the National Museum of the US Air Force at Wright Patterson AFB, the Packard Museum, Carillon Historical Park and every restaurant in the area.



The hospitality room hosted an Airflow toy and Memorabilia show and one member brought in a film clip-record player system with an original 1935 new Airflow sales presentation.

He bought some old dealership boxes and found this in pristine condition much to the membership's delight. There was a formal tech session where the Airflow experts assisted others with answers and suggested sources for those hard to find parts or knowledgeable services.



After beautiful weather all week, the heavens poured liquid sunshine all over everyone's buffed paint on Saturday but by afternoon the rain was gone and we started all over again, admiring these works of art. Highlights of the show included a Chrysler Airflow CW (this model is the longest wheelbase Airflow limousine built by the factory), a Canadian version Airflow that differed from those sold in the States and the original Airflow prototype, the 1932 Trifon Special. It was transported from the Chrysler Museum collection in Auburn Hills for the show. The Trifon is the vehicle that Walter P. Chrysler rode in for a test drive on a remote farm north of Detroit that resulted in his approval for proceeding with Airflow production.





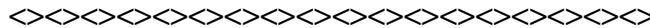
The Indy Mopar Club also had participation in the event. Members Chuck and Char Cochran had both a '34 DeSoto SE Coupe and a '35 DeSoto SG Coupe at the show. Teresa and I, along with grandson Isaiah brought over my '36 DeSoto S2 4dr Sedan. My brother Dan assisted me with towing one of Chuck's cars and on Saturday, Mike and Ed Leyes along with Mike's nephew Matt and one of Ed's friends came over to check out the cars.

A couple of my highlights at the Club Awards banquet was Teresa providing pre-dinner entertainment, accompanied by our friend Sandy Williams on guitar. The second was Isaiah winning the Best Male Period Costume Award with his paperboy knickers, vest and hat. He was given a wonderful trophy to remember the week. He also begged us to bring him back to the Air Force Museum as we did not get completely through it. And by the way this museum is well worth the trip to Dayton. Whether you have interest in aircraft or history, this visit will be a moving experience.



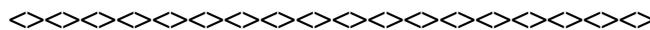
As I started this story, I'm not sure we will see 53 Airflows in one location again but the next opportunity will be at the 51st Airflow National Meet, June 11-15, 2014 in Springfield MO.

Tom Kelly



Member Information

Our sincere condolences go out to Bill and Constance Bratton. Constance's step-father passed away recently. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



From IMC Club President:

On behalf of the Indy Mopar Club (IMC), we wish you a Happy & Prosperous New Year! As everyone does at this time of year, I'm making some New Year Resolutions. Some are for completing a few of the many projects I've started but pushed to the side. We'll see how that goes. Others, however, I've made related to the Club and I'm putting those in writing so I may have to try to keep these!



Tattler's Corner

I really don't have anything for this month – too cold for anyone to even think about going out and getting into trouble. So 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!!! AND DON'T FORGET VALENTINES' DAY!

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

It does help when the new Indy Mopar Club shirts are ordered.

We hope to see you at the January meeting.



Rick Zimmerman
921 W. Stopek Drive
Nineveh, IN 46164
317.933.3384 Business
317.374.6718 Cell

- Custom Bending
- Muscle Cars
- Duals

Rick's
MUFFLER SHOP

WOODGRAINWHEELS.COM

COMPLETE CUSTOM WHEELS FOR MOPAR
RES-TORA-HION-5
NEW, USED AND NOS
PARTS AVAILABLE
PARTICULARS WANTED
DAVE TAYLOR 593-4328-DAUMBER@JAHOO.COM

ASAP Towing & Restoration Parts

- Sheet Metal
- Weather Strips
- Gas Tanks
- Bells

Office (317)710-5009

Owner
MIKE

Masterpiece Classic Cars
"Drive Your Passion"

John Bauer
Consignments
Masterpiece Classic Cars, Inc.
675 N. US 31
Whitehall, IN 46184
Office: (317) 535-3500
Cell: (317) 430-1265
Fax: (317) 535-8800
jbauer42@yahoo.com

MasterpieceClassicCars.com

THE FINER DETAILS^{LLC}

It can be the difference between 1st and 2nd place.

Ken Mosier
Owner
1.317.745.2125
1.317.709.3625
1.317.272.8399

We Restore, Buy & Sell Mopar Cars & Parts
By Appointment Only
Email kmosier@indyrr.com