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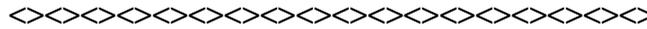
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, November 20, 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.



Welcome to new member **Lynn Standeford, Mooresville**, with a **1967 Dodge Charger**.

From Indy Mopar Club (IMC) President:

Well it's time for Club officer elections so we'd love to see you at the meeting at the MCL on Thursday 20th (week early this month because of Thanksgiving). If you can't make it, please send your vote in to the Club web site before the 20th.

Winter is slowly creeping in and it makes me chilly just thinking of the snow being predicted soon. There is however a wonderful indoor event coming up the weekend of Nov 22-23, 2014 that will warm the heart. It is a bit of a drive to Chicago near the O'Hare Airport but is well worth the trip. Two of our club members have been invited to display their cars which is an honor at this show. Dave Watt and Mike Leyes will have their cars at the Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL. Dave will have his '73 340 Duster in the Pure Stock Drag Racing group and Mike will have his '69 Road Runner 440-6BBL in the A12 Car display. Stop by and say hi if you get up there.

A quick note to say 'get well soon' to Sue Mayes who's in the process of having multi step surgery done. Best wishes Sue from all of your friends here.

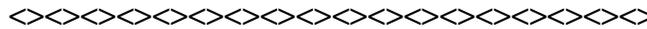
Also, on behalf of the Club, in remembrance of Veterans Day I like to send a big "THANKS" to all who served our country.

To close, we hope you can make the meeting and if not, Happy Thanksgiving to all. Please be careful driving to Mom's, Grandma's or where ever you gather with loved ones.

All the best,

Tom Kelly

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Muscle Car Drags 2014

As I sit here typing, the temperature is 26 degrees outside. Tough to believe the drag racing season has officially ended for me.

Kicking off the muscle car drag race season is the F.A.S.T. (Factory Appearing Stock Tire) and Factory Stock classes both competing at US 131 Motorsports Park in Martin Michigan. You'll see everything from a 17 second Chevy Biscayne to a 10 second '63 Max Wedge Plymouth. Approximately 70 cars attended.

After qualifying is complete, the best elapsed time from each car is used to pair up for eliminations. The quickest 8 cars run an elimination type ladder, like the NHRA. After that, #9 will race against #10, and so forth in a best of three shootout.

Mike Leyes was paired with a 1969 Boss 302 Mustang. Unfortunately the blue oval was too strong for Mikes 440 6BBL Road Runner and took the 2 out of 3 win.

Jeff Ancil participated with his '66 Chevy II 327 which had similar performance to a '69 AMC SC/Rambler but suffered the same fate as Mike's Plymouth.

My 340 Duster was curiously absent from the race pairings along with a few other cars. After trying to sort out the mistake, a compromise was made for me to race against a 1970 Buick GS 455. This was a big mismatch for my car, “the little engine that couldn’t” pull out a win.

Overall we had a fun weekend, but just didn’t bring home any wins.

Next was a Mopar only F.A.S.T. /Factory Stock event at the Mopar Nationals. This was our smallest car count of the year. Since there was an odd number of cars, the slowest car did not have a match up. Since mine was the only small block there, it was pretty obvious who would be running solo down the track. Mike was paired with a ’69 Six Pack Super Bee. He had lightning quick reaction times which led to a great win for the weekend.

The biggest race of the year is the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags in Stanton Michigan. The 20th year event was nothing short of spectacular with 130 in attendance. Jeff was working out some bugs in his car but made three runs that counted during eliminations. His competitor in a GTO Judge turned on the red light in the opening round. Then Jeff pulled off a hole shot win in the second round for an overall victory.

Once again, Mike’s Road Runner was paired with a ’69 Six Pack Super Bee, but this time it was the battle of the 4-speeds. Luckily, with the hundreds of passes down the track Mike has made, his super quick reaction times once again helped pull off the 2 of 3 shootout win.

In a battle of the 340’s, a 1970 Six Pack T/A Challenger was within .001 of a second of my Duster in qualifying, can’t get much closer than that. Both cars got quicker on Saturday, the first time mine was in the 13 second zone. The T/A went even quicker which was too tough to overcome in round 1. The second round I left the starting line before him, but at halftrack, my 340 broke both #3 rocker arms. The race was over.

For the final event of 2014, Maryland International Raceway has been the place to set personal best ET’s. The 12 hour drive out there is a long haul but worth the trip. 20 cars arrived with a lot of anticipation to see who would run their quickest ever times. The Duster was quick right off the trailer with a very low 14 second time slip. By the time qualifying was over, a 13.89 flashed on the board which was 1 tenth of a second quicker than it had run at the Stanton event. Once again, I was the only small block at the event, so my pairing with the ’69 Chevelle SS 396 put me back on the trailer.

In another battle of 440 Six Pack Mopars, Mike once again showed that great reaction times can make the difference between winning a losing. His Road Runner was a bit slower, but the reaction times helped to pull off the victory.

We’re looking forward to the 2015 race season, should be a good one.



Dave’s car on the cover of Mopar Eastern Classic. Congratulations, Dave!

Author~~~ Dave Watt

INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, OCTOBER 30, 2014

PRESIDENT TOM KELLY brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. 24 Attended: Jeff Ancil, Brian Berkowitz, Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Tony Fields, Jim Kelly, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Ron & Dru Kriech, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Dave Opel, Jan Peel, Dave Sanders, Randall Smith, Evan Springer, Dave Watt, and Rick Zimmerman, and guest Lynn Standeford's son Brian.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Opel – Highlights of the minutes from the September meeting were presented. The minutes were approved as read with no additions or corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes reported the balance as of September 25 was \$3,720.44. Income for October was \$231.47. Expenses for October were \$1,695.69. Balance for October 30 is \$2,256.22. Flower Fund \$336.68. Current membership is 69.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt – No new changes on website.

MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Evan Springer read the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of November. Congratulations to all.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS: Evan Springer – Decatur Township to Howl Safe Halloween, Nov.1&2 car Show at Richmond Fairgrounds, Nov. 22-23 Muscle Drag Car Show at Rosemont, IL, Amphitheater.

EVENT ADVERTISING: Ronda Cherry – nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS: – Tom Kelly:

- A. Tom reported many September & October car events well attended by club members.
 1. Finer Detail Sept. 27 recap – many members attended.
 2. JDRF Walk – 7 vehicles & Jim Kelly provided stanchions, Randy Smith & Dickie provide IMC Balloons, Sutton Garten (and Rick Zimmerman) provided helium. Donation of \$1,506 from Westgate was donated at the walk. Thanks to all.
 3. Skillman Museum October 16th – Thanks Evan Springer
 4. Fall Cruise – October 19 – Thanks to Dave Sanders and Larry Mayes for the Larry Bell tour.
 5. Amend By-Laws – any revision suggestions should be sent to Mike Leyes or Dave Watt.

NEW BUSINESS: – Tom Kelly

- A. Tom stated that Club member profile or article for newsletter for:
 - a. October – thanks to Jan Peel for Fall Cruise article
 - b. November – Scott Oller's article on the Plymouth Owners Club National Meet & Dave Watt
 - c. December – Lynn Standerford
 - d. January – Lynn Standerford's son Brian

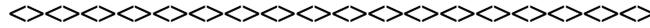
B. Other New Business

- a. Show and Tell – Jan Peel brought numerous magazines from Stan Peel's collection
- b. Show and Tell for November – ?
- c. Christmas Party December 7th, 6pm, Steve Wisdom's Club House at 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood, with the model car contest and Christmas Gift exchange which can be brutal (ask Teresa) - \$15.00 limit. **(See page 6 for details.)**
- d. Plaques are to be made for Koorsen Fire Protection (Amercx), Westgate C-J-P, Finer Detail, Car Art Design, Indy Cylinder Head, Fletcher C-J-P, and Ray Skillman. A thank you letter to be sent to Ray Skillman for the Museum Tour.
- e. Dave Watt to look into a go-cart event for month of January or February at 96th & Keystone facility.
- f. World of Wheels was discussed for February.
- g. Movie night at Tom & Teresa Kelly's for next year
- h. Dave Watt discussed the possibility of dividing duties between Communications Director and Website manager. Evan Springer mentioned he knew a fellow that managed websites and would contact him

C. Officer Nominations for 2015, additional nominations may be submitted to the club website until the next meeting:

- a. President: Rick Zimmerman
Evan Springer
- b. Vice President: Ronda Cherry
Evan Springer
- c. Secretary: Dave Opel
- d. Treasurer: Mike Leyes
- e. Communication Director: Dave Watt
- f. Ballots will be handed out for voting at the meeting. If you will not be attending you may vote by e-mailing to the website by November 19th.

D. Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Watt, Brian Berkowitz seconded the motion, adjourned at 8:25pm.
Respectfully submitted,
David Opel



Plymouth Owners Club 2014 National Summer Meet – by Scott Oller

The Detroit Region hosted the 2014 Plymouth Owners Club National Summer Meet in Port Huron, Michigan. The meet was held August 20-24. I arrived at the meet hotel in Port Huron on Wednesday afternoon. There were already several cars in the lot while others who trailered their cars were unloading. I stopped by the hospitality room and heard that there were well over a hundred participants and 71 cars registered.



Saturday’s car show held along the Saint Clair River between the U.S. and Canada

Wednesday evening a group cruised a few miles north of the hotel to an A&W Root Beer restaurant in Lexington, MI, which is known to be a local cruise-in location. Rick Stone, a Detroit Region member, invited me to ride along with him in his ‘56 Belvedere convertible. It was a nice scenic ride past homes along the Lake Huron coastline. A brief rain shower necessitated a quick stop to put up the top. A few more spotty rain showers passed but didn’t dampen spirits. As it turned out, this was the only rain we saw during the meet.

Thursday morning we boarded a motor coach to tour two auto museums. The first was a private family collection owned by father and son Ed Meurer, Jr. and Ed Meurer, III. The Meurers are Detroit Region members and have a 1946 Plymouth P-15 in their collection of more than 80 cars. They had a number of different makes and models on display. One of their cars, a 1938 Chrysler limo was once owned by Joseph Kennedy, another car in the collection was owned by a President of Mexico while another had been owned by Benito Mussolini’s brother.

The second collection we visited was the Stahls Automotive Museum, which is open to the public on a limited schedule and for special occasions. There we saw a Tucker and several Indiana produced makes including a 1934 Duesenberg along with several Stutz, Auburns, Cords, and an American also produced in Indianapolis. The museum had a number of working mechanical music machines on display. These machines were musical entertainment devices that predate record players and juke boxes.



The Meurer Family collection



Stahls Automotive Museum



POC show at the concert

The City of Port Huron sponsors has a free Concert in the Park on Thursday evenings. Several cruised over to take in the concert. The POC cars were given special parking access near the stage area, which became an instant car show for other concertgoers.

Friday started out as day for touring. Mike Bonadonna, member of the Florida Sunshine Region, invited me to ride along with him in his '65 Fury III wagon. The first planned stop was at The Port Huron Museum, which focuses on local and regional maritime artifacts including the ill-fated cargo ship the Edmond Fitzgerald.

On the way, Mike's car started to run rough and then died. He restarted the engine only for it to run even rougher and die again. He was able to get it running just enough to pull into a nearby parking lot where we raised the hood to see if we could figure out the problem. Dennis Oleksiak a Detroit Region member stopped to help. We looked at several things but could not troubleshoot the issue. The engine would run for a bit then backfire out the carburetor and then out the tailpipe until one final exhaust backfire exploded Mike's muffler with the volume of a 12 gauge shotgun blast. Dennis said he had to get to the museum because he was the guy with the money to pay everyone's admission. So, Mike and I went with Dennis and left the Fury wagon for later.



Getting ready to go touring



Cargo ship passes by on the river



Plymouths at the Harvest Days

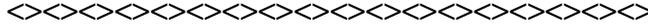
While touring the museum we were describing the engine problem to others. Kevin Reeves, Hoosier Region President, diagnosed the problem as a bad ignition condenser. Mike said he happened to have a spare condenser with him. Kevin and his wife Kristen drove us back to Mike's car. We changed the condenser and the engine problem was solved. We were able to continue on with the rest of the day's touring events. We visited the Thomas Edison Museum in Port Huron, stopped for lunch and later to the Harvest Days Festival outdoor event for antique farm implements and tractors.

Saturday morning several members drove to Marysville, MI to visit the Wills Sainte Claire Museum. The Wills Sainte Claire automobile was produced from 1921-26. Around 14,000 were built but only 82 are known to remain. It was a luxury car in its day that competed against the likes of Packard, Cadillac and Pierce Arrow. There was a Wills Sainte Claire distributorship in Indianapolis. C.H. Wills was chief engineer and a junior partner with Henry Ford. He started his company after leaving Ford in 1919. You are familiar with a piece of C.H. Wills' work. He was the person who made the famous blue oval Ford scrip logo.

The car show was held Saturday afternoon. Awards were based on peoples' choice votes versus being judged. The venue was along the banks of the Saint Clair River with a wonderful view of the bridge between the U.S. and Canada. There were lots of pleasure crafts, sailboats, and large cargo ships passing by. There were even scuba divers entering the river to explore shipwreck sights just off shore.



Congratulations to Dennis & Barb Schaaf of Somerset, IN for winning the 1928-35 class award with their 1928 U model sedan.
 Author~~~Scott Oller



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays:



Kerry Sanders, 12-1	Ted Sanders, 12-4	David Sanders, 12-5
Cheryl Wisdom, 12-8	Sue Mayes, 12-9	Jeff Andis, 12-10
Constance Bratton, 12-16	Dave Watt, 12-17	Tami Keilman, 12-31

December Anniversaries:

John and Carol Ann Bauer, 12-22	Bill and Constance Bratton, 12-28
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Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner



A few of our "living it up" gals really lived it up. (Be sure to notice the garter belt on Tom's arm.)



Editor's Note: You may send your "Member Profile" to me in either Microsoft Word or Works by e-mail to Jpeel83719@aol.com or typed or hand written to: Jan Peel, 5128 E Rowney St, Indianapolis IN 46203. Jan Peel. Editor



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CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE: December 7th, 6pm, Clubhouse at 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood. From Hwy 135 and County Line Road go west on County Line Road .2 miles and turn left into Leisure Lane, the club house is on the right. The club will furnish the meat, ice, paper plates, paper cups, utensils. Please bring a covered dish or dessert and your drink. A \$15 limit White Elephant gift exchange and model car contest will highlight the evening. If you plan on coming please call Steve Wisdom at 317-457-5205 or e-mail him at beep70@aol.com or call Jan Peel at 317-357-5760 or e-mail her at Jpeel83719@aol.com so that there will be ample meat. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY DECEMBER 5TH.** We hope to see you there.

It seems we have a poet in our midst. The following poem was written in 1969 by Tony Fields, Supervisor Inventory Control at the Master Plant, as the lunar module landed on the moon.

A MISSION OF PEACE

The rocket fired and up she flew,
Straight and vertical through the blue.
Engines roar like thunders crash,
She's out of sight in just a flash.

Circles the earth 'til all is go,
She fires again, this rocket so bold.
With instruments fixed on stars so bright,
She seeks the moon, now clearly in sight.

She's halfway there and its hard to believe,
That such a vehicle could escape Earth an leave,
Hut there we see it with our own two eyes,
There is no fiction, there are no lies.

But on to the moon is where she must go,
Through dark space . . . seems ever so slow.
And there it is, with craters so bold.
It's right out the window a few miles below.

Then to the (LM) the men take their place,
They control the module with beauty and grace.
They glide her down to the surface below,
And plant their feet on moon soil aglow.

It seems so funny, they weigh much less,
They bounce around with much finesse.
And it seems so natural to be where they are,
For these great Americans have captured a star.

They plant their flag and salute it with pride,
They've accomplished a goal and in good stride.
They leave their possessions they have brought from Earth,
A new era is born, you have witnessed the birth.

Now all is over and it's all behind,
The message they leave is peace for mankind.
The Eagle has done about all it can do,
So the rest of the mission is left up to you

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						
3	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco DeMopar-American Cancer Benefit	Lafayette IN		Tom Kelly
10	Sat	9a-3p	Fletcher Chrysler/IMC – OPEN Car Show	Franklin IN – Rain or Shine		Tom Kelly
16-18	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic – Nat’l Trail Raceway	Columbus OH		Tom Kelly
29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
23-24	Fri-Sat		Mopar Mania Somernites Cruise Memorial Wknd	Somerset KY		Dave Sanders
Jun						
4-8	Wed-Sun		Chrysler 300 Club, Inc Nat’l Meet	Kokomo IN		Ralph Rhees
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
28-29	Sat-Sun		Monster Mopar Weekend	Kil-Kare Drag Strip		Xenia, OH
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	12n-3:30p	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN		Dave Sanders
6	Sat	4p-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
27	Sat	11a-??	Finer Detail-CLUB Cookout	Danville IN		Tom Kelly
Oct						
4	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK- Military Park	Indianapolis IN		Tom Kelly
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
22-23	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Show			
Dec						
7	Sunday	Start 6p	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom’s Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142		Steve Wisdom
Jan 2015						
Feb 2015						
TBD			World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds		