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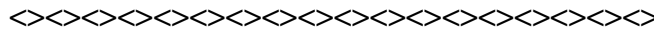
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 29, 2015 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 Profile

46th Annual Walter P. Chrysler Club National Meet

If you have not had a chance to attend a national car club meet in the past, I would encourage you to give it a try. As well as the IMC, I'm a member of The Plymouth Owners Club, Walter P. Chrysler Club (WPC), National Desoto Club and the Airflow Club of America, and they all hold national meets each year.

They rotate to a different part of the United States annually to make it interesting and easier for those in different locales to attend. All the National Meets we have attended have been wonderful from multiple perspectives; they are outstanding Car Shows giving you a chance to see top notch vehicles you don't always see locally, a great place to meet new friends as passionate about these cars as we are, and as a memorable opportunity to visit beautiful and historically significant sites that you may have only heard about.

This past July, Teresa, grandson Isaiah and I attended the WPC National Meet in Springfield, IL. It was interesting that when we got there we ran into IMC members Ed and Mary Leyes (Jeep Comanche pick-up) and Chuck & Char Cochran (34 DeSoto Airflow coupe). We also met Plymouth Club members Kevin and Kristen Reeves ('50 Plymouth 4-dr) and Bob and Wanda Van Buskirk ('48 Plymouth Woody Wagon). Was great seeing both current friends and meeting new ones.



Chuck & Char Cochran's 34 DeSoto Airflow coupe



Kevin & Kristen Reeves '50 Plymouth 4-dr



← Bob & Wanda Van Buskirk's
'48 Plymouth Woody Wagon

We had signed up when we sent in our entries for some of the optional tours during the week and again these did not disappoint. As with most National events, some of the WPC's tours were "drive-to" destinations and some are set up with tour buses. The Springfield Crown Plaza host hotel provided a large area to park the collector cars and the host region provided security so leaving your car behind for the bus tours was not a worry.

This year's WPC meet gave us the opportunity to tour the Caterpillar Assembly Plant in Decatur IL. The large 'earth graders' and mining field dump trucks were fabricated and assembled at this facility. The largest dump truck was assembled, road tested and then partially disassembled so it can be shipped as it was so large. The tires are 9 feet in diameter and the vehicle weighs 1.4 million pounds when fully assembled and loaded. There were 31 hours of robot welding just on the frame followed by hours of man-welding for brackets/tabs. It made our little 4,000 lb cars pale in comparison! Interestingly, some of the Cat engine assemblies were manufactured in Lafayette, Indiana and shipped over to Decatur for installation.

We trailered the Road Runner to Springfield (4.10 gears and a 6mpg Hemi does not make even a 3 hour trip very feasible) but we did drive it to a few of the events.



Tom's '68 Hemi Roadrunner



Tom and Isaiah



Mary & Ed Leyes

The first was the historic pioneer village of New Salem, IL, home of Abraham Lincoln in his 20s.



Prior to his entering the legal profession and politics, Abe partnered on a couple of general stores and was the postmaster during his few year stay. When the village's river waterway dried up, the town practically disappeared overnight so has largely been reconstructed now as a historic landmark. We were walking through history as we strolled and checked out the early 1800 structures, farms and stores.

After a quick lunch, back to the Road Runner for the 45 minute drive back to downtown Springfield for a tour of the Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum. As this is only a 3 hour trip from the west side of Indy, I

would highly recommend a visit if you have even a remote interest in history. Again it was a memorable visit that opened our eyes to the civil war era and the tragic assassination of our President.



Our last formal tour was a restored city block in Springfield that includes the only home ever owned by Abraham Lincoln. This site is run by the US Park Service and was Mr. Lincoln's residence as a member of the Illinois legislature prior to leaving for Washington as the newly elected President of the United States.

Again, walking through the restored homes and down the street gave chills thinking who had walked here before.

A bit less 'historic' but a kick none-the less was a trip to the Cozy Drive-In, claimed home of the first corn dogs and located on 'Route 66' in Springfield. Lots of memorabilia and a really good hamburger (ok, I passed on the famous 'corn dog').

Though we had wonderful weather all week for our tours and hanging in the parking lot checking out the cars, the day of the actual Car Show (Saturday), we did get a downpour. The pop-up awning served us well and allowed us to meet even more friends who we invited in out of the rain. The rain storm blew through, the pavement dried up and we enjoyed a wonderful car show.



'38 Chrysler



'39 Chrysler



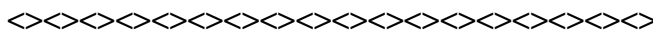
Franks '31 Chrysler rumble seat roadster

That evening, we joined Ed and Mary Leyes at our table for the Awards Banquet, met their friends Paul & Rosemary Niles from New Castle, along with new friends Frank & Janet Burrows from Anderson, IN.

I was very surprised but did receive a Second Place in my class at the Banquet Saturday evening. Chuck won Best DeSoto and Frank & Janet won top honors with their beautiful two tone blue Chrysler so we sat with Car Show royalty!

We pulled out the next morning and had a leisurely drive home accompanied by lots of good memories. Hopefully Isaiah got an opportunity to see some 'living' history to compliment what he'd read about in his history texts. I know I did.

Author~~~~Tom Kelly IMC Oct 2015



From the Indy Mopar Club President:

Saturday October 3rd was the Annual Indianapolis JDRF Walk. The new name for the event is now called the JDRF One Walk Indianapolis. The name was not the only difference in the event this year. There was a new venue at the Banker's Life Fieldhouse. Most of the event was held inside the foyer area of the fieldhouse which did give better relief from adverse weather than previous years if needed. There were bands and food vendors with many diabetes related representatives and vendors displaying their different equipment, information and etc.

There was a special area for the VIP donors (those raising \$1,000 or more) and were given some special treatment. There was also the Team Village where teams that raised more than \$10,000 were given corporate

banners and special spots of recognition. Last but not least was a kid's area with events, games and even Boomer of the Pacers! (Had a real hard time keeping autograph seeker Randy Smith away from Boomer).

We all got a break from the weather as the forecast called for rain, blustery winds and 50 degrees temperature. It didn't rain! The walk was a mile loop, two miles if you wanted to venture around a second time, and there was a special treat at the end of the walk with a lineup of food vendors from around Indy that put on a sort of "taste of Indy" affair.

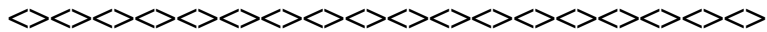
There were just three of us that represented the Indy Mopar Club that day, my wife Nicole, Randy Smith and I. We survived the cold, blustery wind and a mile walk. The food at the end was a great treat. We did meet with Nancy Carr, JDRF's new event organizer and she exuberantly thanked us for the efforts of the IMC and for the IMC's financial contribution of \$3,430.00. All in all we had a great time! Perhaps next year we need to look at setting up a Mopar car display in the parking lot across the street from the fieldhouse.

Aside note; This October IMC meeting is the month that the nominations are made for IMC officer positions. At the November meeting, elections for the IMC officers will be conducted. I ask that all members consider helping the club in some capacity.

Thanks all! Drive safely and see you at the next meeting, October 29th.

Evan L. Springer

October, 2015



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, September 24, 2015

President Evan Springer brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Ronda Cherry in Jan Peel's absence. A good turnout of 21 attended: Jeff Andis, Ronda Cherry, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, John Hynds, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Ron & Dru Kriech, Mike Leyes, John Miller, Scott Oller, Dave Opel, Bob Rosenberger, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Lynn Standeford, Bob Thomas, and Steve Wisdom.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Opel

A. Minutes from the August meeting presented and accepted with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes.

A. August 27, 2015, Balance \$3,537.70; September Income \$2351.00; September Expenses \$200.00; September 24, 2015 Balance \$5,388.70. Flower Fund Balance \$404.68. Donation of \$3,350.00 to be sent to JDRF from Indy Mopar Club. 63 Members currently paid.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt

A. No report as Dave was absent.

MEMBER NEWS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Ronda Cherry

A. Members Names and dates were reported and congratulated.

EVENT CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS (Newsletter & IMC): Ronda Cherry

A. Numerous events were discussed

EVENT ADVERTISING: Ronda Cherry

A. No report given

OLD BUSINESS: – Evan Springer

A. Amend By-laws – Committee recommendation with "Notification". Dave to e-mail.

B. Social Media Upgrades – Discussion and suggestions were given.

C. Recap Westgate Chrysler drive in – over 100 cars present – all makes and models – over 350 people were served at cookout.

D. Recap Chrysler Transmission drive in – over 300 cars were present from 1978 to 2015. Pitchin-in at Dave Watt's home after show was attended by a total of 31 IMC members and guests. THANKS DAVE.

E. Sharing of other events/shows

F. Other old Business - None

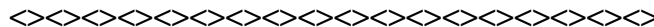
NEW BUSINESS: – Evan Springer

- A. JDRF Walk – Saturday, October 3rd at Bankers Life Fieldhouse – IMC participation. No room for club autos.
- B. 2016 Fletcher/IMC Car Show – New date of July 9th proposed.
- C. Club Member Profile:
 - 1. October – Tom Kelly
 - 2. November – Tony Fields
 - 3. December Lynn Standeford
- D. Ideas for future IMC activities discussed
 - 1. Possible Club go-cart event and slot-car racing activities being considered.
- E. Volunteers for future Show & Tell needed
- F. Other New Business – Glad to see Lynn Standeford back at meeting after medical emergency, and also Scott Oller.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Crawmer, seconded by Jeff Andis, adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Opel



From JDRF - Thank you!

Hi Evan,

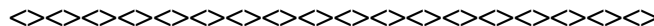
Wow, this year's JDRF One Walk™ was incredible! We're still smiling from ear to ear. Thank you for being a part of the JDRF family on event day and every day. Your passion and commitment inspire us.

Here are some highlights from this year's event: *Ella's Rockstars and Team ADESA were our team T-shirt winners - congratulations! Post-walk food was a big hit. Thank you to Sysco and participating restaurants!; More than 170 walk teams and close to 2000 walkers registered; Music, activities, vendor booths and fun!; Bankers Life Fieldhouse - need we say more?*

Be sure to post your pictures and stories on your social media pages and tag us, too! The event may be over but your fundraising efforts don't have to be. Fundraising is open until November 2nd (incentive prize cutoff), so keep the momentum going and maximize your impact! Send friendly reminders to people who have yet to donate and reach out to people who you haven't approached before. Tell them about your experience at the event. You may be surprised by how many people respond by making a donation. Also, if you haven't already, ask your employer about [matching gifts](#), and ask your donors to do the same. Matching gifts are the easiest and fastest way to reach or exceed your fundraising goal and multiply your donations! We believe in you and we believe in our collective power to turn Type One into Type None. Thank you for your incredible support and commitment. You made this year's JDRF One Walk an event we will never forget. Join us again next year and continue building on the impact you have already made.

With gratitude,

Nancy Carr



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

My apologies to the following for anniversaries missed for October:

Bill and Carla Crask, 10-2

Mickeal and Paula Matthews, 10-30

November Birthdays:



Chuck Cochran, 11-4

Rick Kelly, 11-4

Jim Kelly, 11-7

Susan Eilert, 11-8

Joe Berding, 11-9

Russ Flagle, 11-16

Rick Ordo, 11-23

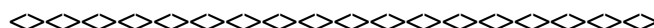
Greg McDermott, 11-25

Jan Peel, 11-27

November Anniversaries:

Gerry and Cindy Bush, 11-12

Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner



Jan Peel took a mini vacation to Eugene, Oregon September 24th to 28th to visit her granddaughter and husband, 16 year old great-granddaughter and a brand new great-granddaughter born August 24th. Did some hiking and walking and even took a Sand Dune Buggy ride – scary but fun. Now she's back to normal (whatever that is for her).

Editor's note: My sincere thanks to Ronda for filling in for me on the attendance.

2015 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

Jan	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Feb	13-15	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Mar	6	Fri	TBD	Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trade Show		Evan Springer
	7-8	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Evan Springer
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Apr	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
May	2	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco De Mopar, 3520 SR 38 E	Lafayette	
	9	9a-3p	Fletcher	Chrysler/IMC – OPEN Car Show	Franklin IN – Rain or Shine	Rick & Ginger Zimmerman
	7-9	Thur-Sat		Auburn Spring Car Auction / AACA Meet	Auburn IN	Tom Kelly
	15-17	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic – National Trail Raceway	Columbus OH	Mike Leyes
	22-23	Fri-Sat		Mopar Mania Somernites Cruise-Memorial Wknd	Somerset KY	Dave Sanders
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jun	18-21	Thu-Sun	→	NMCA Race Show at IRP CANCELED	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
	19-20	Fri-Sat		FAST/Pure Stock Drags	Martin MI	Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	25-27	Thur-Sat		Indy Road Rocket Rumble	Waterfront Hotel-Speedway	Tom Kelly
Jul	10-12	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA	Mike Leyes
	15-19	Wed-Sun		Natl DeSoto Meet	Kalamazoo MI	Tom Kelly
	22-25	Wed-Sat		WPC National Meet	Springfield IL	Tom Kelly
	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Aug	7-9	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH	Tom Kelly
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	30	Sun	12-4pm	Car Show at Old Transmission Plant	Kokomo IN	
Sep	12	Sat	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Dave Sanders
	24-26	Thur-Sat		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet, O'Fallon, IL		If interested contact Jan Peel
	18-19	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Drags	Stanton MI	Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
	24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Oct	3	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK- Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis IN	Evan Springer
	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg-Halloween	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Nov	19	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Dec	6	Sunday	TBD	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom

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