



Indy Mopar Club News

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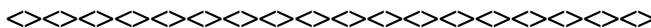
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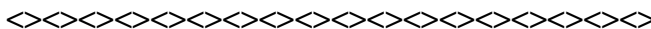
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2017 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 members **Jerry & Margaret Bayse**, Clayton, IN, with a 1951 Plymouth Cranbrook; **Bill Dawson**, Greenwood, IN, with a 2005 Chrysler Crossfire Convertible and a 2006 Chrysler Town & Country Touring; and **Bruce & Lois Phillips**, Plainfield, IN, with a 2016 Dodge Challenger Hellcat. We hope to see them soon.



Chet & Kaye Branham - Member Profile



Kaye and I have been married 37 years, we have four children – 2 boys and 2 girls. All are married except one. We have five grandchildren and one great grandson and another great grandchild on the way. We have lost one grandchild.

Our first date I took Kaye to see a movie and dinner. We saw the Disney movie “The Lady and the Tramp”. She had never seen the movie. Our second date was to a junk yard in Brookville, Indiana, searching for parts for a ’55 Chevy I was restoring. You may find this hard to believe she had never been to a junk yard either. After she said she enjoyed the day I knew this was the girl for me.

I was employed at Naval Avionics Facility as a machinist and she was employed at the credit union there. Most of the single ladies at the credit union never dated blue collar workers, most went for the degreed

Engineers.

When we announced we were getting married the guys I ran with took up a pool for \$10 per person to see how long we would last. One individual gave us 6 months and 1 day. I think it was because of Kaye's drinking, gambling and fighting that they did not think it would last. They didn't think she could change. BUT ONE OF US DID & DAMN GLAD OF IT. I definitely married up.

I am a United States Navy veteran serving from 1963-1967 reaching the rank of 2nd Class Petty Officer E-5 and honorably discharged in 1967. I retired from Naval Air Warfare Center Indianapolis, Indiana as a Mechanical Engineer Tech in 1993. Kaye, as manager of Naval Avionics Credit Union. We both still work. Kaye 3 days a week at an automotive service center in accountant/customer service, and I mow 14 lawn per week. We enjoy car shows, sprint car races, spending time together and, most of all, our family.

When I got out of the Nave in 1967 I bought a '67 Plymouth GTX 440-4 barrel. First car I owned that would run 150 MPH or better. I have loved Mopars since then. In 1969 I ordered a '69 Mercury CJ Cyclone with the 429 NASCAR engine with ram air and a 4 speed. The engine was rated at 335 HP, but was putting out over 500 HP. That engine cost me \$750 extra on top of a base price of approximately \$3,300. It's the only car I ever owned that I could outrun a Mopar with. I traded the '69 Cyclone for a '65 GMC pickup so I could pull the dirt sprint car I bought. I ran the local Midwest circuit for about six years. If you think this hobby we have now is expensive – go run the sprint car circuit.

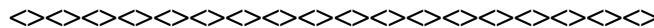
I have owned 50 plus cars in my lifetime – 56 to be exact. My first car was a '41 Plymouth coupe six cylinder, 3 on the tree. The Mopars I have owned are '67 Plymouth GTX 440-4BBL; '69 Dodge Charger R/T 440-4BBL; '66 Dodge Polaris 383-4BBL; '77 Dodge Ramcharger 4 X 4; '70 Dodge Charger R/T 440-4BBL; '71 Dodge Charger SE 440-4BBL; '73 Plymouth Road Runner 340-4BBL; '68 Dodge Coronet R/T 440-4BBL; '65 Dodge Coronet 500 440-4BBL; and the one we have now – '71 Dodge Dart Swinger 318-4BBL.



The Dart was a compromise. I wanted another high performance muscle car and Kaye wanted a milder car with factory air conditioning and not a race car. The Dart has A/C and a 318-4BBL with a mild cam. We are the third owner and we just turned 54,000 miles on it this month. So we both have what we want.

But still looking for a high performance car. We are going to Rhode Island in August for my ships reunion and I have found a '67 Dodge Coronet R/T 440 AT with A/C in Bayonne, New Jersey. Ithe guy still has it when we are up there we are going by to have a look.

I apologize for this being so long but when you have seen 72 Christmases it takes time to tell the story.
Author~~~Chet Branham



***Steve Wisdom has provided this update on the money the Indy Mopar Club has raised this year for JDRF. The Fletcher show total was \$2,759.85 and the Westgate show was \$2,586.56. For a grand total of \$5,346.41 sent to JDRF on September 13th. Thanks to all of you that helped raise this. Let's give some more support for JDRF by more of our members coming to the JDRF walk on Saturday, September 30th at Victory Field. The members that can't do the walk can sit in the stands and enjoy all that is going on. There are always lots to see and enjoy.

From your Indy Mopar Club President:



On Friday, September 1st, we visited the Don Schumacher Racing Open House. Even with a threatening weather report the Indy Mopar Club made our presence known with a showing of 19 cars.

After meeting early for breakfast at the Flap Jacks Restaurant in Brownsburg, we paraded to the DSR racing facilities as one club. We were then ushered into position inside the DSR facilities by the Indy HI Winders staff and, by the request of DSR, we were positioned in a prominent visible position within the large car show area. As DSR has a deep relationship with Mopar, we attended at their invitation and were the only Mopar Club Present. We proceeded to set up our display area and then gave notice to all our love and enthusiasm for Mopar with a stunning display of various classic and modern Mopar muscle.

Many spectators stopped, viewed and praised our prized possessions. We had a great time enjoying the day with all of the variety the DSR Open House had to offer; the large car show of almost 300 cars, silent auction, displays, facility tour, cackle fest, and much more. That also included the good time we all had together sharing our rides and stories, good ole IMC comradery.

Then to top it all off, as we were preparing to leave, the Eight-time NHRA Top Fuel Dragster Champion Tony Schumacher, the son of NHRA legend Don Schumacher, came by our area and gave his “Tony’s Pick Award Trophy” to Tom Kelly and his 1968 Hemi Road Runner. Congratulations Tom! Great Day!



Tom’s “Tony’s Pick Award” Road Runner



Chuck Butler and his Charger



Steve Claycomb looking over the beautiful Mopars



Mel Crane with his Hellcat and Rick Ordo looking over a couple of Kelly-mobiles



Above - Overview of the Indy Mopar Club area at the DSR Car Show

A week later, September 9th, the Indy Mopar Club gathered together early Saturday morning in Plainfield to set up for the 7th Annual Westgate CJDR Cruise-In. Due to personnel retirements and inclement weather the day of the previous Westgate Cruise-in two years ago, the annual Westgate Cruise-In was facing the possibility of becoming nonoperational. After meetings with the Westgate management and the IMC membership, it was decided to help the Westgate staffs resurrect this very popular Cruise-In. IMC would take the leadership role this year and with Westgate's help put this event back on schedule. It was also decided that the 7th annual Westgate Cruise-In would be on its customary 2nd weekend of September, this September 9th, 2017. With very little time to spare the IMC started the processes of organizing, marketing and procuring. This was the day to see if the efforts would pay off.

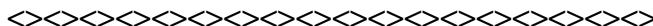
It is a great opportunity for us to be involved on the west and north side of Indy. The eleventh hour decision to put on this event did pay off. It took all of the Indy Mopar Club to pull it off and it was every bit the quality show that it was in the past. Thanks to all the IMC members that pitched in to put on this successful endeavor. Thanks also to Chuck Butler and his helpers, Tom Kelly and Rick Ordo for their leadership.

All told, we had to have this Annual Cruise-In on the west side for how else would we have gotten the chance to enjoy another post-event “KELLY COOK-OUT”. Another great time was had by the many IMC attendees! To Tom and Teresa Kelly thanks so very much again for your hospitality and the fabulous pitch-in meal by the bonfire!

I say again thanks to all of you for your help and participation! This is a great Club and I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, Thursday, September 28th at 7:00pm!

I reiterate the invitation to all members to attend the JDRF Walk on September 30th. Till then, drive carefully, be safe and “Mopar or No Car”.

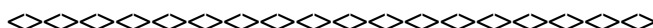
Evan Springer
September, 2017



From Chuck Butler: As most of you know the Westgate cruise-in was a success. We had over 120 cars, some were at the Fletcher cruise-in, and some are west-side cruise-in regulars. We had a good variety from old (I know of a 1937 Dodge but that may not have been the oldest) to the newest, and even a home-made car (sort of!). The food must have been good because they ran out of some items! Thanks to Jeff King for a great job at the grill. Bob Davidson did an excellent job as our DJ. The people at Westgate bent over backwards to help us with the planning and on the day of the cruise-in.

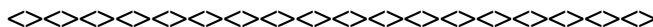
Still being new to the Club this was my first chance to get my feet wet helping to organize the show. I want to thank all of you who stepped in to do your part. It makes me feel good to belong to an organization that works together the way you do.

On Saturday 9-16-17, Evan, Tom Kelly and I met with Jeff Reynolds and Tammy Skelton from Westgate to critique the show. Truth is, we were all pleased and surprised at how well it went and how much was collected for JDRF. We all tossed around some new ideas and discussed some possible changes. We’re already looking forward to next year’s Westgate show. I hope all of you are also. Thanks for allowing Linda and me to be part of IMC. Chuck and Linda Butler



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Tony Fields is still having more ups and downs with heart issues. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, AUGUST 31, 2017

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Evan Springer, Club President, with opening remarks and asking everyone to introduce themselves and their vehicles.

The meeting was attended by Chuck & Linda Butler, Ronda Cherry, Steve Claycomb, Jack Collins, Bill Dawson, Tom Kelly, Ron Krieche, Ken Malott, Lynn Miller, David Opel, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Jeff Platzer, Randall Smith, Evan Springer, Dave Stephenson and son Bobby, Bob Thomas, Steve & Cheryl Wisdom, and Rick Zimmerman

Secretary’s Report – Dave Opel

The July minutes were present without any corrections and/or deletions. Thank you to Cheryl Wisdom for providing the July minutes in my absence.

Treasurer’s Report – Steve Wisdom

July 27, 2017 Balance \$4,632.87; August income was \$110.00; August Expenses were \$750.79; August 31, 2017 Balance \$3,992.08.

Club Membership is currently 64.

Communication Director – Randy Smith

Randy Smith, Communications Director, is working on new brochures and a new web-server. Will be presented when new ideas are completed.

Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Ronda Cherry

Report was given by Ronda with congratulations to all.

Event Calendar – Ronda Cherry

Ronda read numerous weekly drive-in's and Cruise-In's occurring weekly.

Weekend of September 22-24 NMCA Drags at Lucas Raceway;

September 24th - 12th Annual Beech Grove Carz "R" Us Charity Car Show – Registration 9-12 \$15.00 entry fee.

Unfinished Business – Evan Springer

- A. Finer Details Tour – Steve Wisdom
 - 1. Date to be selected
- B. DSR Open House – September 1 – meet at Flap Jack for breakfast 1st.
- C. Friday September 8th meet at Gray's Cafeteria in Mooresville at 5 – and then proceed to the carshow in the shopping center behind Gray's
- D. Westgate Cruise-In – PRAY FOR A DRY DAY – Chuck Butler
 - 1. A sign-up sheet was sent around for volunteers.
 - 2. Setup starts at 9am with registration from 12-3pm.
 - 3. Tom & Teresa Kelly's cookout following the Westgate show.
- E. Other unfinished Business - None

New Business – Evan Springer

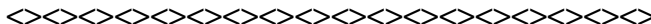
- A. Indy Cylinder Head Invitation/ Tour
 - 1. Time and date to be decided.
- B. JDRF Run, Walk, September 30th at Victory Field
- C. Club Newsletter Member Profile
 - 1. September – Chet Branham
 - 2. October – Tom Kelly
 - 3. November – Evan Springer

Other new business

- A. Show & Tell – Dave Opel
 - 1. Chrysler Fact – 1st Chrysler cars were introduced on January 5, 1924 at the New York Automobile Show. Brain child of Fred M Zeder, Oren R Skelton, and Carl Breer. Sold 32,000 in first year of production.

A motion was made by Ronda Cherry to adjourn and was seconded by Rick Zimmerman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dave Opel



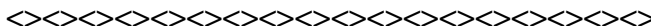
October Birthdays:

Ann Smith, 10-1	Dave Opel, 10-5	Patricia Patterson, 10-14
Michael Patterson, 10-20	Karen Rosenberger, 10-20	Scott Oller, 10-27
Jack Collins, 10-30		

October Anniversaries:

Lou and Janice Rivieccio, 10-1	Bill and Carla Crask, 10-2	Ron and Dru Kriech, 10-9
Harry and LouAnn Ewing, 10-11	Tony and Thelma Fields, 10-15	John and Lynn Miller, 10-29

Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner



Bob Thomas was sporting a Purple shirt at our August meeting. He claims it matches his car. Setting a new trend maybe????

Some people don't like announcing their own birthday. Too bad, too sad.

Please let Tom Kelly (tomvkelly@aol.com) and/or Jan Peel (Jpeel83719@aol.com) know if anything interesting should be noted in the next newsletter!

FOR SALE

From Rick Zimmerman: For Sale 17x9 Motor Metal Chrome Rims \$750 for set (5) like new
Rick Zimmerman 317-374-6718

CORRECTION ON THE 2017 INDY MOPAR CLUB ROSTER

None this month

Please provide any further corrections to Jan Peel at jpeel83719@aol.com or call her at 317-357-5760 or give her the correction at the IMC Meeting.

2017 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

Jan	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Feb	10-12	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	
	23	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	25	Fri		Ohio Motor Sports Expo/Winter Swap Meet	Ohio State Fairgrounds	
Mar	3	Fri	TBD	Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trade Show		Evan Springer
	4-5	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Evan Springer
	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Apr	13	Thur	6:30pm	Car Art Signs Tour – 402 Main St	Beech Grove	
Apr	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
May	6	Sat		Cinco de Mopar	Lafayette, IN	
	16-21	Tue-Sun		Mecum Auto Auction – 30 th Anniversary	IN State Fairgrounds	
	19-21	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic	National Trail Raceway	
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jun	24-July 2			The Great Race – Will be in Franklin IN June 27		
Jun	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jul	8	Sat	TBD	Fletcher CDJR/IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Aug	11-13	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH	Tom Kelly
	24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	tbd	Sun	12p-4p	FCA Kokomo Transm. Plant 2017 Cruz-In	Kokomo, IN	Dave Watt
Sep	1	Fri		DSR Open House Invitation	Brownsburg	
	9	Sat	12-3:30	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	
	15-16	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Tom Kelly
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Sept	30	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – VICTORY FIELD	Indianapolis IN	
Oct	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2018 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Nov	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Election night for 2018 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Dec	16	Sat	5pm	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom

TBD: To Be Determined (dates or time not yet finalized)