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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 26, 2012 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.

I have set up a Go Karting event for the Indy Mopar Club on Thursday January 5th, 2012 at 7:30pm. Fast Times Indoor Karting is located at 3455 N. Harper Road, Indianapolis In. 46240. Friends and family are welcome. To make this a private party it would be \$80 per person, so instead will be "Open Racing" which is \$20 for an 8 minute race. You may race as many times as you would like. Bring your own full face helmet to save the \$2 helmet rental. See link for details. <http://www.ftik.com/ArriveDrive.shtml> No open toe shoes or sandals. If there are questions not answered by the website, let me know. There is a possibility a group could arrange a private party that same evening. In that case, I will contact everyone with the alternate time and date. I will need to know how many people will be attending. Please respond by replying by email, or call me at (317)-696-6071. Dave Watt

Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party



Note all the smiling faces – it was a truly good Christmas Party



Thanks to Vicki
Wallace for the cake.



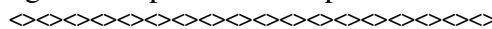
Lovebirds
always



The model car show/contest was a “hot” item. Dave Watt looking innocent to try to keep the gas pump.



Sorry Teresa, but you won't get to keep it. David Opel and lots of others found that out also.





Ronda Cherry and Jan Peel
representing Indy Mopar Club at
the JDRF Brunch December 7,
2011

From Jan Peel - while playing catch-up from my illness the following regarding the Monster MOPAR weekend was submitted by Brian but not published:

Dear Club Members,

Just wanted to get something in the newsletter about this event, those who attended were rewarded with dry, albeit cold conditions on Friday and Saturday. Unfortunately the same cannot be said about Sunday. For a new venue this event went well. The promoters did a good job attracting vendors, show and drag cars. I noticed several cars from out of state and this is always a good sign. As far as the club goes, we came out in force on Friday and all parked together too, it made a nice impression for our club, unfortunately we were unable to park together on Saturday, but I think we had more members on hand. I enjoyed walking the swap meet with Glenda and Tom (Eagle Eye) Wallace. Tom has a great eye for finding things that most of us miss. I saw several club members carrying out their finds from the swap meet. I also enjoyed cooking out with Dave Sanders, Bob Vorpe and Bill Bratton. We also watched the drag races late on Saturday before the rain started. Some of us attended the Slippery Noodle Event on Friday night sponsored by The Finer Details and Mopar Collector's Guide. I hope all who attended had a good time and those that did not will try to attend next year. I feel this event can grow every year here in Indy.

Thanks

Your President - Brian

October 9, 2011 Cruise



What a great group and a beautiful day
Picture Submitted by Evan Springer

INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Conducted by Jan Peel. Attending were Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Rick & Susan Eilert, Tony Fields, John Heeringa, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Larry & Susan Mayes, Gary McCormick, Jan Peel, Bob & Karen Rosenberger, David Sanders, Evan & Nicole Springer, Mike Wallace, Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt, and Steve Wisdom. President, Brian Berkowitz, brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members and guests were asked to introduce themselves.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Glenda Wallace gave highlights of the October meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes:

Balance as of October 27, 2011, was 2675.03. **Income** for November, 2011, was \$6.00. **Expenses** for November, 2011, were \$59.59. **Ending Balance** as of November 17, 2011, was \$2622.34.

Membership: There were 75 members as of November 17, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt:

Dave indicated that there was nothing to update at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

Club Profile for Newsletter:

December - Brian Berkowitz

January - Recap of Christmas party

February - Dan Kelly

Event Advertising Update: Bill Bratton:

There were no updates to report.

Events Coordinator Update: Dave Sanders:

Dave provided information regarding several car shows in November. He indicated that he and Brian were traveling to Chicago this weekend for a Muscle Car and Corvette show. He also indicated that there is an auto swap meet on November 27th, in Indianapolis.

Dave stated that the JD RF walk on October 29th was a success. There were 10 cars present and 9 members walked. Special thanks goes to Mike Leyes for taking care of the drag race simulator. Dave Watt presented a letter from JD RF, thanking our club for its generous donation of \$6, 891.32. He will refer the letter to Jan for inclusion in next month's newsletter.

Dave reported that the plaques for sponsors will be picked up Friday, November 18th. The plaques will be awarded to: Finer Details, Car Art Signs, Indy Cylinder Heads, Westgate, Fletcher, and Champion car dealers.

As indicated in the last newsletter, the club Christmas party is December 11th, at the Atrium, at 3:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$20.00. The initial cost is \$14.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity, which brings the cost to just over \$18.00 per person. The balance of the money after paying for food, tax, and gratuity, will be donated to a food bank or needy family. There will be a gift exchange, usual limit of \$15.00, and a plastic model car show contest.

Dave Watt suggested that the balance of the money after paying for food, tax, and gratuity for the Christmas party, and funds collected from voting for the best plastic model car, be donated to St. Vincent DePaul food bank in Indianapolis. All present at the meeting voted to give the funds to St. Vincent DePaul.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

Car Art Signs' Tour: Event still tabled for a future date.

Winter Club Functions: Possible events for the winter are being discussed. Brian indicated that the club house in Steve Wisdom's neighborhood could be considered for a get-together, such as a chili supper. We will consider all options at a future club meeting.

Car Shows and Possible Dates for 2012: Brian reported that there is no change in dates for 2012 shows. The Westgate cruise is the only event with a date at this time, September 8, 2012.

Officer Nominations for 2012 and voting: Nominations were held at the October 27th meeting, and voting by those present at the November 17th meeting provided the following results:

President - Brian Berkowitz

Vice President - Dave Sanders

Secretary - Glenda Wallace

Communications - Dave Watt

Treasurer - Mike Leyes

500 World of Wheels (Feb 10-12 2012)

Brian asked club members to consider if we are interested in entering cars in this event, or if we just want to attend the show as a group. We will discuss more in detail at future meeting.

Indy Cylinder Head show:

Brian reported that this show is scheduled for March 3 and 4, 2012, at the Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. We will discuss more about this show at a future meeting.

Other New Business:

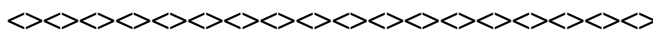
Larry Mayes provided information about the big car show at Louisville, KY, held two weeks after the 500 World of Wheels. He indicated that we might consider putting our display at this show. We will discuss at later meeting.

Dave Watt suggested a go carting event at Fast Times, 96th and Keystone, on January 12th. He stated that the charge is \$18.00 for the first ride, which lasts about 8 minutes. If you have your own helmet, the charge is \$15.00. More details later.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Wallace



Upcoming Events – **Indy Mopar Club and others

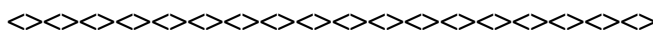
****January 26, 2012, – Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis**

****February 10-12, 2012 – 500 World of Wheels**

****March 3-4, 2012, Indy Cylinder Head Show at the Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.**

****September 8, 2012 – Westgate Cruise-In**

****October 6, 2012, Saturday, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk**



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

Correction to last month: Ken and Sharon Scobel's 34th anniversary was December 13th, not Sharon's birthday.

January Birthdays:

Ric LaFollette, 1-4

Nancy Watt, 1-8

Bob Vorpe, 1-17

Bob Gallup, 1-20

Joshua King, 1-31

Renee Neukam, 1-5

Sheilla Collins, 1-11

Butch Gillock, 1-19

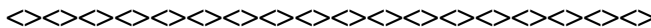
Tom Wallace, 1-24

January Anniversaries:

Marshall and Evelyn Ferguson, 1-16

Butch and Diane Gillock, 1-24

Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner



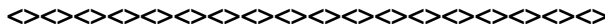
From Larry Mayes: The gift exchange is always fun and I kind of played a trick on Tony Fields.

Tony asked me just last weekend if I had any 8 track tapes, told him I had at least 3 tape cases and he could have some. As I was going thru the case picking some out I thought why not give him the whole case since it is just garage art anyway. So cleaned the case up and was going to give to him at the party.

Well what I was planning on for my gift didn't get purchased before Sunday and when I went to the store they didn't have what I wanted. I was going to pick it up on the way to the party at a place I knew had it. Well once I got back home and was looking at the tape case I told Sue that it might be fun to put it in the gift exchange and whoever gets it besides Tony would be a gag gift, and if Tony wasn't able to steal it then I could give him one of the other cases I had. I really think Bill was surprised with his gift thinking no one would steal that. Well as soon as Bill opened it Tony said, "I want that". It worked out well, I stole Tony's sign so he could steal Bill's tape case, to his relief I'm sure. So Tony walked out happy, Bill was able to pick something else and I got a 3 stooges sign, so we were all happy.



At the Christmas party I'm wondering who had the most fun. The McCormick's daughter playing in the box or Ginger playing with or and/or trying to raffle her off.



A Little bit of humor

BAD PARROT

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer.. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

MERRY CHRISTMAS

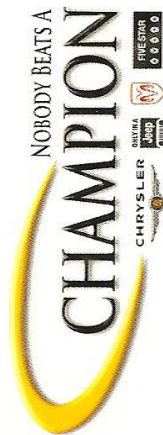
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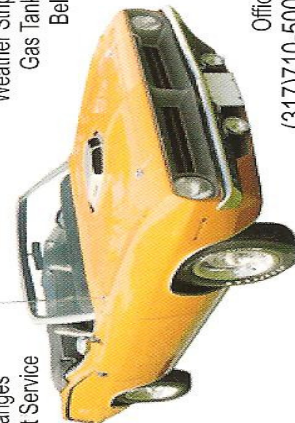
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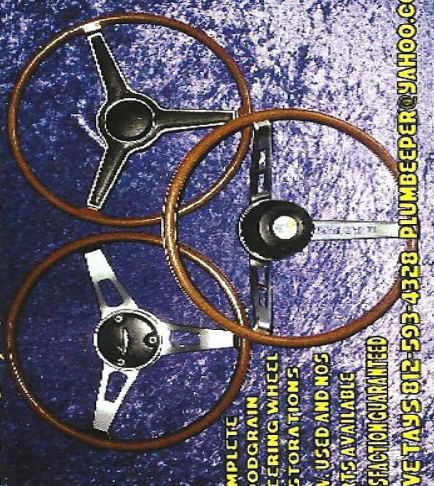
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