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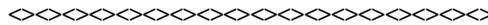
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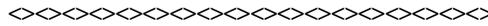
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 29, 2011 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.



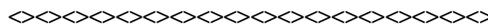
Welcome to new members **Evan and Nicole Springer**, Greenwood, with a 1956 Plymouth Satellite and 2005 Dodge Magnum.



Westgate Cruise-In September 10th

The rain held off and we were rewarded with good music, good food and a free lunch. We were also treated to a speech by Brad Marvel, if you do not know his story, I recommend going to his website (<http://marvelsmiracle.com/>). We had over 30 cars and were able to raise \$461.00 for JDRF. Westgate contributed \$200.00 to this amount to bring the total to \$661.00. I personally want to thank those who attended and helped out. Westgate was very pleased with the attendance and the buzz it generated.

Sincerely, Brian Berkowitz



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, AUGUST 25, 2011

SECRETARY'S REPORT

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Ronda Cherry, standing in for Jan Peel, took attendance: Tony Abercrombie, John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda Cherry, Estelle & Pat Claycomb, Chuck & Char Cochran, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Tony & Thelma Fields, John Heeringa, Dan Kelly, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Mike Leyes, Larry Mayes, Scott Oller, Bob & Karen Rosenberger, David Sanders, Stan Sanders, Ken Scobel, Bob Thomas, Mike & Vicki Wallace with daughter Catie, Tom & Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt, Steve & Cheryl Wisdom, Rick & Ginger Zimmerman, Evan Springer who joined IMC, and guest John Scott.

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 July meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes:

Balance as of July 28, 2011, was \$5650.52. Income for July, 2011, was \$50.00. Expenses for July, 2011, were \$5.20. Income August, 2011, was \$154.00. Expenses for August, 2011, were \$366.25. Ending Balance as of August 25, 2011, was \$5438.27.

Membership: There were 75 members as of August 25, 2011.

Mike reported that a check for \$2500 will soon be sent to JDRF.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt:

Dave indicated that there was nothing to update at this time. It was noted that monthly club events are posted on the club events page.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

Club Profile for Newsletter:

September - Overview of meeting at Masterpiece Classic cars.

October - Monster Mopar Weekend.

If any club member is interested in doing a profile on his or her car for the November newsletter, just let Brian Berkowitz know.

Updates for IMC Car shows:

Westgate cruise-in, September 10, 2011.

Event Advertising Update: Bill Bratton:

There were no updates to report.

Events Coordinator Update: Dave Sanders:

Dave provided update of upcoming cruise-ins and car shows. He indicated that the website for the Monster Mopar weekend is still running. The website is: <http://monstermopar.com>.

Dave provided information about an event at the Slippery Noodle Inn on Friday, September 23, involving Ken Mosier of Finer Details and Mopar Collectors Magazine. Anyone interested in placing their car in this event should contact Ken Mosier.

Dave indicated that the JDRF walk is October 29, 2011. He had registration forms for those interested in participating, and more information will be provided at the next meeting. He stressed that it would be great to have a high club participation. Tom Kelly stated that there has been a request for the club to provide the race simulator, and that a tent and generator will be provided.

Brian stated that the MOPAR Nats were a lot of fun. He stated that it would be great if more club members could be involved next year. There was indication that we might be able to get a hotel discount from County Inns and Suites.

The Westgate cruise-in on September 10, 2011, will require a few volunteers to park cars. The Westgate people are doing most of the work, including food.

Brian indicated that Josh King, who is sponsoring the Monster MOPAR weekend, has not gotten back to him regarding our club helping with the event. Tom Kelly indicated that the campgrounds at IRP will be available for anyone interested in staying overnight.

Reflections from the Past

Stan and I were at a car show at the Dairy Queen in Franklin one beautiful day in 2003 and we saw this beautiful Plymouth with 2 VERY TALL (at least to me) people sitting in lawn chairs behind it. Naturally, since Stan was President of the Hoosier Plymouth Owners Club, he wanted them to join. So I took an application and meandered down the line to where they were sitting.

I introduced myself to Ginger and Rick Zimmerman (I was glad they were sitting or I would have had a sore neck looking up at them) and handed them an application and explained a little about the club. They were really not interested in the Plymouth Club but countered by handing me an application for the Indy Mopar Club and explained that the monthly meetings were at Ryan's on South 31 the last Thursday of every month.

It sounded interesting so we decided that might be a good thing to join and sent our money in. We went to the next meeting and the "die was cast". After meeting a lot more of really nice people and their beautiful Mopars we were hooked.

We kept going to the meetings and missed very few of them. At the time that we joined we were handed information at the meeting each month but there was no regular communication other than hand-out's at the car shows and the meetings. There was some communication by e-mail but some of the members did not have e-mail. The membership list I have from 2004 shows 28 members. In 2005 the Indy Mopar Club started mailing out the newsletters. The attendance picked up and so, gradually, did the membership.

The car shows were not new to us as the Plymouth Club had hosted several local car shows (Tom Kelly and Ken Mosier came to a couple of them) and hosted a National Plymouth Owners Club Meet at the Indianapolis 500 Speedway Motel and Track in 1992.

But the dedication of the volunteers for the many car shows each year put on by the Indy Mopar Club (and normally the same volunteers all the time) was amazing. And that has not changed in all the years I have belonged to the Indy Mopar Club.

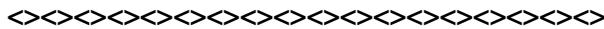
Dave Watt set up the web-site for the club and that has helped a lot both for communication and information about the club. He's done a fantastic job with it with posting pictures from the various car shows and other features. Also, getting the newsletters and other information out to the members as reminders and when something new comes up between meetings.

Over the years I have belonged to many car clubs – some good and some not so good. But the members of the Indy Mopar Club are like a big family, sharing experiences, and helping others when they need it. (I have personally been a recipient of that.) And so much good has been done for JDRF.

Since I joined the IMC I have observed that we have always been blessed with good leadership which has been a boon to the club even when a certain person decided to leave the state before his term was over. (I have to clarify that statement – his job had changed and he really didn't have a choice. He came back later and made up for it.)

Authored by Jan Peel

(Note: If any of the above information is incorrect my apologies and I will correct it next month. You have to remember that I have "Senior Moments" at times.)



I would appreciate any news about our members that have attended other events and/or have had their cars or stories in other publications. This is your newsletter, help me make it an even better one by sharing this kind of information so it can be published here. You can contact me by E-mail jpeel83719@aol.com or call me at 317-357-5760 or send it to me by mail: Jan Peel, 5128 E Rowney St, Indianapolis IN 46203-3741. (Complaints may also be handled this way. Be gentle when you do this please.)

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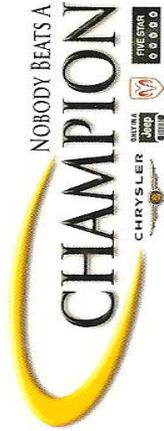
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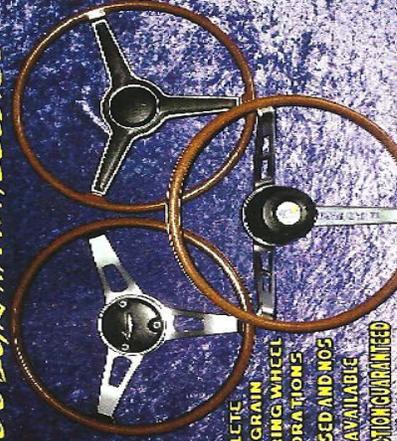
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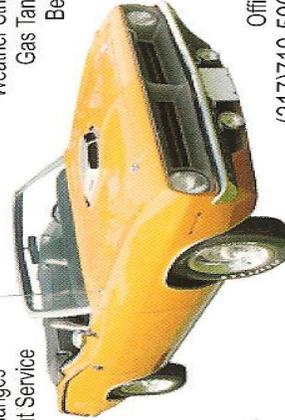
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