



# Indy Mopar Club News

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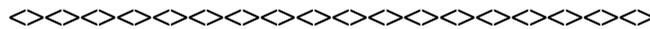
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2013** 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](http://www.indymoparclub.com).



## **“Monster” Mopar Weekend ...the billing served it well.**

It started off innocently enough last September. One of the brothers said “hey I’ve got an idea, let’s camp out across the road from IRP” (the Kellys grew up about a mile away and watched them build it; it will always be IRP no matter who pays to put their name on it). “We’ll just camp out like we do at the Mopar Nats, then drive across the street each day and we’re there”. Jim volunteered to check on the camp site and we already planned to use his RV. We even got the Zimmerman’s to go for it... (sorry Rick & Ginger!!).

Anyway, Jim got us signed up for two spots in front and we were ready for fun. Or so we thought. The first omen was Jim’s RV. All packed up and as Jim turns the key to leave, the motor cranks over but will not fire. In the old days we’d have had the thing running in no time but it’s not the old days anymore. Pop the hood and far too many computers and sensors & way too little time to figure it out.

Rick and Ginger to the rescue. They bought a big beautiful toy hauler/camper with double bunk beds a couple of years ago. So they opened up their ‘casa on wheels’ to the motley Kelly crew. Better friends there have never been.

Even after the stress and aggravation with having our camping plans completely altered, we had a wonderfully relaxing evening. Ginger and Rick always plan on a dining feast and brought along plenty of movies to watch on the flat screen. I’m sure Ginger has been bored to tears with all the car lies we tell each other but she always smiles and makes us think it’s interesting.

We got set up early on Friday, on good real estate just inside the gate on the paved frontage and we were kings. Many of the club members cruised in, lined up and let the fun begin. Right around the curve from us, club member Ken Mosier had his ‘Finer Details’ gorgeous array of cars on display and we had an easy walk to the strip or to the swap space. Our younger brother Jay is always amazed at the amount of time we can spend “looking at piles of rusty bolts” in the swap meet. I did drag over a ’63 Plymouth Belvedere for the car corral so made even more trips over than I normally would.

At the end of an enjoyable day, the ‘Monster’ part of the ‘Weekend’ finally reared it’s ugly head at us. We had eaten dinner and were feeling fat & lazy listening to the radio in the RV just about dusk. Jim had been outside when his lovely bride Sue called from his house, southwest of Brownsburg, due west of the track. She told him it was hailing hard and the weather radar showed it was headed right at us.

Jim’s two ’63 Plymouth 426 Maxies, the Sedan and Wagon are sitting just outside along with my ’68 Road Runner. Rick & Ginger had their new 6.4 SRT Challenger along with our Dodge trucks. Dan had gone to Indy to pick up his grandson Julian so his Viper we hoped would be safe. At the very least, he’d hopefully find an overhang or bridge to park under.

Well back at the campground we had no shelter, minimal trees and we are sitting ducks for the ice balls from hell that were racing our way. Inside the RV there is screaming, shouting and the air turns blue as we start field stripping the beds of blankets, sleeping bags, rugs, jackets, whatever looks like it could pad a large number of smooth sheet metal hoods, deck lids and roofs.

The storm moved in pretty fast. That phone call barely beat it but thank goodness Suzy called when she heard. The 'Monster' started blowing just ahead of nature's artillery. About the time we'd get something covered, the wind would send it to the ground. Cursing at it did not seem to faze it or make it comply. We ended up opening a door, pinning one side while we fought to get it across the car to the other. This was repeated too many times to remember. I ended up opening my trunk thinking I'd rather fix the edge of the trunk than have direct hits on the top side. It later looked like a snow cone machine inside the trunk.



We were wet, cold but did not really feel it. We were just frantically trying to save the metal. I had two trucks damaged in hail a few years back and the thought of my hemicar ending up like that was making me ill. Odd that I had not noticed many trees but we were now covered with wet clingy leaves. I thought of the movie Twister and half expected to be sent to Kansas but thankfully that did not form.

I'm not sure how long it lasted but at some point we just threw in the towel and retreated to the camper. It was still pounding but we did not want to watch anymore. 'What will be, will be'. Hell, my RR needed new paint anyway I reasoned.



Then it was gone. It was kind of eerie stepping out wondering what we'd find. It reminded me of people peeking out of their storm shelter after the tornado moved on. We looked the cars over and from what we could see with flashlights, it looked like they survived without damage. I had a layer of ice balls on the sleeping bags on my roof but did not see any dings.

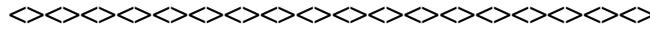
No sigh of relief just yet as we didn't know if another round would come behind it or not. We decided to get Rick's Challenger and Jim's two cars home in Jim's garage about 20 minutes away. We'd then drive another 15 minutes west to pick up my enclosed trailer and bring it back to shelter the Road Runner.

It sounded like a good plan except it was still pouring rain and Jim's Sedan wipers were never hooked up. Who needs wipers to run low 12's on the strip!! Well, wet roads, & glare, coupled with a half blind driver, I got his car back in one piece. Ginger, bless her, actually hung in there and followed us in my truck. I thought later that she could have very easily headed south back home. It would have made more sense than listening to a pack of psychos scream about the hail all night.

Seems like hours later I got the RR put away safely for the night. We brought some dry clothes back and made due without our sleeping bags (they were drenched along with about every other piece of clothing we brought).

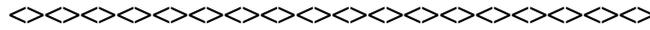
The next day the wind was still pretty strong and unfortunately the “Monster” caused a bit more damage to other club member’s cars but that will be another story. We still enjoyed the show and there was a silver lining in that storm cloud. I did sell my ’63 Plymouth to someone who saw it that weekend.

Oh, this year the show has been moved to late June. Will we be there?? Sure we will... probably camped across the road. Look for the red enclosed trailer... I’m still young enough to learn a lesson or two!  
Author~~~Tom Kelly April 2013.



### Welcome to *New member*

A hearty welcome to new member: **Larry Nash**, Lebanon, and his 1968 Plymouth Barracuda and 1970 Dodge Challenger.



### INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, MARCH 28, 2013

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. President, Ronda Cherry, brought the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. All members and guests were asked to introduce themselves. A nice turnout of 28 members were Jeff Andis, John & Carol Ann Bauer, Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Harry & Lou Ann Ewing, Tony Fields, Jim Kelly, Tom Kelly, Ken & Debbie Komlanc, Mike Leyes, Don & Shirley Mayhew, David Opel, Jan Peel, Evan & Nicole Springer, Mike Wallace, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom, Rick & Ginger Zimmerman, and guests Larry Nash and his daughter Nicole Nash.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Highlights of the January Minutes were given by Dave Opel

**TREASURER’S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Mike Leyes reported the balance as of February 28, 2013, was \$2,048.63. Income for March, 2013, was \$1274.00. Expenses for March, 2013, were \$418.89. Balance as of March 28, 2013, was \$2,903.74.

**Membership** – Mike reported that there were 26 additional members paid bringing the current membership to 65 members as of March 28, 2013.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:** Dave Watt reported that we had a thank you letter from St. Vincent De Paul for the contribution from the Annual Christmas Party Model Car Event.

**MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Evan Springer reviewed the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of April.

**EVENT CALENDER:** Evan Springer spoke of numerous shows and events beginning in April.

**EVENT ADVERTISING:** No report as Bill Bratton was absent.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Ronda Cherry:

1. Fletcher Show – this is set for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with it being a memorial for Rick Eilert. Ken Mosier is again sponsoring the Finer Detail Award for Best of Show. There will be a cookout at Rick & Ginger Zimmerman’s after the show. Ginger to provide directions to their home at the April meeting. The club will furnish the meat, each member should bring a side dish (preferably with food in it), drinks, and be sure to bring lawn chairs.
2. Champion Show – in the works, no update.
3. Monster Mopar Weekend June 28-30, 2013, at Lucas Raceway.
4. Mopar Nationals August 9-11, 2013.
5. Westgate Cruise-In – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**NEW BUSINESS** – Ronda Cherry:

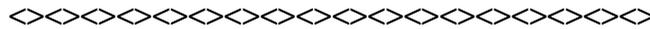
1. Club member profile for newsletter and website:
  - a. April – Tom Kelly – Some adventures from last year
  - b. May – Nicole Springer
2. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Open house at RPM Performance located at 3202 S East St. (just south of Troy Ave.), telephone number 222-6203.
3. Tom Kelly suggested we have weekend tours. Further discussion at future meetings.
4. The annual Christmas Party date was discussed and decided on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mike Wallace will make the reservation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Kelly, and seconded by Evan Springer, the motion carried.

President Ronda Cherry adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

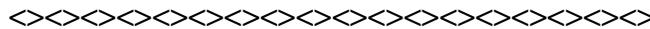
Respectfully submitted

Dave Opel



**DIRECTIONS TO RICK & GINGER ZIMMERMAN’S HOME**

Take 31 South to Route 252. Turn right onto Route 252 (West)...go to flashing light- Nineveh Road. Turn left (South) Nineveh Road to 4-way Stop. Stay on Nineveh Road to next three way Stop. Turn onto Lake View Drive (right). This is Princes Lakes. Stay on Lakeview Drive (road has a double yellow line), across two dams... Bear right. Stop sign turn right. Again it still remains Lakeview Drive. When yellow line ends the first house on right is ours. 921 West Stopeck, a big green two story house. The phone number is 317-374-6718. And we will post some directional signs etc!



**Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**May Birthdays:**

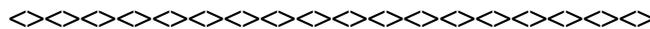


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| Jim Sweeney, 5-4      | Gerry Bush, 5-5         |
| Harry Ewing, 5-7      | John Bauer, 5-9         |
| Dick Crawmer, 5-11    | Ed Leyes, 5-12          |
| Nicole Springer, 5-12 | Carla Crask, 5-13       |
| Debbie Mounce, 5-17   | Glenn Keilman, Jr. 5-19 |
| Gary McCormick, 5-21  | Steve Wisdom, 5-22      |
| Mary Leyes, 5-23      | Bill Crask, 5-24        |
| Larry Nash, 5-26      | Mike Leyes, 5-28        |

**May Anniversaries:**

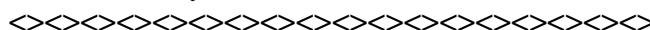
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| Evan and Nicole Springer, 5-1 | Joe and Michelle Berding, 5-21  |
| Mike and Vicki Wallace, 5-25  | Bob and Karen Rosenberger, 5-26 |

Congratulations to all!



**Upcoming Events – *\*\*Indy Mopar Club and others***

- \*\*May 4, Mopar car show in Lafayette at 9 Irish Brothers Pub 11am-5pm, 3520 St. Rd 38 E, Lafayette, IN
- \*\*May 10-11, Celebration of Automobiles Car Show at the 500 Speedway
- \*\*May 18, Indy Mopar/Fletcher Chrysler Open Car Show with cook-out at Zimmermans after the show**
- \*\*May 30, 7pm, *Indy Mopar Club Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, Indianapolis*
- \*\*June 28-30, Monster Mopar Weekend at Lucas Oil Raceway
- \*\*June 27, 7pm, *Indy Mopar Club Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, Indianapolis*
- \*\*July 17-20, WPC National Meet with DeSoto club in St Paul, Minn.
- \*\*August 9-11, 2013 – *Mopar Nationals*
- \*\*September 7, 2013 – *Westgate Cruise-In*
- \*\*September 20-22 - Hoosier Auto Show and Swap meet
- \*\*October 5-6, Newport Hill Climb
- \*\* December 8 – Indy Mopar Christmas Party – More information to follow





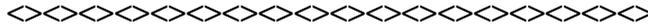
**Tattler’s Corner**

It seems to me that a person ought to know what kind of a car they have. But it appears that Jan Peel doesn’t. She knows that her 1966 Plymouth Belvedere II has 4 doors, but she said she is not sure if it is a 4-door sedan or a convertible. What???? Come on – I guess we could ask Tom Kelly what she is talking about.



**For Sale**

From Scott Oller: I ran across a man wanting to sell a 1973 Dodge Coronet. The car is complete but needs restoration. It has some rust in places and a bent rear bumper. The car is a four door model, bench seat, 318 and automatic. The license plate is dated 2005. If someone did not want it to restore it would probably make a decent parts car. I don’t know if it runs or not and don’t know what the man wants for it. The car is inside a fenced lot at Paul’s Trailer Service near I-465 and Harding on the south side. If interested call Paul Albrecht at 317-781-9212



**Note from your Editor**

In 2005 Tom Kelly, who was President at the time, asked if I would be interested in “volunteering” to mail out the newsletters to those not in attendance at the meetings and/or did not have a computer, so they would be informed of upcoming events and feel a part of the club (I still have the e-mail from him). That eventually evolved into what you presently receive. My thanks to all who have throughout the years, although sometimes reluctantly, contributed their Membership Profile. You have no idea how much it means to me. I know I have threatened to write about my dogs or grandchildren and/or great grandchildren but that is not my idea of an automobile club newsletter article. If you think you can’t write an article just pretend you are relating your story to a fellow member – the words will come. Or take along a tape recorder and actually tape your conversation with someone. Pictures of you and your car(s) always help the article.

I very much 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](mailto: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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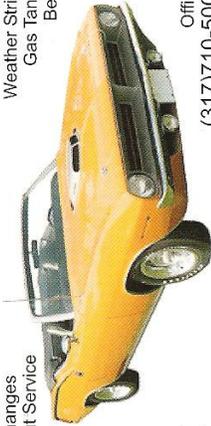
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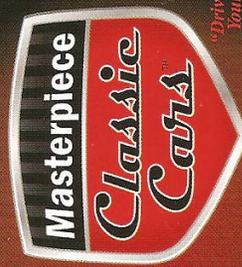
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