



# Indy Mopar Club News

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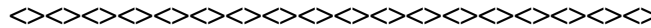
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, April 24, 2014** 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).



## Jeff's 1963 Belvedere

I started watching the Nostalgic Super Stockers at the Good Guys Event in Indianapolis while I was racing my 63 Nova SS. I instantly fell in love with the early B-bodies in the class. After watching the NSS for a couple of years I purchased a 63 Dodge station wagon with a friend with the idea of building a NSS. While in the process of building it to race, a 63 Plymouth Belvedere came up for sale. It was offered up to me but I had to turn it down because I didn't have any place to keep it.

Over the next year I was having a new home built and I received a phone call telling me the same Belvedere came back up for sale. I figured if I was offered the car twice in one year I should buy it. The person that bought it before me did not do anything to the car during the year he owned it. I ended up selling the wagon to help finance the Belvedere.

A seven year journey begins. For the first year the Belvedere floated around from friend's house to friend's house while I built a shop behind my new house. During that time I was going to swap meets and collecting parts. There were very few parts for these cars that were reproduced.



This is what the car looked like when I bought it. The Belvedere was really a pretty solid car even though it sat outside for ten years prior to it coming up for sale the first time.

The car was a one family car. Friends tried to buy the car back in the 80's but the lady would not sell it. The Belvedere was the only car she had ever owned. She didn't know how to drive anything except a push button transmission. Unfortunately the car was a six cylinder.



As you can see I stripped the car completely down to bare metal, every nut and bolt that could come off did.

This same day I put the car into epoxy primer while it waited to go to the body shop to have some body work done and painted.

The engine is a 426 ci with 10.5 compression. The heads were built by Dan Dvorak and the block machine work was done by Champion Racing Engines.



After close to a year in the body shop and another 2-3 years of reassembly with the help of my friends this is what it looks like.

Author ~~~~~Jeff Ancil



**From IMC Club President:**

From Indy Mopar Club (IMC) President:

Ice on roads last Monday and just like that, only 3 weeks now until our May 10 Fletcher Chrysler Car Show... warm weather will be here soon!

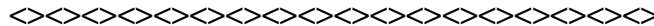
Let's start off with a big "thank-you" to all the club members currently working behind the scenes getting the show organized, ordering the shirts & awards and acquiring door prizes. There is still lots to do and the Club needs your help. What can you do? Well, take a look at the show flyer at the end of the newsletter. Spread the word and let all your car enthusiast friends know about our show. Ask them to please tell their friends and others they know. It would be wonderful to see a lot of different vehicles show up, both vintage and the newer muscle cars and trucks. Remind all that their attendance will also benefit JDRF.

We also need more hands-on help at the show. We will be signing up volunteers at the next meeting on April 24. We need help manning the registration table, helping with the door prize program, selling door prize tickets, directing & parking vehicles. If you have a passion for photography, we always need help with pics at the show for the web site. If you can't make the meeting but can help at the show, just drop us a quick note via the website.

Please take a look at event calendar in this newsletter and on the web site. We have club members looking into other activities so will be updating the calendar as details are finalized.

Hope you can join us at the meeting Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> and can't wait to see your wheels at the show on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Fletcher in Franklin.

All the best,  
Tom Kelly  
April 2014



**INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 27, 2014**

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign-in was conducted by Dave Opel in Jan Peel's absence. Attending were Jeff Ancil, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Jack Collins, Tony Fields, Ron Hasler, Dan Kelly, Jim Kelly, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Ron & Dru Kriech, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Bud & Debbie Mounce, Nicole Nash, Dave Opel, Bob Rosenberger, Dave Sanders, Evan Springer, Mike Wallace, Steve Wisdom, and Rick & Ginger Zimmerman.

**PRESIDENT TOM KELLY** brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Dave Opel read the highlights of the minutes for the February meeting. Dave asked if there were any corrections. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Mike Leyes reported the following: Income for March \$889.00; Expenses for March \$394.35; March 27, 2014 Balance \$2,850.44.

**Membership** – Mike reported that there are 62 paid members.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:** Dave Watt was absent but the website has been updated.

**MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Mike Wallace reviewed the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of March.

**EVENT CALENDER:** Mike Wallace gave an update. There is a new format on-line. Numerous events were discussed through December.

**EVENT ADVERTISING:** Ronda Cherry has assumed this position from Bill Bratton.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Tom Kelly:

1. Indy Cylinder Head Show: Tom reviewed this and his appreciation was extended to those who volunteered for the booth. Also 4-5 club members cars were displayed.
2. Fletcher Show is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> **rain or shine.**
  - a. Checklist
  - b. Volunteers sign-up sheet was passed around
  - c. Flyers will be printed
  - d. Door prizes being sought – Motion was made by Evan Springer to purchase items from Harbor Freight - \$200.00 – Evan to purchase the items. Tony Fields seconded the motion, the motion carried.

- e. Mike Wallace to contact the DJ for Fletcher Show.
- f. Dave Watt and Dave Sanders to look into artwork for Fletcher Show T-shirts. Potential show winners to be imprinted for 2015 Fletcher T-shirts.

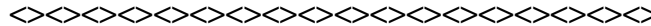
**NEW BUSINESS – Tom Kelly**

1. Club member profile or article for newsletter:
  - a. April 2014 – Jeff Ancil
  - b. May 2014 – Karen Rosenberger & Debbie Mounce
  - c. June – Fletcher Car Show
  - d. July – Tom Kelly / Ron Kreich
  - e. August – Ted Sanders
2. New Club Activities
  - a. Finer Details Fantastic Open House was attended by over 500 people. Ken Mosier of Finer Details has invited the Indy Mopar Club for a car show between Mopar Nats (Aug. 8-10) and mid September.
  - b. Evan Springer discussed open house tour through Lincoln Tech
  - c. Evan Springer to contact Ray Skillman for a walk through at his car collection building.
3. Show and Tell – Tom Kelly
  - a. Several Plymouth Owners Club brochures and magazine were sent by Jan Peel. Several automobiles on the list for sale by Plymouth Club owners.
4. MPC Calendars proposed for year 2015 to be discussed at future meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Berkowitz, seconded by Tony Fields, the motion carried.

President Tom Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Opel



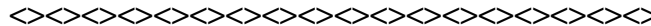
Awards for 2013 were presented by last year's President Ronda Cherry for their continued support for Indy Mopar Club and our Charity - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation



Bart Heldman - Car Art Signs



Josh King – Indy Cylinder Head



Bob Thomas and Ronda Cherry displayed their Challenger's in the " HotRod and Restoration Trade Show " at the Convention Center March 27, 2014



Ronda Cherry's 1971 Dodge Challenger



Bob Thomas' 2010 Dodge Challenger

**Member Information**

**Ronda Cherry has a new Cell Phone number – 317-997-6999**

**Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**May Birthdays:**



- Jim Sweeney, 5-4
- Harry Ewing, 5-7
- Dick Crawmer, 5-11
- Nicole Springer, 5-12
- Xiang Thomas, 5-16
- Glenn Keilman, Jr., 5-19
- Steve Wisdom, 5-22
- Bill Crask, 5-24
- Mike Leyes, 5-28

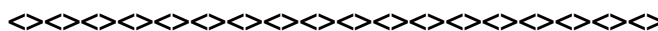
- Gerry Bush, 5-5
- John Bauer, 5-9
- Ed Leyes, 5-12
- Carla Crask, 5-13
- Debbie Mounce, 5-17
- Gary McCormick, 5-21
- Mary Leyes, 5-23
- Larry Nash, 5-26

**May Anniversaries:**

- Evan and Nicole Springer, 5-1
- Joe and Michelle Berding, 5-21
- Mike and Vicki Wallace, 5-25

- Bob and Xiang Thomas, 5-20
- Steve and Michelle Haug, 5-25
- Bob and Karen Rosenberger, 5-26

Congratulations to all!



**Tattler's Corner**



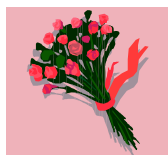
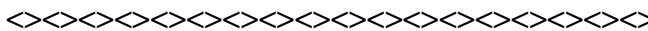
I hope that Dave Opel has an oxygen tank handy – he will need it when he reads all the May birthdays and anniversaries.



**\*\*\*Note from your editor – you may have noticed that there is no membership advertising in this issue of the newsletter. Some of them were out of date. If you would like your business advertised give in person or send by mail a current business card to Jan Peel.**

Also, you may send your "Member Profile" to me in either Microsoft Word or Works by e-mail to [Jpeel83719@aol.com](mailto:Jpeel83719@aol.com) or typed or hand written to: Jan Peel, 5128 E Rowney St, Indianapolis IN 46203. In order to have the newsletter completed and ready to e-mail and/or snail mail I would appreciate having the information by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you have pictures and can send them by e-mail that would be great or if you send them to me by mail I will scan them in and return the picture(s) to you.

Jan Peel, Editor



**Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our club.  
(Remember guys, we women do put up with all your "shenanigans".)**

## 2014 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

<b>Jan</b>						
30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
<b>Feb</b>						
7-9	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds		
23	Sunday	1p-4p	Fast Tracks-Slot Car Racing 1pm	Avon IN		Brian Berkowitz
27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
28	Friday		Indy Cyl Hd Show Set-up	Ind State Fairgrounds		
28	Friday	6p-9p	Finer Details New Facility Open House	Danville IN		
<b>Mar</b>						
1 & 2	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show			
27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
<b>Apr</b>						
24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
<b>May</b>						
3	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco DeMopar-American Cancer Benefit	Lafayette IN		Tom Kelly
10	Sat	9a-3p	Fletcher Chrysler/IMC – OPEN Car Show	Franklin IN – <b>Rain or Shine</b>		Tom Kelly
16-18	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic – Nat’l Trail Raceway	Columbus OH		Tom Kelly
29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
23-24	Fri-Sat		Mopar Mania Somernites Cruise Memorial Wknd	Somerset KY		Dave Sanders
<b>Jun</b>						
4-8	Wed-Sun		Chrysler 300 Club, Inc Nat’l Meet	Kokomo IN		Ralph Rhees
5-8	Thu-Sun		IMS Vintage Car Races	Indpls Motor Speedway		
13-14	Thur- Fri		Pure Stock Drags	Martin MI		Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
28-29	Sat-Sun		Monster Mopar Weekend	Kil-Kare Drag Strip		Xenia, OH
<b>Jul</b>						
9-12	Wed-Sat		WPC National Meet	Auburn Hills MI		
11-13	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA		
16-20	Wed-Sun		Natl DeSoto Meet	Ft Wayne IN		
31	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
<b>Aug</b>						
8-10	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH		
20-24	Wed-Sun		Plymouth Owner Club National Meet	Port Huron MI		
28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
<b>Sep</b>						
6	Sat	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN		
6	Sat	6p-10p	IMC Cookout – Kelly’s	Danville IN		Tom Kelly
12-13	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Drags	Stanton MI		Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
<b>Oct</b>						
4	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK- Military Park	Indianapolis IN		Tom Kelly
9-12	Thur-Sun		NMCA Race-Show @ IRP	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clairmont)		Dave Watt
30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg-Halloween	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
<b>Nov</b>						
20	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
<b>Dec</b>						
7 or 14	Sunday		Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	TBD		
<b>Jan 2015</b>						
<b>Feb 2015</b>						
TBD			World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds		



12<sup>TH</sup> Annual  
**FLETCHER**  
**CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM**

**OPEN**  
**CAR-TRUCK SHOW**



**SATURDAY MAY 10**

3099 S. Morton Street St. (US 31)  
**Franklin, IN**

**REGISTRATION**  
9 AM - 12 Noon  
Awards at 3:00 PM

**TOP 20 AWARDS** *plus*  
Best GM - Best Ford - Best Mopar - Best Truck  
Best Engine - Best Paint - Best Interior  
**'The Finer Details' Award with \$100 Cash Prize**

Entry Fee \$15.00  
*First 75 Entries Receive Event Shirt and Dash Plaque*

*To benefit the*

***Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International***



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