



Indy Mopar Club News

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

Next regular meeting: **Thursday, April 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.

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Welcome to new members and their Mopars: **Harry & Lou Ann Ewing**, Fortville, with a 1966 Plymouth Satellite. They attended the March meeting and we hope to see more of them.

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Ken Scobel and his 1966 Dodge Charger



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CAR NUTZ

Cruising in a 1966 Charger

You might think that being born and raised in Detroit would automatically make you a car nut from birth ... or at least catch the bug at a very young age.

Ken Scobel always liked cars, but when his father, **Wallace**, took him to the Ford Rotunda as a child in 1958 he really started to appreciate how cool all the new cars were. It was just before Christmas and the rotunda was decorated for the holidays. There was music playing, and, of course, Santa was there to entertain the kids; the new Fords were on display to entertain the dads.

The rotunda, a huge circular building in Dearborn, was open year-round to showcase all of Ford's new models, and there were knowledgeable reps on hand to answer questions and give test rides on the outside track. This differed from a dealership in that there was no sales pressure; the huge exhibit was popular as most new car dealers in the area lacked showroom space and could only display a few models indoors and out of the harsh Michigan winters.

Soon after that, a young teenaged Ken would ride his bicycle to the rotunda and catch rides in the cars as they were driven on the test track by either Ford reps or prospective customers.

Ken soon learned where various dealers would hide the new models before their introduction each September and would make the rounds on his bike to see them. He really liked the 1963 Corvette, which had the one-year-only split rear-window design.

Then in the summer of 1963 his dad took him to the drag races for the first time. It was there that he saw factory-backed teams such Golden Commando's, which championed new Plymouths on the strip, and the Ramcharger team that ran new Dodges. It was then that 16-year-old Ken became a Mopar man!

In the summer of 1965, Ken graduated from St. Mary's of Redford High School in Detroit and decided to join the U.S. Air Force. He wouldn't leave until January of the next year, so he bought his first car, a 1956 Ford two-door sedan, for \$100. The car would get him by until he left for the service.

He spent the majority of his time stationed at an air base in Pakistan, where he was able to keep up on Detroit's latest offerings on the Internet – oops, I mean car magazines!

A month before Ken got out of the Air Force in March 1968, he had his parents order a new Plymouth Roadrunner for him. When he returned home he went to Chalfonte Sales and Service, the local Plymouth dealer, to pick up his car. The Roadrunner was dark green and equipped with a 383 big block and a four-speed transmission. He drove the car for a little more than 18 months before trading it for a new 1970 Dodge Challenger with a 440 six-pack.

In the spring of 1970, Ken and the Challenger hit the drag strip. The car was thrashed down the strip every weekend at Milan Raceway, west of Detroit. By 1973 the 440 engine was getting tired and using a lot of oil. Ken pulled the old 440 out and borrowed a 383 V-8 from a friend to install in the Challenger so he could use it for a daily driver. He then came across a 1966 Plymouth Satellite two-door hardtop with a 426 Hemi.

He wanted to rebuild the Hemi and put it in the '70 Challenger so he could put it back on the drag strip. First, however, he rebuilt the 440 that came in the Challenger and put it in the '66 Satellite so he would have a daily driver.

After driving the Satellite only six months, he went outside one morning in January 1974 to find that it had been stolen, never to be seen again. He then decided to give up hot-rodding for awhile; he sold the 426 Hemi, returned the 383 to his friend and sold the engineless 1970 Challenger. He used the money for a down payment on a 1974 Dodge Colt four-cylinder. OUCH!

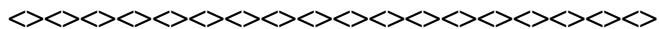
It would be nearly 30 years before Ken ventured back into muscle cars. Then in 2003, he was cruising the Internet and found a 1966 Dodge Charger on eBay. It belonged to a classic car dealer in Phoenix. Ken showed the car to his wife of 36 years, **Sharon**, who liked the light yellow color and suggested he bid on it.



Ken won the bid and had it shipped to his home in Columbus, Ind. He did a little work on the 383 and some other minor things and has been driving it to shows with his friends in the Indy Mopar Club ever since.

The old Charger was originally from Texas and has working factory air conditioning, allowing Ken to take the car out of state to shows in total comfort. The Challenger has been to the CEMA show at the Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills, Mich., several times and to Columbus, Ohio, for the Mopar Nationals. 1966 was the first year for the Charger, and there are not a lot of them left. But Ken has one of the nicest examples around so he can keep on cruising.

~~~~~Submitted by Ken Scobel



## **INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, MARCH 29, 2012**

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign in was conducted by Jan Peel. President, Brian Berkowitz, brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members and guests were asked to introduce themselves. Attending were Jeff Andis, John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Jack Collins, Rick & Susan Eilert, Tony Fields, Dan Kelly, Tom Kelly, Ken & Debbie Komlanc, Mike Leyes, Larry & Susan Mayes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Harold Nelson & guest Patricia Branscome, Scott Oller, David Opel, Jan Peel, David Sanders, Bob Schonegg, Evan & Nicole Springer, Bob Thomas, Mike Wallace, Thomas & Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom, and new members Harry & Lou Ann Ewing.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes:**

Balance as of February 23, 2012, \$2933.59. Income for February, 2012, was \$300.00. Expenses for February, 2012, were \$657.52. Income for March, 2012, was \$1070.00. Expenses for March, 2012, were \$887.94. Balance as of March 29, 2012, was \$3115.65.

Membership: There are 69 paid members for 2012.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt:**

Dave had nothing new to report. He circulated a request from a school in the Glens Valley area of southwest Indianapolis, looking for help in putting on a car show in May.

**EVENT CALENDAR: Dave Sanders:**

Dave circulated a list of cruises in the area for the month of April. He stated that The Suds on the south side is opening for the season this Saturday, March, 31.

**EVENT ADVERTISING: Bill Bratton:**

Bill had nothing new to report. He stated that the Fletcher show upcoming in May, is now being advertised.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:**

A. The Indy Cylinder Head show held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, had a good turn out.

A lot of members picked up their club T-shirts. There was a lot of new member interest.

B. Brian indicated that members should see Mike Leyes for T-shirts.

C. All of the plaques for Club sponsors have been delivered.

**NEW BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:**

Car Shows and dates for 2012:

A. Fletcher show is May 19, 2012. Brian is working on the final commitment with Fletcher. More door prizes are needed. The food has not been worked out yet. Volunteers are needed, and sheet will be circulated at the next club meeting. There will be a blood drive.

B. Champion show is still in limbo. Brian has not received anything positive from his contacts.

C. Westgate show is a cruise-in on September 8, 2012.

Possible Cruise Destinations for 2012:

As indicated in the February meeting, possible cruises include Frostbite in Avon, Culver's at 56<sup>th</sup> and Post Road, Ropkey Armory Museum at Crawfordsville, and McCormick's Creek State Park. Brian mentioned Somernites cruise at Somerset, Kentucky, with Mopar Mania May 25 and 26, 2012.

Club member Profile for Newsletter & Website:

April - Ken Schobel

May - Bob Rosenberger

June - Harry Ewing

## Membership criteria:

This issue was raised by the notification from Estelle Claycomb, who sold his Plymouth, that he can no longer be a member of the Indy Mopar Club. Estelle has been a member of the Mopar Club for a long time.

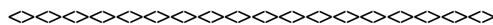
Article III, Section 2, of the Indy Mopar Club bylaws, in part, states that to become a member, one must own a Mopar car or truck and be at least 16 years of age. Under certain circumstances, a person may join without owning a car/truck, but this person must obtain a car within 12 months. These associate members shall have no voting privileges.

Those present at the meeting held a discussion as to changing the bylaws to allow members who sell their Mopars to remain in the Club. There was also a discussion to change the bylaws to allow membership from owners of Mopar powered or Mopar clad vehicles. After much discussion on both issues, it was determined by a vote of all members present, that the bylaws should not be changed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Wallace



## Members Information

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

*\*\*April 26, 2012, 7:00pm, Indy Mopar Club Meeting, MCL Cafeteria*

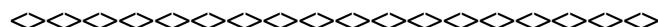
*\*\*April 25-27, 2012, Spring Carlisle, Carlisle, PA*

*\*\*May 19, 2012, Fletcher Car Show in Franklin*

*\*\*July 11-14, 2012, WPC national meet in Kalamazoo, Michigan*

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

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



## Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

### May Birthdays:



Jim Sweeney, 5-4

Gerry Bush, 5-5

Bob Schonegg, 5-7

John Bauer, 5-9

Dick Crawmer, 5-11

Ed Leyes, 5-12

Carla Crask, 5-13

Glenn Keilman, Jr, 5-19

Gary McCormick, 5-21

Steve Wisdom, 5-22

Mary Leyes, 5-23

Bill Crask, 5-24

Mike Leyes, 5-28

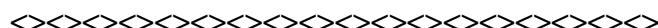
### May Anniversaries:

Evan and Nicole Springer, 5-1

Mike and Vicki Wallace, 5-25

Bob and Karen Rosenberger, 5-26

Congratulations to all!



## Tattler's Corner



Well, it seems like everyone was kind of behaving themselves at the meeting, except for Jan, who seems to have a knack for stirring things up. Is that why they have nicknamed her “Trouble” or “Ornery”????? Hmmمم!



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