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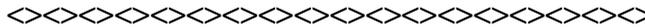
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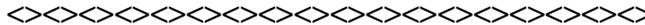
Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 31, 2012 will be held at **MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East street** Indianapolis (US 31- N of Southern Plaza between Sumner & National). Meet for dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. A Map Quest link is available on the IMC website – www.indymoparclub.com.



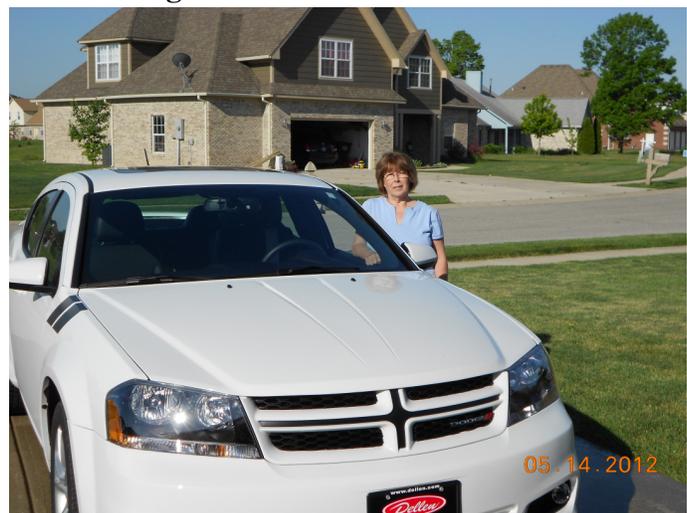
From the desk of Indy Mopar Club President Brian Berkowitz Fletcher Show Recap

I want to thank all the club members who spent their day helping make this show a success. Without your help the club could not do these events. We had a great day for our show and it resulted in 86 registered cars plus a few non-registered club cars. The management at Fletcher's really helped out with lining up the food, DJ and blood mobile. They were very happy with the turnout and especially the new record of 18 units of blood drawn onsite. We have tentatively scheduled next year's show for May 18.

Thanks again, Brian Berkowitz



The new addition to our MOPAR family. Bob & Karen Rosenberger



It was a new year and the end of February was fast approaching. It's the time of year when a young man's fancy turns to ... new cars! You probably thought I was going to say, "girls" but then I'm not young any more. My wife, Karen, needed a replacement for her 1999 Stratus. I had been trying to get her to get a new car for several years but, as she has said, as long as the old one runs and is paid for, she would just make do. But after the car hit 200,000 miles the reliability issue started to loom heavy on her mind. She agreed that it was time to replace it.

We had been up to Champion Chrysler and happened to see one of the 2012 Avenger R/Ts sitting on the showroom floor. It was a bright-white in color with the two little fender stripes on it. She wasn't all that thrilled about the color. She wanted black but I told her black was a color that is hard to keep looking clean. We researched prices and options, you know, the usual stuff and decided to buy one. We found almost exactly what we wanted at Dellen in Greenfield which also is near to us. We didn't want a sun-roof. I have a sun-roof on my

2006 Charger Daytona and have used it once in almost six years. But the sales guy was willing to deal, so we accepted. There were some factory incentives along with Steve Wisdom's "friends & family" discount and the deal was made.

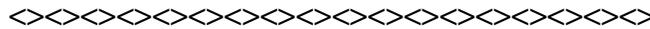
The car has every option except an "engine block heater." The salesman said they could put one on if we decided to get one. Maybe we will when the snow starts flying this winter. Karen had to sit down with the voluminous operating manual to get a handle on the GPS system. She really likes it. She also likes the fact that the car recognized her cell phone so she can now get incoming calls on the satellite radio. No more fumbling around trying to find her phone hidden in her purse. Much safer! We also got around to programming the built-in garage door openers, it has three! We didn't think we would like the satellite radio but it has some advantages over regular radio that we really enjoy, such as not losing the station as you get further away. She has since discovered the tire pressure indicators, gas mileage, and directional compass.

Mechanically, the car handles very well due to the R/T suspension. The engine is the same as in the SXT but the R/T will handle better. It also has the new six-speed automatic transmission that seems to operate very well. You can hear and feel it when you are under power. With the 283 HP engine, it has ample power to get you on, off, and around on the highways. The engine is also "Flex-Fuel" and it has remote start. The remote start is great in the winter. She won't have to go out in the cold to start the car and wait for it to warm-up! We drove the car over to Dayton a few weeks ago and the mileage indicator said we were running at 33 MPG. Not bad for an R/T, eh?

We still have the Stratus. We did not trade it in because we didn't think it was worth anything. It still runs just fine but sometimes it just will not start - period. It was a case of perfect timing. The day after we brought the new Avenger home, I decided to use the Stratus to do some errands. I did the errands and came home. I went out the next day and the car would not start. No click, sputter, or crank. I thought the battery had given out. I tried turning on the headlights and they were ok, so no battery problem. I thought, well that was good timing to buy a new car just a day before the old one gives out. I used my Charger instead and when I came back Karen said she got the car started. I asked how and she said it had happened a few times before and you have to "fiddle" with the radio to get it to start. Yep, that's what she said, fiddle with the radio! Why that should work is beyond me but how can you argue with success? Anyway, we are going to keep it for a while because I have paid up on the insurance and it gets better gas mileage than the Charger.

I'm now back to being a four car family with a three car garage! Happy motoring!

Author ~~~~~ Bob Rosenberger



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, APRIL 26, 2012

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Ronda Cherry, on behalf of 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, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Rick & Susan Eilert, Harry & Lou Ann Ewing, John Heeringa, Dan Kelly, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Scott Oller, David Opel, Ken Scobel, Evan Springer, Mike Wallace, Thomas & Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt and guests Gerry & Pam Long.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes:

Balance as of March 29, 2012, was \$3115.65. Income for March, 2012, was \$1070.00.

Expenses for March, 2012, were \$887.94. Income for April, 2012, was \$2087.50, which includes sponsor check of \$2000 from Fletcher for May 19th car show. Expenses for April, 2012, were \$207.58. Balance as of April 26, 2012, was \$4995.57.

Membership: There are 72 paid members for 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt:

Dave had nothing new to report. He stated that if anyone needs anything posted, let him know.

EVENT CALENDER: Brian Berkowitz provided the update on behalf of Dave Sanders. He circulated a list of shows and cruises for the month of May.

EVENT ADVERTISING: Bill Bratton:

Bill had nothing new to report. He indicated that advertising is posted to Old Cars Only, as well as Auto and RV.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

A. If anyone is interested in club shirts, Mike Leyes has a variety of shirts in several sizes, including the red and orange polo shirts.

B. Hot Wheels For Real is being held at the Children’s Museum on May 26, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in entering your Hot Wheel cars, contact Jeff Andis.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

A. The Fletcher show is May 19th. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Awards will be at 2 p.m. Door prizes are still needed, which Brian is working on. Volunteers are also needed, and a sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting. There will be a “bounce house”. Brian is working on the T-shirts, and plaques/awards have been ordered.

B. Brian is still communicating with Champion about a possible car show.

C The Westgate cruise-in is September 8th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

D. Possible cruises for 2012 were discussed. Brian stated that if someone thinks of a cruise that the club might enjoy, they can E-mail club members.

E. The ADESSA car show is June 9th. Our club is not involved in it this year; however, it should be noted that this show is a JDRF fund raiser.

F. Club Member Profile for Newsletter & Website:

May - Bob Rosenberger

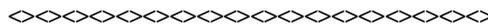
June - Harry Ewing

July - Still open. Let Brian know if you are interested in writing something for our club newsletter about your car, or some topic members might enjoy reading about.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Wallace



**Members Information
Car & Truck Repair Manuals at the Library
Contributed by Scott Oller**

Hey all of you car fanatics! There is a free and easily accessible resource for repair and maintenance information on older and not-so-old cars. During a recent visit to the White River branch of the Johnson County Library, my wife Jan found that the library system has Mitchell repair manuals online. This makes for a good information resource instead of buying a manual or finding someone with one to borrow. This also comes in as a handy recommendation for the neighbor who always wants your help and expertise on his car since he knows you’re a “car guy.”

At the Johnson County library system there are two database sets of Mitchell manuals. One database is for current model years from present to the mid-70s. The second set of manuals called “Vintage” covers vehicles from the late 50s to early 80s. The manuals cover both domestic and foreign cars and trucks. You have to go to a Johnson County library to use this database. However you do not need a Johnson County library card to use the system. According to the librarian, there are similar database systems in other Indiana county library systems. She said that the Indianapolis library has two different auto repair databases. They are not Mitchell but some other supplier. One database is available to anyone at an Indianapolis library. The other is available by the internet if you have an Indianapolis library card.

I gave the Mitchell database a test drive and found that it has a good bit of information. Checking out the manuals for a 1968 Barracuda (just a random selection don’t you know), I found wiring diagrams along with engine and chassis manuals that cover topics from tune-ups, fluids, suspension issues, tires and wheel alignment just to name a few.

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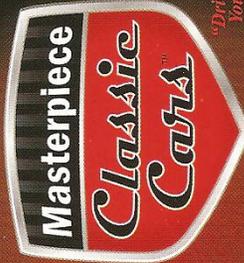
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Tattler's Corner

Well, your editor (me – Jan Peel) really did it this time. I had all the information from the various sources and simply spaced it and did not get it out. My only (poor) excuse is that I was busy getting ready for a family cookout for Labor Day and was thinking I had another week to send the newsletter out. Guess what!!! I didn't. Does that mean 30 lashes with a wet noodle? My apologies to all members and especially the officers.



**Happy Father's Day to all you Dads
May all your wishes and dreams come true!**

