



Indy Mopar Club News



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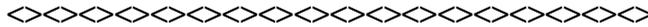
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 25, 2017 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.



Chuck Butler – Member Profile

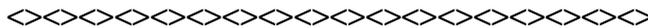
It all started on a cold December 30 1944, in Columbus Ohio. Some guys are born with a silver spoon in their mouth but I think I had a ratchet wrench in my hand! Early on my mom said I had a collection of 99 little cars that I played with, I should have started a used car lot! Later my dad would get upset because I had torn the power mower apart to see how it worked. I was always taking something apart to see what made it tick.

When I graduated high school I got my first car, a 1952 Plymouth Cranbrook, the former family car. I had a couple of the "Generals rides" until I went into the Air Force in 1966 and had to purchase an inexpensive car due to-uh reduced funds. That was a 1959 Plymouth Fury. \$350 in 1966.

I got married to my first wife while in the service and we drove the wheels off the Fury pulling a trailer with all our worldly goods to South Carolina from Ohio back to Ohio then to Massachusetts back to Ohio then finally to Indianapolis. Do ya think I got my monies worth?

Well, I messed around with some more of the "Generals stuff and even one of Henrys' rides but I decided to come back to "my roots", due in no small part to John Bauer's prodding. I now have a 2013 RAM, a 2016 Charger. Linda's first and only MOPAR was a 1963 Plymouth Valiant until I got her back into what she drives now, a 2017 Jeep Cherokee.

So you can see we are a MOPAR family. We're looking forward to belonging to IMC for as long as we can. Thank you'all for having us, Chuck and Linda Butler



1937 Plymouth – by Scott Oller – Member Profile

Being a member of the Indy Mopar Club it only stands to reason that I would be a fan of Chrysler Corporation vehicles. For me, it first grew out of being an auto racing fan. I remember listening to NASCAR races on the radio, long before they were on television, and cheering for Richard Petty in his Petty blue Charger. A personal mentor of mine raced a factory 1968 Hemi Barracuda super-stocker at local drag strips around Louisville. The second car I owned was a 1971 Challenger R/T powered with a 426 Hemi from a 1966 Charger. With these influences in my early years of growing up how could I not be a Mopar fan.

So fast-forward 40 plus years, I now have two Plymouths. One is a 1968 Barracuda fastback and the other is a 1937 P-4 Deluxe business coupe. The coupe has its original 82 horsepower, single barrel, flathead straight-6 engine, a 3-speed manual transmission which is about the size of a shoebox and a 3.9:1 rear differential. It has a straight front axle with leaf springs and a non-pressurized coolant system.

I bought the '37 in July 2000. I was living in Los Angles at the time and found the car in Apple Valley. Apple Valley is a California desert town on I-15 toward Las Vegas and is where Roy Rogers and Dale Evans lived during their later years. According to the seller the car was driven until 1985 and then sat in storage. The

car needed restoration but looked to be in good solid condition. The original finish had been repainted a couple of times. The body was rust free but the interior fabric was done in by the hot and dry desert climate. The engine turned over freely. The tires held air but were very dry rotted.

I have been working on restoring the coupe in one form or another ever since I bought it. That sounds like a long time but I work on it when I want to and keep it as a hobby, not a second job. I got distracted away from the coupe after I bought my Barracuda in 2010. It took me a few years to get the Barracuda fixed up well enough to drive to distant car club meets and shows. Restoration on the coupe started back in earnest last fall.

Several years ago, I was able to get a photocopy of the coupe's original build card through the Chrysler Museum. The build card was basically a pre-printed index card with hand written information. The build card verifies the engine serial number is original. The car rolled off of the Los Angeles Chrysler plant assembly line on June 29, 1937. It was shipped from the factory to The Greer-Robbins Company, a Chrysler-Plymouth dealership located at 9717 Wilshire Blvd. just east of the Wilshire Blvd. and Santa Monica Blvd. intersection in Beverly Hills.



Left: My 1937 Plymouth when I bought it in July 2000

Center: 1937 Dodge coupe parked on Rodeo Drive, a few blocks from Greer-Robbins Chrysler-Plymouth, note the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in background which is at 9500 Wilshire Blvd.

Right: The Los Angeles Chrysler Plant office building - must have been taken when the factory was first built judging from the cars

13519-A REV. 9-34 SERVICE CAR RECORD			AUTO. CHOKE		PAINTED SHEET METAL	TRUNK	TRUNK RACK
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P4	DE LUXE	BUS COUPE DODGE	JUN 29 1937				
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P4 447684	221	349					
BODY NO.	GLASS		GEAR RATIO				
5685	DUPLATE SAFETY						
CARBURETOR	STARTER MOTOR		GENERATOR				
	DEL. ACCY. GRP. A						
FIRE COVER	TRUNK KEY	WHEELS	SPARE TIRES				
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				Beverly Hills, Calif			JUN 29 1937
				DEALER			
				Greer Robbins Co			

Copy of 1937 Plymouth Build Card above

As a side note, the Los Angeles Chrysler plant opened in 1932 and closed in July 1971. The plant was located at the northeast corner of Eastern and Slauson Avenues in, what is now, the City of Commerce. The last car to roll off of the assembly line was a Dodge Dart Swinger. The property was sold and the factory razed to make way for an office park development.

In addition to the Indy Mopar Club I also belong to the Plymouth Owners Club and the Walter P. Chrysler Club. I joined the Plymouth Club shortly after buying the '37. I knew I wanted to restore the car and figured the Plymouth Club would offer good resources for information and help. I have gotten to know several other 1937 Plymouth owners over the years at different national meets.

After several years went by and no one else was interested in the job, I volunteered to be the 1937 Technical Advisor for the Plymouth Owners Club. I get a few calls or emails from guys asking questions or advice on their '37 Plymouth. A few questions I can answer, most I need to do some research to find out. Sometimes research and asking around does not produce a definite answer. So then, we just have to make a best guess. The Tech Advisor position has been an enjoyable learning experience.

A few weeks ago I had an opportunity to visit with a fellow Plymouth Club member who owns a rare 1937 convertible. There were only 3,110 Plymouth convertibles made in 1937. Of the 3,110 made fewer than 100 remain in the world. The convertible had several model specific parts. I get a few questions about '37 convertibles from time to time but have very little knowledge about them due to their rarity. I was able to get a good look at the convertible and take several photos for future reference.

In 1937 Plymouth produced P-3 Standard and P-4 Deluxe models. Available passenger car body styles were 2-door and 4-door sedans with a "humpback" or "flat-back" trunk lid, business coupes, rumble seat coupes, convertibles, 7-passenger sedans, a "woodie" station wagon and they even offered a Plymouth Limousine. The convertibles are a rare find today but the 7-passenger sedans and "woodie" wagons are ultra-rare. Sad to say, the 1937 Plymouth Limousine is extinct.

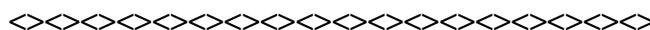
There were three Plymouth production plants located in the U.S. in 1937. They were in Detroit, MI, Los Angeles, CA and Evansville, IN. A car's serial number will tell where it was made but that's about it. A car with a serial number beginning with "1" was made in Detroit, one beginning with "3" was built in Los Angeles and a "9" came from Evansville. There was no fender tag to decode back then. As close as that gets, is to find a body tag on the firewall with a few extra stamped codes for body paint and interior fabric colors.

The 1937 Plymouth and Dodge were very similar. They shared many common chassis, body and engine parts. The body of my car was built by Dodge. The same block casting was used for both even though the Plymouth bore diameter was 3-1/8" and the Dodge was 3-1/4". Therefore, if you have a 1937 Plymouth block you can safely overbore it by 1/8 inch.

Chrysler built their cars early on with hydraulic brakes and steel construction. 1937 was the first year Plymouth had a closed steel top and the last year for the ventilating crank-out windshield. Only a few paint color choices were available and most all were dark in color. An economical two-tone option was to have the body painted in color while the fenders were left in black.

1937 was 80 years ago. A motorcar was still somewhat new. Norms of the day then seem strange now. The exterior door lock was only on the passenger side. The driver would enter or exit the car from the sidewalk and slide across the bench seat. The 1937 Plymouth Owner's Manual explains how to give hand signals since the car had no turn signals and explains with photos how to breakdown and replace a tire onto a rim. A tool kit was supplied with the car for times when the owner needed to work on it. The tool kit contained a hand cranking attachment in case of a bad starter. If you paid up for a deluxe Plymouth some of the upgrades included an oil filter, vent-wing windows and several trim parts being plated versus painted. Available options included a passenger side sun visor, windshield wiper and taillight. Other options that a buyer could select included a heater, windshield defroster, radio and a cigar/cigarette lighter.

Author~~~~~Scott Oller



From your Indy Mopar Club President:



Finally! The weather has become more predictable (well, as predictable as Indiana weather can be?) Warmer temps and sunshine is replacing the winter doldrums and springtime storms. Tis the "Cruising / Show" season. We know that it is the season because the "Suds" is now open, strutting their stuff. So dust off those Mopar masterpieces, rods and muscle machines. Cruising time is here!

The Mecum Auction will have taken place by the time you get this letter and the Indy 500 is within 2 weeks. Both events are great events to have been involved in and both are Indy traditions. I really enjoy both events and attend every year.

Another special event that will have taken place May 18th thru 21st was the visit of the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor airplane at the Bloomington, IN airport. Also the "Cinco de Mopar" Car Show in Lafayette, IN took place May 6th and I have always intended to participate in but, again this year another family event took priority. If any IMC members attended please let me know how it went this year. I hope all interested in these special events will have been able to take part in them.

I hope that everyone is starting to get in the groove for the Fletcher/ IMC Cruise-In on July 8th. As I have said before, this is our big endeavor and it is but just around the corner now. In my last letter I had said "It is never too late to make arrangements to acquire items for door prizes and raffles and etc." But, I intended to say "It is never too early". ☺ So I hope everyone is out procuring those needed donations and items. Again, if there any questions and/or suggestions for the Cruise-In don't hesitate to contact Rick Ordo, Dick Crawmer or Bill Edgerton, (our Cruise-In trifecta), our leads in the IMC/Fletcher Cruise-In this July. They have been busy organizing, planning and speaking with J.R. Fletcher and others. All are very excited about this year's Cruise-In. We all want to make this event the best yet. Be sure to hand out all the Cruise-In flyers you can at every opportunity you have. This is our best and most important marketing effort!

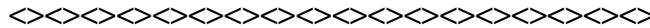
If you haven't seen the most recent Hot Rod Magazine the new Dodge Demon is featured on the cover and in the articles inside with tons of information about the beast. It is truly an incredible vehicle.... "Quickest production car on the planet". 0 to 60 mph in 2.3 seconds. (Very similar numbers to my '66 Plymouth Polysphere's stats) ☺

Here I go again; I really appreciate this great Indy Mopar Club. It is all of you that make this an exceptional Club! I hope everyone can make the next IMC meeting May 25th.

Be safe! "Mopar or No Car".

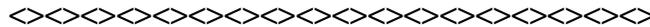
Evan Springer

May, 2017



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Tony Fields is still having more ups and downs with heart issues. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, April 27, 2017

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: The meeting was called to order at 7pm with introductions of members and guests. The meeting was attended by Chester Branham, Chuck & Linda Butler, Ronda Cherry, Stephen & Cathleen Claycomb, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill & Randi Edgerton, Tom Kelly, Ron Kriech, Ken Malott, Scott Oller, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Jeff & Debbie Platzer, Bob Rosenberger, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, Steve & Cheryl Wisdom, and guest Craig Madsen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Opel

A. Minutes and highlights of March meeting presented. Accepted as presented with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Steve Wisdom

- A. March 30, 2017 balance \$2068.81; April Income \$110.00; April Expense \$86.67; April 27, 2017 Balance \$2092.14.
- B. Flower Fund - \$329.78 less \$49.12 – Balance \$280.66. A planter of flowers was sent to Jan “Trouble” Peel. She greatly appreciated them.
- C. Steve reported 59 members currently paid.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR REPORT: Randy Smith

- A. No report given as Randy is busy with student finals at Marion College.

MEMBER NEWS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Ronda Cherry

- A. Report given and congratulations to all.

EVENT CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS (Newsletter & IMC): Ronda Cherry

- A. May 6 – Cinco De Mopar – Lafayette
- B. May 16-21 – Mecum 30th Auction – Indiana State Fairgrounds
- C. May 19-21 – Chrysler Power Classic – National Trail Raceway – Columbus IN
- D. June 14-17 – Plymouth Owners Club National Meet – Lincoln Nebraska – Contact Jan Peel
- E. June 24 – July 2 – The Rally along the ‘Dixie Highway’ will stop for an overnight stay in Franklin, IN at the ‘Courthouse’ on Tues June 27 starting at 4:30pm. Lots of early vintage cars participate. See Greatrace.com for details).
- F. July 8 – Fletcher CDJR 14th Annual Indy Mopar Club Cruise-In. This is an open show for all makes and models. Proceeds to JDRF

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. 2017 Membership Flyer/Application w/Q-Code
- B. Social Media – New business cards available – Lynn Standeford-Miller
- C. Evan Springer gave recap of IMC Tour of Car Arts Facility. A very interesting tour as I was surprised what can be done with vinyl plus all the different color options. Several members completed order forms for signs.
- D. Update, Banner, Membership Sign Ups. Evan discussion made on new banner and table covering to be made by Car Art.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Fletcher Cruise-In Show July 8th. Sign up sheet passed requesting volunteers for various activities.
- B. Randy Smith has printed 500 flyers for distribution by IMC members.
- C. Evan distributed a donation request letter for presentation to businesses extending gifts for prizes, raffle, etc. Mention given for the local Franklin Firestation to prepare food. Thanks Guys!
- D. DSR Open House & Car Show September 1. Good time had by all who attended last year. IMC had 12-14 cars in show. It to me (Dave Opel) about 2 seconds to realize this is a multi-million dollar operation, as there were approximately 150 Wally’s to attest to their success.
- E. Possible Cruise-In/Car Show at Palmanti Brothers in Avon being looked into. Dave Opel will contact Sarah Fisher-O’Gara and look into possible visit there. Should know by next meeting.
- F. Club Member Profile
 - a. May – Scott Oller
 - b. June – Jeff Placer has volunteered – he has recently purchased a new Toy.
 - c. July – Need a volunteer

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

- A. IMC Meeting date for November will be the 30th.
- B. Need volunteers for Show and Tell

C. Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Crawmer, seconded by Ron Kriech, the motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.
Respectfully submitted by Dave Opel



June Birthdays:

- Elaine Berkowitz, 6-2
- J. L. Mays, 6-14
- Bob Thomas, 6-14
- David Stephenson, 6-15
- Steve Haug, 6-19
- Grant McBee, 6-21
- Jack Hooper, 6-22
- Randi Edgerton, 6-23
- Michelle Haug, 6-24
- Carlton Brock, 6-29
- Ken Mosier, 6-30

June Anniversaries:

- Mel and Barbara Crane, 6-2
- Ed and Mary Leyes, 6-8
- Stephen and Cathleen Claycomb, 6-12
- Scott and Janet Oller, 6-12
- Glenn and Tami Keilman, 6-20
- Brian and Elaine Berkowitz, 6-25
- Tom and Teresa Kelly, 6-25

Congratulations to all!

Tattler's Corner



Please let Tom Kelly (tomvkelly@aol.com) and/or Jan Peel (Jpeel83719@aol.com) know if anything interesting should be noted in the next newsletter!



FOR SALE

From Rick Zimmerman: For Sale 17x9 Motor Metal Chrome Rims \$750 for set (5) like new
Rick Zimmerman 317-374-6718



I know this is a little late but Belated Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our club.



And an early Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in our club.

2017 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

Jan	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Feb	10-12	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	
	23	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	25	Fri		Ohio Motor Sports Expo/Winter Swap Meet	Ohio State Fairgrounds	
Mar	3	Fri	TBD	Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trade Show		Evan Springer
	4-5	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Evan Springer
	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Apr	13	Thur	6:30pm	Car Art Signs Tour – 402 Main St	Beech Grove	
Apr	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
May	6	Sat		Cinco de Mopar	Lafayette, IN	
	16-21	Tue-Sun		Mecum Auto Auction – 30 th Anniversary	IN State Fairgrounds	
	19-21	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic	National Trail Raceway	
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jun	14-17	Wed-Sat		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet – Lincoln Nebraska – For info contact Jan Peel		
Jun	24-July 2			The Great Race – Will be in Franklin IN June 27		
Jun	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jul	8	Sat	TBD	Fletcher CDJR/IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Aug	11-13	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH	Tom Kelly
	24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	tbd	Sun	12p-4p	FCA Kokomo Transm. Plant 2017 Cruz-In	Kokomo, IN	Dave Watt
Sep	1	Fri		DSR Open House Invitation	Brownsburg	
	9	Sat	12-3:30	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	
	15-16	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Tom Kelly
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Sept	30	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – VICTORY FIELD	Indianapolis IN	
Oct	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2018 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Nov	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Election night for 2018 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Dec	16	Sat	5pm	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom

TBD: To Be Determined (dates or time not yet finalized)