



# Indy Mopar Club News



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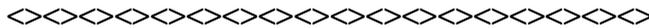
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

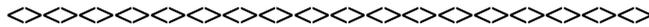
**Next regular meeting: November 21, 2019**, will be held at *MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street* Indianapolis (US 31- N of Southern Plaza between Sumner & National). Meet for dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. A Map Quest link is available on the IMC website – [www.indymoparclub.com](http://www.indymoparclub.com).



### Presidents Message

Hi folks, I GOT SNOWED IN. What a start for November. At least my tractor was up to clearing the driveway. I did not make it to Garlit's car show. It was raining that particular time, so I decided to make the Turkey Rod Run. If this cold weather persists, it will be a good break.

Bob Thomas



### Carlisle Chrysler Nationals July 12-14, 2019, Carlisle PA

I don't exactly have a formal Bucket List, but if I did, the Carlisle Chrysler Nationals would have been written in and underlined. I have heard about this show, seen it in the magazines and wanted to attend for years. I also wanted to see if it lived up to everyone's claim of it outshining the Mopar Nats.

This year became the one I had to attend. It was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the '69 models and was to include one of the largest groups of A12 '69-1/2 Lift-off Hood Road Runner 440-6BBL and Super Bee 440 Six Packs in one location for many years. Throw in some factory 440 Darts and Cudas and I knew I had to be there. Fellow IMC members Dave Watt, Mike Leyes and friend Seth Jones were taking their A12 cars, so I recruited 3 of my brothers and made reservations. As a side note, should you decide to attend, lodging is much the same as the Mopar Nats. Reserve early or you will need to stay a good distance away or get on a cancellation list.

We left on the Thursday before the three-day event (July 12, 13 and 14) so we could be there bright and early Friday morning for the show. We met up with Dave, Mike, Seth & Jeff Ancil along the way. Quite a caravan, four A-12s & my Hemi RR. We all stayed at the same hotel in Mechanicsburg PA. The next morning Dave led us into town the back way to save some traffic hassle as he had attended in the past.

As the show is held at the Carlisle Fairgrounds in the town of Carlisle PA, as opposed to the Nats being held more rural at National Trail Raceway in Hebron OH, the atmosphere was quite a bit different. As we drove towards the gates, there were lots of people sitting out in front of their homes, Girl Scouts with Hot Dog & Soft Drink tables along the sidewalks, people congregating and enjoying the 'state fair type' venue. There is no drag strip at Carlisle, so the background noise was vastly different. You could actually hear the PA announcements.

We had earlier entered the facility on Thursday night upon arrival because Mike and Dave dropped off their cars in the A12 Display area. With my brothers, Dan, Jim and Rick, we went looking for my display area in the show field, so we'd know where to setup the next day to display my '68 Road Runner. This is one of the major differences from the Nats. At Carlisle, cars are segregated on the fairgrounds by model. All the '68 Road Runners park in a designated location, the '67 Dodge R/Ts in their own area, the '70 Barracudas in their own area, etc., etc. As my brothers and I attend events together along with friends, and we all have different Mopars, we would not be able to park

together at Carlisle as we do at the Nats. This was not an issue this year as we only took my Road Runner, but the jury is still out on this set up.



Mike Leyes A12 RR



Rows of A12 Mopars



Seth Jones A12

The opposite view is that if you have a specific model that you love & are drawn to, you do get to see all of them in the same area instead of walking the entire grounds as at the Nats where you are still likely to miss one of your favorites. The variety of vehicles was also better than the Nats. As each model had their own area, more recognition resulted in more obscure Mopars you don't typically see at one event. All years of Mopar trucks, SRT4s, LeBarons, Miradas, as well as vintage 30s, 40s and 50s were well represented along with every imaginable muscle car. The new Challengers, Magnums, Chargers and Chrysler 300s had their own areas as well. Something for everyone!



Australian Valiant Ute



'62 Plymouth 383-343 HP



'70 Shaker Cuda

Where Carlisle did excel was both the food vendors and swap meet vendors. The food is more along the line of a state fair. Multiple vendors and incredible menu choices. Their Food Court is under their grandstands and had a huge shaded area full of picnic tables. Everything was somewhat reasonably priced for this type of event and again, so many choices we walked back and forth numerous times deciding what to eat.



Kellys with Motor Trend Magazine 62 Dodge 413



Herb McCandles driven Sox & Martin Pro Stock Duster

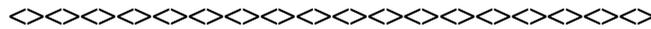
The Swap meet space & number of vendors did greatly exceed that of the Nats. Carlisle also has a nice area indoors for vendors as well. It had a flea market feel to it and was also a good place to get out of the heat of the day. Items were varied in this area, both automobilia and craft & jewelry

items the ladies found of interest. They did have a separate huge tent, the **Women's Oasis**, with health & beauty seminars, food prep ideas, crafts, vendors, free Pedicure and Manicures and a Tiki Bar. There were also kid's events and activities, so they are catering to the entire family.

The Dodge Thrill Rides were also set up at the fairgrounds for a quick drifting ride in a Hellcat. We were a little upset we missed the Daisy Duke contest but did see the 'Queen' walking the show field later!

We had a great time and have already make hotel reservations for next year to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the '70 models including the E-body Cudas and Challengers. The travel time obviously is a downside as you're looking at a 9 to 10-hour drive from Indy. Also take a few extra bucks for the Pennsylvania Turnpike (\$33 each way as I recall). But don't let that stop you; it's an awesome show!

Submitted by Tom Kelly - November 2019



### **The Mopar Nationals ("The Nats") August 9-11 2019, Hebron OH.**

As much as I loved the Carlisle show, and despite many who now complain about the Mopar Nationals' issues and declining attendance, I still enjoy this event. I've been going to this show since 1984, in a variety of different locations and plan to continue to attend as long as I'm still walking or driving!

Mother nature was a bit fickle this year as it has been occasionally in the past. Brother Jim and I arrived Wednesday morning as usual at the adjacent campground because they don't take reservations. Their power/water hookups are "first come/first serve" so we get there early. The good news about this campground is it is now owned by the National Trails Racetrack. Hopefully there will be infrastructure improvement in the future to this previously 'marginal at best' facility. The only reason we've stayed there in the past is convenience since it is next door to the track. The facilities can only improve with new ownership.

Our weekend lodging hosts, Ginger & Rick Zimmerman are not able to arrive until Thursday each year so Jim & I put up a tent for the first night. Wednesday was a beautiful day and evening so once Thursday morning dawned, we dismantled the tent to make space for their motorhome. Once they rolled in Thursday afternoon, we took a trip over to the track to wander as vendors set up. Each year, more & more people stake/tape-off areas in the fun field for Friday. We discussed and decided to do the same and staked down our shelter frames. This was unfortunate as we later found out. Rick & Ginger's pop-up fabric was riveted to the frame so we left it partially collapsed so wind would not damage it. We did not know that it was not a few gusts that would descend on Hebron but the gales of hell clocking 70+ mph straight line winds. We were listening to limbs of the campground trees rake across the motorhome and looking in amazement as a horizontal wall of water washed across everything we could see. When it finally stopped, we saw tents collapsed or torn down throughout the campground. We headed to the track again and Rick & Ginger's pop-up was nowhere to be found. We later heard many people in the swap and vendor spaces had people hanging on their tent frames to hold them down. Rick Allison of A & A Transmission saw awnings flying like kites and said the winds were lifting one of his 250lb employees off the ground as they held down his awning enclosure. In the end, the winds did collapse some professionally installed rental tents for some of the exhibitors but thankfully no major damage to anyone's cars that we are aware of.

In spite of this disaster, it was nice to see people jumping in to help others repair & cleanup throughout the grounds. That's the cool thing about these events, there is camaraderie among the Mopar crowd.

And as nasty as that weather incident was, the balance of the weekend was very pleasant. The cars came back out & were shined up, new awnings purchased & installed, and the show went on. IMC members that attended the Mopar Nats that hung out together out in the Fun Field or that we ran into included the Kelly's, the Zimmerman's, Steve & Chad Wisdom, Bob Thomas & Tim DeWitt, Dave Watt, Mike Leyes, Bob Vorpe, and former member Kent Wallace and friend Mark

Graver from Michigan. Dave Sanders, Brian Berkowitz, Bud Mounce, Bill Bratton & their group brought their new Challengers & set up closer to the track & the midway action.

The Midway was sparse this year compared to past. The entire show, swap & car corral seemed smaller than in the past but still provided a great collection of cars to check out and a leisurely time to spend with friends. There were a group of famous former Mopar racers with their cars in attendance including a couple of my favorites, Butch Leal (California Flash, Super Stock & Pro Stock) and Carroll Fink (Fink Brothers '71 Super Stock Cuda). Some of the Rod Shop Mopars & the Motown Missile cars were on display as well. A really cool '69(?) Dodge D-100 Sweptline with a matching turquoise Shasta travel trailer was also displayed and decked out with period correct camp gear.



<--- 69 D100  
with Shasta  
Trailer  
  
Dodge Hauler ->



64 Hemi Plymouth



Carroll Fink's Super Stock Cuda



Viper ACR

And of course, who could resist getting their picture taken with Claudia, former Mopar Performance poster girl from the '80s. I had my picture taken with her back then and I must say she has held up considerably better than yours truly!



57 Dodge



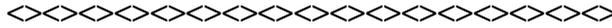
Rod Shop Pro Stock



<--- Tom Kelly with Claudia - Past Miss Direct Connection Poster Girl.  
To all IMC Members:  
Don't show this picture to Teresa!!!

Well now I have two major out-of-town Mopar shows to attend again next year. Yes, both are different but both well worth seeing!

Submitted by Tom Kelly  
November 2019



### **Indy Mopar Club Meeting Minutes Meeting October 31, 2019**

#### **WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by our President Bob Thomas.

Those attending were Bob Thomas, Chuck & Linda Butler, Ronda Cherry, Steve Claycomb, Dick Crawmer, Tim Dewitt, Brian Harrell, Rick Kelly, Tom Kelly, Ron Kriech, David Opel, Jeff Platzer, Randy Smith, Evan Springer, Sam & Sandra Willard, and Steve Wisdom. Members invited to talk about their automobiles. Chuck Butler has a complete set of Weathertech floor mats for a 2014-2020 Jeep Cherokee.

#### **Secretary's Report – Dave Opel**

- A. Minutes from the September meeting were accepted as read with no corrections.
- B. A motion was made by Bob Thomas, seconded by Jeff Platzer, the motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom**

- A. September 26, 2019 balance was \$1,655.80; October income was \$121.50; October expenses were \$50.70; October 31, 2019 Balance \$1,726.60. Flower Fund \$224.35. 58 paid members.

#### **Communication Director – Randy Smith**

- A. Randy reported that the Fletcher photos are on website. Need CD or DVD Drive. Bob Thomas to donate his drive.

#### **Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Chuck Butler**

- A. Chuck Butler gave the report for the birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulations to all.

#### **Event Calendar – Chuck Butler**

- A. Muscle Cars & Corvettes - Rosemont Illinois - November 23-24
- B. Don Garlit Museum, Ocala Florida - November 8-9 - approximately 3,000 autos expected to show.

#### **Old Business - Bob Thomas**

- A. Nominations open for 2020 Officers.
  - a. Ron Kriech was nominated for Secretary by Tom Kelly
  - b. Bob Thomas made a motion to accept and Chuck Butler seconded, the motion carried.
- B. A ballot is included with this newsletter.
- C. Voting to be held at November 21st IMC meeting. Please try to attend.
- D. Update for the IMC Christmas Party December 14, 4pm, at the Wisdom's Club house, 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood. This is always a very well attended event with lots of good food, fellowship and gift exchange. Reminder that \$20 is the maximum for the gift exchange for the Christmas Party.
- E. Steve Wisdom is to enter the hospital November 6th for surgery on torn rotator cuff at Community Hospital South. Please pray for his complete recovery

#### **Other unfinished Business - Membership**

- A. Tim Dewitt's church has agreed to furnish their lot for a car show. Tim doesn't believe a car show would be workable at this time.
- B. Jeff Platzer mentioned Gilmore Museum - North American largest museum - 400 + cars

#### **New Business – Bob Thomas**

- A. World of Wheels - February 9th at Indiana State Fairgrounds. Does IMC wish to participate?
- B. Club Newsletter Member Profile
  - a. November - Tom Kelly - Thanks for the articles and pictures.
  - b. December - Christmas Party
  - c. January - Volunteer or more Christmas?

The 50/50 raffle was won by Randy Smith who donated back to the Flower Fund.

Dick Crawmer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Wisdom. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Opel



**December Birthdays:**

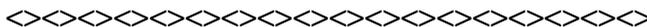
David Sanders, 12-5  
 Jeffery Andis, 12-10  
 Linda Butler, 12-15  
 Tami Keilman, 12-23  
 Chuck Butler, 12-30

Cheryl Wisdom, 12-8  
 David Shaeffer, 12-12  
 Dave Watt, 12-17  
 Jeff Platzer, 12-24

**December Anniversaries:**

Grant and Miriam McBee, 12-12

**Congratulations to all!**



**Tattler's Corner**



A certain past IMC President while walking his dog ended up in a neighboring creek. Hint - initials are ES.



**2019 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST – **TBV** – to be verified **TBD** – to be determined**

Jul	13	Sat		Fletcher CDJR/IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	Dick Crawmer
	12-14	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA	Dave Watt
	16-21	Tue-Sun		National DeSoto Club Convention	Hutchinson KS	Tom Kelly
	20-21	Sat-Sun		Belvidere Mopar Happening	Belvidere IL	Tom Kelly
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Aug	9-11	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Nat'l Trails Raceway	Columbus (Hebron) OH	Tom Kelly
	13-18	Tue-Sat		Walter P Chrysler Club National Meet	Auburn Hills MI	Tom Kelly
	13-17	Tue-Sat		Back to the Bricks Car Show	Flint MI	Tom Kelly
	17	Sat		Woodward Dream Cruise	Oakland County MI	Tom Kelly
	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
	30	Fri	9am	DSR Open House-Car Show	Brownsburg IN	Evan Springer
Sep	7	Sat		West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN (Rain Date 9-14)	Bob Thomas
	12-15	Thu-Sun		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet	St. Clair MO	Tom Kelly/Jan Peel
	13-14	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
	19-22	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Oct	5	Sat	8:30-12N	JDRF RUN/WALK - Victory Field	Indianapolis IN	Steve Wisdom
	31	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
Nov	21	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Bob Thomas
	23-24	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
Dec	14	Sat	4pm	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood	Bob Thomas

**Have a Happy Thanksgiving.**



## Ballot for 2020 Indy Mopar Club Officers

If you will not be attending the November 21<sup>st</sup> regular monthly meeting, please vote for only one of each position and return to [Indymoparclub@indymoparclub.com](mailto:Indymoparclub@indymoparclub.com) or mail to Indy Mopar Club, % Jan Peel, 5128 Rowney St, Indianapolis IN 46203. If mailed, be sure to mail this soon enough that it will be received by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

- **President (Alphabetical Order by last name)**

Dick Crawmer

Tom Kelly

Jeff Platzer

- **Vice President - Unopposed**

Chuck Butler

- **Treasurer - Unopposed**

Steve Wisdom

- **Secretary (Alphabetical Order by last name)**

Ron Kriech

Dave Opel

- **Communications Director - Unopposed**

Randy Smith - Unopposed