



Indy Mopar Club News

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

Next regular meeting: July 30, 2020 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.



Welcome to new Members Matthew and Heather McClain, Brownsburg, 2014 Charger R/T Black top



Note from the IMC President:

Hello all. Hope everyone is doing well and in good spirits as the virus continues to disrupt our ‘normal’ routine. It is still a strange new world out there.

My brothers Dan, Jim and I just returned from the ‘Chryslers at Carlisle’ show and witnessed firsthand some of the new normal practices for upcoming out of state car shows. The first recommendation would be to check the recommendations or requirements for the states you travel and the event you will be attending. Many establishments require face masks before entering. We found one McDonalds that were still closed with drive-through service only. We found some Interstate Rest Areas also still closed. Plan your bathroom stops accordingly! The large truck stops thankfully had restrooms available. I’ll have a newsletter article with pictures of Carlisle in the next newsletter. Overall, attendance & vendors was estimated at about 80% of last year because of the virus situation. It was still an incredible show and we had a great time. Highly recommended if you’ve never attended.

We kicked around some ideas for activities in light of both of our official Club Cruise-ins being cancelled this year. Our two planned museum trips are still on hold as both the IMS and Dayton Airforce Museum were still closed when I check prior to our last meeting. There was discussion if the members had interest in attending existing local cruise-ins as a group. There was also discussion if there was interest in a Club cruise to an Indiana State Park with a ‘pack your own’ picnic. We would be able to keep our social distance but still have some camaraderie with our fellow members. See the meeting minutes in this newsletter for more details. We’ll nail down some dates at the next meeting and also watch your email for some spontaneous get togethers at current local cruises.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Please stay safe and healthy!

Tom Kelly IMC Club Pres.



Dick & Dorinda Crawmer's Mopar Adventure

Ever since my youth I have had an interest in cars of all kinds. As a kid, my brothers and I would try to guess the make and year of all the cars we would see while riding in my mother's car. We never had any special cars growing up as Mom was a widow with 5 kids and times were rather lean.

As a teenager, I, like most of us, dreamed of having a car-the ultimate freedom. Upon graduating and getting a full time job, I purchased my first car. A friend from school had a 57 Desoto with a hemi with dual quads which I thought was the coolest car imaginable! However I found out in a few days it had a warped head and blew out two head gaskets. Rebuilding the heads was a bit out of my budget so I traded for a 58 Plymouth. Thus began a many-year history of trading and/or buying cars of several makes-usually Mopars or Pontiacs.

I had dreamed for years of a classic car but life got in the way. Being married with 2 boys, a construction job mostly doing service work on 24/7 call, several years as a volunteer fireman also on 24/7 call, a home and family to take care of etc left me with insufficient time and money to pursue that dream.

Upon retirement, I finally decided, with Dorinda's blessing, to start looking for an "old car", eventually settling on the 67 Charger and then joining Indy Mopar Club. We attended cruise-ins, car shows, and of course IMC meetings. We enjoyed driving and showing the Charger - a rather unique car. Of course, we soon found out maintaining and further refinements for a low production vehicle was a rather expensive affair, tending to cause us to be reluctant to drive much except local events for fear of breakdowns or expensive repairs. After about 11 years of ownership, we considered selling the Charger and getting something else. Finally finding a buyer for the right price, the Charger shipped off to Connecticut and we were back in the market.



Dorinda and Dick at 2019 Fletcher/IMC Cruise-In

My dream car was a winged late 50's Mopar convertible. It didn't take long to realize that was only a dream-a very expensive dream! After a good deal of online searching, I had found 2 possibilities-a 65 Plymouth Sport Fury with a cross ram 413 and a 2010 Challenger R/T with a supercharged hemi. Both were offered by the same consignment dealership. It was a difficult decision as I was very attracted to both and both were in the same price range. We were interested in something that we would enjoy driving more and getting more use from. In talking to the dealer, he suggested the Challenger would probably be more suitable as the Plymouth had basically a racing engine, no power steering, air conditioning etc. In talking with several members of the club, most gave the same advice.

Off to Atlanta we flew to check out the Challenger. Fortunately my brother lived near Atlanta so we had free lodging! We fell in love with the car, purchased it and had it shipped to Martinsville, arriving in the rain of course. The arrival was on my birthday, so all kids and grandkids wanted a ride, which I gladly provided, but with wet roads couldn't really let er rip.

A while later, I finally had a chance to try out things. The first thing I noticed was that, upon hard acceleration, the tires would begin to spin and then the car would bog down-in first and second gear - then run fine. Great! Now I apparently had bought a lemon and, of course, no warranty. Upon discussing the issue with club members, I contacted Rahal Racing who suggested either computer or transmission problem and made an

appointment to bring it in. Great! Now I was likely looking at dumping a bunch of money into a car I had just bought. However, looking through some of the paperwork in the trunk, I came across the ones for the supercharger. One thing I noticed right away was a blurb saying the antilock brakes system was set at factory settings and the additional horsepower could be an issue. So I shut off the antilocks and tried again. Lo and behold, the tires would spin through first and second gear. The antilock system had been activated by spinning tires as the horsepower was considerably more than pre-supercharger. An extremely inexpensive and welcome fix! We are now enjoying driving to town and participating in cruise-ins and the few car shows available during the pandemic. We can now enjoy air conditioning, cruise control comfortable ride, much better gas mileage and, most importantly, peace of mind.



Well, it's look it over time.
Is it worth it?
Will we really like it?
Hmmm!
Dick is taking lots of pictures!
Guess that's the deciding factor!

What is all
this "stuff"?
Looks pretty
good if
confusing.
Still don't
know.
Maybe think
a little more?



Nope, decision is made. See that smile??? It's going to be ours!!! We will sure enjoy it.



Respectfully, Dick and Dorinda Crawmer



IMC Meeting Minutes, June 25, 2020

Dan Kelly took minutes as Ron Kriech was absent.

Meeting was called to order by Tom Kelly at 7:00pm.

Ronda signed in members as Jan Peel was unable to attend.

Members were asked to introduce themselves and let the group know how they had been occupying their time during the 'stay at home' time we've been experiencing. Lots of interesting stories came from that topic.

There were no additions or changes to the published Minutes from our last meeting so it was accepted and seconded.

Steve Wisdom handed out the Treasurer's Report. June 25 balance after expenses and dues is \$1848.71. Steve sent a Donation in Char Cochran's memory to the American Greyhounds group and wind-chimes to the Bob Rosenberger Family for his mother's service, and wind-chimes to Bob Jones's family in remembrance, all from the Club's Flower Fund. A collection was taken at the meeting as the fund was down to \$69.65.

Randy Smith was absent from the meeting at the advice of his doctor so Tom Kelly read his Communications Report email. Nothing new on web site, facebook, etc. Randy did write that there is an October 9 Hops & Vines Fest in Franklin should there be interest. There is a Cruise-in, live music, beer-wine garden and a movie at the Aircraft Theater. Randy has offered to coordinate the event if interest by the club. We will discuss further and decide at the July meeting.

Chuck Butler read Birthdays and Anniversaries for April, May, June & July as meetings were cancelled where those would have been read.

Dave Opel announced in the meeting that he & Donna will be getting married on August 1, 2020. Congratulation were shouted out by the members!

Chuck discussed the upcoming activities and we reviewed that the management for Fletcher and Westgate have cancelled the Cruise-Ins due to the public health situation. Both expressed interest in sponsoring again for 2021. Evan Springer contacted Old Cars Weekly to let them know our cruises were cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Kelly had checked on both the IMS Museum and the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum and found both still closed to public at that time. Tom noted most national Chrysler car shows (Airflow, Walter P Chrysler Club, DeSoto Club) were being cancelled for 2020. It was noted that the Woodward Cruise in Detroit was also cancelled. At the time, Chryslers at Carlisle and the Mopar Nationals in Columbus OH were still scheduled.

Newsletter article volunteers were requested.

Dick Crawmer will send a Profile for JULY Newsletter.

Tom Kelly will do a write-up on Carlisle for AUGUST

Dan Kelly will submit an article for SEPTEMBER.

Thanks to Randy and Ann Smith for their article on their fascinating trip to Japan in the JUNE Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Kelly asked if there was interest in a Club Display at the 2021 World of Wheels Car Show. It was noted the IMC won Best Club Display in 2010 & 2011 so this would take some time in planning & completing. A decision will need to be made very soon. Evan Springer said he'd be willing to help and about half of the members expressed interest in having a display. We will discuss and decide at the next meeting.

There is no update on Indy JDRF Walk. The Spring event at Holiday World that we had considered was cancelled. Steve Wisdom will get an update on the Indy Fall event for next meeting.

Evan Springer will check if the Don Schumacher Open House that the Club attends on Friday of Labor Day Weekend will be scheduled this year.

There was discussion if Club attendance at already established local Cruise-ins was of interest. It was noted that:

Lowes Avon is every Saturday evening,

Danville Town Square is the first Friday of each month,

Frankfort IN is the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month,

Washington Square (two locations) is every Friday with the one at Washington and German Church the larger of the two.

Also Martinsville and Mooresville have cruise-ins every Friday night.

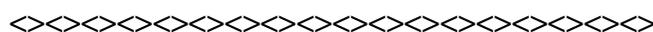
The Mooresville show had a lot of discussion but no agreement at this meeting. Tom suggested we just throw some future dates out and hopefully many can make it. Watch for email from the Club.

Tom also asked if interest in a Cruise to a State Park with a 'pack your own' picnic so social distancing can be maintained. There was interest so vote taken to determine local park (Danville, Eagle Creek, Plainfield, etc.) versus mid distance State Park (McCormick's Creek, Turkey Run, etc.). The group voted for a mid-distance State Park; a Saturday versus a Sunday outing was also preferred. A State Park site will be chosen and this event will be scheduled in the near future.

A motion was made to adjourn the Meeting and it was seconded shortly after 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Kelly





Jeff Platzer at the SUDS



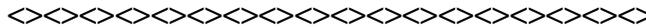
August 2020 Birthdays:

- Dorinda Crawmer, 8-5
- Melissa Quakenbush, 8-6
- Stephen Claycomb, 8-11
- Sam Willard, 8-14
- Sandy DeWitt, 8-25

August Anniversaries:

- Carlton and Regina Brock, 8-11
- Chuck and Linda Butler, 8-23

Congratulations to all!

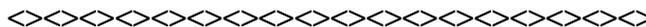


Tattler's Corner



While putting the news letter together it can sometimes be a challenge. It can also be a learning experience for both myself and the "profiler", as it was this month. My thanks to Dick Crawmer who patiently put up with my frustration.

With the Coronavirus on everyone's mind be careful where you go, who you are with, and stay safe. We hope to see some of you at our regular meeting time and place. Yay!

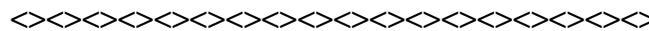


2020 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST – TBV – to be verified TBD – to be determined-updated by Tom Kelly

Mar 6	Fri		Indy Cyl Hd Show Set-up		Ronda Cherry
7-8	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly
← 26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly ▶
Apr 30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
May 2	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco de Mopar-Purdue Cancer Research Car Show - Lafayette, IN		Tom Kelly ▶
8-9	Fri-Sat		FAST Pure Stock Drags	US 131 Motorsports Park - Martin, MI	Dave Watt/Mike Leyes ▶
← 12-17	Tue-Sun		Mecum Collector Car Auction	IN State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly ▶
← 16-17	Sat-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic Nat'l Trail Raceway	Columbus OH	Dave Watt ▶
← 28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly ▶
Jun 17-21	Wed-Sun		Airflow Club of America 57 th National Meet	Independence, MO	Tom Kelly ▶
← 17-21	Wed-Sun		Plymouth Owners Club National Meet	Springfield, IL	Tom Kelly Jan Peel ▶
25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
Jul 11	Sat	10a-2p	Fletcher Chrysler - IMC Cruise-In	Franklin, IN	Steve Wisdom ▶
10-12	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA	Dave Watt/Tom Kelly
← 10-18	Fri-Sat		Mecum Collector Car Auction	IN State Fairgrounds	Tom Kelly ▶
← 7-29-8-2	Tue-Sun		National DeSoto Club National Meet	Brookfield, WI	Tom Kelly
30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
Aug 7-9	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS-Nat'l Trails Raceway	Columbus (Hebron) OH	Tom Kelly ▶
▶ 15	Sat		Woodward Dream Cruise (week long lead up)	Oakland County MI	Jeff Platze ▶
27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
← TBD	Tue-Sat		Walter P Chrysler Club National Meet	TBD	Tom Kelly ▶
Sep 4	Fri	TBV	DSR Open House-Car Show	Brownsburg, IN	Evan Springer
← 12	Sat	12n-3p	West Gate Chrysler /IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Chuck Buttle ▶
18-19	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI	Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
24-27	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
TBD	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK – Victory Field Baseball Stadium - Indianapolis IN		Steve Wisdom
Oct 29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2021 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
Nov 19	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg 1 week early because of Thanksgiving - Election night for 2021 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Tom Kelly
21-22	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 46142	Tom Kelly

Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccurring)

Months	Time	Name of Event / Day	Location	IMC Contact	
May thru Sept	5-9pm	Danville Cruise-In 1st Friday of Month	Danville IN Town Square	Tom Kelly	
TBV	6-9pm	Lowes Summer Cruise-in - Every Sat Night	Avon IN US 36		
TBV	TBV	Mooreville Cruise-in / TBV	Mooreville IN		
TBV	TBV	The SUDS Cruise-in / TBV	Greenwood IN		
Jun 13	Sat	9a-12p	Indpls Motor Speedway Museum Cars & Coffee	Speedway IN	Tom Kelly



Stay Safe and Stay Well