



Indy Mopar Club News



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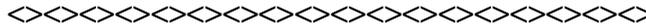
Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

CHANGE IN LOCATION ONLY FOR SEPT 24 IMC MONTHLY MEETING.

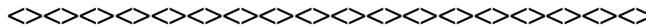
Please Note: Our Thursday September 24 IMC Monthly Meeting will be held after the Martinsville Courthouse Square Cruise-In at Dorinda and Dick Crawmer's home. Their home is a short distance from the Courthouse and directions will be given at the Cruise-in.

Please plan to attend the Cruise-in at 4:30pm then we will drive to the Crawmer's at 7:00pm for our monthly meeting. If you plan to attend notify them at dcrawmer@aol.com, or call them at 317-753-5866 so they are able to prepare for appropriate seating.

This is a September Meeting Only location change.



Welcome to new member **Ely McCalip**, from North Salem.



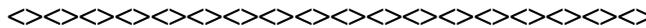
September IMC President's Message

Hope everyone is continuing to stay healthy. I'm sure everyone by now has had someone they know touched by this nasty virus. It has hit close to home for me as my youngest brother came down with it about a month ago. Most of you have not met him as he is the only one of my brothers who's not really a car guy. Though we talk by phone somewhat frequently, I had not seen him in person for a number of months. I cannot tell you how unnerving it is to hear someone that close has contracted this horrible virus. My wife and I have heard from friends that have contracted it but this is the closest it has visited to date.

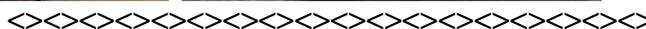
Thankfully, he has since recovered and been cleared by medical testing to return to his job at the Post Office. He is eleven years younger than me and in excellent health (with the exception of back issues my father passed along to my entire family) so it really caught me by surprise. He felt bad at work so left and called his doctor who suggested getting a Covid test. He quarantined himself at home away from his family while waiting his test results. We are so happy he did not have to go to the hospital, but his symptoms were not mild. Though he had no fever or the respiratory distress we have heard about, he said his body aches, physical exhaustion, lack of appetite and subsequent loss of taste and smell came with a vengeance.

We've had a few Club outings over the last month but as everyone gets out a little more, please continue to be vigilant with precautions. It could help keep your family or friends stay healthy.

Tom



A THANK YOU - Chuck Cochran sent a note thanking all for their thoughts, prayers and the Club's gift to his wife Char's Memorial Fund with American Greyhound rescue organization. He forwarded some beautiful pictures in tribute to his beloved wife of 68 years.



WHEN TRAVELING WITH MURPHY, BETTER TAKE A BROTHER

Over the years, I've made a lot of road trips with my brothers, particularly Tom and Jim. In most cases, we've looked back later and laughed about those adventures and some of the things that went wrong (or could have gone wrong) along the way. We've always been close though and when one of us came up with a wild idea, one or both of the others would not hesitate to go along with the plan.

There was the 24-hour marathon in 1987 when Tom was scrambling to get his '68 Hemi Road Runner back together after completely restoring it. We had worked all day and drove most of the night to make it to Quaker City Dragway to compete in Chuck Green's Pure Stock Muscle Car Race. We were still putting the interior back in it the morning of qualifications, but his efforts paid off as he made it to the 'Final Four' in elimination out of 80+ cars that year.

Then there was the time I went with brother Jim on a 36-hour marathon down to central Florida and back when he bought a 426 Max Wedge short block assembly from NHRA Stock racer Dan Dvorak. We did a 'down and back' with no sleep because as the song goes, "We had a long way to go and a short time to get there". Money was tight so why waste it on a hotel room when you could buy more car parts!

And of course, there was also the trip to Idaho in late Fall when Tom saw a 1936 DeSoto Airflow in Hemmings Motor News. That too was a marathon run so Tom could report to a new job on the following Monday. Throw in an early blizzard in Wyoming shutting down the Interstate overnight, a flat tire and few gas stations while pulling it with a V-10 Dodge 2500 and it was an exciting trip!

Now with the year '2020' turning out to be one mess after another, I decided it was the right time to relocate my residence to another state. Always looking for more sunshine, I found a good deal on a home in Pueblo Colorado that had two major selling points. First it had a new 2400 sq. ft. steel frame building to use as garage and workshop (as well as a nice house to go with it) and the other important feature was that the property backed up to my brother Jim & his wife Sue's property. A deal was made and suddenly, it's moving time again.

Now I know my brothers are getting pretty tired of helping me move all across the country, so I hesitated at even asking them. Once again though, they offered to help their 'Gypsy-like' brother cart his tons of outdated furniture and old car junk another 1100 miles across the country.

I suppose I'm a perpetual optimist and I guess that's what usually gets me into trouble. You know what they say about 'Murphy's Law'... well, he had been following me around quite a bit lately and on my first trip hauling things to Colorado, it was no different. About two hundred miles into the trip, I noticed that my dash warning lights had come on saying I had a problem with my traction control and my anti-lock systems. We were stopping for gas anyway, so I checked the brake fluid level and looked for any disconnected wires around the front calipers and hubs. I didn't see a problem, so we started out again, me pulling my overloaded 28ft enclosed trailer and Tom pulling his 24ft enclosed trailer.

As I started to pull out onto the road, I thought I heard some scraping sounds. I listened closer and although the dash lights had gone out, I thought I could still hear something from the front left wheel. Pulling onto the interstate entrance ramp, I felt a bit of a pulling in the steering wheel. We stopped at the side the road and I grabbed the left front tire and found it could be wiggled from side to side. It became obvious that the hub bearing was worn out. Luckily, we were able to creep along the shoulder of the Interstate to the next exit where I limped into a parking spot at a truck stop. Our longtime friend (and IMC club member) Ron Kriech had ridden along with Tom on this trip and between the three of us, had just about every tool packed for an emergency repair. Of course, you'd never think that you'd have to replace a front wheel hub on a 5-year-old Ram 2500 4x4 with 92,000 miles on the road. As it turned out we did have almost all the tools we needed, save for a 32mm Impact Socket to remove the spindle nut. Luckily, there was an AutoZone a mile away with the socket and while they didn't have a replacement hub in stock, they graciously offered to make a special run to pick one up for us at the warehouse in another town, an hour & a half round trip.

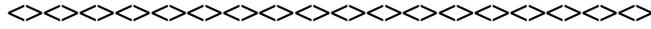


After 6 hours, a few busted knuckles and burnt forearms (from the smoking hub, rotor and caliper), we were on the road again. I did learn some valuable lessons that day though: always bring plenty of tools for anticipated repairs;

don't overload your truck & trailer; and wheel bearings can go bad without the usual tell-tale whining noises. Also, when the wheel sensor gets damaged, you have all kinds of other problems such as erratic shifting of the transmission, failure of the cruise control and the dash indicators lighting up like a Christmas tree!

The most important thing I learned though, was that if you're traveling with Murphy, it's always a good idea to have loyal brothers and friends with you as well, to help you through the tough times. I feel that I'm truly blessed to have the great brothers that I have!

Submitted by Dan Kelly, Sept 2020



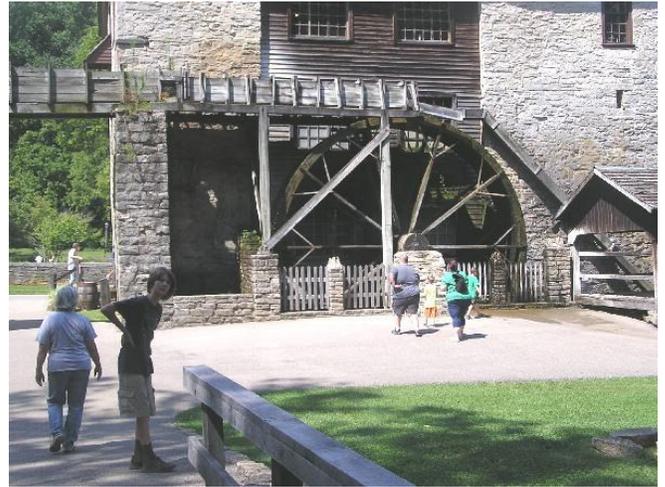
Aug 22 Spring Mill State Park Cruise-IN & Lunch

13 members of the Indy Mopar Club and Plymouth Club attended our Spring Mill State Park Cruise-In and Picnic on a beautiful August Saturday. They included Ron and Dru Kriech, Steve & Cheryl Wisdom, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Evan & Nickee Springer, Bob & Wanda Van Buskirk with grandson Seth, and Teresa & Tom Kelly. About half of the group met at the Martinsville Rural King then drove the hour south to Mitchell Indiana. We had reserved the Donaldson Shelter for our group and used it for our rendezvous spot to meet up with those that drove down later.

Part of our agenda was to tour the 'Vintage Camper Rally'. We were met at the shelter by Sara & Jim Terry, the Rally organizers. They told us we were set to drive through the campground at 2:00pm. The event had been closed to the public this year due to the Covid issue, but we were granted special permission by their group and DNR. They were looking forward to seeing our vehicles as much as we were looking forward to seeing their restored antique travel trailers and motor homes. As an extra treat, we were asked if we'd like to actually have a Cruise-In in conjunction with their Rally next year on Saturday Aug. 21, 2021 (we did discuss at the last IMC meeting and there was interest so we have our first event for next year! We hope the Plymouth Club wishes to participate as well).

With our tour schedule now set, and before eating our 'Bring Your Own Lunch', the group drove down to the Pioneer Village to tour the water-powered Grist Mill, originally built in 1817. Inside the three floors of the building were display cabinets and artifact exhibits complete with photos and documents from the era. The Mill was enormous with a huge elevated wooden trough directing spring water to the Mill's water wheel. There were numerous other interesting buildings in the Village including a Weaver's Shop, Leather Shop and Blacksmith Shop. The Village provided a really nice 'walk back in time' experience for our group.





After gathering back at the shelter and eating, most of the group drove to the astronaut Gus Grissom Memorial (a Mitchell Indiana native) on the Park Grounds. Though Teresa and I stayed at the shelter to meet anyone else that arrived late, I was told it was a remarkably interesting museum. Dick and Dorinda laughed about a portion of a fast food sandwich on display that one of the crew had hidden in his space suit and taken into orbit. I assume the maker could brag their sandwiches were 'out of this world' though the fact the crew didn't eat it all might be a point of contention! At the appointed time, we headed to the Park's swimming pool parking lot and lined up for our tour to see the vintage campers. We had been told by Sara that some of the campers had been towed by vintage vehicles and they would also join the tour parade. We were pleasantly surprised by the number and awesome collection there when we arrived.

The DNR folks graciously supplied a vehicle to lead the parade and seemed excited to see our cars as well. Though we followed the DNR truck at their pace we were frantically taking pictures of the trailers while the campers sat in their lawn chairs and took pics of us. With everyone waving back and forth, it was as nice a parade as I've ever been a part of.

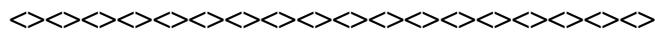




The trailers were magnificent, with their matching outdoor set ups to make their little camping spots as cozy as home! From polished aluminum Airstreams to pastel colored 'winged' Shasta's to a huge trailer similar to Lucy & Desi's trailer in the 1953 movie the "The Long Trailer", we loved them all. They were a "feast for the eye" as my brother's high school art teacher used to say!

In closing, Nickee Springer highly recommends the restaurant at the Spring Mill Inn. We walked the lobby and loved the ambiance of the grounds and facility. You might plan ahead and book for the Vintage Trailer Rally next year (August 21, 2021, weekend) for our 'Cruise-In'. That's assuming you don't purchase a vintage trailer to take there yourself!

Submitted by Tom Kelly September 2020



IMC Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2020

The August meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Tom Kelly

Those in attendance were: Tom Kelly, Chuck Butler, Steve Wisdom, Ronda Cherry, Steve Claycomb, Jeff Platzer, Bob Thomas, Dorinda Crawmer, Dick Crawmer, and Rick Zimmerman. Randy was absent due to medical circumstances and Ron Kriech was absent due to a late arriving Garage Door repairman.

Tom suggested that the secretary's report not be read since already published in the newsletter. He asked if any additions or changes. There were none so Dick Crawmer made a motion to accept and Bob Thomas seconded the motion.

Steve Wisdom read the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made and seconded. Steve also reported that IMC had 58 members at the most recent count.

Randy Smith advised through Steve Wisdom of a youngster that wanted the club to make a cruise by his home. He also asked if he could join the club even though he didn't have a car at this time. Randy offered him a club membership. A discussion was had about the requirement to have a car for membership. Rick Zimmerman said he thought in the past a car was not required but somewhere along the line that had been changed. A show of hands was made to visit the subject at a later date and vote on it.

Tom Kelly gave the communication directors report.

Chuck Butler read the birthdays and anniversaries of the club members and their wives and upcoming events for September.

Tom advised of Chuck Cochran's note thanking all for thoughts and prayers after his wife Char's passing and thanked the Club for the donation to The American Grayhound Rescue Fund.

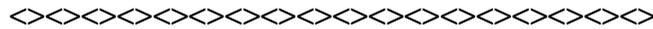
OLD BUSINESS

- A. It was decided to postpone any move at this time to prepare for the club to participate in the World of Wheels Show. Ronda has a contact person and will investigate if the show will take place.
- B. Discussion about the Discovery Commons cruise was had and the date September 12th was put on the calendar.
- C. Hops and Vines cruise was brought up and the date, October 9th, a Friday was noted.
- D. Tom discussed obtaining member's cards but nothing final was decided.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dick Crawmer reported on the Martinsville cruise-in.
- B. Steve Wisdom reported on the MOPAR Mini Nats in Freedom Indiana.
- C. Tom Kelly and Dick Crawmer reported on the Spring Mill State Park cruise-in stating that there were 13 people present with 3 being from the Plymouth club. The vintage Travel Trailer club asked if our club would like to join them for a cruise on August 21st of 2021.
- D. Our September meeting will take place at Crawmers who live in Martinsville. We will Cruise to the court House in Martinsville where we will assemble as a club and later drive to the Crawmer' home for the meeting. Members will be advised by e-mail about this change and time of the meeting.
- E. See enclosed map to the Crawmer's home. If you plan to meet at Dick & Dorinda's home please be sure and e-mail them at dcrawmer@aol.com, or call them at 317-753-5866 so they can prepare for appropriate seating.
- F. Going to IMS and the USAF museum near Dayton Ohio was postponed until next year.
- G. The club will go to Danville on the Friday September 4th cruise-in. We will meet at Two Guys Pies around 2:30-3:00, eat and then enjoy the cruise-in.
- H. The Mecum Auction is scheduled for September 29th and 30th.
- I. The Suds car show will be September 6th 9:00-2:30.
- J. A motion was made to adjourn by Bob Thomas and seconded by all.

Submitted by Chuck Butler in the absence of Ron Kriech



October 2020 Birthdays:

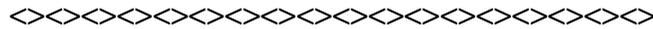


Ann Smith, 10-1	David Opel, 10-5	Patricia Patterson, 10-14
Michael Patterson, 10-20	Karen Rosenberger, 10-20	Patricia Turner, 10-21
Scott Oller, 10-27	Jack Collins, 10-30	

October 2020 Anniversaries:

Ron and Dru Kriech, 10-9	Robert and Patricia Turner, 10-16
Tim and Sandy DeWitt, 10-17	Dart and Donna Liebrandt, 10-26
David and Jackie Tays, 10-31	

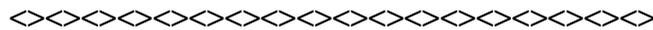
Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner



My tattler hat and magnifying glass don't seem to get around much lately. So - thanks to all the members contributions of information, reports, stories, and pictures that went into making this your newsletter.



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	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse	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 Butle
12	Sat		Discovery Commons Nursing Home	College Park Indy	Randy Smith
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	Crawmer home Martinsville	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	TBD	Tom Kelly
29-31	Thu-Sat		Mecum Classic Car Auction	Ind State Fairgrounds	Ronda Cherry
Nov 19	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg 1 week early because of Thanksgiving - Election night for 2021 Officers	TBD	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

SEPTEMBER IMC Meeting, Thursday Sept 24 will be held at the home of Dick & Dorinda Crawmer. in Martinsville. The Club will first attend the Martinsville Courthouse Square Cruise-In at 3:30pm. At 7pm, we will then drive a short distance to **Crawmer's 1065 Twin Branch, Martinsville IN 46151, for our September IMC Meeting** NOTE: this replaces the monthly IMC meeting at MCL for September only.

Friday October 9, Hops and Vines Festival, Frankfort IN. Club members will attend the Cruise-In. More details to follow.

Member Ronda Cherry reminded the group that MECUM will hold another Classic Car Auction in Indy on Oct 29-30-31. See the Mecum website for details.

The National Muscle Car Association is holding their drag race/car show at Lucas Oil Raceway (IRP for you old timers) in Clermont on Sept 24-27. See the NMCA website for details.

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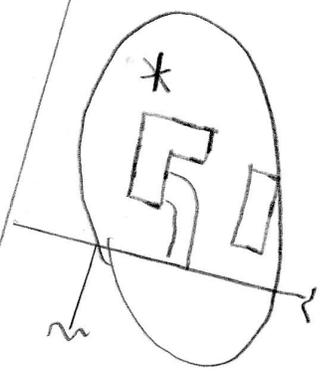
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