



Indy Mopar Club News

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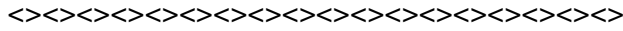
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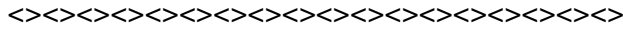
Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December

2009 schedule of events. More events and details on the way.

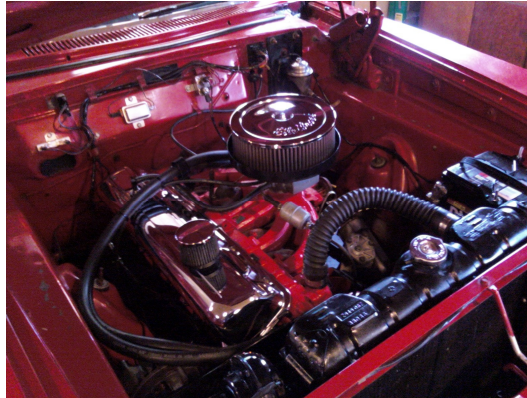
Next regular meeting: Thursday February 26, 2009 will be held at **MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East street** Indianapolis (US 31- N of Southern Plaza between Sumner & National). Meet for dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. A Map Quest link is available on the IMC website.



Welcome to new members **Brian & Elaine Berkowitz**, Avon, IN, with a 1972 Plymouth Duster. We hope to see you soon at a meeting or car show.



Bob & Kim Vorpe's 1964 Plymouth Belvedere



Hello, I'll start with a little history. The 1st Mopar I drove was my dad's 65 Dart, 2 dr post, slant six, 3 on the tree. I was 14 and learned to drive with a manual trans by burning up a 1/2 a tank of gas and making a lot of clutch smoke running up and down the driveway at home.

My dad had quite a number of Mopars over the years. When he would shop for cars, he would bring home Cudas, Chargers and Super Bee's on a test drive. He would then always end up buying a bench seat Dart or a 4 door Polara. He could put well over 100k miles on them and they still looked showroom new.

When my older brother was 16 he would borrow my dad's 68 Polara and take me for a RIDE! We didn't know it, but my dad would prop up a gallon jug of water in the trunk and only give us the ignition key. If that stupid jug wasn't standing straight up in the trunk when we got back he knew we were not treating his car with care and respect. We never could figure out just how he knew we were beating the #&!! out of it. He gave up his secret in later years.

My own 1st Mopar, was a 66 Valiant, 4 dr, 273, 2bbl, 904 a/t I bought from my grandmother. It would bark 2nd gear and smoke the little stock 13" tires all the way over the horizon. It was a legend in high school.

My brother was in high and tight with local street rod and muscle car guys. He had many many fast and nice cars of all makes and more than anyone else, taught me the value of horsepower under the hood of any clean classic car. My dad influenced my direction to Mopars. Between those two I got enough automotive enthusiasm to last me a lifetime. Furthermore my wonderful wife is helping me to fulfill that destiny with her support and understanding of what keeps us car guys rollin'.

The Mopar I would like to talk about is my 1964 Plymouth Belvedere. It is a ruby red 2dr Hardtop. It has a bench seat and an AM radio. Under the hood is the leaning tower of power (225 slant six) originally married to a 3 speed standard trans. This has now (and for the time being) been replaced with an A883 O/D 4 speed and a max wedge shifter. A 2 bbl Super Six conversion is in the works. The paint is rough but still red. The skin is thin in all four corners but with the help of just a little bondo it still retains most of its shape. The interior is clean but the bench seat upholstery has seen better days.

The car has 62k original miles and runs flawlessly. The stainless trim and chrome are very nice as well as the glass and floor pans. The car was delivered to Terre Haute IN when new. It was sold in 2003 to a man in Detroit MI where I found it in 2007 and brought in back home again to Indiana. My favorite features are the roof line, tail lights and racing history (before the factory marketed muscle cars). It is one of the most entertaining cars I have had.

The plan is to fully restore the car to a "Max Wedge" clone as best I can with the parts I can find and afford. I have all the replacement sheet metal needed to make the body correct again. As far as the drive train, there is a 1968 440hp from a GTX sitting on the shelf in the garage. It was torn down and sent out for machine work. I nearly fell over when Napa told me it's cylinders were still within standard specs and did not need to be bored out. The crank cleaned up to standard on the mains and polished to .001" on the rod journals. The 906 heads were freshened up. It's all ready to go back together and should make a great 426 clone motor. I just need to come up with the \$4k for the Max Wedge "go faster" goodies. I have a 23 spline BB 4 speed that needs to be gone through and a complete 3.55 Suregrip Dana 60 rear-end with springs from a 67 GTX.

Some day when it all comes together, I hope it will make a worthy addition to all the really fine Mopars that the members of the Indy Mopar Club own and maintain. For now it's about driving the car and having fun with good friends.

Mopar projects, when ya have the time- ya don't have the money and when ya have the money --- ya go buy another MOPAR!

My wife Kim and I hope everyone has a great car cruisin' summer. Thanks and God Bless!

Author – Bob Vorpe

Indy Mopar Members' News

Pat Mosier is recuperating from 1-1/2 weeks in the hospital for back surgery. We hope she will soon be back on her feet as we need to see her familiar smiling face at the car shows. Our prayers go out for you.

At the World of Wheels John Bauer's Barracuda won an Outstanding Paint award and Best In Class. Congratulations!

If anyone is interested in sharing a 10' X 20' swap space at the Mopar swap meet on March 7-8 at the State Fairgrounds, John Bauer does not need it anymore. Please e-mail him at bauerconstruction@tds.net or call him at 317-769-3312 for more information.

Stan Peel is presently battling cancer, has had 10 Radiation Treatments and 1 session of 3 days of Chemo with more Chemo every 3 weeks. He is handling it pretty well so far with few side effects other than loss of hair. He told Dr. Cooper "I'm 72, who cares?" We're taking each day as it comes and are blessed with so many friends sending out prayers. Thanks to each and every one of you, Jan & Stan Peel

If you haven't already done so, remember to send your 2009 dues to Mike Leyes, Treasurer.

INDY MOPAR CLUB Monthly Meeting Secretary Report January 29, 2009 7:00 PM

Welcome and sign-in: Steve Wisdom, President

Steve brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked all members and guests to introduce themselves and tell about their car(s). 34 members and 1 guest attended.

Attendees were: John & Carol Ann Bauer, Bill Bratton, Carlton & Regina Brock, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Rick & Susan Eilert, Tony Fields, Tom Kelly, Ken & Debbie Komlanc, Mike Leyes, Larry & Susan Mayes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Jim Parker, Stan & Jan Peel, Bob & Karen Rosenberger, Bob Schonegg, Ken & Sharon Scobel, Chris Usher, Bob Vorpe, Dave Watt, Thomas Williams, Steve Wisdom and guest Jeff Ancil.

Secretary's Report: Karen Rosenberger

Karen gave the highlights of the November 20, 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Leyes

Mike gave the treasurer's report as of January 29, 2009.

Beginning balance was \$2,374.77

January income was \$1,030.00

January expenses were \$30.00

Ending balance is \$3,374.77

Currently, we have 48 members in the club

Event Calendar: John Bauer

Nothing at this time.

Event Advertising: Pat & Pat McKarski – not present

Communications Report: Dave Watt

Nothing new for the website. If you have anything new you want to put on site, e-mail or call Dave.

Old Business: Steve Wisdom

A. Club Profile for Newsletter and Website

1. February - Bob Vorpe
2. March - Bud and Debbie Mounce
3. April - Dave Watt

B. Christmas Party - 73 people signed up to attend the Christmas party, 55 attended. Leftovers were donated to the White River Fire Department to donate to those in need.

C. 50/50 tickets were sold by Bob Rosenberger - \$56 dollar total - won by Bob Schoenig.

New Business: Steve Wisdom

A. 2009 Club Shirts --- Voted on colors for 2009 shirts.

1. Rallye Red 7
2. Hemi Orange 8
3. Burnt Orange 0
4. B5 Blue 9
5. Top Banana 6
6. Ivy Green 1
7. Plum Crazy 0

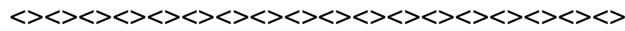
Top 3: B5 Blue, Hemi Orange and Rallye Red. Vote was then taken on top 3.

1. B5 Blue 12
2. Hemi Orange 11
3. Rallye Red 8

2009 Shirt will be B5 Blue with a white graphic/logo

B. World of Wheels (February 13-15) -- there are still some openings. Last heard, they were approximately 60 cars down.

- C. March Swap Meet (March 7 & 8) -- Sign-up sheet to work tables and take tickets at door was passed around.
 - D. Membership Cards --- Larry Mayes will have new cards printed.
 - E. By-laws -- Discussion took place regarding changing by-laws regarding cost of membership at end of year. Voted in past that if someone joined at the last show of year, then membership was good through the next year. However, by-laws not written that way. It was agreed that membership fee should be prorated. After September 30, pay \$10 to join; then in January pay \$30 for the yearly membership. Dave Watt will make change to by-laws and on website. Agreed by majority.
 - F. 2009 Open Car Shows
 - 1. Palmer Dodge May 2, 2009 (West Side location) May not be able to donate as much as in year's past.
 - 2. Fletcher Chrysler June 20, 2009
 - 3. Danville Chrysler September 19, 2009
 - G. Judging at Car Shows -- Discussion took place regarding judging at car shows --- dealership judging or participant judging. Agreed by majority that dealership would do judging. Top 20 and specialty trophies.
 - H. 2009 Membership Application - Jessica McCormick took on task of having a quantity printed and folded.
- Respectfully submitted,
Karen Rosenberger, Secretary



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries



March Birthdays: Teresa Kelly, 3-2; Estelle Claycomb, 3-4; Mark Fields, 3-6; Diane Turpen, 3-12; Ken Komlanc, 3-18; Pat Mosier, 3-20; Sue Kelly, 3-29.

March Anniversaries: Verne & Phyllis Williams, 3-9; Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, 3-14; Julia & Bob Schonegg, 3-14; Dave & Terry Fishburn, 3-19; Pat & Pat McKarski, 3-23; John & Brenda Heeringa, 3-24. Congratulations to all!

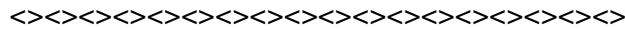


Upcoming Events – *Indy Mopar Club and others***

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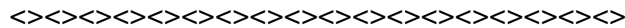
Parts for Sale

Mopar parts for sale: A,B and C body axle/housings, Slant six parts-(almost anything ya need). Slant six 4 spd bell housing and O/D trans. 66/67 B body SS trim and wiring harnesses, frt bumper brackets, factory AM/FM radio, rear and side glass. 67-69 Cuda bumper cores/ brackets and frt plate bracket. Stock Iron 4 bbl intakes. New A body super stock rear springs, 70-73 A body rear bumper brackets. E body frt bucket seat brackets (not rusted). Many new (not remanufactured) stock electronic and points distributors --- lots of stuff. (317) 753-8385 – Brownsburg IN 46112

Edelbrock carburetor rebuilding service: \$75 labor plus rebuild kit and any needed parts. Local pickup, delivery, removal and installation service available as well. (317) 753-8385 – Brownsburg IN 46112

Tattlers Corner

Bob Schonegg won the 50/50 raffle. I thought sure he was going to share it but, alas, he decided to keep it for himself. Now I ask you, is that team spirit?



Reminder from your Co-Editor Jan Peel

I would appreciate any news about our members that have attended other events and/or have had their cars or stories in other publications. This is your newsletter, help me make it an even better one by sharing this kind of information so it can be published. You can contact me by E-mail jpeel83719@aol.com or call me at 317-357-5760 or send it to me by mail: Jan Peel, 5128 E Rowney St, Indianapolis IN 46203-3741. (Complaints may also be handled this way.)



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