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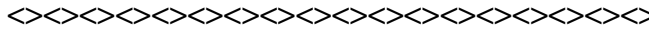
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, July 31, 2014 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.



Future Feature... Ron Kriech's 1964 big block Plymouth

I volunteered Ron Kriech to write this month's article since he's just started a new project and joined the club this year. We've been buddies since early teens, so I told him I'd help craft this tale. He foolishly gave me editorial license, some bullet points and photos.

So here we go... Young Ron Kriech was born in the middle of a hurricane, deep in the Bayou. He wrestled gators and snakes until he was five when he got bored kicking their butts.... Oh, ok, I guess I better stick to his bullet points instead of my poor memory.

Ron's dad Bill was a drag racer/gear head as a young man so no surprise it rubbed off on Ron as a kid. Included here are pics of Ron's dad and a few pics his dad took at the 1956 NHRA US Nationals held in Kansas City.



Ron's current project is a 1964 Plymouth 2 door Sedan. He purchased it from my brother Dan when he moved to Florida. It is a wide block 318 originally but like all car fanatics, that's not enough power! From what Ron's read, a big block should bump its value another \$10k once restored as well as be a lot more fun to cruise.



Ron picked up a 1962 413-4bbl engine out of Austin, Indiana. He and brother Jim have now torn it down and taken it to a machine shop. Ron has just procured a big block pushbutton transmission out of a St. Louis junkyard courtesy of his nephew Andy. Arrangements have already been made for the body work to be started after Ron strips the body to the shell and media blasts it. He's shopping for a soda blaster now to get that process started.

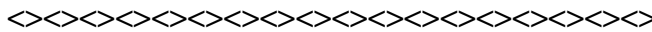


A Competition Cam torque grind has been chosen that will allow some low end cruising power with a stock converter and 3.23 gears. The Plymouth will be stripped of side chrome to look like a Savoy instead of a Belvedere and will be painted solid red with a red interior. The body man, who also finished brother Jim's former 1963 Plymouth Wagon has promised to deliver the body in a one year timeframe.

The engine will be bored .030, balanced, assembled and broken in on Jim's engine run-in stand. Ron's machine shop has a dyno so he may take it back after assembly for some dyno tuning to ready it for its gorgeous new red home.

As progress is made, Ron will send in new pics as his new love (besides his wife Dru) takes shape. In the interim, Ron and Dru can still cruise in the '50 Chevy Sedan his dad/mentor/best friend left him when he passed away this past May.

Author ~~~~Tom Kelly/Ron Kriech



From the Club President:

Not sure where the summer has gone but here we are in late July already. Some very nice events coming up soon so don't forget to check out the Club website for the calendar of events. Hard to believe but the Mopar Nationals in Columbus OH is now less than a month away.

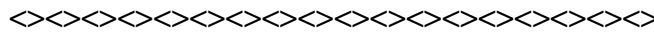
Speaking of 'nationals', I attended the WPC (Walter P. Chrysler) Club Annual National Meet in Auburn Hills, Michigan on July 12. I will also attend the National Meet for the DeSoto Club Sat the 19th in Ft. Wayne so will have a nice pre-dinner slide show at the July 31 IMC meeting at the MCL. Always interesting to see the variety of vehicles that Chrysler Corp has produced from 1924 to present and at these national events you get that opportunity.

Thanks this month to Steve Wisdom for getting us his Clubhouse for our Dec 7 (6pm) Christmas Party at no cost. A big thanks as well to Evan Springer for stepping in as Club VP and scheduling a visit to the Ray Skillman muscle car collection this fall (more details to come). Also, Ken Mosier/Finer Details has asked to bump his club cookout one week to Sept 27 so he can have a band available to play during his event. It will be a great time so pencil it in and we'll have more specifics soon.

We got the word from Bob Davidson at Westgate Chrysler that the Cruise-in is set for 12 noon to 3:30p on Sat Sept 6. We helped raise \$1100 at this show last year for JDRF and Bob has high hopes to exceed this year. See the newsletter and our website for more.

Well, keep enjoying the summer, be safe and see you at MCL on the last Thursday of each month!

Tom Kelly
July 2014



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, JUNE 26, 2014

PRESIDENT TOM KELLY brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. Attending were Jeff Ancil, Jeff Andis, Bill Bratton, Ronda Cherry, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Ron Kriech, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Dave Opel, Rick Ordo, Jan Peel, Dave Sanders, Randall Smith, Evan Springer, Bob Thomas, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom Rick Zimmerman, and guest John Heeringa. Tom Kelly asked each member to discuss their most memorable auto event from days gone by. (What's with the cats in the trash barrel??)

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Opel: As I was absent Ronda Cherry wrote the minutes for the May meeting. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes reported the following: Income for June as of June 26th was \$47.00; Expenses \$1,415.94; June 26th, 2014 Balance \$2,704.61. A check in the amount of \$1,275.00 was sent to JDRF

Membership – Mike reported that there are 68 paid members.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt reported that the website has been updated.

MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Ronda read the many birthdays and anniversaries for the month of July.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS: Tom Kelly gave an update on the numerous car shows to be held in the upcoming months. Interest was expressed in attending these events. There is a new format on-line.

EVENT ADVERTISING: Ronda Cherry – currently being prepared

OLD BUSINESS – Tom Kelly:

1. Finer Detail Event
 - a. Review Calendar dates – September 13th or 20th suggested – band will be there
2. Other Club Events
 - a. Discussion to set up dates for a club cruise-in at several cruises around the area
 - b. Skillman – Fall Cruise – Kleptz Museum??

- c. Franklin Town Square Car Show and Mooresville Town Square Car Show were discussed. No dates given

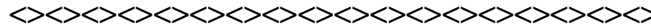
NEW BUSINESS – Tom Kelly

1. Club member profile or article for newsletter:
 - a. July – Tom Kelly / Ron Kreich
 - b. August – Ted Sanders
 - c. September – Mopar Nationals Event Recap Article – Steve Wisdom volunteered to recap the event. Jan Peel requested some candid pictures and quotes.

2. Other New Business
 - a. Vice President Nominations – Evan Springer volunteered to become our Vice President.
 - b. Amend By-Laws – Dave Watt and Mike Leyes will go through the by-laws to update some of the provisions.
 - c. Contact Westgate – Initial Planning for advertising to be done by Dave Sanders – Flyers
 - d. Sponsor recognition discussion (newsletter, post at events, web, letters)
 - e. JDRF Walk – discuss IMC Logo “give-aways” – ie printed balloons – need to check prices. This is to have a sponsorship plaque displayed with club cars. Marian College Art Department students approached for a project.
 - f. Start thinking about Christmas Party in December. A pitch-in was voted on. Steve Wisdom to see if his club house would be available. December 7th or 14th.

3. Show and Tell – Need a volunteer for July

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Leyes, seconded by Rick Zimmerman, the motion carried. President Tom Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:30.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Dave Opel



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays:

Frank Goodrum, August 1	Terry Richard, August 4
Dorinda Crawmer, August 5	Cindy Bush, August 13
Ron Hasler, August 15	Gregory Cook, August 16

August Anniversaries:

Carlton and Regina Brock, August 11	Dave and Cindy Sanders, August 14
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Congratulations to all!



Tattler's Corner



Tom really does come up with some unique ideas for members that attend the meetings to share with others. If you like to laugh (and who doesn't) just listen to some of these stories.



Editor's Note: You may send your "Member Profile" to me in either Microsoft Word or Works by e-mail to Jpeel83719@aol.com or typed or hand written to: Jan Peel, 5128 E Rowney St, Indianapolis IN 46203. Jan Peel. Editor



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- Custom Bending
- Muscle Cars
- Duals

2014 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

Jan						
30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Feb						
7-9	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds		
23	Sunday	1p-4p	Fast Tracks-Slot Car Racing 1pm	Avon IN		Brian Berkowitz
27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
28	Friday		Indy Cyl Hd Show Set-up	Ind State Fairgrounds		
28	Friday	6p-9p	Finer Details New Facility Open House	Danville IN		
Mar						
1 & 2	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show			
27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Apr						
24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
May						
3	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco DeMopar-American Cancer Benefit	Lafayette IN		Tom Kelly
10	Sat	9a-3p	Fletcher Chrysler/IMC – OPEN Car Show	Franklin IN – Rain or Shine		Tom Kelly
16-18	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic – Nat’l Trail Raceway	Columbus OH		Tom Kelly
29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
23-24	Fri-Sat		Mopar Mania Somernites Cruise Memorial Wknd	Somerset KY		Dave Sanders
Jun						
4-8	Wed-Sun		Chrysler 300 Club, Inc Nat’l Meet	Kokomo IN		Ralph Rhees
5-8	Thu-Sun		IMS Vintage Car Races	Indpls Motor Speedway		
13-14	Thur- Fri		Pure Stock Drags	Martin MI		Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
28-29	Sat-Sun		Monster Mopar Weekend	Kil-Kare Drag Strip		Xenia, OH
Jul						
9-12	Wed-Sat		WPC National Meet	Auburn Hills MI		
11-13	Fri-Sun		Carlisle - Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA		
16-20	Wed-Sun		Natl DeSoto Meet	Ft Wayne IN		
31	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Aug						
8-10	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH		
20-24	Wed-Sun		Plymouth Owner Club National Meet	Port Huron MI		
28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Sep						
6	Sat	12n-3:30p	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN		Dave Sanders
6	Sat	6p-10p	IMC Cookout – Kelly’s	Danville IN		Tom Kelly
12-13	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Drags	Stanton MI		Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
27	Sat	TBD	Finer Detail-CLUB Cookout	Danville IN		Tom Kelly
Oct						
4	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK- Military Park	Indianapolis IN		Tom Kelly
9-12	Thur-Sun		NMCA Race-Show @ IRP	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clairmont)		Dave Watt
30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg-Halloween	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
Nov						
20	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria		Tom Kelly
22-23	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Show			
Dec						
7	Sunday	Start 6p	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom’s Clubhouse		Steve Wisdom
Jan 2015						
Feb 2015						
TBD			World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds		