

June 2009

# **Indy Mopar Club News**



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Steve Wisdom, President
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Bob Rosenberger, Vice President
Karen Rosenberger, Secretary

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 June 25, 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.

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#### **PASSING IT DOWN**

By: David Sanders

I guess I will start with some of my earliest memories of hanging out with my dad. I always was in his arms or by his side cruising in his 1970 Dodge Dart Swinger. I remember one day I wanted to hang out with my dad, and my mom would not let me go. Boy, did I throw a fit. I guess it was fortunate for me – about an hour later my mom received a call that my dad had been hit broad-side in his Dart. The good news was that he was fine. The bad news – the Dart needed some work to be road-worthy again.







Me in my Dad's '70 Dart – age 4

Corbin in my '67 Firebird in the same driveway – age 4. (I know – it's not a Mopar)

We would regularly hang out at some of the local custom van shows in his 1966 Dodge van. He later purchased a 1974 Tradesman 100 custom van with airbrushed paint job and custom carpet interior. After a couple of years he wanted to change the paint scheme on his pride and joy and had Bikini Studios in Acton Indiana do the work. I was able to get in touch with Bob Keeney and talk to him about some of the work he and a guy by the name of Harry Sering (Wizard) did in the '70's. This was all coming back to me because one of the details I remember was his signature on my Dad's van – The Wizard Bikini Studios.







He loved his van and new art work. Unfortunately, he would not be able to enjoy his Pride and Joy, or me, as he was diagnosed with cancer and passed away shortly after.

As the years passed, I took an interest in model building. I've always been drawn to Chrysler products and some Pontiacs. I mean, who didn't like the GTO? I dreamed that some day I would eventually own a Mopar. After I started driving and owned a few GM vehicles, I was never satisfied. So, in 1996 I finally bought my first Mopar – a 1996 Dodge Indy Ram. After a couple of years, I heard Dodge was going to put a 360 in a Dakota with R/T badges on it. I had to have one! So I purchased a Dakota R/T. Now, I was satisfied.

But, there was still a part of me that wanted a 1970 Dart Swinger – just like Dad's. After having a few more modern Mopars, I decided to look for a Dart. I began my search shortly before Mopar Nats 2007, hoping I would find The One. No luck! I would continue searching until one day, in April, 2008, I came home from work. I jumped on the net and looked on some of my favorite sites to see if anything new would pop up. And there it was – the Dart I was looking for. I called the owner to find out I was the first caller and that he had just put in on the internet 15 minutes earlier. The owner told me the history of the car and that it had only one owner since in was purchased from Barberton Motor Sales in Barberton, Ohio back in 1970. The pictures he had put on the internet were pretty convincing that it was as clean as he stated on the phone. I purchased the car without consulting my wife first. I guess I'm lucky she's as understanding as she is and loves me as much as she does!

The following week, I drove to Beaver Falls, PA to pick up my Dart. She was as nice as I expected. After changing a few items and giving her some TLC, I now get to cruise in my Dart with my son. I'm sure he will have those same great memories that I do of cruising with my dad.

Over the past year, having my Dodge Dart has presented a lot of opportunities – from joining the Indy Mopar Club, to developing some life-long friendships with great people. I hope to be cruising with you for many years to come!





Authored by Dave Sanders

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#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to new members **Bill & Carla Crask**, Noblesville, 1968 Dodge Charger R/T; **Michael Markowski & Diane Norman**, Brownsburg, 2009 Dodge Challenger R/T and Dodge Challenger Rallye. Maybe we'll see them at the following upcoming shows:

\*\*June 20, 2009 Indy Mopar Club/Fletcher Chrysler Open Car Show, registration 9 am-12 noon. Entry fee \$15.00, 1<sup>st</sup> 40 Entrants Goodie Bag, Judging 1 pm and Awards 3 pm.

\*\*July 18, Champion CJD Open Car Show Luau and Cruise-in, 4pm to? Rain Date August 1<sup>st</sup>, same time. Entry fee \$5.00 Judging 5pm Awards start 7pm.

All proceeds for both shows will benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

#### **Indy Mopar Members' News**

Trophy winners for the Indy Mopar Club/Palmer Auto Groups Open Car Show May 9<sup>th</sup> were:

Bob Schonegg – 70 Dodge Challenger

Ronda Cherry – 71 Dodge Challenger

Bob Vorpe – 6 Dodge Coronet 500

Ken Scobel – 66 Dodge Charger

Rick & Ginger Zimmerman – 70 Roadrunner

Pat & Pat McKarski – 71 Roadrunner

Steve Humphrees – 70 Roadrunner

Chris Dewees – 66 Dodge Coronet 500

Carlton Brock – 68 Plymouth GTX

Tom Kelly – 68 Roadrunner

Jim Kelly – 63 Plymouth Savoy

Bud O& Debbie Mounce – 71 Dodge Dart

Rick Eilert – 73 Roadrunner

Dan Culley – 67 Barracuda

Dave Watt – 73 Plymouth Duster

Dave Sanders – 70 Dart Swinger

John Heeringa – 62 Dodge Polara

John Kramer – 73 Roadrunner

Bill Calvert – 67 Dodge Polara

Bill Cherry – 09 Challenger R/T

Best GM - None

Best Ford – Jeff King – 03 Mustang

Best Mopar – Jim Patterson – 74 Cuda

Best Truck - Bill Bratton - 99 Dakota R/T

Best Engine – Pat Baxter – 73 Dodge Challenger

Best Paint – Bob Rosenberger – 79 Hemi Cuda

Finer Detail Award – John Bauer – 68 Cuda

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# **Indy Mopar Club Monthly Meeting**

Secretary's Report May 28, 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). 33 members and 2 guest(s) attended.

Attendees were: John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Terry & Debbie Cummings, Rick & Susan Eilert, John Heeringa, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Jim Parker & Chris Usher, Jan Peel, Terry & Rose Richard, Bob & Karen Rosenberger, David Sanders, Bob Schonegg, Ken & Sharon Scobel, Dave Stephenson, Bob Vorpe, Mike Wallace, Dave Watt, Tom Williams, Steve Wisdom, and guests Catie Wallace, and Pam Risley, Jessica McCormick's mother.

Secretary's Report: Karen Rosenberger

Karen gave the highlights of the April, 2009 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Leyes Beginning balance: \$2,482.81 May income was \$2,503.50 May expenses were \$1,571.67 Ending balance is 3,414.64

Currently 80 members in the club

Event Calendar: Bob Rosenberger

Throttle Stompers at City Market Saturday, May 30 Texas Roadhouse June 6, 2009 (9-3)

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mopars by the River June 14, 2009 @ Momence, IL

Indy Mopar Fletcher Car Show

Wanamaker's Old Settler's Day

Champion Car Show & Cruise In

June 20, 2009

June 28, 2009

July 18, 2008 (4-?)

**Event Advertising**: Pat & Pat McKarski (unable to attend)

**Communications Report**: Dave Watt

Will put other show flyers on our web site as long as they don't conflict with our club shows Dave Stephenson photos from Palmer show, Christmas party and slot car racing event will be posted on website. Will put the winner's list from Palmer show on website

Old Business: Steve Wisdom

- A. Member Profiles for Newsletter and Website
  - 1. June Dave Sanders
  - 2. July Frank Goodrum
  - 3. August Bob Rosenberger
  - 4. September Terry Cummins
- B. Palmer Show -- moving from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> hurt attendance/participation 34 cars registered --- we had \$8.00 loss overall \$73 collected for 50/50 and ½ was donated back to the club

Bob Vorpe's car will be on next year's shirt.

C. Indy Mopar Club Shows

June 20, 2009: Fletcher -- there are several other car shows in the area same day which

could affect attendance

September 19, 2009: Danville

E. Door prizes for remaining shows

Fletcher Show Steve Wisdom Danville Show Bob Vorpe

We have pretty good amount of door prizes for Fletcher show.

New Business: Steve Wisdom

- A. Volunteers for Fletcher Show
  - Registration: Bob Rosenberger, Dave Watts, Mike Leves
  - Goody Bags: Jessica McCormick
  - Parking: John Bauer, Bob Vorpe

- Photos: Dave Stephenson
- Door Prize Table: Debbie Mounce, Karen Rosenberger, Bob Schonegg
- 50/50: Jan Peel and Ronda Cherry
- B. There will be a memorial award in memory of Stan Peel at the next show
- C. Jessica McCormick did a very nice job on club application form
- D. Christmas Party 2009: Suggestions for location needed --- along with price to rent location and catering
- E. Mike Leyes asked of we should go ahead and make a JDRF donation. It was agreed that \$230 from raffles and donations would be donated to JDRF.
- F. Jessica McCormick discussed team walk for JDRF --- Military Park -- October 10. She will start a sign-up sheet.
- G. Suggestion was made to invite some of the kids from JDRF to one of our shows.
- H. 50/50 drawing was won by Terry Cummins -- ½ of \$70 --- \$35 for club/\$35 for Terry

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Rosenberger, Secretary



#### **Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**



#### July Birthdays:

Tony Fields, 7-4;

John Heeringa, 7-6;

Pat Claycomb, 7-11;

Julie Norman, 7-16;

Gary Stafford, 7-19;

Patricia McKarski, 7-29; and

Vicki LaFollette, 7-30.

#### July Anniversaries:

Ben and Kathy Jones, 7-5;

Bob and Kristen Gallup, 7-6;

Jim and Mary Sweeney, 7-13;

Stan and Kerry Sanders, 7-20;

Ronnie and Linda Downing, 7-27;

Rick and Ginger Zimmerman, 7-28;

Darren and Diane Turpen, 7-30; and

Larry and Susan Mayes, 7-31. Congratulations to all!



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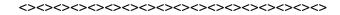
## **Upcoming Events – \*\*Indy Mopar Club and others**

\*\*June 20, 2009: Indy Mopar Club/Fletcher Chrysler Open Car Show

\*\*June 25th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis

\*\*June 28, 2009, Wanamaker's Old Settler's Day

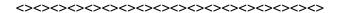
- \*\*July 18, Champion Car Show and Cruise-in, 4pm to? Rain Date August 1<sup>st</sup>, same time.
- \*\*July 30th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis \*\*August 27th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis
- \*\*September 19, 2009: Indy Mopar Club/Danville Chrysler Open Car Show
- \*\*September 24th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis
- \*\*October 10<sup>th</sup> JDRF Walk In
- \*\*October 29th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis



#### **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



#### A Little Bit of Humor

At the last meeting Tom Williams gave a humorous story about losing his hubcaps going across the railroad tracks on the way to the April meeting. It wasn't humorous to Tom at the time but he had us all laughing. Then he proceeded to tell the group about his newest addition for his garage – a 1958 Dodge Sweptside Pickup Truck. He had literature he shared with the group also.

As your editor I, Jan Peel, owe an apology to Mike and Lori Benge as their anniversary is actually June 3<sup>rd</sup>, which was correctly listed in the anniversaries. But I guess I thought the first one didn't "take" so I had listed them as also being married on June 25<sup>th</sup>. A couple sharp eyed people pointed that out to me. Now would you believe I was just testing you to see if you actually read those? No? Ok, I'll take my 30 lashes with a wet noodle and try to do better in the future. And I really do not mind when mistakes are pointed out. Hopefully it will keep me on my toes a little more.



#### Reminder from your 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 here. You can contact me by E-mail <a href="mailto:Jpeel83719@aol.com">Jpeel83719@aol.com</a> 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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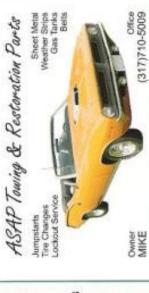
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