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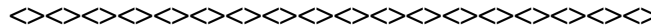


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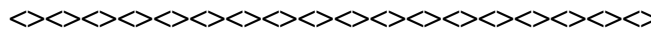
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2015 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 Indy Mopar Club **Bill and Lynne Hess**, Greenwood, 65 Barracuda & 69 Barracuda & 72 Barracuda & 75 Dodge Truck; and **Greg McDermott**, New Palestine, 67 Belvedere.



From the Indy Mopar Club President,

Another Indy Cylinder Head Chrysler Performance Trade Show has come and gone. What a great show they had this year. By looking at the wall to wall crowd on Saturday, I would guess that it would have to have been one of their better attended shows. Even though I was a little disappointed that the Mancini Sales trailer wasn't at the show, it was still the best one since I've been going to them. I guess that the good side to the Mancini absence was that I left with more money in my pocket than I had planned. That made the wife happy!

The Indy Mopar Club had great presence at the show. We were visited by many guests and past acquaintances at our booth and received several new member applications. Often we were visited by past members as well as "not often seen" present members that can't make it to many of our meetings due to distance constraints and etc. but they still want to belong to this great club!

My Sincere thanks to all of the IMC members that attended the show and pitched in to help at the IMC booth. We had a good turn out and an enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks to the efforts of four of our IMC members, we were able to display and show off four great examples of classic Mopar muscle; Mike Leyes' '69 Roadrunner, Steve Wisdom's '70 Roadrunner, Tony Fields' '88 Shelby Z Daytona, and Jeff Ansel's' '63 Plymouth Belvedere. Really nice show everybody!

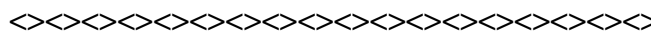
During the show, Russ and Fred Flagle's special guests for public appearance were members of the Original Ramchargers from the 1960s fame, including Tom Hoover the "Father of the Hemi" (Gen II). They were the group of Chrysler employees whose efforts initiated the successes of Mopar racing in the 1960s and beyond. Their stories of the past were extremely interesting. Several of the Indy Mopar Club members were invited to a closed dinner with the Ramchargers and the Flagles after the show closed Saturday night. A great time was had by those that were able to attend.

Next on the calendar for the IMC is the IMC/ Fletcher Car Show, May 9th. This event is one of our main JDRF fund raisers. It may seem that this show is a month and a half away but it will be here before you know it and we must be ready for this big event. Nobody knows this any better than Ginger and Rick Zimmerman, our "Point People" for this event. Ginger and Rick have already initiated contacts, started gathering information, and making commitments for some of the many tasks that are need to be done in order to pull off this great event. (Thanks you two for helping us getting this going!) **We all** are needed to pitch in to make this show the best one yet. We will discuss more about this at our next meeting. We hope to have a lot of participation in this planning.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, Thursday, March 26 at 7:00pm!

Till then, drive carefully, be safe and Mopar always!

Evan Springer
March, 2015



Member Profile of the Month – March, 2015

THANK YOU FROM TOM KELLY

First, I'd like to start by saying thanks to all for the warm wishes, notes, cards and thoughtfulness you've showered me these last few months during my illness. It is so very much appreciated and reminds me of what a wonderful club and group of people we have! It was a lot of fun seeing so many at the last Club meeting as well as last weekend's Indy Cylinder Head show. That show is always a great social gathering as well as a nice time to hunt down all the cool car junk we just have to get our hands on!!

KELLY BROTHERS- THE FORMATIVE YEARS - by Tom Kelly

Well, at last month's meeting, Club President Evan Springer started off with an interesting topic, something along the line of 'what started us out as Mopar fanatics?' This has been a pleasant diversion for me lately to keep my mind on something pleasant so I thought about the early years (it does not really seem as long as it's been) back to the time when a first car ended up as my obsession.

Per my mom I was fascinated by cars as a child; she helped me put my first model car together at 6 so she takes part of the blame. Fast forward to growing up in Clermont on Raceway Road (West County Line back then) and watching the race cars roll into the US Nationals every Labor Day starting in 1961 when I was 9 years old. They were being towed, and traffic was 'stop and go' past the house back then so we'd admire all those gorgeous race cars from our front yard and tree house.

I could not wait to get a car so worked as a kid baling hay saving my money and eventually at 15, got on at Indianapolis Raceway Park cutting grass, painting and general grounds keeping. We got to work during the Nationals delivering water to the timing towers, fixing up pit fences or anything else called upon to do. What better environment to get car crazy... I was there to experience the 1968 Hemi Darts and Cudas when they first hit the drag strip!

My older cousin sold Chrysler automobiles to my dad & family since before I could remember so by this time, just watching the Max Wedge and Hemi race cars dominate on the drag strip had already steered me to a passion for Mopars. In 1963 & 64, the Indiana State Police had 'blue and white' 2 door sedan Plymouths for their cruisers so by the time I got my license in 1968, they were now on the used car lots around Indy.

Unfortunately, my wallet did not seem to match my desire, not much different than today. \$650-850 dollars for a 383 police 2 door was a heck of a deal but if you only had \$400 saved, you were out of luck. So instead, I found a nice little Slant 6, three speed on the column 1962 Plymouth 4 door. The '62s still have the face only a mother would love but I love them even today (I have a two door sedan now at home on a rotisserie).

Well the Slant 6 did get me around for a good year or so but 'not quite fast enough'... I still don't know how I pulled this off but back then \$500 was a lot of money. Though not sure how she did it, I talked my mom into loaning me that much for a 383 and 4 speed trans from a rolled over 1968 Road Runner from Wrecks, Inc., the largest late model junk yard in Indy. With the help of a large oak tree, a chain fall, my brothers and cousin who owned a body shop and welded, my cardboard templates became the most horrible set of motor mounts and monstrosity of an automobile you ever saw. But it got me and the younger Kelly boys on the road.





Dan's '68 Road Runner



Jim's '72 Duster



Rick's '69 GTS



Tom's '65 Barracuda & '69 Dart



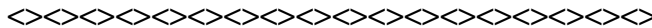
Tom's '69 Dart

This is a small collection of the Kelly "Boys" Mopars. It would take a whole newsletter to display them all properly.



Tom's Dart & Dan's Road Runner

Author~~~Tom Kelly



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

President Evan Springer brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm and gave a talk about the Dodge Brothers.

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. 21 attended: Jeff Ancil, Jeff Andis, Ronda Cherry, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill Edgerton, Tony Fields, Rick Kelly, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Ron & Dru Kriech, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Dave Opel, Jan Peel, Randall Smith, Evan Springer, Lynn Standeford, Steve Wisdom, and Rick & Ginger Zimmerman.

President Evans then introduced the new officers and asked each member to introduce themselves.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Opel – Highlights of the minutes from the January meeting were presented. The minutes were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes

January 29, 2015 Balance \$2,566.64; February 2015 Income \$480.00; February Expenses \$602.39; February 26, 2015 Balance \$2,444.25. Membership as of February 26, 2015 was 43.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt was absent – no report.

MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Ronda Cherry read the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of March. Congratulations to all.



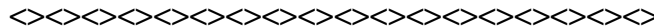
Center picture – Tom giving Ronda a model of a “Casket Car”. Will she need help putting it together?



Do you recognize any of the people on this page?

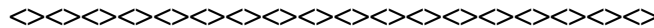


Ronda Cherry and Evan Springer presenting the IMC award to Fred and Russ Flagle
Thanks to Evan Springer and Tony Fields for providing the pictures for this show.



Member Information

Tom Kelly is still battling cancer. The chemo seems to be doing what it is supposed to do per the doctors. **Please keep those prayers rolling and “Keep Tom Strong”!**



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays:



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| Diane Gillock, 4-4 | Mel Crane, 4-7 |
| William Hess, 4-8 | Ron Kriech, 4-8 |
| Kristen Gallup, 4-12 | Ginger Zimmerman, 4-14 |
| Stan Sanders, 4-17 | Rick Zimmerman, 4-19 |
| Evan Springer, 4-23 | Jessica McCormick, 4-27 |
| Steve McGear, 4-30 | |

April Anniversaries:

Jeff and Sherri Andis, 4-29
 Congratulations to all!



Tattler’s Corner




Who was old enough to play the “Memories of Old Automobile Trivia” and answer most correctly – none other than Rick Zimmerman. And, speaking of old things, when Evan was done with Old Business he asked if there were any more – Jan suggested that since Tom Kelly’s birthday was Saturday that maybe this was the appropriate time to bring that up. Come on, Jan, just remember, revenge is sweet.



2015 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST

Jan	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Feb	13-15	Fri-Sun		World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds	
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Mar	6	Fri	TBD	Set-Up – Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Perfor. Trade Show		Evan Springer
	7-8	Sat-Sun		Indy Cyl Hd Chrysler Performance Trade Show	Ind State Fairgrounds	Evan Springer
	26	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Apr	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
May	2	Sat	11a-5p	Cinco De Mopar, 3520 SR 38 E	Lafayette	
	9	9a-3p		Fletcher Chrysler/IMC – OPEN Car Show	Franklin IN – Rain or Shine	Rick & Ginger Zimmerman
	7-9	Thur-Sat		Auburn Spring Car Auction / AACAA Meet	Auburn IN	Tom Kelly
	15-17	Fri-Sun		Chrysler Power Classic – National Trail Raceway	Columbus OH	Mike Leyes
	22-23	Fri-Sat		Mopar Mania Somernites Cruise-Memorial Wknd	Somerset KY	Dave Sanders
	28	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Jun	18-21	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show at IRP	Lucan Raceway (IRP-Clermont)	Dave Watt
	19-20	Fri-Sat		FAST/Pure Stock Drags	Martin MI	Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
	25	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
	25-27	Thur-Sat		Indy Road Rocket Rumble	Waterfront Hotel-Speedway	Tom Kelly
Jul	10-12	Fri-Sun		Carlisle Chrysler Nats	Carlisle PA	Mike Leyes
	15-19	Wed-Sun		Natl DeSoto Meet	Kalamazoo MI	Tom Kelly
	22-25	Wed-Sat		WPC National Meet	Springfield IL	Tom Kelly
	30	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Aug	7-9	Fri-Sun		MOPAR NATIONALS	Columbus OH	Tom Kelly
	TBD			Plymouth Owners Club National Meet		Jan Peel
	27	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Sep	12	Sat	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN	Dave Sanders
	18-19	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Drags	Stanton MI	Dave Watt-Mike Leyes
	24	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Oct	3	Sat	9a-12n	JDRF RUN/WALK- Military Park?	Indianapolis IN	Evan Springer
	29	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg-Halloween	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Nov	19	Thur	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Evan Springer
Dec	5	Sunday	TBD	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse TBD - 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142	Steve Wisdom

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