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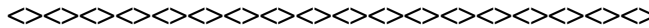
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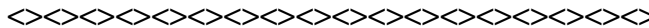
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 29, 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.



Welcome to new members: **Bill & Randi Edgerton**, Martinsville, 1969 Dodge Coronet R/T, 1972 Dodge Dart Pro Street; **Rick Ordo**, Greenwood, 2000 Plymouth Prowler; and **Randall Smith**, Franklin, 1970 Plymouth Cuda, 1995 Jeep Wrangler. We hope to see you at the meetings and other events.



Hot Rod Power Tour 2013 : Deb Mounce and Karen Rosenberger

Background/History of the Power Tour:

The "Hot Rod Power Tour" is an organized tour where hot rodders drive a pre-planned route throughout the United States. It began in 1995 when *Hot Rod* staff members decided to take some of their project cars on a cross-country drive from Los Angeles, California to Norwalk, Ohio. Thousands of people participated along the way but only seven participants (other than staff members) made the entire journey and were inducted into the original "Long Hauler Gang". Since its beginning, this event has continued to gain in popularity and is now one of the most anticipated automotive events each year.

It is typically six to eight days in length and held in late May or early June. In recent years, the tour has evolved to become what is essentially a continuous trek around the United States in that it begins in or near the location that it ended in the previous year. Each stop is combined with events or activities that vary as much as the participants themselves.

Our Experience:

Both our husbands had mentioned an interest in participating in the Hot Rod Power Tour and it would be something that they could check off their bucket list. In 2012, the tour came through Champaign, Illinois and we decided to join the tour in progress in Champaign and go to the final destination of Arlington, Texas. This trip was a learning experience for us and we had a great time. We even added a trip to Graceland on our way home.

When the tour route for 2013 was posted, we all started talking about the possibility of doing the tour once again, but as part of the "Long Hauler Gang" --- meaning we would do the entire route. As a Long Hauler, participants must check-in by a specific time and have your tour "passport" date stamped at each event location. The 2013 tour route started in Arlington, Texas, with stops in between at Texarkana, Little Rock, Memphis, Birmingham, Chattanooga, and ending in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Each morning, there was a driver's meeting for those who wanted to attend. This was to provide last minute updates such as possible route changes, weather, etc. The tour had recommended routes for each day which took us through the back roads, scenic byways and small towns. Each day ended at a designated event site – sometimes at a fairground, college, racetrack or a sports arena. We could choose each day to take the recommended route or our own route. One thing we had learned from the previous year was that you had to really watch your time to allow enough time to get to the day's ending point and check-in.

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Now. Imagine a road trip along with over 2,000 other car enthusiasts, driving every kind and year of car or truck; from the classics to the modern rides. As we traveled the back roads and many small towns, the locals would be lined up along the route, waving and snapping pictures.

Wherever we stopped for lunch or gas, there would be dozens of other participants doing the same thing. Everyone is super friendly and willing to help if you experience any problems along the way. The locals welcomed us and didn't seem to mind the large number of cars jamming up their roads.

We girls would have liked the opportunity to stop and shop more frequently, but we found that in order to complete our route for the day, we did not have much time to spare. Weather turned out to be a factor this year. When we got to Birmingham, we experienced a torrential downpour and it was difficult to see the taillights of the car ahead of you.



I know that Bob and Bud had to put up with gasps from the passenger seat and stomping on non-existent brakes.

I am sure that if you look closely at the dashboards on the passenger side, you will see indentations where we were grabbing on for dear life!

And, on top of that, as we are driving through this storm, we got a call from the hotel we had reserved for our night in Birmingham telling us that due to mechanical problems our hotel reservations had been cancelled --- but they did tell us that they would try to find us other accommodations. As it turned out, we were provided rooms at the Hyatt in downtown Birmingham --- and due to the inconvenience, they compensated us for our rooms! So, what at first seemed a huge problem, turned out ok as the boys were able to park their cars in a covered parking garage for the night.



We met so many interesting and friendly people along the way. Even as we did laundry one evening, we had a great time visiting with a lady from Louisiana.

Some of the highlights of this trip were the drive through the Smoky Mountains, visiting Beale Street in Memphis and eating Memphis barbeque, the participant lunch at the Roush Yates facility in Mooresville, NC, and just driving the back roads of these beautiful parts of America. One of the friendliest little towns, was McCalla, Alabama where the local Sonic mascot was

waving us in. The entire staff was friendly, gave us free drinks and some were taking pictures of the cars.

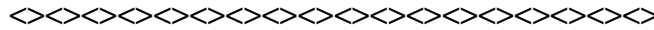
We girls found that our hotel in Charlotte was located very close to a large, beautiful shopping mall. As the boys were napping, we took keys to one of the cars and went shopping – woohoo! Oh, and we must mention Bud strong-arming an elevator door at one of our hotels ---- he won the fight with the door, but in process broke the elevator. We reported this to the hotel staff and they had it fixed fairly quickly, but not

before we had to carry our luggage up the stairs to our rooms since this was the only elevator at the hotel. Luckily it was only a two story building.

Our tour ended in Charlotte at the Charlotte Drag strip. Unfortunately, weather again intruded with more rain making for a very wet group picture for the Long Haulers. We added an extra day to our trip and took in a tour of the Charlotte Motor Speedway. The tour was very extensive and we saw all the ins and outs of the track. It was a great end to a great trip.

We would definitely recommend the Power Tour even if you could only do a partial tour. Great memories to be had!

Authors~~~~ Deb Mounce and Karen Rosenberger



From IMC Club President:

From Indy Mopar Club (IMC) President:

It looked a little 'iffy' on Saturday May 10 with rain just south and dark clouds in the morning but the Fletcher Chrysler Car Show was a great time for all that attended! We had a great cross section of different types of vehicles, many seen at this show for the first time. I saw lots of folks stopping in so hopefully it was equally beneficial to our host, Fletcher Chrysler. They had a new Shaker Challenger, a new Viper and the new half ton diesel Ram along with a wonderful collection of their own muscle cars in their showroom.

Once more a big "thank-you" to all the club members that jumped in to make it happen. Manning the tables, selling tickets, setting up the bounce-house, directing show cars, taking photos, it takes a whole lot of effort and we had lots of folks helping. And remember, once again more benefit to JDRF.

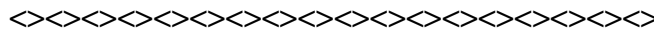
Please join me in a big time THANKS to all of our sponsors. Grand Rental Station, Greenwood for the free Bounce House, Doug Volchko from Amerex for the raffled chrome fire extinguisher, our longtime friends at CarArt Signs (businessart.com) for another sign package and Ken Mosier's Finer Details Danville, IN for his plaque and accompanying \$100 cash award. The DJ, Alan Trisler (Audio Magic! Entertainment) kept it entertaining (ok who kept looking around for the car doing the burn-out all day from his sound effects? I admit, I did...). And what great food prepared by Jeff King & crew (King's Classics Body Shop) on his portable cooker. A special Thanks as well to Randy Koorsen of Koorsen Fire and Security for their \$150 donation to JDRF. Last but not least, our gracious hosts, Fletcher Chrysler and their team, specifically Stephanie and Brad Joiner and JR Fletcher for all their assistance. What a great group of people that helped make the day so enjoyable. We'll have pics and all the award winners listed next month in the newsletter and on the website.

Before I sign off, please take another look at the event calendar in this newsletter and on the web site. Try to join us at MCL for our next meeting Thursday May 29th. We'll set some dates for attending some of the local cruise-ins as a group now that warm weather is finally here.

See you soon,

Tom Kelly

May 2014



INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

WELCOME AND SIGN-IN: Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. Attending were Ronda Cherry, Tony & Thelma Fields, Tom & Teresa Kelly, Ron & Dru Kriech, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Nicole Nash, Dave Opel, Jan Peel, Mike & Vicki & Catie Wallace, and guests John & Carol Ann Bauer, David Stephenson and Rick Ordo.

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

He announced that Evan & Nicole Springer's son passed away April 22nd from an auto accident. Further details will be e-mailed.

Also, there is a "going away" cake for John & Carol Ann Bauer – help yourself to it.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Opel read the highlights of the minutes for the March meeting. Dave asked if there were any corrections. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Mike Leyes reported the following: Income for April \$205.00; Expenses for April \$0.00; April 24, 2014 Balance \$3,055.44.

Membership – Mike reported that there are 65 paid members.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Dave Watt was absent but a new website page has been updated.
MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Mike Wallace gave a full report of the many birthdays and anniversaries for the month of May. Evan Springer's son passed away from an auto accident April 22nd. Mike Leyes will send a donation from the Indy Mopar Club to Wounded Warriors in lieu of flowers at Evan and Nicole's request.

Get well cards were passed around to be signed for Tony Fields – given to him that night - and Ken Scobel to be mailed.

John and Carol Ann Bauer are moving to Florida soon. IMC "Florida Chapter" was discussed.

EVENT CALENDER: Mike Wallace gave an update on the numerous car shows to be held in May & June. Interest was expressed in attending these events. There is a new format on-line.

EVENT ADVERTISING: Ronda Cherry – Flyers of upcoming Fletcher Car Show was handed out to members for posting.

OLD BUSINESS – Tom Kelly:

1. Fletcher Show is scheduled for May 10th **rain or shine.**
 - a. Mike Wallace reported a DJ is to be present.
 - b. Steve Wisdom made arrangements for a "bounce house" for the kids.
 - c. Fletcher to donate items for "Goodie" bags.
 - d. There are to be a total of 28 awards.
 - e. Volunteers sign-up sheet was passed around for registration – parking – 50/50 – etc.
 - f. Flyers were passed around for posting at various locations
 - g. Dave Sanders has dash plaques designed.
 - h. Brian Berkowitz has T-Shirts
2. Finer Detail Event
 - a. Club Vote to Participate – Yes – Ronda Cherry, Teresa Kelly, and Jan Peel volunteered to help Tom Kelly do the planning.
3. Other Club Events
 - a. Skillman – Fall Cruise – Kleptz Museum
 - b. SCCA Event to be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds April 27.
 - c. Wounded Warriors Car Show May 31st at Church Brothers on N Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis
 - d. Franklin Town Square Car Show and Mooresville Town Square Car Show was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS – Tom Kelly

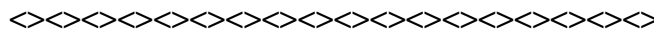
1. Club member profile or article for newsletter:
 - a. May – Karen Rosenberger & Debbie Mounce
 - b. June – Fletcher Car Show Pictures and review
 - c. July – Tom Kelly / Ron Kreich
 - d. August – Ted Sanders
2. Other New Business
3. Show and Tell – Tom Kelly brought a book of some memorabilia he had – really interesting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jan Peel, seconded by Ronda Cherry, the motion carried.

President Tom Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Opel

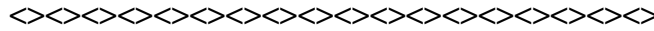


Member Information

Our sincere condolences go to Evan and Nicole Springer on the loss of their son, Stephen, April 22nd.

From Ken Scobel: Sharon and I are looking at downsizing the old homestead. We want to get out of our large home, and move to Florida by our daughter, into something a lot smaller such as a townhouse or condo. That means having a lot of garage sales to get rid of 38 years of accumulated junk in the basement. I haven't decided yet about keeping or selling the '66, if I do sell it, it will be towards the end of the year. I guess I'm following the same route as John Bauer. It's for this reason that I am dropping out of the Club. I want to wish everyone well, and I absolutely enjoyed being a Club member for 10 years. Regards, Ken Scobel

Tony Fields had surgery Monday, May 5th, and is home and doing really well. His doctors said he is a “Special” person considering all the work they did on his heart. He hopes to be seeing us late this summer.



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays:



Jeff Ancil, June 1
Larry Mayes, June 13
Jay Mays, June 14
Rose Richard, June 15
Steve Haug, June 19
Michelle Haug, June 24
Carlton Brock, June 29

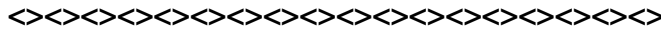
Elaine Berkowitz, June 2
Larry Fields, June 14
Bob Thomas, June 14
Dave Stephenson, June 15
Randi Edgerton, June 23
Bill Bratton, June 26
Ken Mosier, June 30

June Anniversaries:

Mel and Barbara Crane, June 2
Gary and Jessica McCormick, June 5
Scott and Janet Oller, June 12
Brian and Elaine Berkowitz, June 25

Mike and Lori Benge, June 3
Ed and Mary Leyes, June 8
Glenn and Tami Keilman, June 20
Tom and Teresa Kelly, June 25

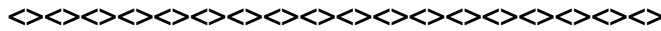
Congratulations to all!



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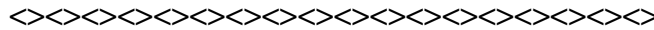
Jan’s “Bloopers”: It was Mike Wallace (not Dave Opel) that almost needed an oxygen tank after reading all the May birthdays and anniversaries. But he may need one this month also. There are lots of them in June. Thelma Fields is entitled to a chauffeur’s hat with all the appointments Tony has.



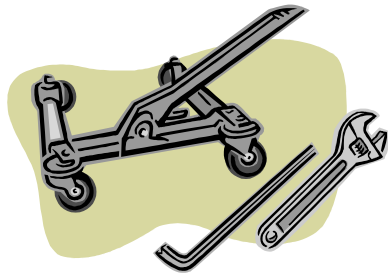
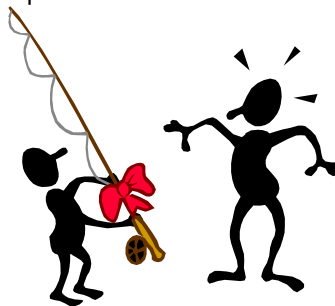
*****Note from your editor – you may have noticed that there is no membership advertising in this issue of the newsletter. Some of them were out of date. If you would like your business advertised give in person or send by mail a current business card to Jan Peel.**

Also, 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. In order to have the newsletter completed and ready to e-mail and/or snail mail I would appreciate having the information by the 15th of the month. If you have pictures and can send them by e-mail that would be great or if you send them to me by mail I will scan them in and return the picture(s) to you.

Jan Peel, Editor



Be sure and watch for some great pictures of the Fletcher Car Show in June’s newsletter.



Happy Father’s Day to all the dads in our club.

Indy Cylinder Head Chrysler Performance Trade Show
As usual, Indy Mopar Club was well represented, both with members and cars.



What a great time was had by all. Pictures furnished by Tony Fields

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	TBD	West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in	Plainfield IN		
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
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
Dec						
7 or 14	Sunday		Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	TBD		
Jan 2015						
Feb 2015						
TBD			World of Wheels	Ind State Fairgrounds		

