



# Indy Mopar Club News

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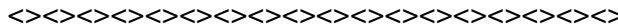
Meetings are the last Thursday of every month

2008 schedule of events. More events and details on the way.

**Next regular meeting:** Thursday September 25, 2008 will be held at the CarArt Signs, 612 Main Street, Beech Grove. Please eat before coming (or after the meeting) and remember to bring a lawn chair(s) for the ½ hour demonstration at 6:30pm and the meeting to follow at 7. If you take I-465 South to the Emerson Ave. exit turn north. Main Street is the 4<sup>th</sup> stop light, turn left. **Or** from Raymond Street turn south and Main Street is the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop light and turn right. Watch for the stop signs and your speed. The sign on the building says Business and Art design. It is just west of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. A Map Quest link is available on the IMC website.

**September 20, 2008** the Indy Mopar Club will host an all Mopar Car Show at **Danville Chrysler Dodge Jeep, 173 South County Road 525 E – Highway 36, Avon, Indiana (this is the new location)**. See website Upcoming Events page for new dealership location. Registration 9-noon, awards at 3pm. Top 20, Presidents Choice, and The Finer Details awards. Event T-shirt and goody bag to the first 40 entries. Door prizes, 50/50 drawing, food, and DJ are some of the events planned. Rain date September 27.

**October 4, 2008** the Champion Cruise-IN and BBQ re-scheduled from September 13th. Please start arriving around 11 am instead of NOON. This is also the same day as their 5 year Anniversary Celebration so this should be a lot of fun.



John & Carol Ann “Honey” Bauer and their NEW '68 Barracuda Formula “S”

Some people find it necessary to put blocks on certain websites, mine should have been blocked for EBAY! About this time 2 years ago I was bored and just wanted to see what Mopars were being auctioned, although I had no interest in buying another car as my '69 Road Runner was still apart. I happened to come across a '68 Barracuda Formula “S” car that really looked nice and the Buy it Now price seemed fairly reasonable so my interest was perked. Most of you know that I enjoy drag racing and especially like the Hemi SS/AH Barracudas and Darts which is where I got in trouble, not with “Honey” but with my wallet.

After numerous conversations with the owner I decided to buy the car and at the time seemed like a good deal as I needed a winter project to keep me occupied. The owner stated that he had the restoration of the car about 90% complete but needed to sell it in order to put the money toward a business he wanted to buy. I concluded that I could complete the minor items of restoration work over the winter and sell the car in the spring.....WRONG!

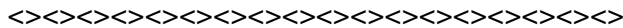
Although this car was a nice 25 footer it had some issues that the owner failed to disclose. This is a nice way of saying that he out and out lied about the car, can you see the surprised look on my face? He indicated that it only had one rust spot under the hood which would be an easy fix. Well it did have one rust spot under the hood but it continued to the rear of the car. After getting the car home and going over it with a fine toothed comb I soon realized that in order for me to make the car right it was going to take a lot more money than the car would be worth. I suppose that I could have sold the car “as is” but I would have to disclose the rust issues which would have resulted in a big financial loss.

I sat down with “Honey” and explained the situation, how I had jumped into something I hadn’t planned on and to her credit and understanding I wasn’t beat up, physically or emotionally. What a woman!

My only hope of recovering the investment was to make this Barracuda a Hemi Super Stock street car which really made me mad. Who in the world would want a gas guzzling Hemi car??? Yeah, right! So in November of last year the car was disassembled and sent to Auto Works Body Shop where the transformation began. One of our first major purchases was the 511 h.p. Hemi engine from Indy Cylinder Head which was the beginning of the many parts that would be required for this build. Since I knew the engine compartment would require some modifications for the MONSTER engine I contacted MR2 Performance in Lebanon for their help in fabricating the headers, modifying the shock tower sheet metal and fabricating the offset master brake cylinder block. Mike builds Hemi SS/AH race cars so I was confident he knew everything about these cars, and he did. The car was taken to Rick Zimmerman for the exhaust system and I have to tell you he did a fantastic job, although it sounded a lot cooler with open headers but the IPD probably wouldn’t appreciate the tone quality, with the exception of Dan Kelly of course.

I would tell you of all of the horror stories related to this build but there really weren’t any. The body work and paint are superb, the engine fits like a glove and the assembly went very well and fairly quick. Actually I completed the car about 7 hours before loading it into a trailer and then headed to the Mopar Nats. I did not run into any unforeseen obstacles and the torch was never lit to make parts fit. I have always wanted a Hemi car and now I have one but Carol Ann and I are keeping to our original plan of selling the car. (Can someone PLEASE talk her out of it?) This car was really fun to build, a little....no, a lot expensive to build, but I would do it again providing Carol Ann would tolerate more parts under the beds, piled up in the office, in the attic, under the sink, and well you get the picture. Thank God for the wives that let us enjoy our hobby!

Author – John Bauer



**Indy Mopar Members’ News  
Congratulations Are In Order**

Ray & Susan Vansickle won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Mopar Nationals with their 1970 Dodge Challenger (Panther Pink). It was also reported to me that Ken Mosier also won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Mopar Nationals but I don’t know what vehicle he had there.

Stan and Jan Peel have a new Great-Granddaughter, Madeline Nicole Peel, 6 lbs. 7 oz., 22” long born September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**News from the Mopar National’s**

The following is from Laura Bratby: It was a great weekend in general, although as it was the first time James and I had been we can't compare it to past events. The racing was good fun, including watching some of

our non club member friends going down the track. There were some beautiful cars there, and our charger got loads of attention, we spent hours standing by the car answering questions.

Brice road seemed like good fun, lots of police about but they only stop people if they did huge burn outs. They did pull one guy in a Mustang over and allegedly when he got pulled he had some alcohol and a gun in his front seat which was all very exciting for about 20 minutes.

Heath Road on the Saturday was also good fun, although the charger had some over heating problems which stopped us making the most of it. There did seem to be lots of trucks about at Heath, and they seemed to be the ones doing the burn outs rather than the cars. Comparing the weekend to the Euro Nationals we used to go to, both James and I think that actually we prefer that weekend, mainly because you don't have to leave the site at night as you camp at the track, take a BBQ with you and then walk round the site in the evening catching up with all your friends, meaning the days are free to watch the racing and look at the cars more.

Quantity of cars there are more here, and some are of a better quality, but the rest are about the same. The swap meet is miles better over here as in the UK it's about two trucks and that's it, no vendors or anything so that bit could be improved.

Anyway I'm sure other people have sent you their thoughts but these are ours.

Laura Bratby



**INDY MOPAR CLUB Monthly Meeting Secretary Report August 28, 2008 7:00 PM**

**Welcome and sign in – Mike Leyes, Treasurer:**

Attendees were: Laura Bratby, Bill Bratton, Carlton & Regina Brock, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Estell Claycomb, Terry & Debbie Cummings, Dave & Terry Fishburn, Dan Kelly, Tom Kelly & Teresa Kelly, Mike Leyes, Ed Leyes, Larry & Sue Mayes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Bud & Debbie Mounce, Jim Parker, Stan & Jan Peel, Bob Rosenberger, David & Cindy Sanders & son, David Stephenson, Chris Usher, and Dave Watt.

Mike Leyes brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM by asking all members and guests to introduce themselves and tell about their car(s).

**Secretary's Report – Ronda Cherry:**

Ronda read the highlights of the July 2008 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report/Membership Update – Mike Leyes:**

Mike gave the treasurers report as of August 28, 2008. July 31, 2008 Balance was \$2,855.95.

Income for August was 3 membership dues of \$90.00.

Total Income \$90.00.

Expenses - \$0.00

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Balance August 28, 2008 is \$2,945.95.

We currently have 80 members in the club.

**Event Calendar – Dave Watt:**

September 20<sup>th</sup> Danville Chrysler- Indy Mopar Club all Mopar Car Show – Rain date September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Event Advertising – Pat & Pat McKarski – Was not at the meeting**

**Communications Director Report – Dave Watt:**

Dave thanked Jan Peel for putting out the newsletter by herself. He will have the web-site updated again soon.

**Old Business – Mike Leyes:**

- A. Club Member Profile for Newsletter & Website
  - 1. September – John Bauer
  - 2. October – Gary & Jessica McCormick
  - 3. November – Bob Rosenberger
  - 4. December – Tom Kelly
  
- B. Date confirmed for Club Christmas Party, Sunday, December 14, 2008, 5:00 PM
  
- C. Reminder that the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at CarArt Signs, 612 Main Street, Beech Grove, Indiana, 6:30 PM. We will have a demo from 6:30 to 7 with the meeting immediately following so please eat before or after the meeting and bring lawn chair(s) for the ½ hour demo and meeting.
  
- D. More feedback on next year Car Shows
  - 1. Palmer, Fletcher, and Danville all like Open Car show concept. Vote will be during the October meeting.
  - 2. Danville’s door prizes status – Tom Kelly and Debbie Mounce announced that the prizes were coming along. Tom discussed ways to advertise the various businesses that donated prizes.
  
- E. Danville Show Volunteers
  - Registration Table: Chris Usher and Jim Parker & “Scooter”
  - Goodie Bags: Karen Rosenberger and Debbie Mounce
  - Parking: John Bauer and Rick Zimmerman
  - Pictures: Dave Stephenson
  - Door Prize Table: Dick & Dorinda Crawmer / Debbie Mounce and Karen Rosenberger
  - 50/50 & Door Prize Tickets: Jan Peel
  - Food & Drinks: Llyod Jones
  - Event T-shirts & Awards: Steve Wisdom – done
  - D.J. Confirmed: ABC Dee Jay

**New Business – Mike Leyes:**

Tom & Teresa Kelly invited everyone to their home after the Danville Car Show for hot dogs & marshmallows and a lot of fun talk. You may bring some food if you wish.

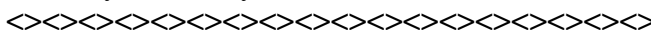
Dave Watt is getting messages that some e-mail addresses are no longer in existence. This means that you are missing information and your newsletter. If you have changed your e-mail address please let Dave know.

Jan Peel announced that she and Stan did not go to the Mopar Nationals so is requesting information as to who went, who won, etc. so that it can be published in the next newsletter.

Bob Rosenberger made the motion the meeting be adjourned, Jessica McCormick seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Mike Leyes then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted – Ronda Cherry, Secretary



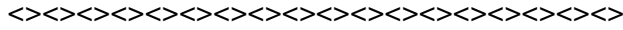


October Birthdays: Carol Ann Bauer, 10-5; David Opel, 10-5; Tom Williams, 10-7; Larry McKenna, 10-19; Michael Patterson, 10-20; Linda Kelley, 10-26; Scott Oller, 10-27; Jack Collins, 10-30;  
October Anniversaries: Tony & Thelma Fields, 10-15; James & Laura Bratby, 10-20; Bud & Debbie Mounce, 10-22. Congratulations to all!



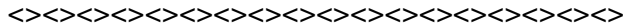
**Information**

Wednesday night cruise-in is located at Dooley O'Tooles which is on Carmel Drive between Rangeline Road and Keystone Ave. When you drive your classic car there you receive 25% off your dinner, food only. They are extremely nice people and they normally have some pretty nice cars. (Reported by John Bauer)



**Tattlers Corner**

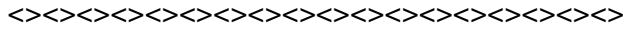
Who are the two guys with “bags” under their eyes from little sleep while getting a car ready for a drag race in Michigan? All I can say is I want to hear about the outcome.



**Tech Talk**

**Cleaning Grease Spots from Cement Driveway**

Wearing rubber gloves, mix Tri Sodium Phosphate (TSP) with a talc or baby powder and make a thick paste. Spread it on the stain and let it dry. Scrape it away. If the grease is pretty well soaked in it may take 2 or 3 applications to remove it completely.



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

***\*\*September 20, Saturday, Danville Chrysler & Indy Mopar all Mopar Car Show, Danville, IN***

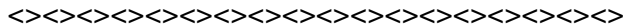
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***\*\*October 4, Saturday, Champion Cruise-IN and BBQ and 5 year Anniversary Celebration. 11 am to ?***

***\*\*October 30, Thursday, Indy Mopar Club meeting, 7pm, MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, come early to eat and enjoy lots of “talk” before the meeting.***

***\*\*November 20, Thursday, Indy Mopar Club meeting, 7pm, MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, come early to eat and enjoy lots of “talk” before the meeting.***

***\*\*December 14<sup>th</sup>, Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party, 5pm. Watch for details***



Ad listed in Hoosier Plymouth Owners Club that Indy Mopar Club members might be interested in:  
 From Tall Pines Region (Minnesota) For Sale:

***\*\*1951 Plymouth Cranbrook convertible. 2<sup>nd</sup> owner, 81,000 miles on original engine & transmission. Original, very nice upholstery. Yellow with new tan top. Rechromed bumpers, original floor mats, power top works, split manifold with dual exhaust, stainless steel brakes, original top boot. Has been in heated storage. Originally from Montana. Owner says: “nearly perfect”. Lou Greengard 651-457-1409.***

## A Little Bit of Humor

Have you ever wondered what some of the tools we use are really for? From the Internet we have the following Automobile Tool Definitions:

**Hacksaw:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence it's course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**Vise-Grips:** Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**Wire Wheel:** Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Django Reinhardt".

**E-A Out Bolt and Stud Extractor:** A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.

**Trouble Light:** The mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin", which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, it's main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, it's name is somewhat misleading.

**Air Compressor:** A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty suspension bolts last tightened 40 years ago by someone in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and rounds them off.

### A Few More Kids Goodies

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

### And Last But Not Least

\*\*While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

### 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](mailto: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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