



# Indy Mopar Club News

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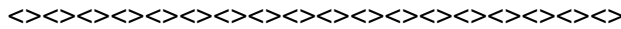
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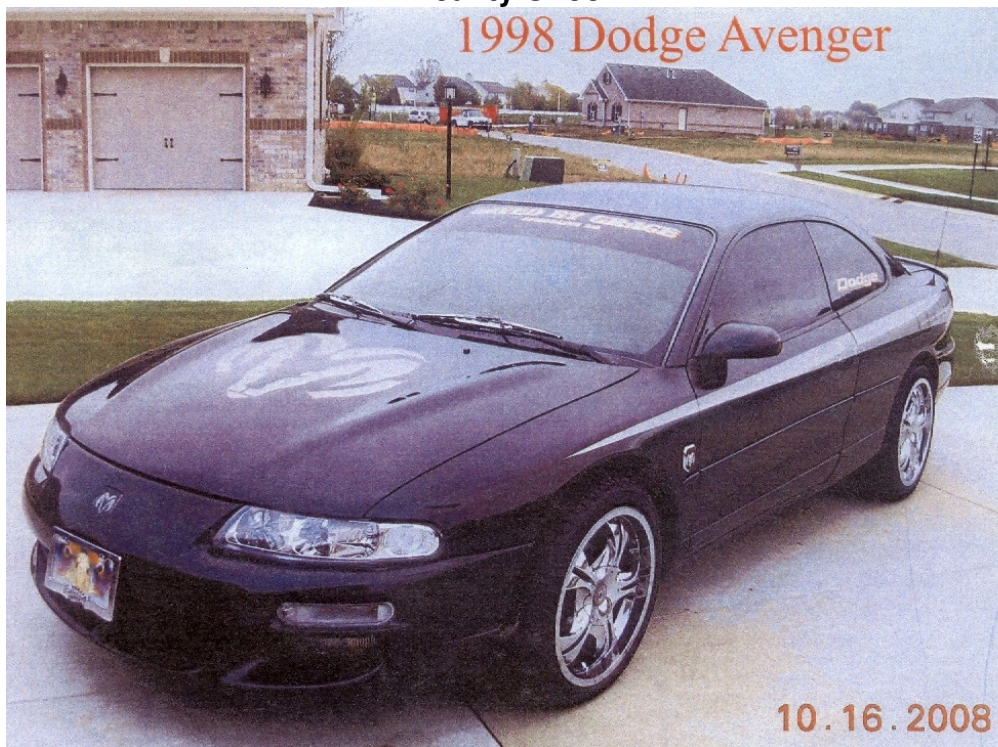
**Karen Rosenberger, Secretary**

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 May 28, 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.



## Reality Check



Ronnie Downing's 1998 Dodge Avenger

Thank you for the opportunity to join the Indy Mopar Club. I do hope Ronnie's Dodge Avenger compliments the powerful older classics.

Ronnie's story carries a very positive and strong message to all.

He was influenced as a young boy by his older brother Randy's eye and ear catching car collection. Those consisted of a '69 Charger RT and two '65 Dodge Dart GT's. The attention and affection Randy gave these cars convinced Ronnie that some day he too would have a show car.

His journey has been full of hopes and hurts. His first baby was a 944 Porsche (at age 16). Was totaled road racing at Mustang GT. His Dad, JD, was so pleased!!

Next came his classic '85 Cutlass Supreme. It was picture perfect and was featured in Car Craft Magazine. Two weeks later it was stolen. Police located it soon after, on blocks – nothing left.

Next came the '85 Mazda RX-7. It was garage kept and beautiful. This car too was stolen and never recovered. This led to some severe depression. His father surprised him with a one owner '89 5.0 Mustang. Five days later Ronnie's life changed forever.

He was involved in a head on collision with a semi. He was cut out of his car, covered up, and pronounced dead. God's miracle happened then. His injuries were life threatening but he was alive!! A year of multiple surgeries to his heart, spine, spleen, and left leg were very traumatizing. He ultimately ended up with an amputated leg.

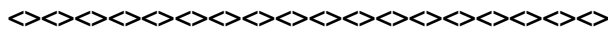
At that time he was driving a '93 Mazda MX-6 5-speed. Four days after his amputation he was driving this car – no leg, no prosthetic, and no modifications to this Mazda. It was remarkable to see him drive this way and I'm proud to say Ronnie was voted Amputee Of The Year For Outstanding Achievements. He did retire his Mazda and now enjoys an automatic.

At last his first Mopar!! A 1998 Special Edition Dodge Avenger. He has added his own unique touches – upgraded the engine, custom painted and, of course, his crystal clear, thumping stereo. He carries his message on his windshield. Currently it reads "You gave me life, show me how to live".

Ronnie's dream is now a reality. Lots of faith and hard work. His car catches all eyes – young and old. It puts a huge smile on his face, and his trophies are like candy to a child. His car is driven daily and come day of competition he always has his picture perfect Avenger ready to rock!! Ready for a new memory and some good fun and fellowship.

God Bless!

Authored by Ronnie & Linda Downing



### Indy Mopar Members' News

Trophy winners for the Indy Mopar Club/Palmer Auto Groups May 9<sup>th</sup> will be in the next newsletter.



### **INDY MOPAR CLUB Monthly Meeting Secretary Report April 30, 2009 7:00 PM Secretary's Report**

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). 42 members and 3 guest(s) attended.

Attendees were: John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Carlton & Regina Brock, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Estell Claycomb, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Ronnie & Linda Downing, Rick & Susan Eilert, Tony Fields, Scott Herring, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Larry & Susan Mayes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Pat & Pat McKarski, Bud & Debbie Mounce, Michael Patterson, Jan Peel, Bob & Karen Rosenberger, David Sanders, Bob Schonegg, Ken & Sharon Scobel, Dave Stephenson, Bob Thomas, Bob Vorpe, Tom & Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt, Steve Wisdom, and guests (and former members) Mike, Vicki, and Catie Wallace.

Secretary's Report: Karen Rosenberger  
Karen gave the highlights of the March, 2009 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Leyes  
Mike gave the treasurer's report as of March 26th, 2009.  
Balance on March 26<sup>th</sup>: \$3,255.80  
April income was \$168.00  
April expenses were \$940.99  
Ending balance is \$2,482.81

Currently 78 members in the club

Event Calendar: Bob Rosenberger

Rods for Rescues @ Ellis Park in Danville Sunday, May 3, 2009

Texas Roadhouse June 6, 2009 (9-3)

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

Event Advertising: Pat & Pat McKarski

Old Cars Only

Mopar Collector's Guide

JDRF Community Calendar

Communications Report: Dave Watt

Will put other show flyers on our web site as long as they don't conflict with our club shows

Old Business: Steve Wisdom

A. Member Profiles for Newsletter and Website

June - Dave Sanders

July - Frank Goodrum

August - Bob Rosenberger

B. Name Badges --- Larry Mayes took orders for an alternate name badge / cost \$8.02 each

C. Indy Mopar Club Shows

May 2, 2009: Palmer Dodge - in past they gave club \$2,000 and club took care of food. This year giving club \$1,000. It takes about \$1,500 to do a show

June 20, 2009: Fletcher - they will give \$1,500 plus food

September 19, 2009: Danville

E. Door prizes for remaining shows

Fletcher Show Steve Wisdom

Danville Show Bob Vorpe

New Business: Steve Wisdom

A. Member Update

Jan Peel presented a card from club members to Dick Crawmer --- recovering from heart surgery

B. Networking/Marketing Cruise-in: Kelley Stephenson cruise-in cancelled as could not get the building.

C. Jessica McCormick noted that Champion Cruise-in scheduled for July 18

C. 50-50 Drawing -- \$87.00 collected for 50-50. Half of that (\$43.50) was won by Ken Scobel, who donated \$20 back to the club.

D. Abe Barnett, Hagerty, working with us on some shows (Franklin show). Debbie Mounce will talk to Abe regarding vendor voucher.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**

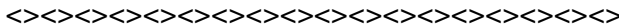


June Birthdays: Wendy Erwin, 6-3 Larry Mayes, 6-13; Jay Mays, 6-14; Rose Richard, 6-15; Sharon Scobel, 6-15; David Stephenson, 6-15; Julia Schonegg, 6-17; Ronnie Downing, 6-22; Bill Bratton, 6-26; Ken Scobel, 6-26; Ben Jones, 6-28; Carlton Brock, 6-29; Kathy Jones, 6-29; Ken Mosier, 6-30.  
June Anniversaries: Mel & Barbara Crane, 6-2; Mike & Lori Benghe, 6-3; Adam & Wendy Erwin, 6-4; Dave & Dianne Himes, 6-4; Gary & Jessica McCormick, 6-5; Ed & Mary Leyes, 6-8; Ken & Debbie Komlanc, 6-9; Brent & Julie Norman, 6-10; Scott & Janet Oller, 6-12; Curt & Marily Huff, 6-14; Mike & Lori Benghe, 6-25; Tom & Teresa Kelly, 6-25; Bob & Diane Beisel, 6-27; Mark & Mary Fields, 6-27. Congratulations to all!



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

- \*\*May 28, *Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis***
- \*\* June 20, 2009: *Indy Mopar Club/Fletcher Chrysler Open Car Show***
- \*\*June 25<sup>th</sup>, *Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis***
- \*\*July 30<sup>th</sup>, *Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis***
- \*\*August 27<sup>th</sup>, *Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis***
- \*\*September 19, 2009: *Indy Mopar Club/Danville Chrysler Open Car Show***
- \*\*September 24<sup>th</sup>, *Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis***
- \*\*October 10<sup>th</sup> – *JDRF Walk In***
- \*\*October 29<sup>th</sup>, *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

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