



# Indy Mopar Club News

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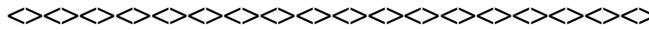
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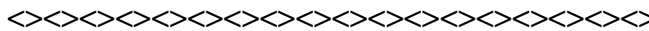
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Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 27, 2012** 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](http://www.indymoparclub.com).



Welcome to new members **Don and Shirley Mayhew**, from Mooresville, IN, with a 2007 Crossfire Convertible and a 2003 Chrysler 300M. We hope to see them soon at a meeting.



## THIS COULD HAVE BEEN US!

By Steve Wisdom



(But fortunately wasn't)

For years my friend Mike Terry, has wanted to go to the Mopar Nationals with us. This was the year he had worked it so he could go. He agreed to trailer my 1970 Roadrunner to the NATS. He has a real nice enclosed trailer.

Thursday morning we loaded the Roadrunner into the trailer. Mike's trailer is setup for Corvettes so I had to move my car past the stops that were set for a Corvette. We crossed the tie down straps, so the car wouldn't bounce from side to side. We departed with my son Chad and his friend Lee behind us in my 1999 Dakota R/T.

Chad was stopped by a couple of red lights. Mike and I figured they would catch us on the highway. And just outside of Greenfield we could see them in our mirrors. But it wasn't until we were near New Castle that they were right behind us. It was at that time Lee called to ask if we had water jugs in the trailer, because there was something pouring out of the back of the trailer.

At the next exit, we pulled into a truck stop and to our surprise; we had gasoline pouring out of the back of the trailer. The strap's metal hooks had poked a hole in my gas tank so 20 gallons of premium fuel was flowing freely into and out of the back of Mike's trailer. The boys unfastened the straps holding the car in as I climbed into the car. They then pushed me out of the trailer and across the road so I could let the remainder of the fuel drain in the gravel on the other side of the road away from the truck stop.

As I am going across the parking lot I can hear one of the axle straps rattling on the pavement. At that time I am praying "please don't spark, please don't spark." After the fuel drained out, we winched the car back into the trailer. At this time, I am thinking that the Roadrunner will be in the trailer all weekend.

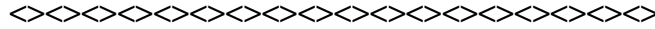
As Mike is driving, I called Tom Kelly. Tom and his brothers are already at the campgrounds next to National Trail Raceway. I asked Tom if he could get into the track as the vendors are setting up to buy me a new gas tank. Tom found me a gas tank so I sent Chad and Lee on ahead of us to pick up the tank.

At that time I am trying to locate a repair shop near our hotel and found *Ernie's Automotive Service*. It's already 3:30 in the afternoon but they agreed to work on the bird and had us running again by 5:30 pm. just in time for the rain which hovered over us the rest of the weekend. That made for one wet weekend.

So I am thankful for good friends and internet service on my cell phone. And again I want to thank Tom Kelly and his brothers for helping out. My car would have stayed in the trailer all weekend if not for their help.

PS – My lovely wife, Cheryl, gave up an auto start for her car last winter so that I could have the latest in cell phone technology. **Many thanks to her.**

Author~~~~Steve Wisdom



## INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, AUGUST 30, 2012

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign-in was conducted by Ronda Cherry, on behalf of Jan Peel. President, Brian Berkowitz, brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All members and guests were asked to introduce themselves. Attending were Jeff Andis, Brian Berkowitz, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Tony Fields, Tom Kelly, Ed Leyes, Mike Leyes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Scott Oller, David Opel, Evan & Nicole Springer, Bob Thomas, Mike Wallace, Tom & Glenda Wallace, Steve Wisdom, and guests Matt Hershberger and Dean Hershberger.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Glenda Wallace provided highlights of the July meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Mike Leyes:

Balance as of July 26, 2012, was \$5,217.50. Income for July, 2012, was \$64.50. Expenses for July, 2012, were \$103.22. Income for August, 2012, was \$15.00. Expenses for August, 2012, were \$287.00. Balance as of August 30, 2012, was \$4945.50. Mike reported that the Club liability insurance was paid to Hagerty Insurance, amounting to \$287.00.

**Membership:** There were 75 paid members for 2012.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:** Dave Watt was not present for the meeting, and no update was available.

**EVENT CALENDER:** Brian Berkowitz provided information on behalf of Dave Sanders. Brian stated that events are available, online, through Old Cars Only.com, and Car Show County.com.

**EVENT ADVERTISING:** Bill Bratton was not present at the meeting, and no information was available. Brian Berkowitz stated that he sent flyer on Westgate Cruise-in to Old Cars Only.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Brian Berkowitz:

A. Ideas are still welcome regarding a Club cruise and/or cookout.

B. The 32nd annual Mopar Nats provided a challenging week-end, due to rain. Several of our Club members drove over to Ohio to take in the event.

C. There were 11 cars from our Club who attended the Kokomo Chrysler 2012 Cruz-In. There were lots of cars, free food, and a live band.

D. Brian asked each Club member to keep in contact with Rick Eilert and Ken Schobel, both of whom are battling some significant health issues at this time. Both men have cancer, and we need to keep them in our prayers, as well as letting them know we are thinking about them.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Berkowitz:

A. The event at Champion Chrysler will be a cruise-in, October 13th, 2012, from 4 p.m., to 7p.m.

B. The Westgate cruise-in is Saturday, September 8, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Flyers were distributed at the meeting. There will be dash plaques, free food, and the show is open to all makes and models of cars.

C. The Children’s Museum Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Lunch will be provided. Please E-mail Jeff Andis at [jmopar1210@hotmail.com](mailto:jmopar1210@hotmail.com), to let him know if you are interested in attending.

D. The Monster Mopar Weekend Fall Brawl is scheduled for September 21, through 23, 2012. Online registration is open, at <http://monstermopar.com/fall-ball-indianapolis-in/>. There will be a cruise-in on Friday evening, September 21, at the Slippery Noodle, in downtown, Indianapolis.

D. The JDRF Walk is October 6, 2012. We will not have the drag race simulator. We need a team captain. Brian will check with Dave Sanders. Lets make this a big turn out for JDRF! Mike Leyes indicated that we have not yet sent money to JDRF. He stated that we collected a total of \$2433.10 for JDRF. Those present at the meeting, voted to round up the amount to \$2500.00, and send it immediately.

E. Club Member Profile for Newsletter & Website:

September - Brian Berkowitz - Mopar Nats

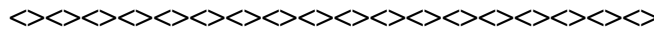
October - Brian Berkowitz - Monster Mopar Weekend

November - Tom Wallace - update on 1966 Dodge Charger

Prior to closing the meeting, Tom Kelly indicated that there is a possibility of having a cook out at his place. He stated that he will discuss it with Teresa and let everyone know at next month’s meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted  
Glenda Wallace



**About our members**

Congratulations to Ed & Mary Leyes: Mary and I drove our 1970 Challenger Convertible to Kalamazoo Mich. on Tuesday July 10 to attend the WPC Club 43rd annual national meet. On Wednesday we visited The Kellogg Manor House and the Off Brothers museum. Thursday we went to the Lloyd VerHage mopar museum and the Red McFadden car collection. Friday was spent at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo museum and cleaning up the car. On Saturday the car show was held at the Gilmore Car Museum grounds. At the show our Challenger won 1st place in class 7 (passenger cars 1969 to 1974). We enjoy going to these WPC National Meets as we get to meet different car people and get tours of this great country that we wouldn't get to see otherwise.

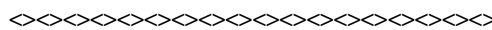
Ed and Mary Leyes

**Member’s Update**

Rick Eilert still has good days and bad days. He has been in the hospital since Thursday (9-20-12) and is hoping to go home today (9-22-12) but wasn’t sure. As you know, it takes its toll on the spouse also. So when you say your prayers please include Susan. If you should want to send a card their address is: Rick & Susan Eilert, 5755 King Ave., Indianapolis IN 46228.

From Ken Scobel: I need your prayers. I have been diagnosed as having advanced prostate cancer. This has become a very stressful time, worrying about what the future holds. I appreciate your prayers and support! Ken

From President Brian Berkowitz: To all members, recently we have had a few members going through a tough stretch, health wise. Never underestimate the power of a short visit with these guys via the phone, internet or in person. Sometimes it is something that makes their days seem easier. You may not be able to fix their issues but just being a friend helps out.

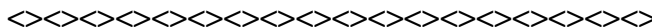


From the Internet: This is a web-site featuring the original factory brochures for nearly every American car you have ever owned. <http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html> Pretty neat!

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

**\*\*September 27, 2012, 7:00pm, Indy Mopar Club Meeting, MCL Cafeteria**

**\*\*October 6, 2012, Saturday, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk**



### **Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### **October Birthdays:**



Carol Ann Bauer, 10-5

David Opel, 10-5

Jeff Terhune, 10-11

Harold Nelson, 10-13

Patricia Patterson, 10-14

Michael Patterson, 10-20

Karen Rosenberger, 10-20

Scott Oller, 10-27

Larry Bell, 10-28

Michael Potter, 10-28

Jack Collins, 10-30

#### **October Anniversaries:**

Bill and Carla Crask, 10-2

Gregory and Denise Cook, 10-3

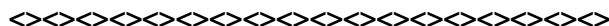
Tony and Thelma Fields, 10-15

James and Laura Bratby, 10-20

Bud and Debbie Mounce, 10-22

Don and Shirley Mayhew, 10-25

Congratulations to all!



### **Tattler's Corner**



Now we all know that Murphy's Law does prevail sometimes. How many times have we neglected to check pockets before we wash clothes and find coins or bills that have gone through the washer and dryer with no problem, just a lot cleaner than before. But how many times do you put a camera disk in your pocket and then wash those jeans? It will be interesting to find out if the pictures survived the torrent of water and then the heat of the dryer. Any guesses on who this happened to?????

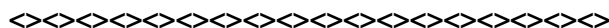


### **Editors Note**

I would like to thank all the people that contribute to the newsletter. Without their help this would not be a newsletter. I consider all of you my "extended" family. All the hugs I receive mean so much to me. I had the opportunity to visit my two older sisters in Nebraska last month and had a great, if short, time. I will again be gone for this month's meeting as I will be in the Redwoods at Boulder Creek, CA, just north of San Francisco, to visit my younger brother and sister-in-law. Again a short visit but, as my Dad used to say, after two days guests and fish begin to stink. But I also want to thank Ronda for taking the attendance for me.

Be thinking about 2013 Officers. We will have nominations at the October meeting. Also, be thinking about our Christmas Party.

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 [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. Be gentle when you do this please.)



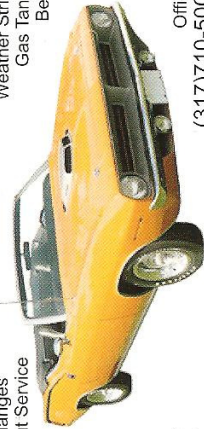
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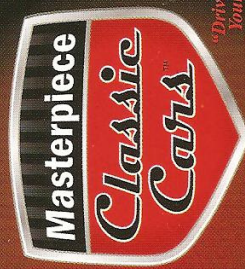
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