



Indy Mopar Club News

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Jan Peel and Dave Watt, editors

Steve Wisdom, President

Bob Rosenberger, Vice President

Mike Leyes, Treasurer

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 July 30, 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.



Member Profile of the Month

Frank Goodrum bought his first Gremlin back in 1972 as a family car. At that time, he never realized how significant this car would be to him. He proudly drove his family down to visit his dad in Lafayette, LA in his new 1972 butterscotch Gremlin with white stripes down the hood. The first thing his dad said was, "son, that's the ugliest car I have ever seen in my life". Well, his dad checked the "ugly" car out and saw that it had a 304V8 engine with a three speed stick shift with a heck of a kick to it. Dad drove it once and continued to drive the "ugly" Gremlin around town the entire time that Frank and his family were visiting. Frank's dad never admitted how much he liked his son's car, but the smile on his face was more than enough to know that he was in heaven when he was driving it.

Years went by and the Gremlin was replaced with other family cars and Frank's dad passed away as well, but in 2005 Frank found an old 1975 beat up Gremlin that was totally torn up. There wasn't anything really appealing about the car, but Frank remembered how his dad loved his 1972 Gremlin years ago, and how he enjoyed driving that car around town. It was a memorable time for both Frank and his dad, so Frank decided to take the challenge on for old times' sake. In honor of his dad, he bought the old beat up piece of rusty tin for restoration. Frank totally gutted the car and replaced the entire interior, including new seats, all of the chrome, door panels, brakes, shocks and exhaust system. The engine and transmission were full of water when Frank bought the car, so he had to replace these as well. He added a tachometer and totally revised the instrumentation panel on the car. The shoulder harness seat belts were missing from the car so Frank inserted two Louisiana quarters in the empty holes where the seatbelt anchors should have been in the inside roof of the car. (Dad, this one's for you!!) It took Frank 4 years (and a mere 20K) to rebuild this car, with the blood, sweat and tears of many friends as well. He ordered parts from Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and as far as Texas, to rebuild this Gremlin. According to Frank, this was a "rebuild of frustration and passion".

Most people turn their head and take a second look when Frank passes them by on the road. The youngsters have no idea what kind of car this is, and the oldsters all smile and give Frank a "thumbs up". Some people even stop at his home to look at the Gremlin when they are driving by, just because this car is so rare to see these days. The Gremlin was produced only between 1971 through 1976. Frank chose to paint his remodeled Gremlin a bright reddish-orange with white stripes down the hood. Over the years Frank has invested \$20,000.00 in rebuilding this commemorative vehicle. When Frank talks about his car, he smiles with pride, but what he really is thinking about is how his dad would have loved to have driven this "ugly car" once again.

Authored by Frank Goodrum



Indy Mopar Members' News

Although the day started out lousy the Champion CJD Open Car Show Luau and Cruise-in was a huge success. The sky was showing dark clouds at times but there were 66 beautiful cars that showed up. (I really

don't know how the judges were able to pick the winners.) Several vendors were there and the door prizes and silent auction items were great. The food was delicious and very plentiful.

People were very generous with the 50/50 pulling in \$308.00 with half of that going to JDRF. (My personal thanks to Sue Mayes for helping collect the 50/50.) And that is on top of donating for the above items. Trophy winners received beautiful trophies.

Our thanks to Gary and Jessica McCormick and the Champion Chrysler Jeep and Dodge Dealership for a great time.

Reported by Jan Peel

The following is a report from Gary McCormick on the Champion CJD Open Car Show Luau and Cruise-In:

1. Best Of Show Winner - John Bauer - 1968 Plymouth Barracuda
2. Best Mopar Winner - Bob Rosenberger - 1970 Plymouth Cuda
3. Oldest Driven Winner - Kurt Fehrenbach - 1931 Ford A Coupe
4. Newest Driven Winner - Ken Mosier - 2009 Dodge Challenger
5. Best GM Winner - John Hancock - 1968 Pontiac Firebird
6. Best Paint Winner - Larry Mayes - 1998 Plymouth Prowler
7. Best Interior Winner - Steve Grantham - 1966 Plymouth Satellite
8. Best Engine Winner - Ronald Piniacki - 1994 Dodge Stealth
9. Best Custom Winner - Nathan Lane - 2006 Chrysler 300
10. Best Ford Winner - Rick Eilert - 1968 Ford Mustang Convertible

We had 86 Cars show up and 66 Registered for the car show. We had a great turn out, great food and really great weather. I hope we can do even better next year and raise more money. The total money raised for JDRF was \$1,350.25. I would like to say Thank you to everyone who came out and to all who helped on Saturday. I couldn't have done everything without your help. Thank you very much from Gary McCormick and Champion Chrysler Jeep and Dodge.



Indy Mopar Club Monthly Meeting

Secretary's Report

June 25, 2009, 7:00 pm

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

Attendees were: John, Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Terry Cummings, Rick & Susan Eilert, Larry & Susan Mayes, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Pat & Pat McKarski, Bud & Debbie Mounce, Jan Peel, Terry & Rose Richard, Bob Rosenberger, David & Cindy Sanders, Bob Schonegg, Ken Scobel, Dave Stephenson, Mike & Vicki Wallace, Steve Wisdom, and guests Catie Wallace, Corbin Sanders, and Damon Reynolds, Jan Peel's grandson.

Secretary's Report: Karen Rosenberger - Absent

Bob Rosenberger filled in for Karen and gave the highlights of the May, 2009 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Leyes – Absent – Report given by Steve Wisdom

Beginning balance: \$3,414.64

June income was \$3,362.00

June expenses were \$2,107.84

Ending balance is \$4,668.80

Currently 82 members in the club

Event Calendar: Bob Rosenberger
Wanamaker's Old Settler's Day
Champion Car Show & Cruise In
Boy Scout Show
New Palestine Independence Day

June 28, 2009
July 18, 2008 (4-?)

Event Advertising: Pat McKarski
Indy Auto & R.V.
Old Cars Only
Mopar Collector's Guide
Oldies 101.9

Communications Report: Dave Watt
Nothing new – just Rambling on

Old Business: Steve Wisdom

A. Member Profiles for Newsletter and Website

1. July - Frank Goodrum
2. August - Bob Rosenberger
3. September - Terry Cummins
4. October – Mike Wallace

B. Fletcher Show Update

1. We had 64 registered cars. We had 2 children from the Diabetic's Association that enjoyed the day with us.
2. Thanks to everyone that helped out at the show. And thanks were given to Abe Barnett from Haggerty Insurance.

C. Cruise-in Car Show at Champion Chrysler Dodge & Jeep July 18th, 4 pm, and will have a Luau theme.

D. Danville Chrysler Dodge Jeep September 19, 2009

E. Door prizes Volunteers

1. Bob Vorpe & ??

F. Christmas Party

1. Date? – Possible Sunday, December 13th, 2009
2. Location?

New Business: Steve Wisdom

A. Jessica McCormick will be the Team Leader for the JDRF Walk on October 10th.

B. 50/50 drawing was won by Larry Mayes – who donated 1/2 of his winnings of \$39.00 back to the club.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Crawmer, seconded by Jessica McCormick. The motion carried.

Steve Wisdom then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Rosenberger, Secretary



New Members

Welcome to **John Kramer**, Indianapolis, 1975 Plymouth Roadrunner; **Damon Reynolds**, Lebanon, 1991 Dodge Shadow Convertible (500 Courtesy Car); and **Sue Weber**, Crawfordsville, 1971 Dodge Challenger Convertible and 2009 Dodge Mega Cab. We hope to see all of you soon.



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries



August Birthdays:

Frank Goodrum, 8-1
Diane Beisel, 8-4
Dorinda Crawmer, 8-5
Adam Erwin, 8-16
Brent Norman, 8-27

Kelly Stephenson, 8-1
Terry Richard, 8-4
Darren Turpen, 8-10
John Kramer, 8-23
Phyllis Williams, 8-31

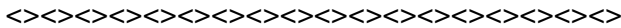
August Anniversaries:

Carlton and Regina Brock, 8-11
Dave and Cindy Sanders, 8-14
Larry and Cheryl Dilk, 8-19
Dave and Kelley Stephenson, 8-24
Congratulations to all!



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

- **July 30th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis**
- **August 27th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis**
- **September 19, 2009: Indy Mopar Club/Danville Chrysler Open Car Show**
- **September 24th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis**
- **October 10th – JDRF Walk In**
- **October 29th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis**



Parts for Sale

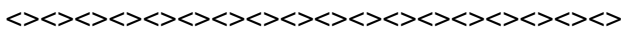
Mopar parts for sale: A, B and C body axle/housings, Slant six parts-(almost anything ya need). Slant six 4 spd bell housing and O/D trans. 66/67 B body SS trim and wiring harnesses, frt bumper brackets, factory AM/FM radio, rear and side glass. 67-69 Cuda bumper cores/ brackets and frt plate bracket. 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

Edelbrock carburetor rebuilding service: \$75 labor plus rebuild kit and any needed parts. Local pickup, delivery, removal and installation service available as well. (317) 753-8385 – Brownsburg IN 46112



A Little Bit of Humor

At the Champion Car Show Luau and Cruise-In I was complimenting the “chef” and he informed me that the corn had been picked the day before and was very fresh and delicious. I asked him if they sneaked in to the field to pick it. With a shocked look on his face he was quick to let me know they had paid the farmer for it. We both had a good laugh over it.



Reminder from your 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 here. You can contact me by E-mail 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.)

