



Indy Mopar Club News

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday October 29, 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

By Mike Wallace

I became interested in Mopars when I was 14 years old. I bought my first car at 14 which was a 1965 Dodge Dart convertible with a 225 slant 6. I worked on this car for 2 years before I could drive it. My family drove nothing but Mopars even though my Grandfather worked for General Motors. I learned how to fix cars from my Grandfather.

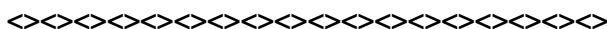
I bought my 2nd Mopar at 17 which was a 1973 Plymouth Cuda 340 automatic. My Dad didn't want me having this car but my Grandparents loaned me the \$1,200 to buy it. When I was 18 years old I bought a 1972 Baracuda with a 318 which was wrecked. In 1989 I decided to buy a Fiero GT and sell my Cuda's, which I regretted later.

In 1995 I decided to start circle track racing, and purchased a Dwarf car. I had always worked on cars and now I wanted to drive them. When I was racing I met my wife and we decided that racing was costing too much and I decided to sell the race car and buy another Mopar. In 1999 I bought a 1969 Roadrunner with a 383 that had been run as a drag car. I really still had a love for the 71' Cuda so I decided to sell the Roadrunner and find a Cuda.

In 2000 I found what I was looking for in Mopar Collectors Guide, a 1971 Plymouth Cuda that needed restored. It did not even have a motor or transmission in it, but it was originally a 383 automatic. I talked to the guy on the phone and he said he lived a couple hours north of Indianapolis. He said he was firm on the price and that another guy from Michigan was coming to look at it. I left early the next morning and drove up there and when I saw the car I knew I was going to buy it. I still talk to the guy I bought it from. My wife was not happy when she saw the car that we were paying all that money for, but all the way home I had people stopping me wanting to look at the car. I have been buying parts ever since and hope to start the restoration sometime next year.

I also had started my own business in 2000 so I had to put the car on the back burner for a while. My goal is to put a 440 6-pack with a shaker hood and to change it over to a 4 speed. I also have been working on a 1973 Dart with a 318 which I hope to start driving in the spring. I have also bought 2 Chrysler Conqueror speed boats. I also enjoy collecting all kinds of old Chrysler memorabilia.

Author~~~~Mike Wallace



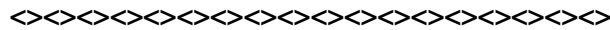
Indy Mopar Members' News

Terry Cummings had a stroke October 19th and was in Community Hospital South and then moved to Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana. His therapy is going well as he really works hard at it and he went home on October 13th. He and Deb plan on attending our Christmas party.

Our sympathy to Sue and Larry Mayes and their family upon the passing of Sue's Aunt Iva Beck.

David Chapman reported the following: As we all know, the “Goodguys 21st Hot Rod National” was at the O’Reilly Raceway Park in June of this year. Well, I participated in the “Show and Shine” portion with my 1972 El Camino each of the three days. On Sunday I finally dropped my door prize tickets off in the designated barrels. About 3 weeks later I received a phone call explaining the free trips I had just won – 5 days/4 nights in Orlando; 4 days/3 nights in Daytona; and 4 days/3 nights in Las Vegas. This is the first year a bonus trip to Las Vegas has been awarded. All trips include free hotel and 7 day car rental. Of course I will have to bear some incidental expenses....but I will do that with a smile.

Tom & Teresa Kelly again had a hot dog roast after the September 19th Danville Car Show at their home. It was a beautiful evening, just a little cool. But all the conversation seemed to warm it up. For those of you that didn’t come you missed a good time. Our thanks to both of them for their hospitality.



September 19th, 2009 Indy Mopar Club/Danville Chrysler Winners

It was a beautiful day for the 54 cars that showed up. Considering the fact that we were in competition with several other car shows in the area we did well. The DJ did a great job of announcing all the winning tickets and promoting the 50/50 and Quilt tickets. The beautiful quilt was made and donated by Susan Mayes. The caterer was there very early and the food was great. **Thanks to all the volunteers that made all this happen.**

Top 20 – in no particular order

Bob Hayden – 54 Chevy Belaire	Chris Dewees – 66 Coronet
Tom & Karen Kirby – 71 Cuda	Dick Crawmer – 67 Charger
Bob Schonegg – 70 Challenger	Bill Crask – 68 Charger R/T
Chuck Cochran – 34 DeSoto Airflow	Sammy Allen – 67 Camero
Dave Chapman – 72 El Camino	Von Cassidy – 69 Chevelle
Lee Gildner – 58 Chevy Impala	Jim Patterson – 74 Cuda
Steve & Susie Christian – 08 Challenger	Adam Ersin – 70 Barricuda
Bud & Debbie Mounce – 71 Dart	Greg Spano – 70 Challenger
Ron Dickerson – 09 Challenger	John Heeringa – 62 Dodge Polara
Brent Norman – 70 AAR Cuda	Ronda Cherry – 71 Challenger

Best GM – Ray Adrianson – 57 Chevy
Best Ford – Gerald Anderson – 46 Ford F3 1 Ton Truck
Best Mopar – Reese Kidd – 67 Charger
Best Truck – Bill Massey – 78 Warlock
Best Engine – Pat Baxter – 73 Challenger
Best Paint – Mike Patterson – 65 Barracuda
Finer Detail Award – Kevin Rodgers – 68 Roadrunner

Indy Mopar Club Monthly Meeting Secretary’s Report

September 24, 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). 30 members and 0 guests attended.

Attendees were: John & Carol Ann Bauer, Brian Berkowitz, Ronda & Dennis Cherry, Estel Claycomb, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Rick & Susan Eilert, Frank Goodrum, Tom Kelly, Gary & Jessica McCormick, Bud & Debbie Mounce, Jan Peel, Bob & Karen Rosenberger, David Sanders, Ken Scobel, David Stephenson, Darren Turpen, Mike & Vicki & Catie Wallace, Thomas & Glenda Wallace, Dave Watt, and Steve Wisdom.

Steve made the announcement that member Terry Cummings suffered a stroke and was currently at Community South.

Secretary’s Report: Karen Rosenberger

Karen gave the highlights of the August, 2009 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Watts (filling in for Mike Leyes)

Beginning balance: \$6,072.80

September income was \$1,533.00

September expenses were \$2,747.09

Ending balance is \$4,858.71

Increased membership by 1; currently 85 members in the club

Event Calendar: Bob Rosenberger

James Dean Run / Fairmont September 25-27

Meal on Wheels / Greenfield September 26

Brandywine Cruisers October 3-4

Suds 50's Dance October 3

4th Annual Rock & Roll Car Show October 17

Mystery Cruise (meet McDonalds at I-74 & Post) October 18

West Newton October 24

Goodtimin Hot Rods Halloween October 24

Edwards Spooktacular October 31

Event Advertising: Pat & Pat McKarski (unable to attend)

Communications Report: Dave Watt

Received an e-mail after the Danville Show from someone who attended with a Chevelle indicating that he had been apprehensive about attending as he felt judging might be biased toward Mopars. However, after attending, he felt it was a great show and judging was very fair. Suggestion was made that for future shows we advertise more prominently "open car show: and downplay Mopar.

Old Business: Steve Wisdom

A. Member Profiles for Newsletter and Website

October – Mike Wallace

November – Gary Stafford

December – Tom Wallace

January – Rick Kelly

February – Brian Berkowitz

B. Christmas Party - Scheduled for Sunday, December 13

So far 34 have RSVP'd

Everyone (that wants to participate) should bring a \$15 White Elephant gift

No Santa Claus this year

Should get money in by November 19 – Cost of dinner is \$13.95.

Suggestion was made that the amount that the club would pay for meat and utensils, paper plated, etc. could be used for a needy family. Will bring this up again next month.

C. JDRF Walk - Scheduled for October 10.

4 cars at the walk: Ronda Cherry, Larry Mayes, Pat McKarski, Steve Wisdom

If interested can still sign-up on-line – can also sign-up day of walk

D. Danville Show - Saturday, September 19

Thanked Tom Kelly for the get together at his house after the show

Thanked volunteers

Received good comments on food vendor

New Business: Steve Wisdom

A. Shows for 2010 – open for further discussion

Champion	Danville
Fletcher	Adessa

B. Nomination of Officers

Will nominate officers at the October meeting

Dave Watts will post names of those eligible to be officers on the website

C. Insurance for Shows – will look at other insurance carriers

Check with Abe at Hagerty

Bob Rosenberger will check with Throttle Stompers and inquire regarding who they use and what they pay per year.

D. There was no 50/50 drawing at this meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Rosenberger, Secretary



**Mike Leyes Racing Story Written by Dave Watt
Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race 2009 edition.**

The Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race (PSMCDR) is an annual event held the third weekend in September at the Mid Michigan Motorplex (Stanton Michigan). This edition was held September 18-19 and brought us some great weather. Both days started out cool but by the middle of the afternoon it was very comfortable.

For those not familiar with the PSMCDR, it is a chance for owners of stock muscle cars ranging from 1955-1975 to let everyone know that their car is as much “Go” as it is “Show”. The rules are fairly simple. Your car must be a regular production muscle car built between 1955-1975, no special “Race Only” packages. Engine has to be of stock size and must have factory accessories in place, alternator, fan, air cleaner, etc., and still have a completely stock appearance. Stock reproduction tires are encouraged but a newer radial of similar size is acceptable, no slicks. If your car is quicker than 13.99 seconds, you will need a driveshaft loop and helmet. A radiator overflow can is mandatory as some of the older cars were not originally equipped with one, it can be as simple as a pop can or oil bottle.

Fridays consist of technical inspection and qualifying runs down the track. A technical inspector familiar with your brand of car will look for any potential safety issues or parts that don’t fit the “spirit of the rules”. Mainly seatbelts, loose items, overflow can, helmet and driveshaft loop for quicker cars.

From about 10am to 5pm the track is open for qualifying runs. Many will get a few baseline passes in, and then start making changes to see if the car will get quicker. At the end of the day, each contestant will have their quickest pass recorded and all cars are arranged fastest to slowest.

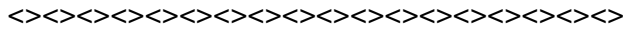
Another fact found out while the car was down for anyone that might have SSBC brakes on their A Body. These are the same calipers as the factory disc brakes installed on 65~66 Mustang and 67~72 A Body Chrysler products. Brake pads and caliper rebuild kits can be sourced at local auto parts stores.
Author~~~~~Larry Mayes

Upcoming Events – **Indy Mopar Club and others

****October 29th, Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis**

****November 19, 2009: Indy Mopar Club meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis**

****December 13, 2009, 1pm: Indy Mopar Club annual meeting/Christmas Party, The Atrium, 3143 E Thompson Road, Indianapolis.**



Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays:



Bud Mounce, 11-1

Mike Wallace, 11-6

Susan Eilert, 11-8

Russ Flagle, 11-16

Brenda Heeringa, 11-22

Gary Rogers, 11-24

Brad White, 11-28

Cheryl Dilk, 11-3

Jim Kelly, 11-7

James Ratliff, 11-11

Mike Bengel, 11-17

Dennis Cherry, 11-23

Jan Peel, 11-27

Glenda Wallace, 11-29

November Anniversaries:

Terry and Rose Richard, 11-6

Estell and Pat Claycomb, 11-23

Terry and Debbie Cummings, 11-30

Dave and Nancy Watt, 11-30

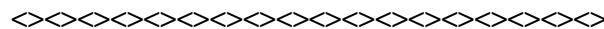
Congratulations to all!



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

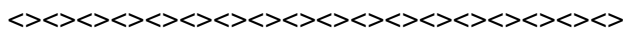
Edelbrock carburetor rebuilding service: \$75 labor plus rebuild kit and any needed parts. Local pickup, delivery, removal and installation service available as well. (317) 753-8385 – Brownsburg IN 46112



The Tattler’s Corner

At the Rock & Roll Car Show Dennis Cherry picked up a new nickname of Sparky. Check with Dennis for details. Also Jim Parker is now the Banker. He won the large 50/50 pot at the same show.

Who says they never win – just donate at the car shows? Dave Chapman told me he almost didn’t drop his door prize tickets in the designated barrels at the Goodguy’s in June but as he was walking out he decided what the heck, and dropped it in. The rest is history. So next year at our car shows when we come around with tickets for sale – remember that! We’ll have to check with him when he gets back from Las Vegas to see what kind of trip he had. And who was seen doing the “bump” after the September meeting? Well, let me tell you, it was a sight to see.



Thanks from your Editor

Thank you to all that contributed articles for this month’s newsletter. It does help.

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. Be gentle when you do this please.)

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