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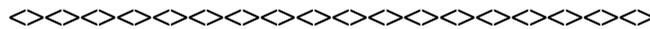
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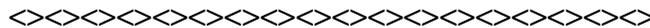
Meetings are the last Thursday of every month except November & December.

**Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 30, 2013** 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 member

A hearty welcome to new members: **Steve and Michelle Haug**, Greenwood, with their 1970 Dodge Superbee and 2011 Dodge Charger. We hope to see them soon at a meeting or other event.



### Members Profile

#### I Married a Mopar Man

The year 1959 was first time I laid eyes on the person that is now my husband, he was riding a 10 speed bicycle. He and a friend rode their bicycles 14 miles from Greenwood to my house just for the fun of being out on the road. I guess looking back on those first encounters I should have known something was different about him. When I married him 48 years ago I had no idea what a Mopar Man was. When we were dating he owned a variety of cars. Most were fast, with names like “The Moonshiner” & “Silver Bullet”. I knew after our dates he and his buddies would take their cars out to the “mid-night nationals”. I thought this was just a teenage guy thing.

Evan was always buying or trading cars. One night he pulled up to my house driving a 1932 Plymouth coup that he had just purchased. I hopped in and off we went to the drive- in movie. A problem arose after the movie when we discovered the car’s head lights didn’t work. I haven’t got a clue how we got home.

I’m not sure how it escaped me that this thing with cars could last a lifetime. I kind of knew that he liked to work on cars. He and his guy friends were always talking about mysterious things like gear ratios, cubic inches, torque per pound; you know that kind of stuff. However, I thought this must be a passing thing. My father and two brothers knew how to put air in the tires and gas in the car and that was about all, and I didn’t know any grown-up men who worked on cars, except for the old fellow who owned the one and only service station in the little town where I lived.

In 1963 when we were seniors in High School, Evan purchased a black, 426 Ford named Sabbath. In the fall he left for Purdue University taking the car with him. Evan was in his element studying aeronautics during the day and racing his car with the locals at night. But, as the year went on the miles between IU & Purdue became too many. So in the spring of 1964 Evan & I tied the knot. Who knew that after we said I do, his lifelong love affair with Mopars would begin!

At beginning of our marriage we were like most young couples of the day, **broke**. So Evan sold Sabbath. He bought his mother’s car which was a blue beauty, a 1959 Plymouth Fury. She had the biggest fins I’ve ever seen and of course lots of chrome. I believe her name was Bonnie. She was the first of the Plymouth, Chrysler, Dodge cars that would come into our lives. As our family grew so did our fleet of cars, trucks, wagons, vans and a race car. We even owned a Chrysler boat.

Of all the Mopars we’ve owned I think my Hubby loved his 1966 426 Street Hemi the best. When he bought it he told me it was a street car, which technically was true because I had to use it during the week to take the kids places, grocery shopping, running errands, etc.



Have you ever been stopped by the police with your babies asleep, so they could look at your engine? I have! I was even stopped for speeding. The policeman told me that I was doing 10 miles per hour over the speed limit and I told him that was not correct because the tachometer only read 2500 RPM.



How was I to know that Evan had changed the gears again that morning? As fate would have it the Policeman knew Evan and gave me a warning. I'm pretty sure I saw him laughing and shaking his head when he got back in his police car.

When Fridays came Evan would be out in the garage changing the rear- end getting the car ready for the weekend drags. Sometimes I would find him with the engine out of the car in pieces, carefully cleaning each piece or experimenting with another change.

At first we drove Hemi to the races, but as things got more serious we trucked her to Ohio, Indy, & Muncie, just about anywhere our group of racers would go. Evan always tried to include me in his world of the automobile (even though my understanding of what makes a car work is very limited) many times Evan would put me behind the wheel so that I could experience the thrill of racing. Evan & Hemi never let me down; she never carried me to a loss.

As time passed Evan had the opportunity to own his own service stations. With the service stations came the Wizard, a 1958 Ford truck. I'm not sure where Evan got this vehicle. It was red, white and rust. Evan put some sort of Chrysler Hemi engine in it (392 cu. In.). When you put your foot on the accelerator the whole cab would shift backwards. Evan told me it was a work truck, but I heard the fellows talking about it being a REAL SLEEPER. Evan even raced the Wizard a couple of times, at Bean Blossom in Brown County. We had to throw extra tires, tools and concrete blocks in the bed to get the big ole street tires to grip the pavement. (Rules at that time weren't real strict there)

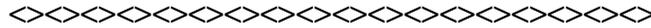
When our children grew older and began to go to school, play sports and do all the things kids are supposed to do, their father gave up on his dreams for a while to help them with theirs. He sold his beloved Hemi, going with something a little more family friendly, a 1974 red Road Runner.

As we have grown older part of our "date nights" are spent browsing around Chrysler, Plymouth & Dodge dealerships just looking at the cars that Evan is so passionate about. Five years ago we started looking for and found a Plymouth that looked just like Evan's '66 Hemi Satellite, minus the horsepower. I'm not going to elaborate on the trip we took, as it is a story in its self. But, we drove 800 miles round trip (in the snow) to check out the car and then Evan had the nerve to drive it back from Tennessee to Greenwood. Trust me, when I tell you that was an Interesting drive. I'm not sure Evan would drive 400 miles to pick me up. All I can say it must be love.

At the time of this writing Evan is having a tough time deciding whether to build up his 66 poly, or add horse power to his 2005 Dodge Magnum, or to sell them both and buy a new Dodge Challenger. So goes life when you're married to a Mopar man.

After 48 years, being married to a Mopar man has expanded my personal horizons. I myself have had three wonderful cars that I truly became fond of: #1 My 1976 Dodge Daytona which I bought new. I drove her for thirteen years, she had 150,000 miles on her when I gave her to my son. #2 My 1996 Lebaron convertible whose name was CiCi. I really loved that car, we were together for 12 years, she just wasn't big enough to haul all the Grand-kids. #3 Last fall I bought a lovely lady named Goldie. She is a 2005 Walter P Chrysler Pacifica. She's a great car with room for our golf clubs, and suitcases. The Mopar club has added a new dimension to our lives. I'm looking forward to the years ahead of being a Mopar wife.

Author~~~~Nicole Springer



**INDY MOPAR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, April 25, 2013**

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN:** Sign-in was conducted by Jan Peel. President, Ronda Cherry, brought the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. All members and guests were asked to introduce themselves. A nice turnout of 26 members were Brian Berkowitz, Bill Bratton, Ronda Cherry, Jack Collins, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Tony Fields, Tom Kelly, Mike Leyes, Don & Shirley Mayhew, Gary & Jessica McCormick, David Opel, Jan Peel, Bob & Karen Rosenberger, Dave Sanders, Ken Scobel, Evan & Nicole Springer, Mike Wallace & Vicki & Catie Wallace, Dave Watt, and Steve Wisdom.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Highlights of the March Minutes were given by Dave Opel

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Mike Leyes reported the balance as of March 28, 2013, was \$2,903.74. Income for April, 2013, was \$190.00. Expenses for April, 2013, were \$98.50. Balance as of April 25, 2013, was \$2,995.24.

**Membership** – Mike reported that there were 26 additional members paid bringing the current membership to 65 members as of March 28, 2013.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:** Dave Watt reported that he would like to have a pitch-in at his house after the Kokomo Transmission Plant Car Show August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Evan Springer reviewed the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of May.

**EVENT CALENDER:** Evan Springer spoke of many upcoming cars-shows beginning with the Fletcher Show May 18<sup>th</sup>. He also reported the car show shirts are being ordered. The Top 20 plaques are being designed by Brian Berkowitz. The show is to have a DJ and the National Guard are to be present. Tom Kelly discussed previous activities enjoyed by member. The Bounce House was discussed.

**EVENT ADVERTISING:** No report by Bill Bratton

**OLD BUSINESS** – Ronda Cherry:

1. Fletcher Show –May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with it being a memorial for Rick Eilert. The plaque/award was presented to attending members. Ken Mosier is again sponsoring the Finer Detail Award for Best of Show. Door prizes were discussed. The membership authorized Ronda Cherry to spend \$125.00 for door prizes. 1<sup>st</sup> 50 entrants will receive T-shiprt and Goody Bags. There will be a cookout at Rick & Ginger Zimmerman's after the show.
2. Champion Show – Gary McCormick announced that it was not going to happen for 2013.
3. Monster Mopar Weekend June 28-30, 2013, at Lucas Raceway.
4. Mopar Nationals August 9-11, 2013.
5. Westgate Cruise-In – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Noon to 4pm.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Ronda Cherry:

1. Club member profile for newsletter and website:

- a. May – Nicole Springer
- b. June – Evan Springer and/or Fletcher Show Highlights
- 2. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Open house at RPM Performance located at 3202 S East St. (just south of Troy Ave.), telephone number 222-6203.
- 3. Tom Kelly suggested we have weekend tours. Further discussion at future meetings.
- 4. Street Side Auto.com sent letter of introduction to Ronda Cherry. Mike Leyes mentioned that any advertisement must be by club members.
- 5. The annual Christmas Party date was discussed and decided on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mike Wallace will make the reservation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Leyes, and seconded by Ken Scobel, the motion carried.

President Ronda Cherry adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Opel



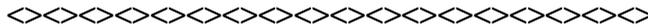
**Member Announcements**

Congratulations to **Jessica McCormick** who completed her Masters Degree in Technology.

Ronda Cherry and Jan Peel attended the Annual Corporate Breakfast at Covance Central Laboratories to kick-off the JDRF Walk Season for 2013. It was quite an impressive presentation, speeches, and, of course, breakfast.



Susan Eilert and her family with the award in memory of Rick at the Fletcher Car Show May 18, 2013. Rick will always be remembered with many fond memories and a few chuckles thrown in.



**Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**June Birthdays:**

- Elaine Berkowitz, 6-2
- Larry Fields, 6-14
- Bob Thomas, 6-14
- Sharon Scobel, 6-15
- Steve Haug, 6-19
- Bill Bratton, 6-26
- Ken Scobel, 6-26
- Ken Mosier, 6-30

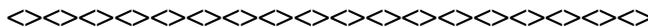
- Larry Mayes, 6-13
- Jay Mays, 6-14
- Rose Richard, 6-15
- David Stephenson, 6-15
- Michelle Haug, 6-24
- Mary Fields, 6-26
- Carlton Brock, 6-29

**June Anniversaries:**

- Mel and Barbara Crane, 6-2
- Gary and Jessica McCormick, 6-5
- Ken and Debbie Komlanc, 6-9
- Glenn and Tami Keilman, 6-20
- Tom and Teresa Kelly, 6-25

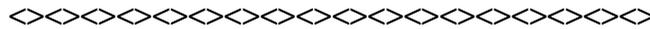
- Mike and Lori Benge, 6-3
- Ed and Mary Leyes, 6-8
- Scott and Janet Oller, 6-12
- Brian and Elaine Berkowitz, 6-25
- Mark and Mary Fields, 6-27

Congratulations to all!



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

- \*\*May 30, 7pm, *Indy Mopar Club Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, Indianapolis*
- \*\*June 28-30, *Monster Mopar Weekend at Lucas Oil Raceway*
- \*\*June 27, 7pm, *Indy Mopar Club Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, Indianapolis*
- \*\*July 17-20, *WPC National Meet with DeSoto club in St Paul, Minn.*
- \*\**August 9-11, 2013 – Mopar Nationals*
- \*\**September 7, 2013 – Westgate Cruise-In*
- \*\*September 20-22 - *Hoosier Auto Show and Swap meet*
- \*\*October 5-6, *Newport Hill Climb*
- \*\* December 8 – *Indy Mopar Christmas Party – More information to follow*



**Tattler’s Corner**

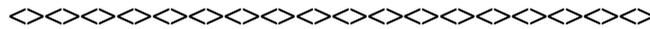


Now I’m not sure what it was all about but there was a man that almost got a drink poured on his head. To give you a little clue his initials are GM. And since his wife was in good spirits and looked really spiffy it must have been fairly serious.



**For Sale**

From Scott Oller: I ran across a man wanting to sell a 1973 Dodge Coronet. The car is complete but needs restoration. It has some rust in places and a bent rear bumper. The car is a four door model, bench seat, 318 and automatic. The license plate is dated 2005. If someone did not want it to restore it would probably make a decent parts car. I don’t know if it runs or not and don’t know what the man wants for it. The car is inside a fenced lot at Paul’s Trailer Service near I-465 and Harding on the south side. If interested call Paul Albrecht at 317-781-9212



**Note from your Editor**

In 2005 Tom Kelly, who was President at the time, asked if I would be interested in “volunteering” to mail out the newsletters to those not in attendance at the meetings and/or did not have a computer, so they would be informed of upcoming events and feel a part of the club (I still have the e-mail from him). That eventually evolved into what you presently receive. My thanks to all who have throughout the years, although sometimes reluctantly, contributed their Membership Profile. You have no idea how much it means to me. I know I have threatened to write about my dogs or grandchildren and/or great grandchildren but that is not my idea of an automobile club newsletter article. If you think you can’t write an article just pretend you are relating your story to a fellow member – the words will come. Or take along a tape recorder and actually tape your conversation with someone. Pictures of you and your car(s) always help the article.

I very much 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.)

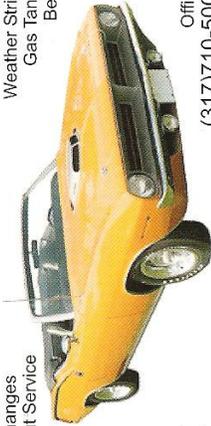
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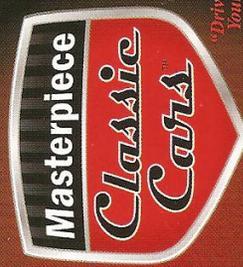
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