



# Indy Mopar Club News



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

**Next regular meeting: October 29, 2020** 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 **Jack & Brenda Myers**, from Danville, with a 1987 Dodge Ram 250; and **Ian Myers**, from Danville, with a 1974 Dodge Charger. We hope to see them at one or another of our meetings or tours.



## October 2020 IMC President's Message

I know this sure sounds like a broken record but hope this month's newsletter finds you, family & friends healthy and well.

We've had a few more outings as a club over the last month but as has been all too common this year, the best laid plans sometime trip coming out of the gate. The DSR open house we have attended as a Club in past years, was cancelled over Labor Day Weekend. Our planned visit to a local senior living center was cancelled by their management a second time when the contact person did not get arrangements made prior to leaving their employ. And last, another 'must see' event, the Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals (MCACN) event in Chicago has been cancelled this year due to Covid.

On the positive side, we did attend another Martinsville Cruise-In last month and then held our meeting at Dorinda & Dick Crawmer's beautiful home afterwards. Many thanks to them for hosting us and the wonderful snacks they provided. They had their family room set up for social distancing and we had a great time. Join me in a big THANK-YOU to the Crawmers!

A few members attended Danville's last Cruise-in of the year at Ellis Park on Friday Oct 2. It was a great show though a bit chilly. The park was a nice change of scenery from downtown and speaking with a rep from the Indy Hi-Winders who host the Cruise-In all summer, the park may become the site of their season ending event each year.

Now to Club business. Two topics were discussed at length during the last meeting and subsequently became motions to amend the IMC By-laws.

The first was to remove the requirement to own a Mopar/Chrysler Product to be a member of the Club. It was voiced that many other clubs do not require specific vehicle ownership, just an interest in those vehicles. The discussion further centered on Club voting rights for members not owning a Mopar. The consensus of those in attendance was that all 'Dues Paying Members' should have voting rights on Club business issues. There was also consensus however, that a provision be added that to be eligible to become a Club Officer, the member must own a Mopar.

The second topic covered Meeting Attendance for Eligibility for holding office. It was argued that attending a minimum of six meetings in a calendar year requirement should be revised to attending a minimum of six meetings in the 12 prior months since nominations are in October in the calendar year period. A motion was made to amend the Bylaws.

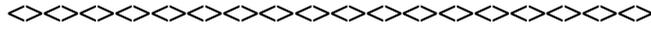
I have put proposed language changes together on both of these topics as formal publication in this Newsletter. Please give this thought and provide your feedback either to the CLUB website or to a Club Officer. If no comment, both will be reviewed one final time at the next meeting and a vote will be taken on both of these proposed changes separately.

Last item, since the year 2020 was pretty much a '100 Year Storm' regarding cancelled Club meetings, it was proposed the 'minimum 6 meeting attendance requirement' be waived completely for this

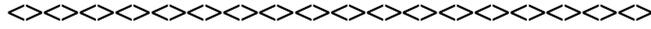
year only, for those wanting to run for Club Office. That will be voted on at the next meeting prior to accepting nominations for our 2021 Club Officers.

Thanks all and please stay safe! Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Tom



Nominations for Officers will be taken at the next meeting on October 29 and can also be received via email to [tomvkelly@aol.com](mailto:tomvkelly@aol.com) or to the Club's website [www.indymoparclub.com](http://www.indymoparclub.com) or by calling **Tom Kelly at 317.439.1727 or Ron Kriech at 317.443.4461**



New member Ely McCalip of North Salem after his belated 16th Birthday ride in a Dodge Viper after a family member sent a note to the Indy Mopar Club website.



Having missed the request for a Birthday 'Cruise-by', the Club sent him a free one year membership & a Viper Ride. His mom took pics and shared with his family. He just got his Beginners Permit & is looking forward to getting his license in a few months! Happy Birthday Ely!  
Submitted by Tom Kelly



**THREE TALES OF WOE - Chuck & Linda Butler**

From the time that I was a kid my family was MOPAR. My maternal grandfather whom I spent a lot of time with in my early years had a 1938 Desoto two door sedan. I remember standing on the passengers side holding onto the dash and looking across that long narrow hood. My folks also had one of mother Mopar's creations, a 1938 black Dodge four door sedan. I don't remember much about it except dad driving it into the garage after work. My uncle had a 1939 Plymouth, the one with the square headlights. In 1952 my dad who was in the Marine Corps Reserves was called to active duty during the Korean Conflict decided we needed to purchase a new car for the trip to Cherry Point, North Carolina. So, off we went to the local Desoto-Plymouth dealer. He bought a dark green Plymouth Cranbrook two door sedan. Top of the line except for the hardtop or the convertible that also was offered. Dad was a conservative German you know! So time passed, I grew up and we come to the 3 tales.

In 1958 when I was in Jr High School it was decided that we again needed a new car. So off to the same Desoto-Plymouth Dealer we went. But this time that old "conservative German" raised its head and dad went er-uh cheap! My folks ordered a Plymouth Plaza. The bottom of the line that year. Remember this is back in the day when you had to ask for everything or all you got was body, engine, frame, seats and wheels. The car was a six cylinder stick shift four door. The only extras were a heater, a white painted top and would you believe it---POWER STEERING! Boy you could whip that car around the corners with one finger.



From left to right are: My paternal grandmother Barbra, my sister Chris (14 years old), me in the car, and a good friend, Rick Batteiger.  
This was taken some time in June of 1962 at my high school graduation party in Columbus Ohio.

**Tale #1**

I obtained my Drivers License in December 1960. It was a rough winter that year, lots of snow, cold and windy. My home town is Columbus Ohio and of Course Ohio State University is there but on the near north side of town, we lived

on the far south side. And this is before interstates. I don't remember why but I had to go to "State" to the library for a book report material. After much begging I finally convinced my mom to let me drive the relatively new Plymouth to make the trip. I took a friend from my class (he also needed the same info) and my sister along for the ride. So we made it up and back and were about a mile from the house passing through a nearby neighborhood. We came to a stop sign and I was able to slide to a slippery but complete stop. Up ahead there were a group of kids playing in a front yard and as I started up they began to run across the street. Of course my first thought was to hit the brakes! With all of my two months of driving experience I slid off the road and into a 53 ford that was parked on the side of the road. You may remember this car had a bumper that stood out about "3 yards from the body". The corner of the bumper went into the aluminum grill of that 58 Plymouth and drove the radiator into the fan and water pump and then-----complete silence! Did I tell you that my dad was a letter carrier? Yup, and guess what, he was coming down the street and he witnessed the whole event. I can't imagine what he thought when he saw his "new car" being demolished right before his eyes. Now who do you think lost his driving privileges for a time and got a good tongue lashing?

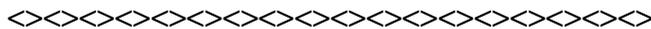
**Tale #2**

Well, let's fast forward a bit. Now I wasn't a bad kid. No felonies or even misdemeanors. I liked to as we say—push the envelope a bit! I mean the eleven o'clock curfew was just a suggestion, right? I lost some "car time" over that a few times too. I had a high school friend that had a 57 Mercury convertible. He also had a cute cousin that lived in Springfield Ohio, about an hour west of Columbus on US 40. Straight shot, right? We had decided to go over on a Saturday night so I could visit his cousin and he could in turn see a friend of hers. He wanted to drive but I insisted that I could get, guess what, yes you guessed it, the 58 Plymouth! You see my folks were going to Cincinnati to go to the new at the time, Cinerama theatre. They went with some friends in their car and that left the 58 at home. OK I confess I was told not to take the car anywhere. But this is where the envelope gets punched pretty hard. So we hopped in the Plymouth and off to the races. Oh yeah I had the pedal to the metal all the way over and back and passed an Ohio State Highway Patrol post both going and coming. Well, I got back before the folks did and figured that I was home free. Not so fast "buckwheat". Remember that savvy German dad I had? Uh-Huh, I was watching TV when they arrived home and thinking I had outsmarted them when my dad motioned for me to come out to the garage. When we got there he said put your hand on the hood! GOTCHA!!! Ole Dad was a lot smarter than I thought. You see I completely forgot the hot hood would give me away.

**Tale #3**

So here's the last tale of woe. My family made lots of trips to the UP of Michigan. We went there before the bridge was built over the straits and we would have to take a ferry across. Well in 1957 the Mighty Mac bridge was built and we crossed for the first time in 1959 in of course the 58 Plymouth. In 1961 we went to the "UP" and I was able to do lots of the driving so I was a "seasoned" driver-----right? One night when nothing was on the agenda I talked my folks into letting me take a bunch of the kids we ran around with over to see the bridge when it was all in lights. So off we went. It was about an hour drive from where we were staying. The trip was pretty routine except on the way back I decided to "open her up" on I-75 that was finished in that part of Michigan. No traffic to speak of so what's the problem? None until my blabbermouth sister said, Dad we were going a hundred mile an hour! Not really but I sure got a tongue lashing over that little episode. So you see I wasn't a bad kid but that "envelope" was stretched to the limit!

Author ~~~Chuck Butler



**The Mini Mopar Nationals**

Reported by Dart Liebrandt

The Mopar Nationals scheduled for Columbus, Ohio was cancelled due to the COVIN 19 virus. So on August 8<sup>th</sup>, Speed's New Hope Indiana Speedway hosted a Mini Mopar Nationals. The Mini Mopar National was the idea of Dave and Darrin in honor of the late Greg Pease. The speedway is located out in the county south of Freedom, IN. They were planning on having Mopars on display, drag racing on 1/8 mile track, and a swap meet. I decided to drive my 1967 Dodge Dart GT convertible to this event and check it out.



This is a view of the drag-strip.

The trip thru Bloomington and onward was interesting with lots of twists and turns along state and county roads. Even with a map and GPS, I was concerned that I was getting lost – but I made it. I have been to a few local cruise-ins and some car shows, and this was the first time I had personally seen so many Mopars in one place. They had close to 90, and I picked up an item I needed for my car. There was a lot of great Mopars, friendly people, the event was well organized and professionally ran. I am not an expert on all the Mopar years, makes and models – but it seemed to cover the gambit from the 60s up thru the present.

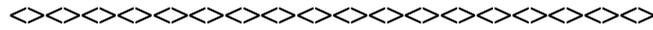


The racing was fascinating to watch. There was a 1970 Duster with a 225 slant six going down the track along with some very powerful and fast cars.



You can find more about the event by checking out the Speedway's Facebook page, it is listed under the date of August 10<sup>th</sup> (when it was posted). They had such a success turnout they are planning on hosting another one next year.

Author~~~Dart Liebrandt



**IMC Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2020**

**WELCOME AND SIGN-IN**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Tom Kelly.

Those attending were Tom and Teresa Kelly, Ron and Dru Kriech, Chuck and Linda Butler, Steve and Cheryl Wisdom, Bob Thomas, Dick and Dorinda Crawmer, Dart and Donna Liebrandt.

**Secretary's Report – Ron Kriech**

A. The August meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the IMC newsletter.

**Treasure's Report – Steve Wisdom**

A. August 27,2020 balance was \$1,891.44; September income was \$60.00; September expenses were \$350.00; Flower Fund \$294.35. Balance on September 24, \$1,601.44.

**Communication Director – Randy Smith**

A. Randy was not in attendance. Tom Kelly read the directors report. The web site and software need updated before we can make significant changes.

**Members News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Chuck Butler**

A. Chuck read the report for the birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulation to all.

**Event Calendar – Chuck Butler**

A. This is the end of the season, so no events have been scheduled.

**Event Advertising – Evan Springer**

A. None needed at this time.

**Old Business – Tom Kelly**

A. World of Wheels – Rhonda Cherry made contact for booth space, displays and number of cars. A Club display would require a minimum of four cars. Typically 4-6 in past per WoW rep. Cost is \$50/car. Event still planned but Covid situation at time could affect. Decision on whether the Club wants to plan a display will need to be made at next meeting to provide adequate time and to obtain a preferred spot at the show.

B. The membership page and website on hold until updates can be made.

C. Discovery Commons Cruise-in Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. RSVP. We will be going to the Avon cruise-in at Lowes after Discovery Commons.

**New Business – Tom Kelly**

A. There was a discussion about future club outings such as Park County covered bridge trip. Nothing planned at this time.

B. Christmas Party; to be held on December 12, 2020. (Club calendar in newsletter to be corrected).

C. Club membership discussion concurred that a Chrysler brand automobile will not be required to join the club but is required to be an officer of the club. Motion made to amend the bylaws.

D. The requirement to have attended six meeting to run for officer was discussed and suspended for 2020.

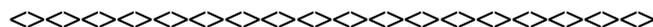
E. There was a discussion for second motion to change bylaws was made to revise the requirement for attending six meeting during "calendar year" to six meetings during the "previous twelve-month period" to be eligible to hold office. Bob Thomas made a motion to change the Bylaws which was seconded by Dru Kriech.

F. The November meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month. Nov. 19, 2020

No 50/50 raffle was held. Dick Crawmer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chuck Butler. The meeting ended at 8:15 PM.

Special thanks to Dorinda and Dick Crawmer for their hospitality inviting the club

Submitted by Ron Kriech



# Indy Mopar Club Bylaws Proposed Amendment

RE: Membership & Office Eligibility (rev 2, Oct-8-2020)

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – (no changes)

### Section 2 (Proposed Revision)

To become a **MEMBER and be eligible to hold Office in the CLUB**, one must own a Mopar Car or Truck (Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth, DeSoto, Jeep or Ram), be at least 16 years of age and pay Club Dues as defined in these Bylaws. The Mopar vehicle may be under construction to qualify.

Without owning a Mopar vehicle, a person may become a **MEMBER** if having an interest in Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth, DeSoto, Jeep or Ram automobiles, trucks and/or the Chrysler brands' history and pay Club Dues as defined in these Bylaws. Members not owning a Mopar are not eligible to become a Club Officer.

**Mopar** is an inclusive term used by car enthusiasts for any Chrysler-built vehicle and a formal trademarked name for their original equipment manufactured parts division.

Section 3 – (no changes)

Section 4 – (deleted)

Section 5 – (no changes)

Section 6 – (no changes)

Section 7 – (no changes)

Section 8 - (remove “?” but no change to content)

## ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

### Section 5 (proposed revision- strike word ‘Active’)

Active Club Members with current paid dues are allowed to vote for election of Club Officers or to vote at meetings on Club Business motions as follows:

- Single Member households with current paid dues are allowed one (1) vote.
- Family Member households (that include a spouse or legal partner) with current paid dues are allowed two (2) votes.

Absentee voting for Club Officers is allowed for Members (Single Member or Family Member as defined above) with current paid dues, if received via mail, email or text by the Club Secretary prior to the voting at the November meeting.

**Proposed revision - ADD** the following new Section to ARTICLE V- ELECTIONS:

### Section 6

**Member must own a MOPAR to be eligible to hold a CLUB office.**

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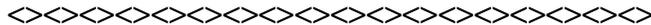
## ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

### Section 1 – (Current version)

All nominees for any office must be members in good standing having attended six regular meetings during the current calendar year and having assisted with club activities.

### Section 1 – (Proposed Revision)

All nominees for any office must be members in good standing having attended six regular meetings during the **previous 12-month period** and having assisted with club activities.



### November 2020 Birthdays:

Chuck Cochran, 11-4

Rick Kelly, 11-4

Jim Kelly, 11-7

Susan Eilert, 11-8

Ed Wagler, 11-15

Rick Ordo, 11-23

Heather McClain, 11-27

Jan Peel, 11-27

### November 2020 Anniversaries:

Jay and Caryn Williamson, 11-1

Keith and Cyndi Rohloff, 11-18

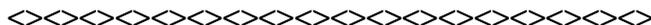
**Congratulations to all!**



### Tattler’s Corner



My tattler hat and magnifying glass don't seem to get around much lately. So I am asking (begging) for an assistant to report. With this group there has to be some mischievousness going on. I D-Double-Dare someone to do a little tattling.



**2020 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST – TBV – to be verified TBD – to be determined-updated by Tom Kelly**

|     |          |         |        |   |  |                      |
|-----|----------|---------|--------|---|--|----------------------|
| Jul | 11       | Sat     | 10a-2p | Fletcher Chrysler - IMC Cruise In   | Franklin, IN   | Steve Wisdom         |
|     | 10-12    | Fri-Sun |        | Carlisle Chrysler Nats  | Carlisle PA  | Dave Watt/Tom Kelly  |
|     | 10-18    | Fri-Sat |        | Mecum Collector Car Auction   | IN State Fairgrounds   | Tom Kelly            |
|     | 7-29-8-2 | Tue-Sun |        | National DeSoto Club National Meet  | Brookfield, WI   | Tom Kelly            |
|     | 30       | Thur    | 7-8p   | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg   | Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse                                       | Tom Kelly            |
| Aug | 7-9      | Fri-Sun |        | MOPAR NATIONALS - Nat'l Trails Raceway Columbus (Hebron) OH   |  | Tom Kelly            |
|     | 15       | Sat     |        | Woodward Dream Cruise (week long lead up)   | Oakland County MI  | Jeff Platze          |
|     | 27       | Thur    | 7-8p   | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg   | MCL Cafeteria  | Tom Kelly            |
|     | TBD      | Tue-Sat |        | Walter P Chrysler Club National Meet  | TBD  | Tom Kelly            |
| Sep | 4        | Fri     | TBV    | DSR Open House-Car Show   | Brownsburg, IN   | Evan Springer        |
|     | 12       | Sat     | 12n-3p | West Gate Chrysler / IMC Cruise-in  | Plainfield IN  | Chuck Butte          |
|     | 12       | Sat     |        | Discovery Commons Nursing Home  | College Park Indy  | Randy Smith          |
|     | 18-19    | Fri-Sat |        | Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race   | Stanton MI   | Dave Watt-Mike Leyes |
|     | 24-27    | Thu-Sun |        | NMCA Race-Show  | Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermont)                                   | Dave Watt            |
|     | 24       | Thur    | 7-8p   | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg   | Crawmer home Martinsville                                      | Tom Kelly            |
|     | TBD      | Sat     | 9a-12n | JDRF RUN/WALK - Victory Field Baseball Stadium  | Indianapolis IN  | Steve Wisdom         |
| Oct | 29       | Thur    | 7-8p   | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg   | MCL Cafeteria  | Tom Kelly            |
|     | 29-31    | Thu-Sat |        | Nominations for 2021 Officers<br>Mecum Classic Car Auction  | Ind State Fairgrounds  | Ronda Cherry         |
| Nov | 19       | Thur    | 7-8p   | Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg   | TBD  | Tom Kelly            |
|     | 21-22    | Sat-Sun |        | 1 week early because of Thanksgiving - Election night for 2021 Officers<br>Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show | Rosemont IL  | Dave Watt/Tom Kelly  |
| Dec | 12       | Sat     | 4pm    | Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party   | Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse<br>1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142 | Tom Kelly            |

**Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccurring)**

| Months        | Time  | Name of Event / Day                      | Location                | IMC Contact |
|---------------|-------|--|-------------------------|-------------|
| May thru Sept | 5-9pm | Danville Cruise-In 1st Friday of Month   | Danville IN Town Square | Tom Kelly   |
| TBV           | 6-9pm | Lowes Summer Cruise-in - Every Sat Night | Avon IN US 36           |             |
| TBV           | TBV   | Mooreville Cruise-in / TBV               | Mooreville IN           |             |
| TBV           | TBV   | The SUDS Cruise-in / TBV                 | Greenwood IN            |             |



Do any of these ring a bell? From IMC meeting October 30, 2014  
 Ronda Cherry getting dressed - Ronda collecting money - Jan Peel as Hobo? - Tom & Nurse Teresa Kelly  
 Stay safe and stay well. Have a **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**