

Indy Mopar Club News

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Meetings are normally the last Thursday of every month except November & December. Refer to the President's Message for both those and future meeting dates.

Next regular meeting: August 29, 2024; 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



Message from Jeff Platzer, Club President:

Hope everyone is having a good summer. We've had some big heat waves but it's still better than winter, right? None of us mind fall, but we've still got some summer to go. We've got the US Nationals coming up Aug. 28- Sept. 1. We have the Holley Moparty Sept. 13-15. We have the NMCA World Finals in Indy at IRP Sept. 20-22. There's the awesome Beech Grove car show Sept. 29. The Mecum Fall Auction here in Indy is Oct. 3-5. There are many other shows yet, so let's keep having some fun while we can.

Well, the good news this month is that we finally got our York show scheduled. **We'll be at Portillo's**Restaurant in Avon this year as York has so much inventory on their lot there's no place to move it all too. Our cruise-in is now set for Sunday Oct. 6 from 12-3.

I'm working on getting the flyers printed now. There is a rain out date of Oct. 13 just in case we need it. Once again, we will need any door prize items that you can help with. We have a few left over from Fletcher, but not a lot. York is the primary sponsor, but we will also have GR Auto Gallery as a second sponsor.

Deb and I were at the Woodward Dream Cruise as usual. We went on Wednesday this year, so we stayed Wednesday through Saturday. My high school friend has a 572 Hemi Dodge Dart, so we had some fun cruising in that beast. The weather was great Wednesday through Friday, and the number of cars cruising was just enormous. It's an 18-mile round trip up and back, with stop and go traffic for miles. Thousands of cars to see. I've sent some **photos to check out that will appear in the next newsletter issue covering the Woodward event.** Make sure you get this on your bucket list!

See you at the meeting!

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Jeff

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IMC JULY 2024 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was called to order to order at 7pm by IMC Club Vice President. Ronda Cherry.
- Introduction of Guests. Ronda Cherry.
- Secretary Report Dave Opel.
 - Accepted as Printed in Newsletter.

• Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom

Balance Sheet July 25, 2024

June 27 Balance \$1,586.85

July Income

6/27/2024	Flower Fund \$147; Fletcher Shirts \$45; Renewal \$20.	\$197.00
7/5/2024	1 Fletcher Cruise-in Shirt	\$ 15.00
7/15/2024	Fletcher Cruise-In Sponsorship; start-up \$200	<u>\$1.809.00</u>
July Income Total:		\$2,021.00

July Expenses

6/27/2024	Randy Smith Fletcher Cruise in Flyers	\$18.00
7/2/2024	Door Prizes from Ollie's	\$106.79
7/11/2024	Door Prizes from Ollie's Reimbursement to Jeff Platzer	\$ 98.26
7/17/2024	Fletcher Silent Auction Jeff Platzer	\$20.00
July Total Expenses		\$243.07

(Flower Fund: \$205.72)

July 25th Balance

\$3,364.78

52 Paid Membership Families Currently

- Communications Director Report Randy Smith
 - Currently the IMC Email system is down.
 - He is in the process of uploading Cruise-in photos to IMC website.
 - Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries Ronda Cherry
 - o Read from newsletter Congratulations to all!
 - Event Calendar Tom Kelly
 - o The IMC Newsletter Calendar has been updated. Upcoming Events were reviewed.
 - o Mopar Nats in Columbus is Aug 9-11. Some IMC members attending & set-up in Fun Field together.
 - Aug 17 is Woodward Dream Cruise with prior week lead-up events.
 - Aug 29 is the next IMC Meeting.
 - Sept 13-14 is the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race in Stanton MI. Some members will be racing.
 - Sept 13-15 Holley MoParty is in Bowling Green, KY.
 - o Sept 19-22 is the NMCA Race and Car Show at Lucas-IRP in Clermont IN.
 - Attendance Ronda Cherry
 - o 15 Members & Guests were present.
 - Attendees: Ronda Cherry, Steve Wisdom, Randy Smith, Dave Opel, Larry Mayes, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Tom Kelly, Rick Zimmerman & grandson Rhett Perry, Walter & Elaine Thomas, Steve Claycomb, Jeff Andis and Tim Little.
 - Old Business Ronda Cherry
 - O New Iron-on IMC Patches available at \$8 ea.
 - Hummel Park in Plainfield was to be investigated for location for York CDJR Cruise-in. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Post meeting, Jeff reported that Hummel Park required 1 year advanced notice. Show is scheduled for Portillo's Restaurant on US 36, in AVON IN. on Oct 6, 2024; See Calendar for update).
 - New Business Ronda Cherry
 - JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) has changed its name to "Breakthrough T1D"
 - o Larry Mayes thanked the Club for the Windchimes in remembrance of Sue.
 - Motion to Adjourn by Dick Crawmer, Seconded by Jeff Andis. The Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.
 Have a nice upcoming week

Mopar Nationals, Hebron Ohio, August 9-11, 2024. By Tom Kelly

Several IMC members attended the 43rd Annual event this year. Some of us parked together and sat up adjoining pop-up tents that provided an oasis in the rather toasty weather this year. The gang included Steve Wisdom, his son Chad (and were joined by Steve's grandson on Saturday) and brought Steve's B5 Blue Challenger. Kelly Brother attendance included Dan and Jim from Pueblo Colorado, brother John and me (I brought my '68 Road Runner) from Danville. Mike Leyes, and former members Dave Watt and Kent Wallace also attended. Kent brought his '67 silver Coronet R/T from Detroit. Another friend, Mark Graver drove his dark blue '67 R/T 4 speed ragtop down from Detroit as well. Rick Zimmerman brought his lifted Ram 2500 with the bed loaded with coolers and his Blackstone Grill. Though we couldn't get him to don a 'Chef' hat, his bacon & egg sandwiches in the morning and cheeseburgers & hot dogs in the afternoon were delicious! I know I didn't get to see everyone from the club that attended over the weekend, but I did cross paths with Vickie & John Walker in the Manufacturer/Pit Area. I found out later that member Kevin Wedan was also in attendance.















Ok this wasn't Rick's lifted Ram but his grandson loved the pic!! And a few other misc. cool cars at the show....

I visited with some new friends I had met at the National Hemi Owners Reunion in Brownsburg this past May and each brought a different car. Matt Hargis brought his green '66 Dodge Coronet Hemi 4 speed in 'as found' condition and Steve Atwell, Sr. who brought the Butch Leal Dart Sport Super Stock car that he restored (Photo below with credit to FB Page as noted). It was shown with another Butch Leal car, the Mopar Missile Pro Stock Duster and the '68 Hemi Barracuda Super Stock "Mule" car. That was the first car Tom Hoover and the Chrysler engineers used to develop the '68 Super Stock Package cars. Other original factory race cars and race package cars were on display as well. It was incredible to see this group of legendary race cars together.























... the Mopar Nats Mystery...

So now on to the big Mopar Nationals 'Mystery' of the weekend. It was a beautiful 1966 Hemi Satellite, white with maroon interior, automatic trans, that was setting for sale in the Car Corral. Mods included aluminum heads and cross ram with a RO hood scoop. More intriguing, however, were the documents in the window, including the original window sticker. Factory Invoice and the dealership's sales document from a Columbus Indiana dealership. Interesting, I thought, as I have discussed with Evan Springer many times in the past his old white '66 Hemi Satellite that he sold back in the late '60s.

After looking it over, I called Evan back in Indy and asked about the origin of his '66 Hemi Satellite. "Was it originally from Voelz Motors dealership in Columbus?" I asked. He said "Yes". "What color was the interior?" "Maroon" he answered. I told him the original owner's name on this car was a Joe Manners per the sales document. Evan said "yes, that name sounds familiar" though Evan said actually bought the car from the local Credit Union not directly from the original owner.

In discussing the car when he owned it in the '60s, he said after he & Nickee used it as a daily driver while also drag racing it for a few years, he was approached by a young man interested in buying only the body, without the Hemi drivetrain. Evan said he agreed, removed the Hemi & Trans, put a 383 & automatic in the '66 and sold it to him. Evan said he continued to enjoy the Hemi as he next put it in a '65 Dodge.

Now, remember this was some 50+ years ago, but after some time passed, the '66 Satellite body had changed ownership a few times. Then interestingly one day, a friend, Kevin Wedan (also a current IMC member!) approached Evan and inquired about the Hemi drivetrain. Kevin had purchased the '66 Satellite body and wanted to reunite the two, convincing Evan to sell it.

Evan understood that Kevin eventually sold it sometime later while it was still a project. Evan never saw it again and heard at some point later, it had been stripped & dipped and had then become a rusty basket case by a later owner. He heard that it had ended up in the St. Louis area.

Well fast forward to this year's Mopar Nat's Car Corral. The guy selling it had only owned it for 18 months. He had traced ownership through numerous people back to the early 2000s. That leaves 30 some years unaccounted for. Oh, and this car had spent time in St. Louis.

So, it still remains a mystery whether this was Evans (& later Kevin's) old Satellite or not. Evan called Kevin who happened to be at the Nats this year, too. Evan said Kevin looked the car over in the Car Corral but after its current state of restoration, he could not tell if it was the same car they had once owned or not. With the race mods to the engine, and a Dana under it, he just could not be certain. Unfortunately, Evan hasn't found any of his original paperwork with his old car's VIN number that would confirm. He has his old license plates, so he has some clues and hasn't given up finding the answer just yet. Personally, I think it would have been pretty odd that the same dealership would have ordered two identical 1966 Satellites both Hemi, Automatic, White exterior, maroon interior with a console mounted tack. Odd indeed...













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MEMBERSHIP FEATURES

Dave Opel noted that the first generation Chrysler Hemi was introduced in 1951 in 331 Cu. In. displacement. It had an industry leading 7.5 Compression Ratio and was rated at 180 horsepower. By 1955, the 331 Hemi engine's horsepower had increased to 300 in the (appropriately named) Chrysler 300.

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TATTLER'S CORNER (In Memory of Jan Peel and her sense of humor!)





Now and then! Appears to be a significant drop in energy level in these past 25 years!! Haha Dave!



September 2024 Birthdays:

Cathleen Claycomb 9-06 Ronda Cherry 9-07 Donna Opel 9-13 Kim Vorpe 9-15 Dru Kriech 9-21 John Roberts 9-23 Deb Platzer 9-24 Linda Little 9-24

September 2024 Anniversaries: Sue & Jim Kelly 9-12 Lori & Jim Webb 9-23 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

2024 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST TBV – to be verified	TBD – to be determined	07-20-24 tvk	IMC Contact:
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Sept 13-14	Fri-Sat		Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race	Stanton MI Day	ve Watt/Tom Kelly
13-15	Fri-Sun		Holley Moparty-Beech Bend Raceway	Bowling Green KY	J Platzer
19-22	Thu-Sun		NMCA Race-Show	Lucas Raceway (IRP-Clermo	nt) Dave Watt
26	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Oct 6	Sun	12-3p	York CDJR / IMC Cruise-in	Portillo's Avon IN	Jeff Platzer
TBD	Sat	tbd	JDRF Breakthrough T1D WALK Ind	ianapolis IN	Steve Wisdom
31	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg Nominations for 2023 Officers	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Nov 23-24	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL Tor	m Kelly/Dave Watt
28	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria	Jeff Platzer
Dec 15	Sun	5p	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse	Steve Wisdo
	NOTE:	NO DEC	EMBER MEETING AT MCL 1202 L	eisure Lane, Greenwood 4614	2
			Local Cruise-Ins (Reoccuri	ing)	
April thru O	ct Fri	5-9pm	Culvers/Meijers Cruise-In E. Washingtor	ı Indpls, IN	Larry Mayes
May thru Se	pt	1 st Fri	5-9pm Danville Cruise-In 1st Friday of I	Month Danville IN Town Squar	e Tom Kelly
May thru Sept Sat 6-		6-9pm	Lowes Summer Cruise-in - Every Sat Night Avon IN US 36		Jeff Platzer
May thru Sept		TBV	Mooresville Cruise-in / TBV Moores	sville IN	Dick Crawme
Apr thru Oct	t Sat	4pm	The SUDS Cruise-in	Greenwood IN	Evan Springe
May thru Sept Thur 5-9pm		5-9pm	Martinsville Thursday Cruise on the Square Martinsville IN		Dick Crawmo