



- Treasurer’s Report – Steve Wisdom

**Balance Sheet July 25, 2024**

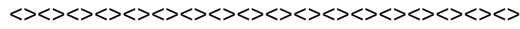
	<b>June 27 Balance</b>	<b>\$1,586.85</b>
<b>July Income</b>		
6/27/2024	Flower Fund \$147; Fletcher Shirts \$45; Renewal \$20.	\$197.00
7/5/2024	1 Fletcher Cruise-in Shirt	\$ 15.00
7/15/2024	Fletcher Cruise-In Sponsorship; start-up \$200	<u>\$1,809.00</u>
	<i>July Income Total:</i>	\$2,021.00
<b>July Expenses</b>		
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	<u>\$20.00</u>
	<i>July Total Expenses</i>	\$243.07
(Flower Fund: \$205.72)		

**July 25<sup>th</sup> 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
  - Read from newsletter – Congratulations to all!
- Event Calendar – Tom Kelly
  - The IMC Newsletter Calendar has been updated. Upcoming Events were reviewed.
  - 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.
  - Sept 19-22 is the NMCA Race and Car Show at Lucas-IRP in Clermont IN.
- Attendance – Ronda Cherry
  - 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
  - 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”
  - 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 43<sup>rd</sup> 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...



