



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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From Our President

HI GANG;

John, Matt, & I just got back from Byron, Ill. and the MELTDOWN DRAGS, where they have a huge number of 50's & 60's drag cars of all styles. Ted (The Captain) Harbit was there with the "STEW TOMATO" and Richard Poe was there with his bright green '64 Lark yet to be named. Bob Palma was there taking notes and pictures. An old friend of Ted's was there doing the cooking of some great Italian Sausage. Bob and I will have pictures in next month's bulletin.

I would like to thank Charlie & Becky Griffith for setting up the luncheon and meeting at Logan's in Greenwood, pretty good turn-out and I had a good time; hope everyone else did as well. Got to get this off to Becky because, as usual, I'm late.

YOUR FELLOW STUDE GUY
CHUCK



Richard Poe's yet un-named "mean green machine"

GRISSOM AIR MUSEUM
HOME OF THE 305th



A Great Day at Grissom Air Museum

It was a warm but rain free day at Grissom Air Force Museum in Peru, Indiana on Saturday, July 26. In all there were 47 cars from the three clubs. Our own SDC Club was represented by eleven Studebakers plus three more members attending in non-Studebakers. It was a great day of fellowship, delicious food and photo opportunities with these wonderful planes/jets. No meeting was held so there are no minutes.

It was nice to see Daryl Lahr, Jim Turner, Bob Parker and Dale McPhearson at the event; members we haven't seen for a while.

Andy and Terri Swartz 1962
Lark with a Blue Angels jet



Mike and Pat Lawson's 1959 Lark



Curt and Linda Koekenberg's 1950 Starlite Coupe and
several Avanti's parked in front of a jet



The Avanti Club



Visitors and club members enjoyed looking at the cars and planes

A B-58 like the one Lt. Col. Sid Kubesch flew on a world setting speed record from Toyko to Paris on October 16, 1963 of 8:35:20. The record still stands.



Lunch



2014 SDC International Meet Dover, Delaware

Story and Photos by Danny G. Taylor

The DelMarVa Studebaker Club hosted a great Golden 50th meet from June 28 to July 5.

While not the easiest place to reach, Dover, Delaware proved to be a great location – particularly the event venue itself. The Dover Downs Hotel and Casino was plenty adequate to host the entire event on its property.

I was immediately beckoned by the sights, sound and smells of the casino, but successfully resisted leaving additional monies in house (other than the \$25 gift card for the slots given by the casino management to each Studebaker registered family – which I in short order gave back to the “house”).

The entrance to the casino and hotel was GRAND as it was appointed with plenty of Studebaker signage and banners AND a beautiful Lark VIII convertible, a sprinkler tanker and a Weasel.



My first order of business was to take photos of the above three items plus to locate Ed and Heidi Reynolds’ Studebaker International setup and Jim Turner’s brake booth located in the vendors hall. When I asked Jim if he and Bob Palma had ridden out together, Jim’s reply was “Yes, I had to listen to him talk the whole way !!” Bob – a talker – really ??

I attended a very interesting talk, along with about 70 others, given by Tom Murray of TNJ Murray regarding the Weasel. They are a worldwide re-seller of military vehicles and parts. It is now a third generation business.

He will gladly sell you one of his Weasels for \$25,000 up to \$50,000. The Weasel, of course, was a Studebaker vehicle manufactured in South Bend. Its original purpose and design was to be able to maneuver efficiently on extremely deep snow-laden land in order to offer support against expected Axis attacks in Norway during World War II. VERY interesting lecture. Interesting, the Dover Downs track and casino are on land that Tom sold to the enterprise in 1965.



Those who drove Studebakers were able to do a driving tour to Tom’s facility and the Dover Air Force Base; and on a different day to drive around the famous Monster Mile track.

In addition to the club members mentioned above, Marvin and Berniece Snider enjoyed the trip to Dover. While viewing the vehicles in The Concours area, it was great to run into former members Steve McNutt and Teresa Edwards (as well as their dog Jack Russell who had his own name tag!). They are doing well in Florida, attending as many meets as possible.

As club vice president, I attended the President and Zone Coordinators meeting (in Chuck Kern’s absence) and will present a report to the club officers. Essentially, the board plans to give more assistance to the local clubs and has a viable agenda to help reach that goal.

Oh, someone at the meet, I don't remember who, saw a Studebaker station wagon for sale and stated that the club should buy it for Chuck – then he'd have a "ChuckWagon" !



Ed and Heidi Reynolds

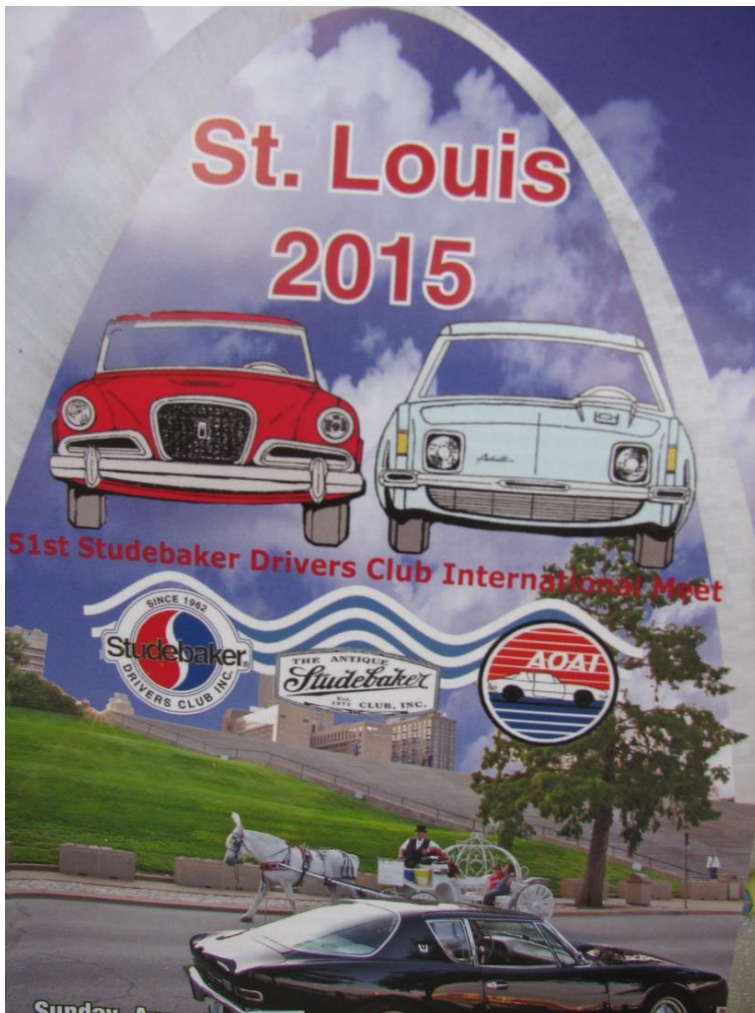
Lastly, a couple of facts I learned about Dover and Delaware: Dover, a city of about 40,000 and the state capitol, has a VOLUNTEER fire department !!!! Also, Delaware has only three (3) counties. Rhode Island, our smallest state in size has five (5).

Our next international meet will be in St. Louis, Sunday, August 16 through Saturday, August 22, 2015.

Hope to see you there as St. Louis is only a four hour drive from Indianapolis. This will present an excellent opportunity to drive part of Historic Route 66 in your classic car. There is plenty to do and see in St. Louis, one of my favorite cities to visit.



Jim Turner at work at his booth.



Welcome New Members

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1963 GT Hawk



This is the cover of the 2015 brochure for the International Meet in St. Louis. They were distributed at Grissom. Chuck Kern has copies to hand out at the next meeting. I will have a PDF copy to send out soon. They are already taking reservations for rooms.

News About Our Members

Judy Lawlis has finished her first round of chemotherapy with good results. She gets a short break from treatment and will start again in about two weeks.

Carol Reeves is going to be in the nursing home for a while longer. She is progressing slowly, her main problem is severe lower back pain that makes it difficult to get up out of a chair and or walk. If you would like to visit Carol, call Ray at 765-491-1048. It would be great as she needs encouragement.

After 37 years of the same number **Dale McPhearson** is changing to a cell phone and **will discontinue** using 654-5446. Dale's new number **1 (765) 357 -5880** is now in use, it accepts text and voice mailbox.

Hello, friends;



Can't help but be proud of our son-in-law, **Mike Marcinieć**. I have no idea how he does what he does as a LifeLine Helicopter Medic.

Here's a local, feel-good news story that aired a couple days ago in the Indianapolis area. Sorry you have to endure a 15-second advertisement to see the actual 2-minute video, but it's worth waiting.

Click on the arrow on top of the still photo of Mike hugging the girl whose life he stabilized (and likely preserved) two years ago during her LifeLine Helicopter ride:

<http://fox59.com/2014/07/08/medics-reunite-with-girl-they-saved-after-go-kart-accident/#axzz36yIqXDO6>

Good news for a change!

Best. **Bob & Cari Palma**



FOR SALE - 1950 Champion Starlight Coupe Airplane Car:

This is a unique opportunity for an American Patriot and Studebaker lover! This is a very special Studebaker with a vinyl graphics scheme depicting the spirit and vigor of the WWII Lockheed P-38 Lightning fighter plane. This car could be the most uniquely Patriotic Studebaker in the entire world. Studebaker's 1950 model was expressly designed to incorporate many features of the legendary WWII airplanes that helped bring us victory. This is a materially stock vehicle in exceptional condition. Recent original drive train rebuild, \$12k in body work/paint, new vintage tires, electrically and mechanically solid – drive anywhere. The base coat clear coat silver paint brilliantly sparkles in the sun like polished aluminum aircraft. Nationally recognized in Hemmings Motor News, Hot Rod Magazine, and the

Studebaker Drivers Club Publication Turning Wheels and Chapter Newsletters. This is a truly special car which always turns heads, is a favorite in parades, and attracts all ages at car shows. See additional photos at photo site. See below:

<http://imageevent.com/donandgisela/1950championcarplanephotos><http://imageevent.com/donandgisela/1950championcarplanephotos>

Price is \$27,500 or close offer. Call Doug Hodak SDC Black Hawk Chapter Member at (630) 501-9582

Chapter President, Zone & Regional Managers Meeting

Tuesday July 1, 2014

Dover International Meet

I attended this meeting as vice president since Chuck Kern was not able to go to Dover.

Vice President Mimi Halgren opened and was in charge of the meeting attended by all of the board members and about 60 representatives of local chapters (of which there are 148). After introductions, Robert Roach of Carson High School, California gave a brief talk about keeping our old car hobby alive. He runs an auto shop at the H.S. and tries to engage the young men and women in conversation about the benefits of having old cars.

Tom Curtis then spoke at some length and in depth about our shrinking and aging membership and the board's plans to aggressively pursue membership. He discussed a recent survey and stated that most of the information will be in the next TW. The average age of our members is about 67. On another topic, he suggested each chapter review their by-laws.

Then Tom introduced a program called "Chapter Support" and handed out a brochure explaining it. Some of the key components he discussed were:

- * A better location for our booth at the Hershey meet
- * Development of a repository of forms to be used by any chapter
- * Zone Talk and individual officer forums
- * Drive Your Studebaker Day Packet – one per chapter was given out
- * News release templates
- * Participation program material
- * Share Cost program for banners – brochure was handed out
- * Rebate program when buying banners from the museum
- * Program runs through December 31, 2014

I will bring the brochures and DYS packets to the next meeting.

A novel idea was discussed about how to get some free advertising – via the "Adopt-A-Highway" program which provides signage for the sponsoring entity.

Submitted July 15, 2014

Danny G. Taylor

Club Vice President

Upcoming Events

August 8 and 9 - Zone Meet at the Holiday Inn, Dundee, Michigan

Saturday, August 16 – We will meet at **Incredible Buffet in Greenwood** at **1:00 pm** for lunch and a meeting. For those who haven't been to Incredible Buffet they have a salad bar, pizza, home style food, dessert and beverages for \$8.00, \$5.50 if 55 or older. Check in at the Group Counter, pay, and they will direct you to our room, DR B. The restaurant is at the NE corner of County Line Road and US 31. There is an entrance off both roads. 8797 Hardegan Street.

Sunday, September 7, 1:00 pm - Pitch-in at the Griffiths. Again this year they will be serving pulled pork and barbequed pork. Bring a side dish and your table service. Bottled water and iced tea will be on hand.

Saturday, October 11, 2014 - Milan '54 Museum

On Saturday, October 11, we will meet at the McDonalds in FRANKLIN, located at I65 and Main Street (the only Franklin exit off I65). We will leave here at 8:30 to travel to Milan, Ind. for a visit to the newly opened "Milan '54 Museum". We will be making a pit stop in Shelbyville at the McDonalds on Hwy 44 East, should any of you care to join us there rather than drive to Franklin. We should be there about 9:15 - 9:30.

We will arrive at the Museum at approximately 11:00. We think you will find this museum interesting whether you are a basketball fan or not. It's not only a piece of sports history, it is a piece of Indiana history. Also, if the weather blesses us with a nice day, we will be able to enjoy a Studebaker ride in the Indiana fall foliage.

Afterwards we will have lunch at "The Reservation" restaurant in Milan. We should arrive back in Greenwood at about 4:00.

Please email or phone so I will have a number to give the restaurant. Also let us know if you plan to meet us in Shelbyville or Franklin. Call 317-889-3802 or msnider04@AOL.com

Thanks, Marvin & Berniece Snider



Mark these dates on your calendar:



October 3 – 5 - Non-SDC event Newport Hill Climb
November 2 – Pitch-in at Ed Reynolds, Greenfield
December 27 - Christmas lunch

I will have more information in the next Bulletin for those without computer access

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National SDC Membership

Regular membership dues in the National Studebaker Club are \$24.00 for new members 1st year only. Renewals are \$31.00 per year, which includes 12 monthly issues of *Turning Wheels*, the National SDC Magazine. (Other memberships are available.) Application is available upon request or e-mail studebakerdriverclub.com.

Indy Chapter Membership

National SDC membership is a prerequisite. Renewal INDY Chapter dues are \$18.00. Renewals are payable January each year. After March a \$5.00 late fee will be added. Application is available upon request.

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Dale McPhearson's 1939 Champion Deluxe with "Miss Liberty Belle"

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