



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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Hi Folks;

I must say I'm sorry for not having an article last month and apologize to Becky because she usually saves space for me. I was very busy last month getting the AVANTI ready for the Pure Stock Drags. We had the drags on DRIVE YOUR STUDE DAY and drive them we did. I was matched against a Pontiac Firebird Formula SD 455 C.I. , one of only 43 made, a beautiful car. THE KERN TEAM won the shoot-out against this car by beating him 2 out of 3 races. I think we would have won all 3 races, but I red lit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> run. Bob Palma will probably have a report.

The weekend after the Pure Stocks I went to South Bend for a get together with some of my very best buddies from high school. We have been getting together for 53 years, 2 of which have passed, however, their wives still meet with us; it's a real bond. We are all from South Bend and have some kind of connection to Studebaker.

My other huge event was my 1<sup>st</sup> granddaughter, Jackie, John's 1<sup>st</sup> born got married Oct. 11 and I now have a new grandson, Eric. This is also why I was unable to attend the Milan run. My entire family from Chicago was here, what a wonderful visit as I don't often get see them.

It won't be long till we will be meeting at Ed's on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. So be thinking about who you want to nominate for next year's officers. At the meeting I would appreciate it if the newer members would come up to me and say hi so I can become more familiar with you all. THANKS.

YOUR FELLOW STUDE GUY  
CHUCK`

## Indy Chapter of the Studebaker Drive Club

Saturday, October, 11, 2014

Place: Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum

Attendance: 18 at the museum

15 for lunch at the Reservation

On a beautiful fall morning 18 SDC members and guest headed for the '54 Hoosiers Museum in Milan, Indiana. We had three guest join the group. Jim Lewis uncle, Hershal Lewis, and Jeff and Kathy Westcott, who only two weeks before



moved to Indiana from the San Francisco area. Roselyn McKittrick, a volunteer at the museum gave the group an interesting history about the museum.

Once done at the museum we moved on to lunch at the Reservation. No meeting was held. A big “Thank You” goes out to Marvin and Berneice Snider for planning a great day.



The gang with Roselyn McKittrick, center



Jim Lewis (R) with his uncle, Hershel Lewis, sit in front of an old bank vault that no safe cracker has been able to open.



Jeff and Kathy Westcott who just moved to Indiana and hopefully future SDC members. The Westcott's own a 1962 Lark Convertible and 1961 Champ Truck.



Marvin and Berniece Snider standing in front of the Reservation Restaurant. It is one tiny restaurant. Just kidding, the tepee sits in front of the restaurant.



## Fun with Jay Leno

This isn't a Studebaker topic but a really neat thing happened to some fellow Hoosier car enthusiasts. Meet Bill and Rita Sanders. Many SDC members know the Sanders from the HAC Club (Historic Auto Club). I don't have many details but here's what Bill has reported so far dated 10/18/2014 .....

It's a long story, so short version: I have a friend who knows Jay thru the car hobby. Jay is in town for a show at Clowes Hall and my friend invited him to see the car collection at Summerplace in Sharpsville and the Kokomo automotive Museum in Kokomo and invited me but I was sworn to secrecy until this morning ... more to follow later



## This Might Be of Interest from Bob Palma

93 Old Car Movies and Ads' - Many neat old clips here of varying lengths:

<http://www.tvraaca.org/oldmovies.htm#movie>

## Or Maybe This

This is Ivan Clark. I attended the Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet in Menomonie, WI this weekend, and I took a number of photos during the meet. I had taken quite a few photos of the meet, which I think number around 150, so rather than send you the pictures, I'm going to send you a link to the Photobucket album that I had created with the pictures in it. There's around six pages of pictures, and you can use them as you see fit. Anyway, enjoy! :)

<http://s158.photobucket.com/user/PlainBrownR2/library/Studebaker%20Upper%20Mississippi%20Valley%20Zone%20Meet%202014>

From Larry Hopkins: If I recall correctly, about a year ago we added new members that were highly interested in buying a 1950 or 1951 Studebaker convertible. If any of you can recall who they were, here is a rare opportunity to own one of those low production models.

[http://www.ebay.com/itm/Studebaker-Champion-Convertible-1950-studebaker-champion-convertible-/291261363669?forcerrptr=true&hash=item43d087b5d5&item=291261363669&pt=US\\_Cars\\_Trucks](http://www.ebay.com/itm/Studebaker-Champion-Convertible-1950-studebaker-champion-convertible-/291261363669?forcerrptr=true&hash=item43d087b5d5&item=291261363669&pt=US_Cars_Trucks)

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race

Photo and Article by Bob Palma

Just returned from a record-breaking Studebaker year at **The 20th Annual Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race** at The Mid-Michigan Motorplex near Stanton MI. We had a record TEN Studebakers in competition! Exactly 50% on the Shootout Wins, too: Two competitors (Nimesh Solanki, whose clutch linkage fatigue prevented his competing Saturday, and Dave Warren's '55) had no competitors for the shootouts.

Eight Studebakers were in legitimate shootout races; four won their shootouts and four lost. Not bad!

**Chuck Kern's** white R2/Powershift Avanti (below) dispatches the rare 1973 Pontiac Formula SD455 he drew



for the shootouts: Chuck won his shootout by winning two of the three races, including this one. *(Note the orange cone in the photo. That is the 1,000-foot post near the end of the drag strip's 1,320-foot quarter mile. You'll see that cone in several of these photos at speed.)*

Chuck's best ET and speed during Practice and Qualifications (**P&Q** from here on out) was **14.020** and **103.21**. I believe he got into the 13s during the shootouts, however.

**Ted Harbit** and The Stude Tomato had a fun time this year. Yes, they won their shootout, but only the last two races of it...and the last one of those by the hair of The Tomato's chinny chin chin!

Based on Qualifying times, Ted and The Tomato were paired with cute Amanda Waligora's 1970 SS396 [402] Camaro with TurboHydramatic (cute = Amanda, not the Camaro.) We've often wondered if competitors are distracted (OK, intimidated) by the prospect of having to race Ted Harbit...but in this case, we wonder if **Ted** might have been the distracted one as he was **-ahem-** "greeted" by Amanda (right). Your appraisal of that possibility is solicited:

(And you wonder why Mary Ann Harbit doesn't let him go to these things alone...)



Anyway, Amanda is an excellent driver and has quite a following at this event in that her Dad, Dale, is a well-established competitor here with his LS6 Chevelle.

Tentative plans were for John Kern to again drive The Tomato so Ted could drive The Plain Brown Wrapper in the shootouts, but Amanda got wind of that and would hear nothing of it; doggone it, *she considered racing Ted Harbit in a Studebaker to be an honor and wanted him to drive!* (I mean, really, could you see Ted turning her down?)

**And by George**, she gave him hell! Ted was a little slow off the Line in Round One (again, distracted?) while Amanda pulled one helluva hole shot on him and even posted a 60' time in the 1.8s! So Ted and The Tomato lost Round One to Amanda. It was close at the lights, and the pro-girls, pro-Amada crowd in the stands went nuts when the win light came on in her lane.

The second round was all Ted, tipping the Shootout Win to the critical Round Three, in that they each needed two wins to win the shootout.

Well, it would almost appear that Amanda was set to take Round Three in this photo (right) at the 1,000-foot post:

But you know the old adage, "*It ain't over 'til it's over.*" What Amanda didn't realize was that Ted was in the process of **passing** her in the photo! Yep, Ted and The Tomato posted a **12.969** a split-second after the above photo was taken, nailing Round Three and the Shootout Win! (Amanda's time was 13.059 on that third run.)



BTW, Ted & The Tomato's best P&Q figures were **13.191** and **110.79**. Ted posted that 13.191, but it was John Kern during practice who posted the 110.79. John made three of The Tomato's nine practice runs "just in case."

**The Plain Brown Wrapper**, with Ted driving all rounds, lost its shootout against a 1969 Nova SS396/375 HP 4-speed. They won Round Two but dropped Rounds 1 and 3.

On the next page Ted is pulling away from a 1969 Road Runner during Saturday morning practice:

An explanation is in order because the Nova had qualified with a 12.540, whereas the Wrapper had qualified with a **12.780** (and **113.83**). That is an elapsed time difference of **.24**; **almost a full quarter second**, a huge difference at this event, where pairings are normally within a few **thousandths** of each other, **tenths!** Sheesh.





What happened to load the 'Wrapper' with such a mismatch was that several competitors dropped out Saturday morning after the pairings had been made **and** one car was DQ'd for a rules infraction. As a result, they had to tell Ted that **The Plain Brown Wrapper** (left) would be making bye-runs, i.e., no competitor due to no one qualifying close enough that wasn't paired elsewhere after all the last-minute shake-outs.

Ted wasn't at all happy about that, but didn't express any anger, just

disappointment. Then Dan Jensen said, *"Well, if you want, you can run the 396 Nova, but you'll be at a severe disadvantage because he qualified so much faster."* Ted said, *"Bring it on; we came this far to race, **so let's race!**"*

All three rounds were less than .24 winning difference, IIRC. Ted said the 'Wrapper's front bumper was about even with the Nova's back bumper and gaining at the end of Round One, whereas he was about even with the Nova's front door hinge post and gaining at the end of Round Three. Close, but no cigar.

Well, that's enough of Sonny's bandwidth here on The Studebaker Racing Forum, so look for a comprehensive report in an early **Turning Wheels** next year.

Congrats to all competitors; no breakage and no humiliating losses. **COOL BEANS! BP**

Bob Palma

## News About Our Members

On July 16, **Lois McDowell** broke her pelvis. Soon after that, **Bill McDowell's** brother, Frank McDowell, died. On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Bill fell and broke his neck. I believe he broke his first vertebra. He is in a nursing home in Greenfield.

Also keep **Dave Elmore, Bob Fox, Judy Lawlis** and **Carol Reeves** in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with health issues.



**Remember to set your clocks *back* an hour November 1 before you go to bed.**



# Upcoming Events

**Sunday, November 2 – Pitch-in at Studebaker International** - Lunch at Studebaker International in Greenfield hosted by Ed and Heidi Reynolds. Lunch is at 1:00 pm. Turkey will be provided; bring a side-dish and your table service. Ed's address is 97 N 150 W, Greenfield 46140.



Anyone in need of parts call Ed ahead so he and his crew can have it ready to go. 317-462-3124 or [edr@studebaker-intl.com](mailto:edr@studebaker-intl.com)

***We will be holding elections for officers as well. Please consider how you can be involved in the club.***

**Saturday, December 27 - 1:00 PM – Christmas Lunch** - Once again, it's that time of year when we think of celebrating Christmas dinner with our Studebaker friends. We will be returning to **MURPHY'S STEAK HOUSE**, however, they have moved since last year and have a new location. The new restaurant is located at 5198 N. Allisonville Rd, Indpls. This is at 52nd St. and Allisonville Rd. behind the AAA Store.



We will order from their extensive menu so everyone should find something to their liking. I do need a head count to give to the restaurant. **Please contact Berniece or Marvin by December 23** at 317-889-3802, or 317-796-2347 or email [msnider04@AOL.com](mailto:msnider04@AOL.com).



The gift exchange brought a bit of fun to the party last year, so we will do that again. We are asking the ladies to bring a gift for a lady and the gentlemen to bring a gift for a man. This can be a serious gift, a joke gift, a white elephant you have laying around your house, or whatever you deem appropriate or fun. The gift should be something in the \$5.00 range. Wrap your gift and mark it male or female and see what items turn up at the party.

Hope to see you there.  
Marvin & Berniece Snider

**Mark these dates on your calendar:**

**January 24** – Lunch at the Pit Stop in Brownsburg 1:00 pm

**August 16 – 22** - Studebaker International in St. Louis



Hello Fellow Members and Friends;

As your Activities Director I'd like each of you to consider hosting an event in 2015. Whether it be a driving tour, pitch-in, car event or meeting at a restaurant. Think about something you think the group would enjoy. **As you can see above we have nothing scheduled after January.**

Maybe you have an idea but don't want the responsibility of making the arrangements. Give me a call or e-mail me at 317-353-8287 or [chazwork@msn.com](mailto:chazwork@msn.com). I'll see what I can do.

Let's change things up next year and go and see some new places. **Remember, it's your club and the club is only as good as you make it.**

Charlie Griffith

## National SCD Membership Application

Regular membership dues in **The National Studebaker Club** are **\$24.00** for new members 1<sup>st</sup> year only.

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**Or email:** studebakerdriversclub.com for information

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