



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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## From Our President

Hello All;

WOW! Is what I have to say this morning is another rousing success. Richard and Rose Poe have out done their selves once again, it just keeps getting bigger and better every year. I think we had 25 cars at Bean Blossom and roughly four or more folks per car. It was sure great to see old friends and meet new ones. I even met a man named John who worked at Studebaker in the 50's along with his son who raced a beautiful 64' Challenger. I would like to personally thank each and every one who came out to show support for our beloved Studebakers and Richard & Rose Poe for all the very hard work they do in making this event possible. I am glad to call these two of my dearest friends. Well done, you can surely say your dream has come true.

Hope to see you all at Charlie & Becky's in a couple of weeks.

YOUR FELLOW STUDE GUY  
CHUCK

## The 2015 Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags Report

Story by Richard Poe, photos by Rose Poe

Well the 2015 version of the Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags is in the books. It turned out to be a great day weather-wise and racing wise, we had sunny skies but it was a little bit warm, around 80° with no wind or rain on race day.

As usual, Friday night we all met at the Seasons Lodge Restaurant in Nashville, Indiana at 5:30 for dinner. We had a big crowd so next year I think will have to get a larger space at the restaurant so everyone can sit together. After dinner we all went up to our home just up the road for desserts that Rose prepared. During desserts bench racing, car talk, and pie eating were the tasks at hand.



Coming down the track

Saturday morning we all loaded up and headed to the track early where all the Studebakers and other orphan cars pit together in a group. There was a canopy set up by Chuck Kern that soon filled up with lawn chairs where all could gather.

We had all the Studebakers lined up for pictures in the pits. The drivers check out the cars to make sure they were ready for the days racing. That's always an impressive sight.

We are always amazed at the long distances people travel to come to this race and to race their Studebakers, or just watch and enjoy the day at the track. Every year the regulars come and new racers show up. It's a great experience and opportunity to see some beautiful cars and trucks and meet some wonderful people.

We set up the Studebaker feather sign that the Indy Chapter bought along with the Indy chapter banner to attract new members. We did attract a new member to the SDC and the local Indy chapter. Hopefully we will soon be able to welcome them at one of our upcoming Indy Chapter events.



Andy and Terry Swartz are the Most Energetic Studebaker Fans. They received a case of Lucas Hot Rod Oil. This oil is made for use in cars needing higher levels of zinc.



Staged and ready to make parade lap

The cars stretched for over an eighth of a mile starting at the burnout box about three car lengths before the start line, and ending about four car lengths past the finish line! While we were all lined up in front of the spectators, we stopped for pictures. The Brown County Democrat had a local reporter on hand that interviewed several people during the event for the newspaper.

This is been a dream of ours to do this race and for the last eight years we've enjoyed hosting all of you who have attended. We didn't hear any complaints only smiling faces and positive comments. We look forward to seeing all that have been here before again, and looking forward to who will come here next year to spend some time to race, and visit with us.

So now it's time to make your plans to come to the Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags in 2016. Whether as a spectator or racer we know you will have a good time. See you next year.

The Poe's



## Evening Before the Drags Nashville, Friday, May 22

On a perfect Friday evening, the Studebaker Club met at the Seasons Lodge in Nashville for dinner, then moved on to Richard and Rose Poe's for delicious desserts. 32 members and guests enjoyed an evening of fine food and good company.



Bob Palma  
(R) with his  
cousin  
George Krem



Wayne and Sarah Iseminger of Westville, IN in the  
back, Dawn and Rick Meadows (R) of Perrysville, IN  
and Debbie and Cecil Meadows (L) of Lake Village, IN



Brothers Steve (L) and Joe (R) Donahue from  
Jamesville, Wisconsin with their 1955 Commander



Wayne and Sarah Iseminger with their 1952 Commander



Bob Palma and Mary Ann Harbit checking out  
the ramp Ted Harbit nearly lost!



Jeff and Kathy Westcott with son John





Enjoying dessert



Shop talk



Tom and Elaine Covington (R) of Richmond, Virginia with Neil and Robin Loughlin of Ortonville, Michigan in front of the Loughlin's 1964 Daytona



Charlotte Clark (L) with Terri Swartz (R) relaxing as Rose Poe visits with guests in the background

*A sincere Thank You to Richard and Rose for putting on a great event year after year.*

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**FINAL NOTICE**

Harsh words, I know. But I have received the membership roster for 2015 and if you're not on it I can't send you the next issue of the Brickyard Bulletin.

If you are not certain that you're paid up you need to contact Tom Flynn at 317-837-5671 or [tom\\_and\\_trudy@yahoo.com](mailto:tom_and_trudy@yahoo.com). He can help you.

Please don't let this be your last issue.



# THE FAMILY BUSINESS

Becky Griffith

My father was a business owner. From the 1960's thru the mid 70's he was owner of United Seat Cover and Top Company, later changing to United Upholstery Co. His logo was *"Try the Friendly Guys of United"*. Wasn't that a clever logo, wonder how he ever thought of it.

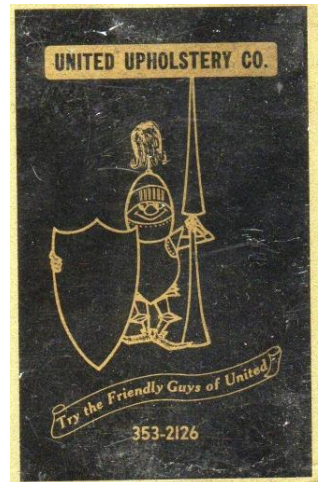
One location was at 3815 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St, Indianapolis. What I didn't know was this address was originally Roy Gale Motors, Inc. a Studebaker dealership which eventually became Childers Studebaker. I know Bob Palma had written about the address before in a forum but I didn't put the address and my father's business together.

I asked my mother if she knew about the buildings history and she answered, "Oh sure, we rented the building from Mr. Gale for about ten years. He was a nice man, a bit on the small side." Asked my sister if she knew about this. Yep. What puzzled me was that no one thought to mention this to me knowing that Charlie and I belong to the Studebaker club. No satisfactory answer was ever forthcoming.

Below is a picture of the building when it was a Studebaker dealership. It still stands today, painted the same plain white as when my father rented the building.

This doesn't have much to do with the building but my most vivid memory of being at the shop is May 4, 1968. I was eleven, my sister 14. My mother picked my sister, me and a *bunch* of our friends (this was before seat belt laws) up from school and brought us to the shop. Bobby Kennedy was running for president and was in Indianapolis and his motorcade passed right in front of dad's shop. We didn't get to shake his hand but we stood less than ten feet away from him. It was unforgettable. My

father took lots of pictures (slides) and yes, we were a bunch of giggly school girls. Bobby Kennedy was a very handsome man. I asked my mother for the pictures but she had thrown them away. Too many slides, time to get rid of them.....so sad.



# *Confessions of a Thinkaholic*

## Lasting Impressions



Has there ever been someone in your life who you couldn't forget? Was it someone who encouraged you, or helped you, or loved you in an extra special way? Or maybe it was just the opposite...perhaps it was someone who betrayed you, or cheated you, or hurt others you cared about. Whether it was a good memory or a much harsher remembrance, we all have people who have made a lasting impression on us.

As we go through life, it's those lasting impressions that impact our lives in more ways than we can count. We can't forget these people or their actions. Just like the old saying...we have a memory like an elephant. And that leads us to a story I'd like to share with you. This story appeared (sometime in the mid-1950s) in the Indianapolis *News* in Wayne Guthrie's column "Ringside in Hoosierland". The related incident happened in the town of Veedersburg, Indiana...where Dave and I grew up.

### **Don't Give Chew to an Elephant**

No doubt you have heard the adage that an elephant never forgets. Well, in case you are inclined to take it with tongue in cheek or with a grain of salt, here is a tale that may cause you to change your view and give credence to the old saying.

According to long-time Veedersburg resident, Clarence Nixon, it seems that back in the early 1900s, when the Sells-Floto Circus was small, it used to exhibit at such places as Veedersburg, Crawfordsville, and Covington. On one particular occasion, the circus train which arrived in Veedersburg on the old Cloverleaf Railroad, unloaded at the southeast edge of town. A parade was formed. It moved westward through the main part of town to the top of the hill, then north and made its way back to the site of the large tent near the railroad yard.

As the parade proceeded westward, a man in the crowd offered one of the elephants a package of line-cut chewing tobacco, which the pachyderm accepted, munched, ate and swallowed. The upshot of this was that the animal later became sick.

The next chapter in the story did not take place until 15 years later. As before, the circus unloaded, formed a parade and marched over the same course and back to the show place. But on the way up the hill, something happened. The same elephant recognized, in the crowd, the man who had given him the package of chewing tobacco 15 years earlier. Quick as a wink, the beast reached out with its trunk, grabbed the man, pulled him into the street and began tromping him with one of its forefeet.

Using a large hook, it was all the elephant caretaker could do to rescue the man...but not until he had suffered serious injury. Local residents stated, "He was lucky to escape alive." The after effects of his injury served as a reminder to the man, of his unfortunate act, for the rest of his life.

Wow! I don't know about you, but that story definitely inspires me to always endeavor to make my actions & words leave only good impressions. I certainly don't want to be stomped on and permanently scarred from someone's memory of something I did that hurt or harmed them. Well, one thing we know for sure...ALL of our Studebaker adventures are guaranteed to leave great memories and wonderful lasting impressions.





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See registration form in May issue of Brickyard Bulletin

## Tri- Chapter Meet at Auburn Museum Saturday, July 11

10AM: Begin Arriving

11AM or 11:30AM: Presentation by Museum Archivist on the Avanti and Auburns

12PM: Lunch

1PM: Free to tour the museums. Museum closes at 5PM

There will be parking on the museums surface lot. Bring a chair and refreshments and then at 1:00 enjoy a free tour of the museum.

We haven't hammered out details for lunch. Our options are to brown sack it, have a pitch-in (there will be no tables available to us) or leave for lunch, however, there is no guarantee we can return to the museum grounds. We'll discuss this at our next meeting in June. Also, do we want to go as a group or meet up at the museum?



# Upcoming Events

## Saturday, June 13 – Barbecue pitch-in at the Griffiths

Again this year we will have pulled barbecued pork. The address is 1526 South Hunter Road, 46239. Bring your favorite dish and table service. Bottled water, ice tea and lemonade will be provided. **Lunch is at 1:00.**

**June 26-27** - Crossroads Zone Meet in Chillicothe, Ohio – See page 7. For additional information contact: JoAnne Hamblin at 419-947-1360 or [jlh6225@centurylink.net](mailto:jlh6225@centurylink.net)

**July 11** – Tri- Chapter Meet at Auburn Museum – See page 7.

**Mark these dates on your calendar:**



**August 2 – 1:00 pm** – Lunch and Meeting at Logan's in Greenwood

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

**October 17 – 1:00 pm** – Pitch-in at the Carefree Clubhouse, 1202 Leisure Lane, (corner of Leisure Lane and County Line Road), Greenwood, IN 46142 hosted by Dan Taylor

**November** – Pitch-in at Ed Reynolds

**December 12** – Christmas Lunch

This is kind of fun; it was posted on Facebook recently:

## REMEMBER



### Important Facts to Remember as You Grow Older:

- Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.



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### 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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Inside Richard Poe's shop. Five Studebakers, three getting ready for the drags. Photo by Richard Poe

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