



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas & New Year Holiday. All Joe wanted for Christmas this year was 1964 GT Hawk parts!

I traveled to Florida with my sister Annette on Christmas Day to visit our Mother & brother. I was surprised at how many people were traveling on Christmas & how many places were open.

My brother Chris gave me a Studebaker Drivers Club flag that was given to my dad at the 1976 International Meet by Tony Caralla, one of the seven founding members of SDC.



Thank you to Howe & Charlotte Clark for hosting the January Meeting at the Pit Stop BBQ and be sure to bring your sweetheart to Don Pablos for the Valentine Studebaker Meeting.

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB JANUARY 23 MINUTES

Our president, Nancy Bacon, called the meeting to order and thanked Howe and Charlotte Clark for hosting the January meeting at the Pit Stop in Brownsburg, IN.

Treasurer: Tom Flynn reported a balance of \$7035.41. He said he had acted upon the club's vote to continue sponsoring 2 cars at the Studebaker museum. He was successful in renewing our sponsorship of the 1954 Commander, but was not able to renew our sponsorship of the Children's Hearse. He passed around a list of available vehicles to sponsor and the club voted to go for the 1950 Champion convertible. (If that car proves to be unavailable, alternate choices were: a 1937 President and a 1949 Pick-up.)



Our excited host and lovely hostess Howe and Charlotte on the left.

Secretary: It was reported that the club secretary, Bob Fox, was in the hospital with pneumonia and scheduled for thoracic surgery on Monday morning (January 25, 2016).

Activities: Charlie Griffith reminded the club of the February 14th meeting at Don Pablo's. For other upcoming events, check the Brickyard Bulletin

Old Business:

1. Charlie has successfully submitted future Indy Chapter events to the "What's Happening" column featured in *Turning Wheels*.
2. Nancy and Diane are working to assemble a list of new SDC members who live in the central Indiana area. They hope to recruit some new members for the Indy Chapter by contacting these people. Don't forget to check out our local club's website: indychaptersdc.org.
3. Joe Bacon is assembling a list of local cruise-in locations, dates & times. The hope is that our members can participate in a few of these events. He hopes to have this list available for distribution by spring.



New Business: Howe Clark reported that the Ben Davis Shop class is rebuilding a 1953 Studebaker Truck and they are in need of a grill. Dave Elmore said he had one that he would give the class. (Note: The shop class teacher, Mike Rader, has already contacted Dave.)



The 50-50 drawing was held. Lanny Bertrum held the winning ticket. He and his lovely wife (L), Barb, graciously donated their winnings of \$62.00 back to the club.

Nancy called for a motion to adjourn. Andy Swartz so moved. Motion seconded by Scott Jones. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Elmore (Bob Fox's Administrative Assistant)



Bob Palma passed out a pop quiz titled "When Did Studebaker Do That?" for the club to fill out during lunch. After the meeting the answers were revealed and our winner was Tom Flynn(L). Tom's prize was a brand new Avanti, straight out of the box! Congrats Tom.

Indy Chapter Renews Adoption of Two Studebakers at National Museum



Studebaker designer Bob Bourke's 1955 prototype which was his personal automobile. Bourke is the man on the right in this photo. Car was on display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway when the International SDC Meet was held in Indianapolis in July 1986.

Tom Lawlis Photo



1950 Champion Convertible

Photo Courtesy of the Studebaker National Museum

News About Our Members

Member, **Bob Fox**, was hospitalized fighting a bout of pneumonia.

Dale McPhearson has a new phone number. It is: 765 605-0589. This will be his only phone and it accepts texts/pictures.(Cell)

For Sale

1961 Studebaker Champ ¾ ton long bed step side pickup (6E12-122) with a '64 289V8 with a 2 barrel carb - Automatic. Exact mileage unknown – currently 21391.1

Originally a California Transportation (CalTrans) truck, purchased in 2013 in Rocklin, CA from the second owner. New exhaust, fuel pump, water pump, heater, voltage regulator and battery. It runs great, stops on a dime; it needs bodywork, paint, an interior and wide whitewall tires for a complete restoration. The floor pans have been “fixed” I was planning on replacing them.

Good solid truck. Selling it because I need the space in the garage. Extra parts available Asking \$8000. Contact Jeff Westcott at westcott2@gmail.com or (716) 628-4793.

Ken Prieboy has Studebaker parts for sale. Bumpers, doors, seat frames and more.
Contact Ken at 1-574-870-4888 for more information.

Cruise-In

Hey gang, summer is just around the corner, okay, several corners, but it's time to start thinking about upcoming cruise-ins and how our club can be better represented and identified at these meets. If you know of a good cruise-in and want to be part of the group representing our club contact our president, Nancy Bacon at 317-783-4721 or nancyb1701@aol.com.

Test Your Knowledge of Old Car History

(answers on page 6)



Q: What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and other legal street racers of the 1960's?

Q: What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?

Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?

Q: What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?

Q: What American luxury automaker began by making cages for birds and squirrels?

52 Years Later: Figure The Odds

By Bob Palma

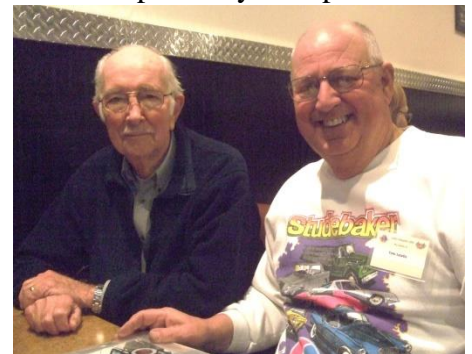
Talk about a long shot on odds, here's one for the Las Vegas bookies.

Several Indy Chapter SDCers know of former Studebaker technician **Bill Mitchell** of Speedway. Bill is now 88 years old and still living in the same Speedway home where he lived when he was the tune-up specialist at Snider Auto Service, the authorized Studebaker dealer at West 38th and Illinois streets in Indianapolis.



Here is one of Bill's Business Cards I saved from "back in the day." (Incidentally, that is *still* Bill's home telephone number! Can you imagine a contemporary technician having his personal home telephone number on a dealership's business card, much less it being valid 50+ years later?)

Bill has been able to attend a couple Indy Chapter SDC meetings from time to time. Here is a photo of Bill (left) with Indy



Chapter member **Tom Lawlis** at The Pit Stop a couple years ago:

Last week, Bill called me before our January Indy Chapter meeting at The Pit Stop in Brownsburg. He sent his regrets, saying he would not be able to attend, but said he had a couple magazines he'd like me to have, and would I stop by and pick them up. I decided to go the morning of January 23, in case they were something we could use that afternoon at The Indy Chapter Pit Stop meeting, so I did.

About 9:30 Saturday morning, Bill answered the door in fine spirits and invited me in. We had just started getting caught up when my cell phone rang. I recognized the number as that of Cousin George Krem, from the middle of Nebraska.

I excused myself and took the call while standing in front of Bill Mitchell's easy chair, with Bill in it. I was surprised to hear from George; I had not been expecting a call from him. He was at a swap meet and saw an aftermarket Mustang item in which he thought I'd be interested, so he called to see if I wanted it.

As soon as we made the connection, I said, "George, you're not going to believe whose living room I am standing in, talking to him." George wouldn't have guessed it in 1,964 years (as good a guess as any, right?), so I told him, "Bill Mitchell from Snider Studebaker!" George couldn't have been more surprised, so I handed the phone to Bill so he and George could also get caught up.

As I remembered and George later confirmed, Bill Mitchell had done tune-up work at Snider Auto Service on *The Plain Brown Wrapper*, George's famous 1964 Studebaker Challenger R3 two-door, in the summer of 1965. George wanted Bill to check it out during the summer after George and I had installed the R3 engine. Bill gave it a conventional tune-up, which involved properly setting the dual points and timing. By that time, Bill had worked on dozens of R-engined Studebakers with dual-point Prestolite distributors, so he could probably do it with his eyes closed.

Back then, George had asked Bill if he wanted to ride along when George "test drove" it after Bill's massage. Needless to say, Bill had hopped right in. During their phone conversation this Saturday morning, Bill and George recollected about how Bill's eyes about popped out of his head when the R3 broke the Challenger's little OEM tires loose at **4,000 RPM** when George dropped the hammer the rest of the way to the floor on the R3!

They also remembered Bill Mitchell having owned an unusual “daily-driver,” a 1964 Studebaker R1 State Police Car demonstrator. It was finished in the unique Indiana State Police Blue with white roof. The car was fitted with the optional roll bar and zippered headliner; indeed, the whole nine yards of police-specification equipment. Bill bought it for a driver after things evaporated in South Bend and there was “no way” Studebaker was going to win a State Police Car bid when the cars were no longer built in Indiana.

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Here is the Production Order for a 1962 Lark Indiana State Police car. From this order, you can see the type of equipment with which Bill Mitchell's 1964 “demo” was probably equipped a couple years later:

Bill's 1964 prototype Indiana State Police Car also had a connection to Cousin George. George's good friend in Chicagoland, the late, famous Studebaker Bonneville Racer **Ron Hall**, bought the 1964 Police Car prototype from Bill Mitchell later in the 1960s and drove it out himself as a daily

driver. So Bill and George also reviewed the adventures of Ron Hall and the Indiana State Police Car prototype....*fifty years after the fact!*

So consider: I was at Bill Mitchell's house barely 20 minutes Saturday morning, January 23, 2016. We'll leave it to Las Vegas bookies to compute the odds on Cousin George calling me out of the clear blue, from a swap meet in the middle of Nebraska, during those 20 minutes...and, subsequently, both George and Bill Mitchell being able to speak to old friends in a conversation neither of them could have imagined they'd likely ever have.

It's a small world after all.

BP

Old Car History Answers

A: Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.

A: The 1960 Plymouth Valiant

A: The 1924 Chrysler.

A: The 1904 Acme, from Reading , PA. Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as Acme closed down in 1911.

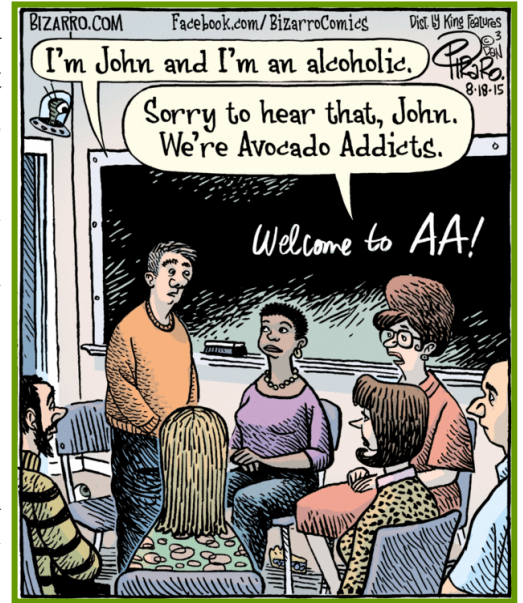
A: The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo , who made the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.

Anchovies, Avocadoes & Artichokes



Have you ever tasted an anchovy? Did you like its salty strange texture? What about avocadoes? Are you an Avocado Addict or an Avocado Avoider? Have you ever wondered why people eat artichokes and how they got such a strange name? Well, I'm putting my money on the story of the husband (named Artie) who choked to death when his brainy wife decided to cook that strange looking plant she found growing at the edge of the woods.

Every day we are told to eat more fruit and vegetables. Magazine articles herald the scientific findings that we should shun red meat and start eating more fish. Almost every television news broadcast has a feature story about some new healthy dietary discovery. Do we believe what we read? Do we listen to the experts' advice? I'm willing to bet that to varying degrees we all have adapted and changed our eating habits over the years. Tell the truth...do you eat the same foods and quantities that you did 30 or 40 years ago?



When I was a kid I could eat raw onions with no problem...now they give me unbearable heartburn. But back in the day, when I was playing outside, I would often gobble up a few green onion tops as I skipped by Mom's garden (even though I knew I would get into trouble every time). She would say, "*Diane! I've told you a hundred times to leave the green onions alone!*" I hate to admit it, but it was several years before I figured out how she knew I'd been munching on the onions.

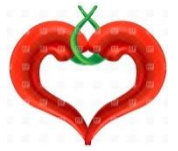
Foods we used to love to eat, now don't like us at all (like onions). But now foods we used to hate (lima beans), have somehow found their way onto our list of favorite foods. So, if once upon a time, you tried anchovies, artichokes or avocadoes and didn't like them...well maybe it's time to give one or all of them another chance.

ANOTHER CHANCE...it's not just for food. Through life we all make mistakes, say things we wish we hadn't said and make choices we shouldn't have made. So many times we don't get another chance to correct something that's happened in our lives? But if circumstances or other people have denied you a second chance, you now have the power to "pay it forward" and give someone you know that precious "do over". Let's call this the Anchovy-Avocado-Artichoke Effect and be ready to step out with a new determination to give people (and foods) ANOTHER CHANCE!



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 14 – 1:00 pm - Lunch at Don Pablos hosted by Joe and Nancy Bacon, located at 8150 US 31 South, that's at Stop 11 and US 31.



Mark these dates on your calendar:



Sunday, March 6 – 1:00 pm – Pitch-in and Auction at Studebaker International hosted by Ed Reynolds. The address is 97 N 150 W, Greenfield. Ed will provide the meat. Bring a favorite side dish and table service. Our very own Bob Palma and his able assistant Jim Turner will commence with the auction after lunch, so bring an item for the auction, whether it is automotive related or something fun.



Saturday, April 23 - Best Catfish By A Dam Site hosted by Bob and Sandy Fox. We will leave from the Burger King at 6003 Gateway Dr. Plainfield, IN (This is just North of I 70 on the west side of Ind. 267) at **8:30 a.m.**

Oakdale Dam Inn
Best Catfish By A Dam Site"
11899 W. Oakdale Dr.
Monticello, IN 47960
Eat at Noon



Friday, May 27 – Dinner at the Seasons Lodge in Nashville, In. Dessert at the Poe's after dinner.

Saturday, May 28 – The annual Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags held in Bean Blossom, IN, **hosted by Richard and Rose Poe.**

June 11 or 12 – Somebody contact Charlie with an idea as to where to meet for lunch. Otherwise his wife, me, loves Sushi and will schedule a meeting at a Japanese restaurant! Will she? Would she? Do you really want to find out? Come up with a meeting place that cooks their meat first and call Charlie pronto! Thank You.

June 26 – July 2 – 52nd Annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet in Warwick, Rhode Island.

September 10 – Pitch-in picnic at the Griffiths and possible short tour around Indianapolis for *Drive Your Studebaker Day*. More to come.

September 16 – 17 - Steve Grant, Kinzua Region Chapter Vice President & Swap Meet Chairman asked me to share this with the club. Sept 16 and 17 is the Studebakers at Dunkirk, NY Swap Meet. Should anyone plan to be up that way in September you may be interested. I will post more information closer to the date or if anyone is interested I do have a flyer I can send.

As you can see there are open months after May. Contact Charlie Griffith if you would like to host an event at 317-353-8287 or chazwork@msn.com

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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

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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Bob and Sandy Fox leading the way to Ohio in their 1960 Lark Convertible back in April

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