



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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Spring is in the air & with that comes thoughts of getting our Studebaker's out & enjoying the warm days. Many events are planned over the next few months, something for everyone, no matter how you enjoy your car. The Foxes have planned a driving tour for April. The month of May gives us a chance to go back home to South Bend for their annual swap meet & car show, something we may take for granted, living just a couple of hours away. The Orphan Car Drag Race in Bean Blossom has grown each year & the Poe's do a great job putting this on. Start planning what you want to do this summer with your Studebaker, it is ready to get out and enjoy the nice weather too! Car shows, drag races, cruise-ins, a Sunday drive. Whatever you enjoy doing with your Studebaker, other people around you are enjoying seeing it also. Happy Studebakering!!!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MARCH 6 MINUTES

Ed Reynolds hosted the meeting at Studebaker International. In addition to the meeting facility, Ed provided the meat, buns condiments and coffee.

Attendance: 46 members and guests were present.

President Nancy Bacon: Nancy called the meeting to order and thanked Ed Reynolds for providing the facility and hosting the meeting.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Diane Elmore had no report.

Secretary: Bob Fox moved the minutes be approved as printed in the Bulletin which was seconded and approved.

Treasurer: Tom Flynn reported a balance of \$ 7092.12 with 56 paid members.

Activities Director: Charlie Griffith reported the following upcoming meetings.

4/23/16 is a driving tour to the Oakdale Inn (north of Delphi). Details will be in the newsletter.

5/27/28 Dinner at the Seasons Lodge in Nashville, IN and the Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags hosted by Richard and Rose Poe. Details will be in the Bulletin.



Indy Chapter President Nancy Bacon

4/2-10/1 There will be a Cruise-In on Broad St. in New Castle, IN the first Saturday of the month from 6-10 pm. Details on page 5.

Editor: Becky Griffith mailed out 38 Brickyard Bulletins to potential members as discussed at our February meeting.

Old Business: Nancy suggested the club would still like to make a donation to Griffith's church for printing the copies of the Bulletin.



Raymond Reeves was the lucky winner of a pair of tickets to the Studebaker Museum.

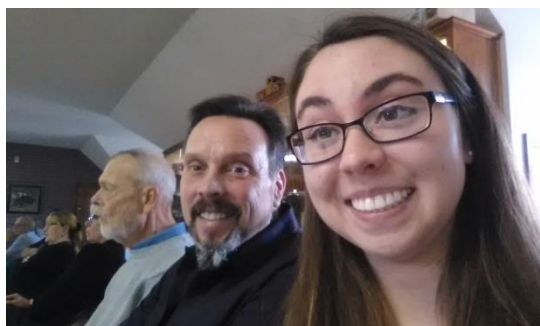
Meeting was adjourned.

Bob Palma and Jim Turner ran the auction which made about \$300.00

Submitted by Bob Fox, Secretary



Auctioneer Bob Palma tries on a spare tire cover as assistant Jim Turner looks on.



Charlie Griffith with daughter Emma



New Business: Nancy suggested having a picnic in a park for a future meeting location.

Dave Elmore suggested the club make a donation to the Museum. Bob Palma moved we make a \$1000 donation in honor of Becky Bonham. This was seconded and approved unanimously.



50/50 winner John Kern with wife Mary Jo



The annual auction helped raise \$322.00 for the club. Good job Jim and Bob!



News About Our Members

Welcome new member:

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Tony would like members to know a little about him:

- He is a Certified Appraiser of Antique, Classic and Special Interest automobiles, trucks and motorcycles.
- He is a certified appraiser in the International Vehicle Appraisers Network (I-VAN), a nationwide association.
- He is a National Judge for the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA)
- If you need an appraisal for your vehicle for insurance need, documentation of the vehicle's value that you want to see, or whatever you reason, his professional appraisal can help.

This from member Wayne Remaly;

Today's, March 23, 2016 Lafayette paper has the obit for **Emil Koekenberg**.

I don't think Emil was a member of the Indy Chapter but his son Curt is a member of our chapter.

His obit states that he took great pride in driving his Studebakers with family to the annual SDC meets AND it was the whole family.

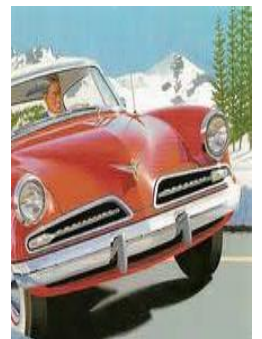
Many years ago, if I remember some of the stories correctly, he hauled Studes from the South Bend plant.

Last fall I started looking for someone in Indy to repair and re-chrome a couple of bumpers for my current project. Not having any luck, an AMC club member from Ohio, suggested I try Knox Custom Chrome in Knoxville, TN. (865) 546 3144. They have an online catalog to give you an idea on prices. You can mail your bumper; but, I decided to drop mine off as we were going on vacation.

Bottom line – Bumper repaired and re-plated in 7 weeks that looks great at a very competitive price.

They do not do any pot metal. I plan to use them in the future.

Bob Fox



Annual Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags

The **Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Drags** are coming up **May 27th and 28th**. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing you all here again this year.

The Salt Creek Inn has been sold and we are not sure what service or rates are going to be. I did stop by, but didn't look at the rooms. The new owner said he plans to go with a national chain.



We made plans for a block of rooms at the Seasons Lodge for our group at about \$20 discount. They will release any rooms not reserved 30 days before the May 27th so if you plan to stay at the Seasons get your reservation before then. You can mention the Studebaker Drag Race or the SDC. Any problems please let us know. Lots of room for trailer parking at the east end of the Motel.



<http://www.seasonslodge.com/>

We setup the **Friday night dinner** at the same place we had it last year, the **Seasons Lodge at 5:30 p.m.** Since we had overflow into the main dining area we are going to save room for 40 plus dinners in front of the fireplace. If we need more we hope to add more tables. It would be helpful to know who well be coming. We want to

be sure we have room. We had 38 last year and want to be sure everyone can stay together. This setup will allow us to expand.

You can call us at 812-988-2008 or email.

Thanks,
Richard and Rose

Test Your Knowledge of Old Car History

Answers on Page 6



Q: Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?

Q: What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?

Q: What did the Olds designation 4-4-2 stand for?

Q: What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?

Q: What U.S. production car has the quickest 0-60 mph time?



**Broad Street Cruise-In
New Castle, IN
Schedule of Cruise-In's for 2016
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

Feature Parade will begin at 8:00 pm (April – August)

Sat., April 2nd, 2016 – Feature: Tuner

Sat., May 7th, 2016 (50's Day) – Feature: 1950-59 (Any Vehicle)

Sat., June 4th, 2016 – Feature: Street Rod

*****Sat., July 2nd, 2016 – Feature: Veteran Owned (Any Vehicle)*****

Sat., August 6th, 2016 – Feature: Buick

Sat., September 3rd, 2016 – Feature: Rat Rod (Parade at 7:00 pm)

Sat., October 1st, 2016 – Feature: Jeep (Parade at 7:00 pm)

The Broad Street Cruise-In Board and The City of New Castle would like to thank everyone who has attended our Cruise-Ins.

Please keep these dates in mind when making your plans for next year's **Cruise-In** season, as we will be adding things and striving to make the **Cruise-In's** bigger and better.

The **Broad Street Cruise-In** is a Non-Profit Organization that strives to provide a fun filled monthly event April thru October that everyone in New Castle and Henry County can be proud of and that will attract others from all over to our great City and County.

Indiana Automotive, an affinity group of Indiana Landmarks, hosts a talk on **Thursday, April 7, by Indianapolis Motor Speedway historian Donald Davidson**. In his engaging and entertaining style, Davidson will share his perspective on the history and impact of the famous track, a National Historic Landmark, on the approach of the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 in May. He'll deliver his talk from the stage in the Grand Hall at Indiana Landmarks Center, 1201 Central Avenue in Indianapolis. Go to www.eventbrite.com for more information

WHEN- Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (EDT)

WHERE - Indiana Landmarks - 1201 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46202

TICKETS - \$6.24 – \$11.49

Open Historic Car Show

June 11, 2016 | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

ALL CLASSIC CARS ARE INVITED!

Pancake Breakfast

Car Show Registration \$10

Hog Roast Lunch

Airshows

5 Choice Car Awards

Commemorative Dash Plaques to First 100 Cars

8:00 am-10:00 am

8:00 am-12:00 pm

11:00 am-2:00 pm

10:00 am, 3:00 pm

1:30 pm



Old Car History Answers

A: Camden, NJ in 1933

A: 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission, and dual exhaust

A: The 1949 Chryslers

A: The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was the first with electric door latch

A: The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409. Did it in 4.0 seconds.



Inside Out

"You've got to think outside the box!" For two decades we've been told that old ideas need to be replaced with new innovative concepts and procedures. Today's young adults (ages 20-45) are convinced the only way to improve a product, process or activity is to "think outside the box" and, therefore, come up with a way to make it different, faster, or more exciting.

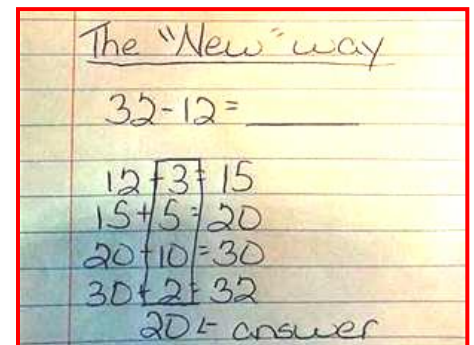
Well, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, what has all this "outside the box" thinking accomplished? Yes, I will be the first to admit that new innovative technology makes life easier today versus 100 years ago. I certainly don't want to give up my air conditioning, electricity, or many of mankind's advances. But not all "outside the box" ideas are worthy of praise. For your consideration, I would like to offer Exhibits A and B.

Exhibit A: Automated Answering Devices versus Live Human Being

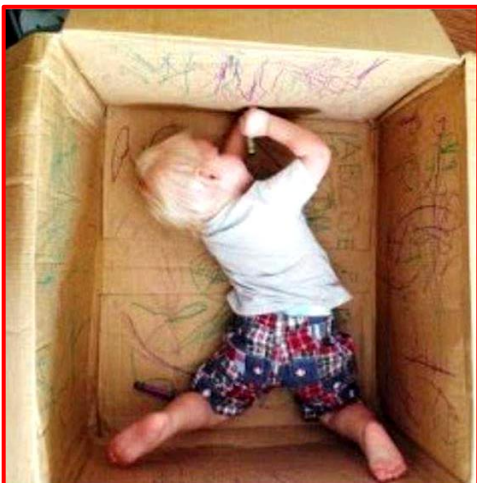
The Evil Device asks what we want and gives us options. Punch 1 for "this" or Punch 2 for "that" or stay on the line, listening to horrible music, while waiting for a representative (who I'm sure is on the other line talking to his girlfriend). How I wish for a real person to answer when I call a business or office. No waiting, just service. No music, just answers. No frustration, only person-to-person conversation. It's a WIN-WIN!

Exhibit B: Today's New Math

Have you ever seen an example of this so-called New Math? It's the ultimate Rube Goldberg way of taking a simple project and making it harder...more complicated...and wasting vast amounts of time.



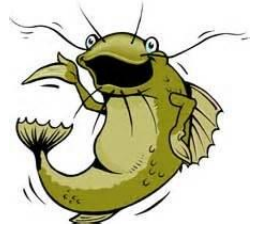
So, now we approach the BIG QUESTION. If we only think inside the box are we doomed to stagnation? But if we think exclusively outside the box are we bound to create problems along with solutions? Recently I saw a quote from Christopher Peterson. (I must admit that I have no clue who this man is, but I liked what he said.) *"If you never venture outside the box, you will probably not be creative. But if you never get inside the box, you will certainly be stupid."*



With that thought still in mind, I would like to nominate an anonymous grandmother for the **2016 Golden Box Award**. This truly brilliant lady used her outside-the-box thinking to create the perfect solution to a toddler's messy love of coloring. And where did she find the answer to her Crayola dilemma? You guessed it...INSIDE a box!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 23 – Best Catfish By A Dam Site - Spring is here making it time to prep your cars for summer outings. On April 23 we are opening the touring season by inviting everyone to lunch at the Oakdale Inn, 11899 W. Oakdale Dr. Monticello, IN. While catfish is their specialty, they have a full menu. You can check the menu at www.oakdaledaminn.com.



We will be leaving the Burger King, 6300 Gateway Dr., Plainfield, IN at **8:30 am**. BK is just north of I-70 on the west side of Ind 267 at the first light. After an easy drive through the country, we plan to arrive a little before noon to allow everyone to visit with the northern members who prefer to meet us there. We are planning to eat at Noon. Give us a call if you would like to arrange to meet us along the way 317 839 4361.

Hope to see you on the 23rd.

Bob and Sandy Fox

Mark these dates on your calendar:



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

Saturday, May 28 – Annual **Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags** held in Bean Blossom, IN, hosted by **Richard and Rose Poe**. See **page 4** for more information.

June 12 Nancy Bacon's "friends" at Don Pablos are inviting us back for a lunch meeting Sunday, June 12. They have offered to have a \$8.99 per person Taco Bar with soft drinks. Tax & tip NOT included. Margaritas or anything else from the menu can be purchased separately. They are also going to have some of their employees pick cars & award prizes for "Don Pablos Peoples Choice" cars so we hope for a good turnout of cars. We can also invite other car show friends that might like to join us with their other brand cars, for a mini parking lot car display.

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

July 16 - Joe and Nancy Bacon are hosting a Luau at their home. It will be a hog roast pitch –in at 1pm. They have their annual luau that same day & the Indy SDC lunch will flow into the annual back yard bash which goes into the evening. Indy members are welcome to stay as long as they would like as the "luau" is usually late afternoon into evening affair. (One set up & cleanup for them!)



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

September 16 – 17 - Studebakers at Dunkirk, NY Swap Meet. I will post more information closer to the date or if anyone is interested I do have a flyer I can send.

The Brickyard Bulletin

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National SDC Membership

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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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Spring has arrived and it's time to get your Studebaker out for a spin. Here is Jason Taylor driving his 1950 2R10 with a few of his nieces and nephews !!!

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