



Lost Studebakers of Brown County

Words by Jim Roberts, Photos by Richard Poe

On a cold, bright January morning, our esteemed co-editor, Richard, and I set out to photograph some of the Studebakers we have spotted on the back roads of our home county. If you've loved Studeys as long as Richard and I have, you develop the ability to drive with one eye on the road and the other on the fields and barns searching for a bullet nose or a canted fin.

Our first stop was a disappointment. Cars and Parts, the county's largest salvage yard, had been storing seven or eight Studebaker cars and trucks. Both of us had seen them. And, Richard had even tried to purchase some parts. "Sorry, guys. They went to the crusher." These cars are lost forever. There's a lesson here. When you see a car that has value for parts in a junkyard, buy it for scrap value. Pay a little extra and have them store it for you for a while. Part it out through the club or on eBay. You'll save somebody's car and make a little hobby money at the same time.

Power Hawk



This car was Nelson Dewey's pride and joy. He bought it new from Keeling Motors in Franklin, Indiana, in 1956. Nelson is long gone, but the Hawk has survived pretty well. It has passed, by purchase or inheritance, to former chapter member, Charles Johnson, and resides in his carport. Unfortunately, it hasn't moved for about ten years and shelters some rodents.

Farm Wagon



Okay. We don't know our horsedrawns. This could be a Studey. What do you think?

M Pickup Truck

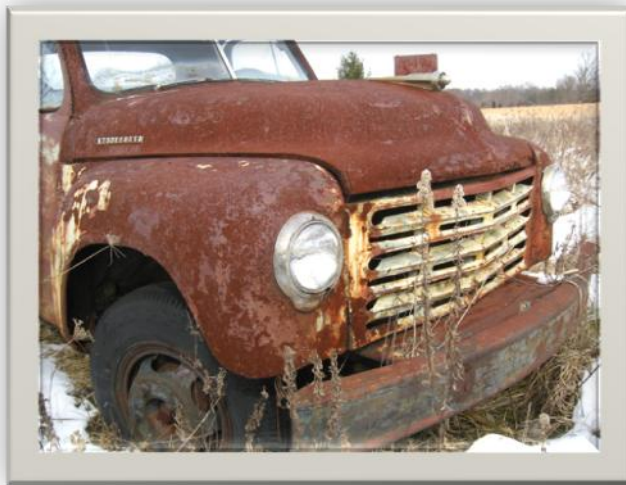




This one appeared about a year ago in the front yard of a vacation cabin outside of Nashville. It's a one ton with big wheels and a beautiful marble shift knob. We hope the owner intends to make it a runner. It may just be "yard art." I can see it hauling wave petunias this spring.

Wrecker





Remember the Studey wrecker in the great movie, "Porky's"? This isn't quite the same but is very interesting. Ewald Wulf ran the Bean Blossom Garage from before WWII until the early sixties. This was his "hook." It now reposes in a field on property once owned by his daughter, next to a Cockshutt (?) tractor and some other decaying mechanical debris. A mighty Champion six hibernates under its rusty hood.

42 Champion





Do you like your Studebakers rare? WWII shut down domestic auto production in South Bend shortly after the 1942 models were introduced. This is a very well preserved and well equipped Champion four door. All the bright work is there, even the Champion hubcaps with the gladiator's helmet crests. There are some pieces missing between the sweet running flathead six and the rear wheels, but this one should and could be on the road! I see it in olive drab with blackout chrome and "staff car" stenciled on the side!

Golden Hawk

Every Golden Hawk has a story! In the barn next to this one is another with all the glass broken, something about an irate son-in-law or stepson with a hammer, they say. This one's a parts car for a "someday" restoration of that one. There's a Mopar V8 under the hood. The seats could be from a '61 Hawk. Lots of good stainless here!



GT Hawk



This GT Hawk sits in Nashville, please someone save it!

We know there are a few more hiding in the woods, including an ex-fire truck, and a mystery Avanti. We'll track them down some fine day. What can you find around your neighborhood?? Send some pictures for the ***Brickyard Bulletin***.

Secretary's Report

The Indy Chapter met at **The Pit Stop Barbecue & Grill** Jan. 23, 2010. There were around 50 members in attendance. After a very good lunch the meeting was called to order by **President Chuck Kern**, Chuck thanked **Howe & Charlotte Clark** for hosting the meeting.

Steve McNutt reported on his fact finding about the club donating to the **Studebaker National Museum**. It was felt that the museum helps to create interest outside our club in Studebakers. A motion was made to give 10% of what we have in the treasury to the museum, the vote on the motion carried. **Tom Flynn** said we have \$3969.30 in the bank as of 1/15/10 and suggested rounding the donation up to \$400. That was approved as a one time donation, to be voted on each year, donated in memory of fellow Studebaker club members who have passed on. Tom also said we have 43 paid members at this time. **If you have not paid your club dues for 2010 please do so now!**

The secretary's report was that the minutes from the last meeting were in the newsletter. Also reported, contact with the Crossroads Zone Director **Tom Curtis**. Tom is also the President of the **Michiana Chapter**, and they are sending out invitations to join their chapter to people who have membership in the National Club but not the local chapter. It was suggested that this might be a good way for us to build up our local club. No action taken.

Raymond Reeves, Activities Director reported that the activities calendar for the upcoming year were pretty well filled but that if anyone wanted to add extra activities they would be welcomed.

Chuck stated that he wants to meet with senior members of the club 2 or 3 times a year to discuss club business. It was suggested this could be called a Steering Committee.

The by laws were passed to **Mary Jo Kern** who is going to type them into a Word Document so they can be emailed or copied and passed out to members.

There was \$130.00 in the 50/50 drawing. **Mary Jo Kern** drew out the winning number...**John Kern**, her husband!

A motion was made to adjourn.

Bob Palma offered that anyone wanting to drive a few blocks to his home could see his collection of car. Many members took him up on this.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bacon, Secretary

Indy Chapter Classifieds

For Sale GARY FORDBECK, has a 1953 short bed pickup 259/w a Ted Harbit installed super charger.

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HI EVERYBODY



Well, I'm sitting here on the last day to turn in my 2 cents worth, and it's snowing at a moderate clip.

I got home last night from a great car show, The World of Wheels, sponsored by the Road Rockets Car Club. **Jim McQuin**, **Ted Harbit**, and myself were in the 1962 Motorama part of the show. Jim had his 63 Avanti, which is totally original with only 10K miles on it, Ted's 61 Transtar and 63 R-2 Lark The Stude Tomato, and I had my Champ truck with my miniature horse

"Buttercup" in the bed. She really was a big hit with the kids, a lot of them had their pictures taken with her. It was a wonderful time, a little long, it started Thursday and went through Sunday. **Jim and his wife Lisa**, from Illinois, did a great job setting it up. Ted got a Top 40 trophy, and we all got best car club display. We hope more people will enter their Studes next year. I would also like to thank the folks that showed up in support of us.

My thanks also to **Howe and Charlotte Clark** for the outing at the **"Pit Stop"**. That was a very neat café! I really enjoyed it and I hope everyone else did as well.

I am looking forward to the auction and meeting at Ed's place, it's always a hoot! As for upcoming events, Linda and my picnic will be April 17th. Looking forward to a little warmer weather.

See you all at Ed's, **Chuck**



Indy Chapter Upcoming Events

March 21, Dave and Diane Elmore are hosting a lunch at 1:00 at Ponderosa in Mooresville, IN . Date - Sunday, March 21 Time - 1:00 p.m. Location - Ponderosa Steak House, 499 S. Indiana St. - Mooresville, IN. (Ponderosa is located about 1/4 mile north of Gray's Cafeteria.) The Indy Chapter meeting will be in an area just left of the restaurant's cash register.

- **April 17th, President Chuck Kern and First Lady Linda** are our hosts for a picnic at their home.
- **May 7 and 8 Michiana Chapter** will hold **Studebaker Indiana Open Swap Meet**, car show, and car corral at St. Joseph County Fairgrounds.
- **May 29 Richard & Rose Poe** will again host the third annual **Studebaker Drag Race** held in **Bean Blossom, IN**. Drag race is May 29, details in future **Brickyard Bulletins**.
- **June, Charles and Becky Griffith**, date and location to follow.
- **July**. As of now, July is still open. Contact **Raymond Reeves** if you would like to arrange a meeting.
- **August 14, 1:00**. Our hosts for August are **Steven McNutt and Julie Edwards**. More information will be available at a later date.
- **September's** meeting will be hosted by **Joe and Nancy Bacon**.
- **October's** hosts will be **Bob and Chris Parker**.
- **November's** meeting will be at Studebaker International with **Ed and Heidi Renolds**.
- **December's** hosts will be **Joe and Nancy Bacon** for the Christmas get together.

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Ted Harbit, Chuck Kern, and Jim McCuan at the *World of Wheels* in Indianapolis, 1962 Motorama Display

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