



Brickyard Bulletin



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"Ready to do battle" The Indy Chapters participants in the 2010 edition of the PSMCDR. Ted and Mary Ann Harbit's 1963 R3, Richard and Rose Poe's 1963 R1, and Chuck and Linda Kern's 1963 R2.

Studebakers take on the fastest Muscle Cars from the Era at the PSMCDR.

Words by Richard Poe. Pictures by Larry Mitchell and Tom Lawlis

Every year the Indy chapter is well represented at the annual Drag race held at the Mid Michigan Motorplex in Stanton, Michigan. This drag race is a big national event and attracts racers and media from all over the country and Canada. For the racers it's a culmination of a year of preparation and for the

Studebaker spectators a chance to see how our favorite make stands up against all the other fastest cars of the muscle car era.

Eleven Studebakers showed up to participate in this year's race, a new record. Three Indy Chapter members made the trip with our cars as we have done for the last several years along with several other chapter members.

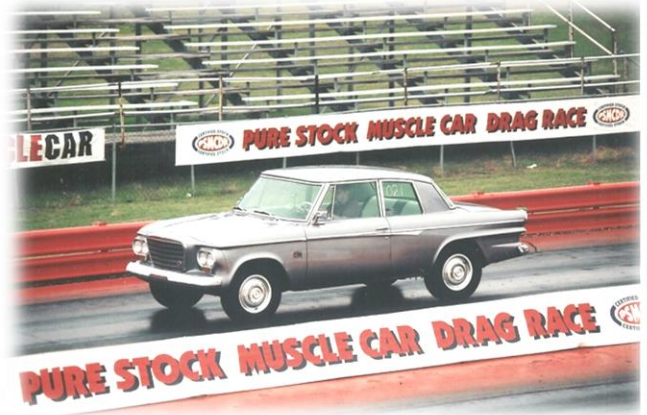


Ted taking on the Pontiac in qualifying on Friday and even making an easy pass he beats the competition.

Ted Harbit had his 1963 R3 Lark out for the very first time with the new R3 engine sitting in between the frame rails. It had only been in the car long enough to know it would run before taking it up a few days early to be the only car of any make to be Certified for the 2010 race. Ted fought a number of issues with the car but had it all come together at the last minute to make its successful debut.

The certification is done to insure the car is stock according to the standards set by the sanctioning body based on the maker of the car, the Studebaker Corporation's original standards. A partial tear down of the engine is done and measurements are taken of the engine. Ted reassembles it under the watchful eye of an inspector to make sure it's as inspected for the race. Ted is well within the specs for an R3, in fact he could make power changes that would improve the car and still be legal. It is then certified as stock. Ted does this to quell any arguments that may be presented as to the cars performance. It's hard to believe but some

people may be surprised at the tremendous performance a Studebaker engine is capable of.



The R1 Lark is up on its toes and Richard is up on the steering wheel making a pass at the PSMCDR.

Richard and Rose Poe (that would be us) returned with our 1963 R1 Lark. We bring the car to the races to have fun of course, but also to dispute the theory that Studebakers need a supercharger to be competitive. This year we worked on the chassis setup to make improvements to help the car at the starting line and the first 60'. This is critical to doing well and preserving suspension parts. I was able to pull out faster at the line than much more powerful cars and was pleased with the improvements.



Chuck Kern breezes by as Tom Lawlis takes this shot.

Our beloved President and First Lady Chuck and Linda Kern had their 1963 R2 Avanti that is skillfully prepared by John Kern back again. It also was on track and ran about as it did last year. John has done an amazing job on the car

and Chuck drives it to its optimum performance every year.

I kid with Chuck and John but they are a great team and it is something they enjoy and do well together. I have run Chuck at the track and to race with him you need to be at your best, he will be tough at the tree every time. Other racers tell me the same thing. John is always working to give his dad a good car to race, checking every detail, and keeping dad focused. I'm always impressed with the two of them.



Mary Jo Kern makes her first trip up to this race as she and John watch Chuck do his job at the wheel! I think I heard her say "I didn't think that old man could move that fast".

Unfortunately the race was a rainout, but we got qualifying passes in on Friday. Ted's car was fast and has not yet come close to its peak. He would have raced a 455 Buick on Saturday. Ted needed to get some time on the track and he did



that but hasn't had it opened up all the way yet.

It ran it's quickest ever, but stay tuned.

My R1 would have run against a SS Chevelle with a 107ci advantage over the Lark. Our car ran as expected and we had our best ever 60' times for this track. That is the time it takes to travel from a dead stop to through the first 60' and the car did it in 2.024 seconds and I would have done it even faster on Saturday if we had not been rained out. That is 0 to 34.33 MPH in 2.024 seconds!

Chuck ran solid all day and was satisfied that the car performed as it has in the past. He feels his scheduled opponent, a top performing 1970 390 AMX, would have pushed him to a new level in the heat of competition.

We were all disappointed we didn't get to race in the shoot-out but what a great time we had with all the other racers and Studebaker group that were in attendance. Bench racing and swapping ideas is a big part of this whole thing. If you ever come up, stop and talk a while with the racers.

We all missed Dale and Barb McPhearson. Dale is on his road to recovery and will be home soon. We have more on that later.

Now it's all about getting ready for the 2011 race, see you all there!





Now what did Dad say? Something like "Wax on wax off" I think.



News and Views from around the Indy Chapter



**Thinking of Dale and Barbara
McPhearson at the Pure Stocks
Drags**

For the past few months Dale McPhearson has been in the hospital recovering from a serious illness. Every year Dale and Barb have been a fixture at the PSMCDR but they had to skip this year's race. We sure missed them and we all had a chance to sign a poster for Dale in hopes of helping speed up his recovery. Everyone wanted to sign it. Ted took the poster to Dale at the hospital and gave them a report on this year's event. We expect Dale to be out of the hospital soon and home. ***Get well soon Dale!***

A special thanks to George Bredehoft and his son for the picture on the back cover.

Larry Hopkins reports a new arrival to the family!

Here is a picture of my newest granddaughter **Lily Ann Haskell** born on Monday, September 13 at 11:35 AM. She is about a month premature, so only weighed 4 lb and 11 oz. Her lungs



seem to be developed, but she will remain in the hospital for about 4 weeks. Lily is named in honor of my late wife **Patricia Ann Hopkins**. Pat's favorite flower was the Lily and her middle name being Ann. Pat just bubbled with pride over her Lilies each year. ***Our congratulations go out to Larry and his family!***

Indy Chapter Classifieds

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Secretary's Report

Submitted by **Nancy Bacon**



The Indy Chapter gathered on September 4th for their monthly meeting. This also happened to be **International Drive Your Studebaker Day**. There were 35 people & 19 Studebakers in attendance at the park like setting of the **Cono Cafe & Hot Rod Shop**. After everyone enjoyed lunch and visiting the business meeting was called to order by **President Chuck Kern**.

Treasurer Tom Flynn reported we have \$3769.15 in the club account and a current membership of 80 families.

Activities for the rest of this year are planned but it is not too soon to think of plans for next year. September 17th & 18th will find a few **Indy Chapter** members at the **Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags**. We will gather at the **Parker's** home for the October meeting as well as the **Newport Hill Climb** that draws a lot of Studebakers.

The November meeting at **Studebaker International** will be held with the **Avanti Club**. The **Christmas Meeting** will be at **Augustino's Italian Restaurant** on December 19th.

Everyone was glad to see **Larry Hopkins** at the meeting. His foot is still giving him some problems but his daughter & son in law made sure his Studebaker was out for this day!

A list was passed around for anyone wanting to receive the **Brickyard Bulletin** emailed instead of snail mail. This will save our club some money on printing and postage. If you would like to be added to the email newsletter list let our newsletter editors **Richard and Rose** know at roserichpoe@att.net

The business meeting was adjourned but that was not the end of our fun for the day. There was a Labor Day car show at Southern Plaza, and 13 of the 19 Studebakers at the meeting traveled the few miles to the show! Talk about showing off our cars on **Drive Your Studebaker Day!!!!** Our cars were all parked together in the parking lot and a large crowd of people seemed to be around them most of the afternoon! **Charlie Griffith** was overheard saying he had come to compete and I guess he did! There were 5 awards given away, **People's Choice**, voted on by all the participants at the show, **Charlie's 1927 Dictator took 2nd!!!!!!** After a wonderful day of driving and showing off our Studebakers, we all headed for home. I know that most people don't get to see 13 Studebakers parked together unless it is at a Studebaker Meet and I feel OUR club did a great job of showing of our cars!

President's Report

Submitted by *Indy Chapter* **President Chuck Kern**

HI GANG



IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY WAS SEPT. 1ST & HERE I AM 2 DAYS BEFORE THE DEADLINE. SPEAKING OF THE BRICKYARD BULLETIN, I WOULD HOPE THAT EVERYONE THAT CAN GET THE BRICKYARD BULLETIN BY E/MAIL WOULD, BECAUSE OUR FUNDS ARE ON THE DECLINE. THIS WOULD SAVE THE CLUB A LOT OF MONEY, & IS A MUCH NICER PRESENTATION IN **COLOR**. RICHARD & ROSE WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE IT NICE FOR US IN **LIVING COLOR**.

HATS OFF TO **JOE & NANCY**, THE MEETING TURNED OUT TO BE A LOT OF FUN, **JOB WELL DONE**. **CONGRADULATIONS** GOES TO **CHARLIE GRIFFITH** & THE 27 FOR GETTING A 2ND PLACE IN THE CAR SHOW. **HENRY** WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD. THANKS ALSO TO EVERYONE WHO SHOWED THEIR STUDES & GAVE GREAT REPRESENTATION FOR THE **INDY CHAPTER**.

THIS COMING WEEK ON FRIDAY 17TH & SAT. 18TH ARE THE PURE STOCK DRAGS AT STANTON, MI.

ALL THE HOT STUDES WILL BE THERE WITH **CAPTAIN TED** AT THE HELM, WE USED TO SAY "**BE THERE OR BE SQUARE**" REALLY ANY & ALL SUPPORT APPRECIATED.

ALSO DON'T FORGET OCT. 2ND "**PARTY AT THE LAKE**" **BOB & CHRIS PARKERS**.

FROM WHAT I HEAR **DALE MCPHEARSON** IS GETTING A LITTLE BETTER EVERY DAY, KEEP THE PRAYERS & CARDS COMING.

YOUR FELLOW STUDE GUY,

CHUCK



September Meeting Photos by Tom Lawlis and Richard Poe

Upcoming events

October 2, Meeting, at 1:00 pm. This meeting is being held at **Bob and Chris Parker's** beautiful lake home, at **7215 Center Lake Rd., Nineveh, Indiana**. If you are coming down or up I-65, turn west at exit 80 (252) go through Edinburgh to U.S. 31, continue through Camp Atterbury (watch speed!) to Nineveh. Turn south go 6.3 miles and make no right turns, always bear left. If you come from west down 135 to Trafalgar go east on 252 to the stop light turn right south to Nineveh. Our lakes are not on the state maps.



Meat and drinks will be furnished, please bring your chairs, table settings, and a side dish to pass. This will be an outdoor picnic with a lovely view of the lake. **For further directions. 317-933-3838 See Larger Map in the September Brickyard Bulletin.**

- **November 7th** meeting will be at Studebaker International with **Ed and Heidi Reynolds** hosting. We will eat at 1:00. Club supplies turkey; bring plates and silverware and a dish to pass.
- **December's The Christmas Meeting** will be at **Augustino's Italian Restaurant** on **December 19th**. Hosts will be **Joe and Nancy Bacon** for the Christmas get together. **See the Secretary's Report.**



Tech Tip

SPARK PLUG WIRES

by Malcolm Berry

Something that is overlooked in the maintenance of your Studebaker is spark plug wires. If they haven't been replaced for some time (or maybe never), the rubber insulation will develop cracks and allow the spark to jump to a metal part on the engine rather than going across the spark plug gap as it should. This causes the engine to misfire. In other words, your Studebaker will not run properly.

If there is any question as to how old the wires are, replace them. Also it's best to replace them especially if you've changed to a higher output ignition.

From your Editors

Let us take some space this month to thank those of you that have taken the time to submit something to the newsletter. After all it's your submissions that make the newsletter more interesting to read, so consider an article. If you have an idea you would like to discuss, give us a call or drop us an email. Consider contributing something, pictures are nice! We have wanted to do some "Get to know the Members of the Indy Chapter" articles so maybe you could help us with that? Our address is always on page nine, and emails are good. Put something in the subject line to indicate that it's for the **Brickyard Bulletin**.

Again we would like to thank all of you that have contributed to the **Brickyard Bulletin**.
Thanks, Richard and Rose

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Dale and Barb missed this years race while Dale recovers from a recent illness. As you can see they were missed.

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