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STUDEBAKER WEASEL OFFERS HISTORY LESSON AT OHIO SHOW

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Herb Wright brought an unusual tractor to
White Star Park in Ohio, where SCRAP

(Sandusky County Restorers of Antique Power)
had its 22nd antique tractor show. The machine



looks a lot like a Navy Duck that can traverse land and water.

This cool Studebaker Weasel was restored to its original black and white camo décor that had the markings of a Holstein cow. This particular tractor has quite a history.

Built by the Studebaker Co., this 1942/43 Model T-24 was built to be used by the Army during World War II. "The Army was going to air drop units into Norway," Herb shared. "They were going to blow up the hydroelectric dams. Hitler was using them while trying to produce the hydrogen bomb."

"Studebaker made 15,000 units and used them extensively in Normandy and for the South Pacific island invasions. They were very utilitarian vehicles and they were used at the Battle of the Bulge to take out supplies and bring the wounded back."

This machine was the brainchild of the British inventor Geoffrey Pyke. Part of the Combined Operations Command, Pyke envisioned this machine that could come by sea or air and be workable in winter conditions. Pyke envisioned the Weasel was to be used not only to sabotage hydroelectric dams, but also oil fields.

The German invasion that Pyke planned became known as project Plough. The British decided not to follow through with the project, but shared it with the U.S., which took it on. Studebaker was the company chosen to create the versatile tractors.

Research revealed that the T in Model T-24 meant it was a test model. The vehicle was originally considered a cargo carrier; after the 1,000th model was produced, the designation was changed to an M29. The Studebaker T-24 had a Champion Flathead six cylinder engine and traveled at the rate of 30 mph.

Where did Herb locate this gem? "I found it at a shooting club where they used to hunt ducks. They had it set off in the woods."

After asking about it the club sold the tractor to Herb, then it took him five years to restore it and another parts Weasel to create one complete tractor. The Studebaker Weasel is just one of Herb's tractors.

"I have several crawlers and a Moline Motrac," he shared. "I have a D4 crawler, a BD Cletrac made by the Cleveland Tractor Company that was bought out by Oliver, along with other odds and end tractors."

Herb's wife, Nancy, also enjoys the hobby. Her favorite part of antique tractor collecting is meeting the people: "I just enjoy being a part of the club and being around the good people. I have been a part of the club for 20 years."



There was nothing odds-and-end about the beautiful Weasel. Herb, a retired farmer who does custom work, had a lot to be proud of with his restored tractor, and it offered an amazing history lesson to the admirers who came to the SCRAP show Labor Day Weekend.

Secretary's Report

Submitted By Nancy Bacon

The November 7th 2010 *Indy Chapter* monthly meeting was held at Studebaker International.



The annual Thanksgiving Meeting is always well attended, and with the great weather there were lots of Studebakers and around 65 people in attendance. **President Chuck Kern** called the meeting to order, thanking **Ed & Heidi Reynolds** for their hospitality & hosting us each year. There were quite a few guest & grandchildren at the meeting including **Tom Molnar & Chris Dresbach** from South Bend.

Tom Flynn gave the treasurers report of \$3544.90 in the bank & that 2011 dues are due now. The club bank account has been getting smaller over the years as the only income we have are the dues. The cost of the newsletter takes most of our dues money. As a cost savings to our club, anyone who would like to get the newsletter emailed to them instead of mailed could save the club \$1.00 per issue, \$12.00 per year! The emailed issue gets to you sooner and in color! If you want to join the growing number of members getting the newsletter by email only, just email your email address to **Richard & Rose Poe** roserichpoe@att.net Article & pictures can also be submitted to that email.

A committee was formed to call a list of national SDC members who have renewed their national dues but do not belong to a local chapter. This could be a great way to grow our chapter.

Gwen Remaly gave an update on **Dale McPhearson's** recovery, which is coming along slowly. He enjoys the cards & emails and keeping both him & Barb in your thoughts & prayers is much appreciated.

Tom Flynn won the 50/50 drawing.

Newly elected officers for the 2011 year are **Brian Reeves, President & Judy Lawless Secretary**, returning for another year are **Tom Flynn Treasure & Charlie Griffith VP**.

President's Report

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

HELLO GUYS & GALS

WELL THIS IS MY LAST MONTHLY ARTICLE, HOWEVER I INTEND TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ONCE IN AWHILE WHEN I HAVE SOMETHING I THINK FOLKS MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN. I WISH MORE PEOPLE WOULD WRITE A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR STUDEBAKER EXPERIENCES; IT WOULD HELP YOUR EDITOR A LOT WHEN HE MAKES THE BULLETIN.



Chuck Getting a well deserved rest.

LITTLE DID I KNOW WHEN I JOINED **SDC & THE INDY CHAPTER**, HOW INVOLVED I WOULD BECOME, BUT IT HAS BEEN A LOT OF FUN. I NEVER THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS THE HEAD OF AN ORGANIZATION, ALWAYS JUST SOMEONE THAT WOULD HELP WITH WHATEVER WAS NEEDED. I STILL FEEL AS THOUGH

THAT IS WHAT I HAVE DONE, JUST BEEN YOUR HELPER. I BELIEVE **BRIAN REEVES** WILL DO A GOOD JOB & I THANK HIM FOR STEPPING UP. I WILL HELP HIM ANY WAY I CAN.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR COMING FORWARD & LET THEM KNOW I'M HERE IF I CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE.

YOUR FELLOW STUDE GUY
ALOHA,
CHUCK

Thanks to Bob Parker for the photo

News and Views from around the Indy Chapter

A Big "Thank You" to Chuck Kern

As you know **Chuck** will be stepping down as our **Indy Chapter** President at the end of December and **Brian Reeves** will be taking over in January.

For the past three years **Chuck** has done a fantastic job as our President and we certainly enjoyed his humor and outstanding leadership. He always had his President's report in and on time every month and we appreciated that. Our decision to take the job as editors of the **Brickyard Bulletin** was greatly influenced by our personal friendship with **Chuck and Linda**, and his willingness to take on the job as President of our chapter.

As members we can't expect that someone else will always be willing to do the jobs required to keep our **Indy Chapter** running. Once in a while it's going to be our turn to step up and **Chuck** did that. We don't all need to be Chapter President, but see if you can contribute in some way and we will be a better club. That is what **Chuck** did and we would like to thank him for that.

Another "Thank You" goes out to Nancy Bacon

Nancy stepped up last year and took over the Secretaries job. **Thanks Nancy** for all your work

and getting the reports to us on time every time. We appreciate a job well done.

Welcome to new Indy Chapter President Brian Reeves and Secretary Judy Lawlis

Brian will be taking over as our new President in January. Congratulations **Brian** and we look forward to your leadership for years to come. We personally feel that if **Chuck** is going to give up the job, **Brian** is a good choice to take it over. **"Thanks Brian"**.

Judy will be our new secretary starting the first of the year. **"Thanks Judy"** we look forward to working with you.

The Poes

New Members

This from new members Jeff and Sharon Follendorf

Sharon and I have owned a number of cars over the years ranging from muscle cars to foreign. I have always been interested in having an Avanti since I was a kid building AMT model kits. I sold a few cars awhile back and decided it was time to find one.



Jeff and Sharon's Avanti

We found a 1963 White Avanti in eastern Indiana in pretty good shape and have enjoyed driving and showing it. The best part is meeting people who have stories to tell about Studebakers they have had or known of to others who do not know what an Avanti is. Example of this is a woman came up along side of me at a traffic light, got my attention and asked how I liked my car and said her mother was still driving the Hawk she had bought brand new. We have other cars and belong to two other car clubs and it always comes down to the association with the people that makes it fun and worth having the cars. We did attend the meeting at Studebaker International and had a great time talking to other members. So we're looking forward to attending some of the Studebaker events next year and meeting other members.

Thanks,
Jeff & Sharon Follendorf



A Thank You to the Indy Chapter...

"Dear Friends",

Thank you for including us in the wonderful Thanksgiving feast at Studebaker Int. We all had a very good time and lots of good food! Everyone was very friendly and hospitable and that gives us one more thing to be thankful for!

Happy holidays to your chapter and continued success to your membership.

Thanks Again,

Tom and Bonnie Molnar, Chris Dresbach"

Larry Hopkins reports good news.

Larry is making progress!

"We are beginning to see some progress at the wound. I am planning to be at the Christmas Meeting in December. It is only about a block from my house."

Larry

It's also a good chance **Dale and Barb Mcphearson** will be coming to the dinner as well. Let's hope we get to them all on December 19th

Just a note to our Studebaker friends. As most of you know, we recently lost our sister. (Even though she was related to only one of us by birth, she was truly a wonderful sister to both of us.) We want to thank everyone in the Indy Chapter for their kind thoughts, prayers, visits, telephone calls, and beautiful cards. Your support has been a great comfort to us.

Dave & Diane Elmore

Pictures from the Thanksgiving meeting at SI

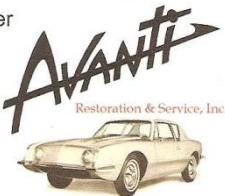


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Submit your Classified ads before the 15th to your Bulletin Editors at Richard and Rose Poe, 5192 State Road 46 E, Nashville, In. 47448. Or email roserichpoe@att.net. Ads are free to all members.

For Sale: 1953 Studebaker Starliner Coupe. Mostly original, second owner (since 1954), 6 cylinder, 3 speed manual transmission with hillholder and overdrive. Some spares like transmission, radios, shop manual, etc. Illness forces sale. Delivery possible within 100 miles. \$8000 or best offer. **Contact: Kris Proctor 317-796-3522 or KP95H@aol.com**

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Indy Chapters Upcoming Events

- **December's Christmas Meeting** will be at Augustino's Italian Restaurant on **December 19th at 1:30**. Hosts will be **Joe and Nancy Bacon** for this Christmas get together. **Augustino's Italian Restaurant (317)865-1099. 8028 S. Emerson Ave; Indianapolis, IN 46237 or call Nancy at 317-783-4721 nancyjb1701@aol.com**
- **January's Indy Chapter Meeting** will be hosted by **Howe & Charlotte** on **Saturday January 22, 2011**. Eat at 1'oclock. **Pit Stop Barbecue & Grill**, 932 East Main St., Brownsburg, IN. Main Street is also US136 through Brownsburg. The restaurant is on the north side of Main St and behind the Chase Bank and the Speedway Gas Station. **Howe & Charlotte call 317 272 2191 or 317 797 1378**
- **February's meeting** will be at **Studebaker International** with **Ed and Heidi Reynolds** hosting. Studebaker International Inc. 97 N.150 W. Greenfield, IN 46140

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Mail application and check to:

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