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By Ted Harbit



This is a picture of the '62 Cruiser. (259 four barrel, 3.31 Twin Traction, automatic, radio and cruise control)

This past September there was a fellow from Massachusetts that has a sister living in Fairmount. He came back to Fairmount to visit her and at the same time attend the James Dean Days held yearly in Fairmount. While at his sisters, he mentioned he was looking for a Studebaker Hawk. His sister gave him our phone number and he called telling me about wanting to buy a Hawk. I told him to come on out and we would look through a couple of past Turning Wheels and there were some advertised in them.

When he arrived, he walked into the garage and our '62 Cruiser was there and when he saw it, he said, *"I want that one!"* I said that's not a Hawk and he said he didn't care. He wanted it.

I told him it was my daily driver and was not for sale. To make a long story short I finally decided to give him a price that I thought would shut him up. As soon as I said the price, he said, "SOLD!"

Needless to say I am now out a daily Stude driver. He drove it back to Massachusetts. But that's not the end of the story. He left on Sunday night and called me on Tuesday morning. I asked if he got home ok and he said sort of. He said he ran into a pouring rain and pulled in a KMart parking lot to sleep some since it was raining so hard. After awhile when he could not sleep, he decided to go ahead and drive on.

He said it was raining so hard he could hardly see and ran into a light post in the parking lot and ruined the front bumper, grille, and molding that goes around the grille. I had replaced both the bumper, grille, and molding a few years ago and they still looked like new.

He wanted me to find him new old stock replacements. After about two weeks I found suitable replacements that cost him about another \$500 but he is happy now.

Ted

# "GRANDPA, WILL YOU HELP ME BUY A CAR?"

A Short Story by Danny G. Taylor (Grandpa)



August 2008 – 16 year old grandson Braden calls Grandpa; "*Will you help me buy a car?*" For Braden, money is tight; so with his Mom and Dad's blessing, I pay for most of the car – a 1990 Olds Bravada.

May 2009 - After several months, there are issues - a wreck, lack of proper maintenance, and some unpaid service/repair bills. He's young;

maybe too young for a car. The Olds dies. Braden calls; "Grandpa my car is dead, can you help with another car"? Grandpa: "NO!"

July 2010 - Braden calls; "Grandpa, I found this great Pontiac Fiero, can you help me buy it?" Grandpa: "NO!" Too many grandkids; helping with one car per grandkid will hurt me; helping with more than one per grandkid will kill me!!

October 2010 - Stubborn Braden, now 18 years old, calls with a familiar refrain but



with a twist*:*  "A Studebaker, eh!? Well now, that changes everything!!"

"Grandpa, will you help me buy a .....

**STUDEBAKER**". Persistent and SMART, wouldn't you agree! Grandpa: "A Studebaker, eh!? Well now, that changes everything!!"

Bottom line: Grandson finds a way to get Grandpa to help. Grandpa buys the 1962 Lark V8 automatic four door replete with rust, gray primer, torn interior, duct-taped headlight, etc.

The plan: The Studebaker will stay at my house until Braden comes up with the money, which should be by late November. He understands this is not about money, but about responsibility, trust and integrity. I think he is old enough now to appreciate the privilege of owning and driving a car. If he doesn't come up with the money, then Grandpa moves out of the "one Studebaker club" to the "multiple Studebaker owner club". As I see it, either way, I win!

About the car: Good news: It was cheap and it has seat belts!! Bad news: It was cheap for a reason!!

Car's Potential: Well, it may have had potential in about 1980 or so. No potential now. Good drive train. This is a good "short-term" car for cheap transportation; getting from point A to Point B. Body is full of bondo (and holes where the bondo has fallen off). What is needed, if he wants to keep it long term, is a "donor body". Oh yeah, Grandpa is going to pay for one more thing - Braden's membership into the **Studebaker Driver's Club** and the **Indy Chapter**!!

# Recipe of the Month

Submitted By Rose Poe Cincinnati Chili

Those of us from the greater Cincinnati area are familiar with the famous Cincinnati Chili. It goes by many names...Goldstar Chili, Skyline Chili, Dixie Chili, and Empress Chili. Some people like to refer to it as a "sweet chili", because it has cinnamon, allspice, cloves, and chocolate among its ingredients. Years ago, I found this recipe in the Cincinnati newspaper, and I've been making it ever since. My family loves it, so often we have it on special occasions. It is one of my "go to" meals, when nothing else sounds good!

2-3 lbs lean ground beef	1/2 tsp. cloves		
½ tsp. pepper	1 ½ tsp. season salt		
2 quarts water	1 tsp. cinnamon		
One onion, diced small	½ tsp. allspice		
28 oz. can tomato sauce	2 ½ Tbsp. chili powder		
1 Tbsp. minced garlic	½ tsp. cayenne pepper		
2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar	1 tsp. ground cumin		
One bay leaf	1 Tbsp. unsweetened		
	Cocoa powder		

Crumble raw ground beef into 2 quarts water in large Dutch oven or soup pot. Slowly bring to a boil, and then cook on medium heat for about 20 minutes. Stir often to keep the meat crumbly. Skim fat from top. Add remaining ingredients, stir. Simmer uncovered for 1 ½ to 2 hours, until thickened. Adjust seasoning.

Traditionally, this chili is served "spaghetti style", on top of spaghetti, and topped with a generous heap of shredded mild cheddar. That is referred to as "Three way". Four way is three way with the addition of chopped onions, five way is three way plus onions and pinto beans. This chili also makes great coneys. I usually use the leftover chili for "chili mac" casserole. *(Editor's Note: Trust me it's good!)* 

# **President's Report**

#### Submitted by Indy Chapter President Brian Reeves

Hi All,

**This is my first article as** the new President of the *Indy Chapter*; I would like to start off by thanking **Chuck** as well as all the 2010 officers for their effort in keeping our club active and fun. I look forward to keeping a good thing going, so we can have another fun year. I would also like to thank everyone who helped support Chuck and all the officers by hosting events last year. Without your help the club would not be the same.



Winter is the time of year when all we can do is dream about where we plan to drive our Studebakers when Mother Nature brings us warm weather and salt free roads for 2011. We have many interesting things to explore in Indiana and I look forward to wandering around in our Studebakers. If you have been to an interesting place be enthusiastic and volunteer to host an event. We haven't been on a boring trip yet! I also encourage everyone to drive your Studebaker as much as possible; I make more acquaintances by driving mine to the corner grocery store, or for dinner near home.

**One last note**; I was in Puerto Vallarta Mexico over Thanksgiving and was looking at some historic photos of the town taken in 1966. Guess what I found in one of the photos, yes a 1957 Studebaker Sedan! I bet it lasted a long time down there with no snow and little rain.

Happy New Year, Brian

#### News from around the Indy Chapter

Tom Lawlis had surgery at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis on December
21. He is doing well and will be in the hospital until around December 28<sup>th</sup>. "Thank you all so much for your concern. You have all helped to sustain us through this frightening ordeal." Judy and Tom Lawlis.

**Chuck Kern also had surgery and is now home recovering.** Chuck is doing well and plans to visit Tom soon.













The *Indy Chapter* Christmas meeting was held at Augustino's Italian Restaurant and hosted by **Joe and Nancy Bacon**. New *Indy Chapter* President **Brian Reeves** did an excellent job at the meeting with help from his dad **Raymond**.

## **Indy Chapters Upcoming Events**

If you have an Event coming up in the next few months **Contact Raymond Reeves** and send your event information to the **Brickyard Bulletin** so we can include it here.

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. *Events continued on the next page.*  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 27th meeting and auction will again be at *Studebaker International* with Ed and Heidi Reynolds hosting. Bring a covered dish and we will eat at 1:00. Studebaker International Inc. 97 N.150 W. Greenfield, IN 46140

### **Indy Chapter Classifieds**

Submit your Classified ads before the 15<sup>th</sup> to your Bulletin Editors at Richard and Rose Poe, 5192 State Road 46 E, Nashville, In. 47448. Or email <u>roserichpoe@att.net</u>. 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



#### Working Safely Under Your Car

By Malcolm Berry

Now that winter is here, it gives us time to get some of those car projects completed that we've been putting off doing.

Jacking up cars safely is top on my list. Make sure you have good quality jack stands. I prefer the ones rated at six tons. They are sturdy and have a big enough base to be stable. I bought mine at a Sears Store.

If you are going to have your car on jack stands for an extended period of time (such as major repairs or cleaning the chassis), you might consider making some risers. I made mine from 2 x 8 boards 23 inches long with 2 x 4 spacers between the 2 x 8's. The risers will elevate the car 9". The top 2 x 8 needs a 2 x 4 at each end to keep the car from rolling off.

When your care is safely jacked up either on stands or risers, you can now check the tires, hoses, and any other kinds of leaks such as oil, brake fluids, antifreeze, and complete the necessary repairs.

You will be ready for Spring to come and car activities to resume again.

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