



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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## More Lost *Studebakers* of Brown County

*February 2010 Jim Roberts called me to see if we could do an article on some of the Lost Studebakers around our county. He knew of several so on a cold winter day we set out and*



*hunted them down. The result of our search was printed in the March 2010 issue. This year he called again so off we went on our hunt and this is what we came up with. I'm sure you could find some old Studebakers around your county to explore and send in. Here is the result of our search.*

*Words by **Jim Roberts**, Photos by **Richard Poe***



**1947 M SERIES FIRE TRUCK**



I first met this Studebaker in the summer of 1970. I had just bought a cabin on Albert Johnson Road in northeastern Brown County near the town of Gatesville. I was awakened from a sound sleep by the keening wail of a siren and the whining of a Champion Six being pushed beyond its rev limit. A bright orange glow illuminated the woods outside my window. The cabin across the road was engulfed in flames. The newly formed Gatesville Volunteer Fire Department was speeding to the scene in

their new truck, recently acquired from a small town in northern Indiana.



I joined the fire department and soon had the pleasure of driving their pride and joy, a 1947 M series, 2 ½ ton, fitted with a Howe pumper/tanker fire rig. It had a 4 speed transmission and 2 speed rear axle. The steep grades of the area were a challenge the truck met with grinding determination. It proved that leverage could substitute for cubic inches, if you were willing to sacrifice speed. After a few years the talented mechanics of the department grafted the Howe fire rig on a more powerful Chevrolet chassis, and the Studebaker was sold to a neighbor who replaced the engine with a crate motor from South Bend and installed a tilting flatbed. Supposedly it is still mechanically sound but it has been in one



place for about 12 years. The beautiful marble shift knob is still there.



I envision this sweet old truck with fresh paint and a varnished oak stock rack on the bed. What do you think??



### 49 Commander Land Cruiser

This Studey was a surprise to me. It was not visible from the road and I haven't ever found its owners at home. Whoever they may be they obviously appreciate fine automobiles. This Land Cruiser has several restorable vehicles to keep it company,

including a 1984 Corvette. Richard's sharp eyes spotted the rear 1/3 of another Studebaker lurking in the weeds behind the house.



*It's hard to see since it was in the weeds at a distance from where we were. (ed)*

The Land Cruiser looks pretty good, with its one piece curved windshield (Industry First??) intact and what an eBay seller might call "usual rust". One rear wheel is off, looks like an unfinished brake job.







### 59 Lark Six

This one is mine. I traded some legal work for it about 10 or 12 years ago. I've hung on to it because I thought some parts might be usable on my 1953 Champion. Unfortunately it has deteriorated from the poor condition it was in when I acquired it.



It has overdrive, so it would make a good donor car for someone who wanted to do an



overdrive conversion.



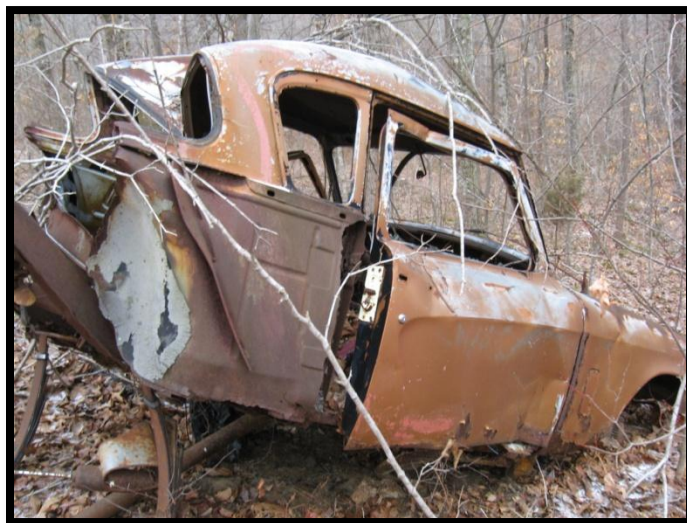
### 53 "C" Body

This is another of my trades for services. The owner said it was "the only '53 Golden Hawk they ever made (!)"





that I traded to Dan Giblin in Ohio. Forty years ago this was some Studebaker nut's hot rod. Unfortunately it had been rolled when I got it. It has helped other Studebakers keep going. R.I.P.



Over the years it has donated some body parts to my Hawk Roadster project, and I recently sold the rear axle to a guy with a Golden Hawk restoration going on. There are the remains of a 289 under the hood. The engine had an Avanti intake manifold



## Indy Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club Minutes

Saturday January 22, 2011

**Place:** The Pit Stop - Brownsburg, IN

**Hosts:** Howe and Charlotte Clark. Thank you for hosting this event.

**Guests:** Jason Taylor (Dan and Karen Taylor's son)

Judy Bunch (Tom Lawlis' sister) Sandy Lawlis (Tom Lawlis's sister-in-law, and former Studebaker owner, and co-owner of the 1957 Golden Hawk 400 Series that Tom is currently restoring)

**New Member:** Braden Abner (Dan and Karen Taylor's grandson, and soon-to-be Studebaker owner)

**Number Present:** A lot of members came. Sorry, your secretary forgot to pass around an attendance sheet. Guess I was overjoyed at the presence of my husband who has spent too much time in the hospital lately.

After a wonderful lunch of pulled pork, etc., the meeting was called to order by Charlie Griffith, our Vice President at 2:05 PM.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Flynn reported that we have \$3,836.77 in our checking account, and 45 paid memberships for 2011. That means he has received about half of our membership renewals. Dues of \$18.00 are due each year on January 1. There is a late fee of \$5.00 for dues received after March 1.

**New Business:** David Elmore reported that they have received an invitation to bring their 1959 Lark Regal Deluxe 4-door 6 cycle to the Edsel-Eleanor Ford Estate Charity Car Show, called Eyes on Design, in Detroit which begins on June 19. It's an honor to be invited to this show. Dave and Diane plan to go. Dave thinks David and Barbara Neitzel were invited to bring their white child's hearse to this show 10-12 years ago. David will tell us more about this when he receives more information. We're happy to have them represent Studebaker and our club. Chuck Kern reported that World of Wheels Motorama will run from Thursday February 11-13, at the Indiana State Fair Grounds. It is a 1962 format. Entry fee is \$40. Chuck has entry forms and will e-mail one to members upon request. [studechuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:studechuck@sbcglobal.net).

**50/50 Drawing:** \$57 to Berniece Snider and \$57 to the club treasury. Congratulations Berniece!

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lawlis, Secretary



# President's Report

Submitted by *Indy Chapter* **President Brian Reeves**

I want to open this month's news by thanking Charlie, Chuck and Ray for standing in for me while I was in Chicago. I've been told we had a good turnout and that everyone was excited to see Dale and Barb McPhearson. I was glad to hear that Tom Lawlis and Chuck Kern were back in

action after their illnesses. I hope everyone-else has survived the ice storm unharmed as well. I'm sure we are all ready for spring to get here a little early this year. It looks like our agenda for the year is filling up but we always have room for more than one event a month if you have an interesting place to visit. I would like to see a driving tour or two this year so if you have an idea let us know. I also have an idea for a friendly contest amongst our members I will bring up at the meeting at Ed's.

Spring is coming soon, 'till then keep warm.

Brian R.

## *News and views around the Indy Chapter*

### **Stolen Studebaker**

Richard - can you pass this to other club members? My newly acquired 1938 Commander State sedan and car trailer have been stolen from the storage facility on West 10th street here in Indianapolis. I have attached a picture of both the car and the trailer. The trailer has 1961 Studebaker full wheel covers on it, and a jack with a wheel on the right side of the tongue. The car was covered with a large blue tarp.

Thanks, Andy Hess



### **Indy Chapter Studebakers Selected**

Two members Studebakers have been selected for a car show celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Indianapolis 500. Dan Taylor writes "My Speedster was selected to be in the 100th Anniversary Indy 500 Celebration of Automobiles. *I'm pumped!!!*" Danny. Along with Dan, Joe and Nancy Bacon's 1956 Golden Hawk was also selected. Two Beautiful Studebakers representing us, **Congratulations** both. The show is at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 13-15, 2011.



### **Opportunity**

This is the opportunity you have been waiting for. With regret we will not be able to continue as your news letter editors. There is too much going on right now to allow the



time required to do the job of editing *The Brickyard Bulletin* at this time. We have succeeded in some of our goals to reduce cost and also put the news letter out electronically. We would like to thank all of you that supported us and for sending in submissions. To apply for this opportunity contact President Brian Reeves.

Thank You, Richard and Rose Poe

## 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.

**MARCH 26** Dave and Diane Elmore will be our gracious hosts for the March meeting. @ 1:00 p.m. - Speedway MCL - The Indy Chapter will have our own area/room at the Speedway MCL (also affectionately known as the MediCare Lounge). The MCL Cafeteria is located at 6002 Crawfordsville Road in the west section of the Speedway Shopping Center. After our meeting, the Elmore's will lead all interested folks to the home of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race to view the new 100th Anniversary exhibit at the Speedway Museum.

**NOTE:** Currently, some of the I-465 exit ramps are closed at Crawfordsville Road/I-74 due to major construction on the west leg of the highway. By March 26, this may or may not still be the case. However, exit ramps are open at 38th Street and 10th Street.

**April 16, 2011 1 P.M.** We will meet at Arni's Restaurant in Frankfort. The restaurant is located on the square at 12 East Washington St. Since Dale and Barb have had such a time getting to meetings, we thought we would take one to them. We will eat at 1 P.M.

The restaurant has requested a head count, so please email your reservation to [msnider04@AOL.com](mailto:msnider04@AOL.com) or call 1-317-889-3802. Thanks and see you there.

**May 6-7 is the annual Crossroads Zone Meet in South Bend.** Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, is swap meet and car corral, and Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> is swap meet, car corral, and car show judging. This is always a great event to catch up with friends, and find those car parts you've been searching for!

**May 28<sup>th</sup> is the fourth annual Studebaker/Orphan Car Drag Race held in Bean Blossom.** This is getting more popular each year, so "Be there or be square." Bring your car to race, or not, and come to beautiful Brown County and enjoy the day with us. There's a snack bar at the track, or bring your own picnic lunch. Also, the night before the race, Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>, we meet at the "Holy Cow" restaurant in Nashville for dinner. See more information about this event on line or call Richard Poe at 812-988-2008.

**The 47<sup>th</sup> SDC International Meet is being held June 19-25 in Springfield, Missouri.** There are lots of interesting seminars and other things going on this year. Hopefully lots of Indy Chapter folks will attend, since it's relatively close to home.

**As of yet, no local event has been scheduled for June or July.**

**August we will be having a cookout at the McNutt home**—more info in later newsletters.



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Regular membership dues in the **National Studebaker Club** are **\$24.00 For New Members 1<sup>st</sup> year only**. Renewals are **\$31.00** per year, which includes 12 monthly issues of **Turning Wheels**, the National SDC Magazine. (Other memberships are available.)

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### INDY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**National SDC membership is a prerequisite.** Renewal INDY Chapter dues are \$18.00. Renewals payable January each year (after March a \$5.00 late fee will be added.)

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