



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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## Watch Your Speed in Petersburg, Indiana!

Submitted by Gene Keepers

The southern Indiana town of

Petersburg, Indiana has a new police car. It's a 1951 Studebaker Land

Cruiser.

After pulling it out of a chicken house and getting it running, it is now ready to *catch chicken thieves*.

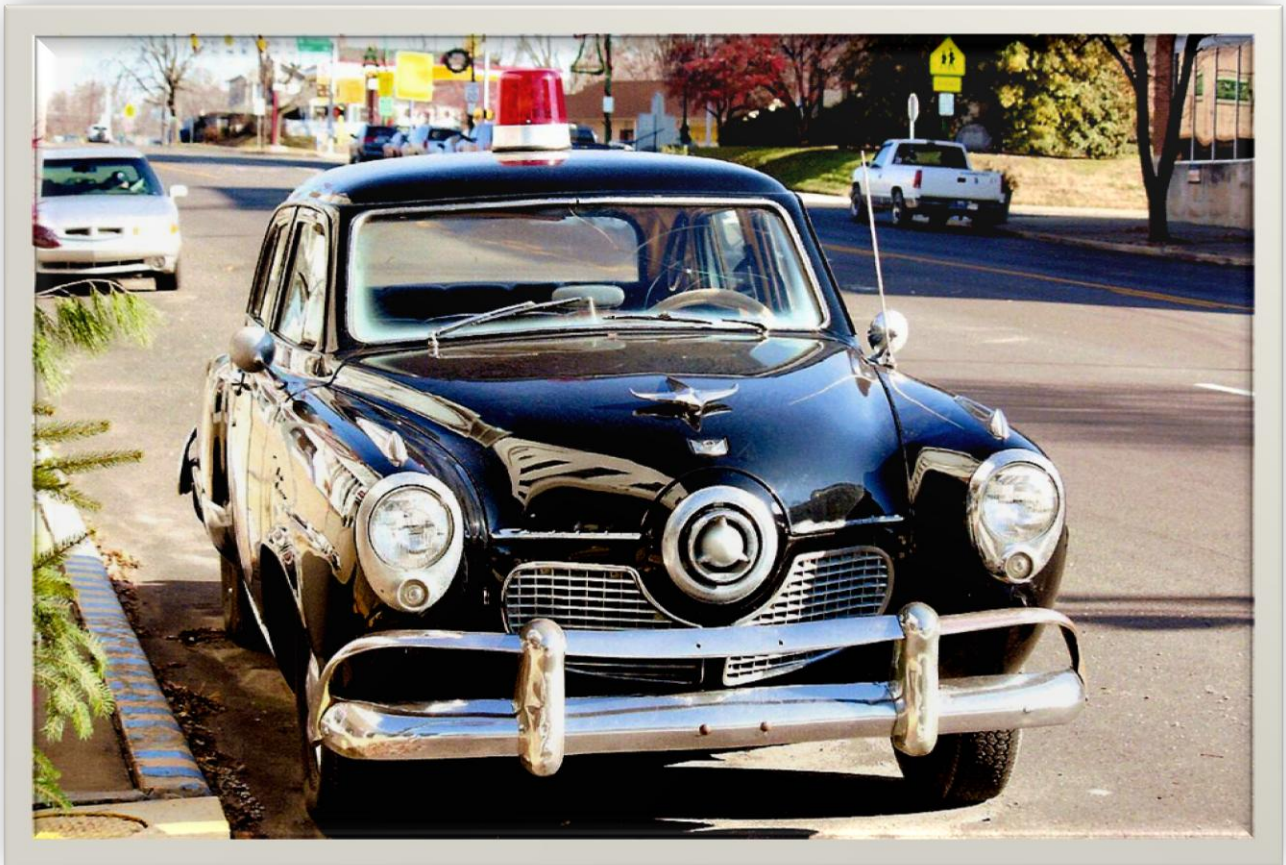
Petersburg, Indiana Police Chief Chuck Beumgart purchased the V8, automatic transmission, Studebaker, and decided not to restore it but rather he would display it as is on Main Street in front of the Petersburg Police Station.

That turned out to be a good decision since the Studebaker has generated

much excitement and interest around town with stories and people wanting their picture taken with the car.

Nothing like a classic Studebaker to bring a smile to people's faces as their memories go back to the happiness of their childhood and a slower pace of living.

If you happen to be traveling through Petersburg look us up, but don't park in front of the fire hydrant. We have our ticket book in our hat and a bullet in our pocket!





# LARK PARKER:

## *AN UNTOLD STORY*

by Dale McPhearson

The starting grid for the 1911 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race was five cars abreast with the pole position filled by the Stoddard-Dayton pace car. That was the first time a moving pace car was ever used.

All the racers had a driver as well as a riding mechanic whose duty was to look out for traffic in the rear and to check the oil pressure. The eventual winner in 1911 was, of course Ray Harroun, who eschewed (now that's a weird word) the use of a mechanic despite "safety" concerns of the others. Understandable, as the very essence of auto racing from its beginning was a deep regard for auto safety.

In the past when Ray had picked the riding mechanic from his pit crew, my great uncle, Novi "Shotgun" Parker being a small but nimble man, would yell "**SHOTGUN**" and jump in the right-front seat. The word was used to warn the others that he had a shotgun hidden and would use it if necessary to get the job.

So "Shotgun" became his nickname and intimidation was his game. After a few races Shotgun would assume the riding mechanic's seat without objection.

At the Indy 500 race, Ray Harroun and Shotgun were assigned to the 28th position by luck of the draw.

The crowd fell silent and Jim Nabors' grandfather started to sing "Back Home Again in Indiana" as the gas balloons passed overhead. The reverent quiet was broken by Novi Shotgun Parker loudly chanting his driver's name: **HARRoooUN! HARRoooUN! HARRoooUN!** He tried to sound like a powerful engine revving for the start and his intention was to intimidate the other racers. This eventually irritated Ray Harroun so much he threw Shotgun out of the car and affixed his lady friend's compact mirror to use to look for traffic. Ray correctly thought he could do the oil

check himself and the car would be quieter and lighter without the mechanic.

History records that the enlightened Ray Harroun was the winner of that race. Novi Shotgun Parker watched from the stands.

*Shotgun Parker: Contributor to the invention the of the rear view mirror, the convention of shouting "Shotgun" to claim the front seat, and possibly the naming of the powerful Novi race engine that would make the sound:*  
***Harrooooooun! Harrooooooun! Harrooooooun!***

## April President's report

*Indy Chapter President Brian Reeves*

Well it's starting to look like spring is around the corner; I saw some of my flowers peek up through the leaves. Last month's meeting at Ed's was great as always. We had plenty of food and several guests as well. I would like to thank Bob Palma for doing an excellent job of making our auction entertaining and everyone for buying things. My dad and I went to Pennsylvania March 4th and 5th, one reason was to pick up a car I bought (no it's not a Studebaker) and the other was a chance to attend the York Swap Meet. We ran into Ed and Heidi Reynolds for breakfast Saturday morning at the hotel and had a nice chat with them, after they headed out Phil and Malcolm from Fairborn Studebaker were looking for a table to eat their breakfast at so we asked them to join us. Everyone said Friday was a slow business day and they hoped for better results Saturday. We arrived at the Fairgrounds right at 8 am and there was already a decent crowd. We saw Bob Palma and Jim Turner and said hi and we saw Daryl Lahr but he was busy talking to a vendor and then we lost track of him before we could say hi. We shopped around and by 10 am the crowd was fairly large and I saw lots of people carrying goods they had purchased. We bought a couple items and looked at the cars in the lot. Someone had a real nice 53 Commander Sedan and there was a super nice 57 Golden Hawk that the owner had just sold and the buyer was to pick it up at the meet. Next year's raffle car is a black and white 55 President Speedster, I bought ticket of course for \$10.00 they only sell 4000 tickets so the odds are quite good. We made it back ok with the car I bought and didn't run into too much rain either.

I hope that someone will help out the club and take over the newsletter editor for us. If we don't get anyone we will have to cut back to monthly post card notes of events. If you're interested please let me know.

Thanks, Brian R

# *Indy Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club Minutes*

Sunday February 27, 2011

**Place:** Studebaker International – Greenfield, Indiana

**Hosts:** Ed and Heidi Reynolds

**Guests:** Matt Taylor (Dan and Karen Taylor's grandson, and new Studebaker owner!)

Dave Collins, guest of Ed and Heidi Reynolds

Matt Kern, son of John and Mary Jo Kern

Casey and David Elmore, grandchildren of Dave and Diane Elmore

**Attendance:** There were 53 names on the sign-in sheet.

**Recently joined members:** Jeff and Sharon Follendorf; John and Judy Feistrizer;

Bob and Janeen Younce

The club thanks Ed and Heidi for hosting our meeting and annual auction. We always enjoy going to Studebaker International. Some folks, like Tom Lawlis, sent their orders in advance to Ed so he could have their purchases ready. That's pretty handy.

Following a wonderful meal, President Brian Reeves called the meeting to order. He was sorry to announce that Richard and Rose Poe will soon be leaving their post as editors of the Brickyard Bulletin. I hope everyone will join me in telling them what a wonderful job they've done producing the newsletter. It has been greatly appreciated, and they will be sorely missed.

We will need new editors.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Flynn reported that we have \$4,107.86 in our checking account, and 60 paid family memberships.

**50/50 Drawing:** \$140 was collected. Andy Swartz won \$70. Congratulations!

**Dammit Doll:** Was presented to Andy and Cathy Hess by Ted Harbit in observance of their Studebaker having been stolen from their storage facility. That loss caused a lot of pain to all of us.

**Member's Passing:** Howe Clarke announced that Ken Holste died on February 15.

**Contest:** President Reeves announced a contest regarding how much everyone drives their Studebaker(s). To participate, take a photo of your odometer at the beginning, then again at the end of the year and present those to

Brian at the end of the year. Brian suggested that we e-mail the photos to him ([breeves@mac.com](mailto:breeves@mac.com)), or hand them to him at some meeting. He also suggested that we keep track of the amount of oil our cars used. This makes me wonder if this is why the Lawlises are usually asked to bring up the rear in any caravan. It's OK. We can work on only one car at a time, and the one we drive has had to take a back seat.

**Zone Meet:** The zone meet at South Bend is May 5, 6, and 7. Ed Reynolds invited everyone to visit his new business at 711 W. Chippewa Ave., South Bend. On Friday, May 6, there will be a cruise-in, meeting at his business. Someone who has converted a Studebaker fire truck into a pizza wagon will be selling pizza there. Also, there will be Bonnie Doone ice cream. This company is based in South Bend. There will be door prizes and it should be an all around good time.

**Dale McPhearson update:** Dale has been in and out of various hospitals several times since we saw him last. Bob Palma visited him today, March 23, and found him eating well (something new!) and in good spirits. He's not up to seeing a lot of company, but cards and notes are welcome sent to his home: 700 N. Clay St., Frankfort, IN 46041. His e-mail: [shiny1@comcast.net](mailto:shiny1@comcast.net).

**Tom Lawlis update:** Tom had a follow-up CAT scan last week and we've been told he is clear of any spread of cancer. He sees his surgeon tomorrow and we hope to receive the same news from him. It's hard to feel sure about anything since the kidney cancer came as a complete surprise. Tom is grateful for all your thoughts, prayers and cards. You've been great!

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lawlis, Secretary

## 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 [roserichpoe@att.net](mailto:roserichpoe@att.net). Ads are free to all members.*

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# 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.

**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 5-7 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! The zone meet at South Bend is May 5, 6, and 7. Ed Reynolds invited everyone to visit his new business at 711 W. Chippewa Ave., South Bend. On Friday, May 6, there will be a cruise-in, meeting at his business. Someone who has converted a Studebaker fire truck into a pizza wagon will be selling pizza there. Also, there will be Bonnie Doone ice cream. This company is based in South Bend. There will be door prizes and it should be an all around good time.

**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.

## 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



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# Tech Tip

## Maintenance—Drain Holes On Vehicles

By Malcolm Berry

A critical maintenance that is usually overlooked is periodic cleaning of drain holes in various panels on all vehicles.

How do you determine where the drain holes are? Look on the bottom of your doors, rocker panels and quarter panels.

On the bottom of doors and quarter panels, there are very thin drain holes. You can use a thin knife blade or a thin wire to unplug them. Drain holes release water that accumulates in these panels. Failure to do this will allow water to accumulate in the panels causing rust.



My 1963 Studebaker Wagonaire has drain tubes going from each end of the channels in the sliding roof to the bottom part of the car through a rubber hose. These tubes can be cleaned out with a thin wire or with air pressure. If they are not cleaned out periodically, they will cause the roof channels to leak.

This is a relatively simple procedure—but a very important one to preserve the life of your vehicle.



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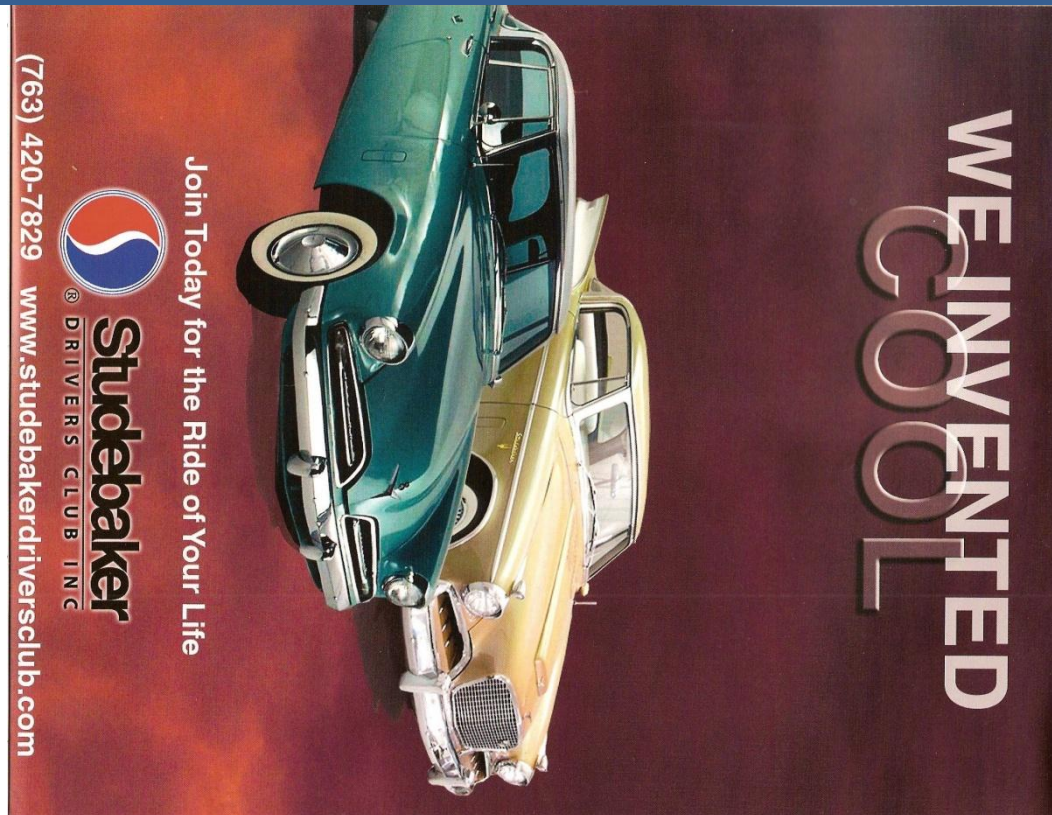
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