



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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The 2017 SDC International was a good time for all who were able to attend. I had a good opportunity to wear all of my Studebaker sweatshirts as it was cold and sunny or cold and raining most of the time! Joe has written a detailed report of the meet for the newsletter. While at the meet I spoke to three people from the Indy area about joining the local chapter, I emailed them the last newsletter and an application. Gary & Marilyn Kandel of Columbus, In. have already sent their membership application back in! They have a 1927 Studebaker House Car (right), I am pretty sure there is nothing else like it in our chapter, very cool! We will have available soon an Indy Chapter flyer and application to pass out about our club when we are at cruise ins or car shows.



Hope to see everyone at the Orphan Car Drags and the other summer events the Indy Chapter is having this summer!

Nancy Bacon  
Indy Chapter President

## SDC International in South Bend, Indiana May 3-6, 2017

Joe Bacon

Nancy had given Tony and me a goal over a year ago, she wanted our 1964 GT (right) to be drivable and in attendance at the 2017 International meet in South Bend Indiana. After numerous setbacks we were loading the car on a trailer at 1pm on Tuesday May 2nd. We decided that with less than 30 miles on the freshly rebuilt motor it was best to trailer the car and drive it once in South Bend. The car drove fine during the meet.



We arrived at the Comfort Suites Motel, our unofficial Meet Headquarters, around 4pm and found the parking lot to have several Studebaker's already there. Soon after getting the car unloaded and settled in we met up with our friends from Chicago, Ed and Cyndi George. Ed let us know that due to the forecast for cool and wet weather the motel had gave the Studebaker group their conference room for the week for The George's annual May SDC Meet tailgate party. After dinner Nancy and I started the meet off right with new and old friends at the indoor/outdoor tailgate party, after midnight we made it back to our room.

Wednesday morning we are up early and ready to start the meet. First stop was to pay for a NOS deck lid for the GT, always heard they were an unobtainable part...THREE NOS 1964 deck lids at the swap meet! Next stop was the indoor portion of the swap meet to pick up parts I had ordered from Steven Allen's Studebaker Parts. Steven Allen had a large vending area and I spent a couple hours shopping for parts, well correct verbiage would be "purchasing". Wednesday was nice but cool and most of the day was spent visiting the outdoor vendors and setting by our GT, telling the history of the car as we know it to inquiring minds. Many of the

people recognized the car from the "Barn Find" thread on SDC forum. At the end of the day there were THREE 1964 R2 GT's parked together! With a total production of 70 1964 R2 GT's, to have 3 of the same color parked side by side 53 years later back home in South Bend was pretty cool! After dinner we returned to the motel and the tailgate party. There we met a friend who I have bought several GT parts from, Gregg Diffen. Gregg is from Australia and now resides in the UK. Another late night of talking Studebaker, well after midnight and day one of the meet ended and the second day had begun.

Thursday as predicted was rain, steady and soaking. We had the plan, today we were visiting buildings where we could stay dry. First on the list was Studebaker International and Ed Reynolds, another "candy store" with the same result.....wife's purse isn't as heavy as the day before. Ed is all smiles. Next we head to the Studebaker Museum where we meet up with our friends from Alabama, Ernie and Katie Brown. We met the Browns 10 years ago in South Bend at the International meet and quickly became friends. Ernie had worked hard to restore his 1962 GT after a tornado had destroyed it in 2011 but a problem in the transmission kept the car in Dixie. Dinner plans were made for the evening with the Browns. A must eat in SB is Papa Vinos in Mishawaka, great Italian under \$15.00! The first day of drive thru judging was done under roof of a fairgrounds barn. Cars were driven into the building or off the trailers judged and went right back under cover. Campers were sinking in the mud and I witnessed a 1962 GT pulling a brand X out of mud. Good day to have stayed dry.

Friday we saw many local chapter members at the swap meet, the rain had stopped but it was windy and cool. Under the new format of judging ahead of car show day, a second day of drive thru judging was underway in the fairgrounds barn. Customer appreciation day at SI and a Downtown street cruise in filled the day with plenty to do.

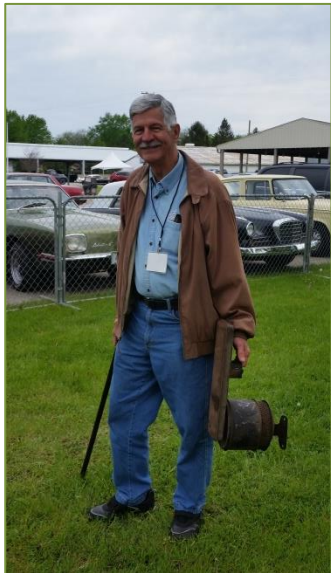
What can we say, Friday night we are again at the George's tailgate party. Visiting long into the night as we will all head home after the show the next morning.

As we were having breakfast Saturday we learn that Bob Palma had taken ill in the middle of the night. Bob didn't want to disturb his roommate for the week so he left Ted Harbit a note. It seems kidney stones decided to mess up Bob's plans for the weekend. After being checked over at the hospital he was given medication and told he could not drive himself home. Indy Chapter friends to the rescue. Tom Lawlis offered to drive Bob home and other SDC friends took care of getting Bob's truck back to him and Ted's Stude Tomato back home, as Bob had trailered it to South Bend. It is wonderful to hear how friends are there for each other in times of need. Bob is recovering and his wife has not sold any of his cars yet!



Joe Bacon, Ed George, Bob Palma, Ted Harbit and John Kern at the tailgate party.

Saturday is the day of the big car show and we see some sunshine but you need a sweater or jacket. We had purchased the test track tour but due to bad information we missed the tour. With a truck full of NOS parts and a car on the SDC show field it was time to see all the cars displayed. Nancy spent several hours taking pictures and recruiting 3 new members in the Indy Chapter area.



Two o'clock on Saturday and we have the GT on the Trailer and headed home. The meet was cool, both weather and experience. We made it enjoyable, visiting with friends, local and worldwide.

Another International Meet is history...

Dave Elmore with his prize purchase, we were not the only ones buying parts!



Ed Reynolds at International



# Photos from 2017 South Bend Studebaker International

Courtesy of Nancy Bacon and Teri Swartz



Rocky Rietenour's 1958 Packard Hawk



Studebaker firetruck and ambulance



Three 1964 Rs GT's



Bob Palma in Ted Harbit 's Stude Tomato. *...drive it like you stole it!*



At the Proving Grounds

# The Good People of Northern Indiana and International

About 17 miles from South Bend we started hearing a noise from the engine compartment, The blower motor went out on the heater a year ago and we have had noise from the fan blades in the past so that is what we thought was wrong. When I noticed water droplets showing up on the driver's side of the windshield only and the temperature gauge going up we knew it was not the fan making the noise. We coasted to a stop and Andy raised the hood and found water pouring out of the bottom of the water pump. We were 15 miles from South Bend at this time and it was just after 8:00pm Wednesday night. I called AAA and was told that they would have someone out to help us in an hour or so. While we were waiting we had an SUV with Illinois plates stop to offer assistance. We let them know we had already called for help and they left. Then we had a van with yellow lights on it pull up behind us to offer assistance. We found out that he was a mechanic for a fire department and was in the work van. He stayed behind us with his yellow lights on for a while which was very nice of him. Then a truck pulling a trailer with a Studebaker on it passed us, turned around and came back and pulled up in front of us to see if they could help. While Andy was letting them know that we had AAA on the way a Sheriff pulled up behind the van that was behind us. This was at 9:00 and I had just received a call from a wrecker company from Goshen that told us that it would be 1 1/2 hours before they could get a wrecker to us. The Sheriff told us that he would wait with us until the wrecker showed up. Since the Sheriff was there the fire department mechanic left. It was very nice of the sheriff to stay behind us with his lights on for an hour and a half. This made the traffic move over into the left lane when they passed us. The wrecker showed up just before 10:30 and loaded the car on his flatbed. He towed it to the Double Tree hotel and we were able to get the car into the underground parking garage. Being in South Bend we knew we could get the water pump, we just had to find a way to get there,



Teri Swartz staying warm from the wind in their 1962 Lark

During breakfast a Studebaker owner from Illinois named Tim sat down at the table next to us. During our conversation with him Andy told him what happened and he offered to take Andy to get the new water pump and antifreeze. When Andy got back with the water pump we went down to the garage and proceeded to remove the old water pump. While we were working 2 maintenance workers with the hotel came over to watch. While Andy was removing the pump he realized that there was a piece on the old water pump that we would need put on the new water pump. We realized that we did not have a wrench large enough to remove the part. One of the maintenance workers offered to take the old pump back to his work shop to remove the part. He returned a few minutes later with the part in hand with Teflon tape on it ready to be installed on the new pump. By late afternoon we had the water pump replaced and the car back on the road.

While traveling around South Bend we realized that there was a problem with the right rear tire. Andy thought it might be a broken belt. He decided to try to get it home instead of changing it before we left South Bend. On the way home, just before the Logansport exit the tire blew. We got the car off the road and proceeded to get the spare tire and jack out of the trunk. We realized that the jack and lug wrench were not the best and someone had cut the end off the lug wrench. This made it almost impossible to get the lugs nuts to break loose because he could not get any leverage. Before we knew it a Studebaker pulled up in front of us and offered a four way lug wrench. Then an Avanti pulled up behind us and the driver offered a small floor jack to put under the axle. By the time it was over we had a total of 1 Avanti and 3 Studebakers around us helping get the tire changed,

All in all we learned that there are really a lot of wonderful people out there. We would have really been in a real fix if not for the 10+ people that helped us during the different problems that we had on our trip to South Bend and back.

Teri Swartz



## Award Winner



Eric Olson from Green Valley, AZ and I road tested Ted Andrew's 63R1289 from Greenfield, IN to South Bend.

Ted purchased this Studebaker Avanti in August 2012 after being inspired during the 2012 South Bend meet. Ted rescued this Avanti from being parted out and earned the **"One foot in the Grave" award** by the AOAI Indiana Chapter during the 2017 South Bend meet.

Photo is in front of Studebaker International upon arrival to South Bend.

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## Evening at the Poe's, the Eve Before the Drags Friday, May 26, 2017



Host, Richard Poe (right) with Gene Little of Creal Springs, Ill surrounded by Studebakers



Chad and Amber Gray from Hurricane, WV with their 1949 Starlite Coupe



Rick Donahue of Jamesville, WI arriving in his 1979 Avanti II



Larry Donahue drove his 1955 Commander all the way from California!





George Shirley of Dieterich, Ill 1964 Champ



Jim and Justine McGee of Jamestown, NY 1952 Commander



Richard Poe took off so fast he practically jumped out of the photo. That's the bright green trunk of his 1964 Challenger at the very right of the picture. He was racing Larry Donahue's 1955 Commander.

**The July issue of the Brickyard will contain full coverage of the Drags.**

## Welcome New Members

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1927 Studebaker House Car (see picture at the top of page one)

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1964 Daytona 4 Dr, V-8

MSN is the "home page" on my computer. On Thursday, May 25 they had an article titled "Twelve Classic Cars That Are Criminally Overlooked Gems". The Studebaker Lark was one of the cars mentioned. And I quote ***"Never having achieved the success of the American "Big Three" Studebaker has always been doomed to obscurity. The Lark was one of the more interesting compact cars available in the early-1960s."***

Becky



# THE OTHER POWER BALL

In the interest of FULL DISCLOSURE, I will have to admit that the following little “story” is not original to yours truly. I found this 7-point theory on Facebook. However, in today’s highly charged political atmosphere, it seemed to explain a lot of problems...so I thought I should share this recently acquired knowledge. This “story” doesn’t offer any solutions or put forth untold wisdom, but who would have dreamed that one could learn so much...using only sporting balls as visual aides?



The sport of choice for the urban poor is **BASKETBALL**.



The sport of choice for maintenance level employees is **BOWLING**.



The sport of choice for front-line workers is **FOOTBALL**.



The sport of choice for supervisors is **BASEBALL**.



The sport of choice for middle management is **TENNIS**.



The sport of choice for corporate executives & officers is **GOLF**.



## THE AMAZING CONCLUSION:

If the higher you go in the corporate structure, the smaller your balls become...then there must be a ton of people in Washington DC playing marbles!



# Upcoming Events

**Saturday, June 17 12:00** - We will be taking a beautiful drive for a much requested return trip to the Oakdale Inn. We have been asked by Bob and Sandy Fox to lead the trip this year for them.

The **Oakdale Inn is located at 11899 W. Oakdale Dr., Monticello, Ind.** While catfish is their specialty, they have a full menu that you can check out at [www.oakdaledaminn.com](http://www.oakdaledaminn.com).



We will be leaving from the McDonalds located at US36 and Ind. 267 in Avon, Ind. at 8:45 AM. (You will need to take Ronald Reagan Expressway to US36 since there is construction on 267 to reach the McDonalds from I-70.)

We will be taking SR39 all the way to the Oakdale Inn turn off. Give us a call if you would like to arrange to meet us along the way at cell 765-318-9738. If you are traveling on your own, follow the Oakdale Inn signs from CR700 N / SR39. Oakdale Inn is approximately 2 miles from the turnoff.

Hope to see you on June 17th.

Marvin & Berniece Snider

**Mark these dates on your calendar:**



**July 14-16 - Rare Vehicles Auction Set For July 2017.** More than 700 rare and unique cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, buggies and more will be auctioned off in July in Norwalk, Ohio.

Go to [www.ronhackenberger.com](http://www.ronhackenberger.com) or [www.vanderbrinkauctions.com](http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com) for more information.

**July 22, 1:00 p.m. – Luau/pitch-in at Joe and Nancy Bacon's.** The Bacon's are providing table service, water and Joe's delicious smoked wild hog. Bring a dish, maybe a chair and enjoy the day.



**August** – Joe and Nancy Bacon will be hosting lunch. More to come.

**September 9** - The **Indy Chapter will hit the road on Drive Your Studebaker Day** for a little bit of driving, some eating, a lot of talking, and a surprise or two. Keep watching this space for more details from Dave and Diane Elmore about this unique driving experience.

**September 15-16 – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Studebaker Only Swap Meet** in Menomonie, Wisconsin.

**September 23, 12:00 – Grand Opening Celebration at Mike Bakers** new shop in Greenfield

**October** – Griffith's Fall Tour

**November** – Ed Reynolds

**December** – Christmas Dinner hosted by Peggy Scott



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Chuck Kern putting his 1963 Avanti through the "burn out" before his race

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