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The Great Race came to Franklin, In on June 27. The cars left Jacksonville, Fl on June 24, making predetermined lunch and evening stops along the route. The stop in Franklin was the evening stop for day 4 of a 9 day time, speed, endurance rally with cars all made before 1972. This year there are four Studebaker's in the competition, a 1916 Race Car, 1954 Land Cruiser, 1960 Hawk and a 1964 Daytona. It was a great evening to walk around and look at the cars parked around Franklin Town Square. We finished our evening in Franklin by going to Richard's Brick Oven Pizza, which was the Studebaker dealership building many years ago. Traverse City, Mi. is the last stop on the 2351 mile contest.



July 22 at 1pm the Indy Chapter will gather for the Bacon Backyard Luau. Get your best flower shirt, grass skirt and a dish to pass for the pitch in lunch. We will have smoked pork, buns, and lots of fun! We have plenty of parking and hope everyone brings their Studebaker's.

Aug 20th at 1 pm we will meet at Bubba's 33 located at 7799 S US 31 on Indys south side. We will have an area on the North side of their parking lot to park our cars. Bubba's serves pizza, burgers and lots of other good stuff. Hope to see everyone at our next couple of meetings!!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

TENTH ANNUAL STUDEBAKER DRAGS

BY RICHARD POE



Ten years ago my wife Rose and I invited people that wanted bring their Studebakers and independent orphan cars to meet at Brown County Dragway for a chance to run their cars down an eighth mile dragstrip. We hoped that it would be a day that we could make some passes, talk Studebakers, make new friends, see some great cars, and give people a chance to make new memories around their favorite car manufacture.

So how has that worked out? Well just sitting here I can count people coming from at least 18 states and Ontario, Canada over the years. That would include as far North as Ontario, Canada, as far South as Florida, or from the East, New York and New Jersey, and all the way from California to the West! As far as cars and trucks that came to race, I would guess between 150 and 200. That of course would be some coming more than once over ten years. If you add Studebakers coming just to show, but not race, that would be many more, I can't even guess at that. How about Independent Orphan Cars? Most have been Hudson's but we had others including a Desoto that comes almost every year.



We also have the benefit of acquiring new members to the SDC and the local Indy Chapter.

As far as people attending to get a chance to see what Studebakers are all about or to watch a friend, relative, or favorite Studebaker racer. Maybe they need to fulfill and mark off an item on their bucket

list! I tried to count a couple times and I would say at least 50 or 60 spectators some years for sure, maybe more. I've been to race tracks or other car events with my Studebaker and had people come up and tell me, or ask me about the Studebaker Drag



Races in Indiana. I've met non Studebaker people who come to the track just to see us. Our event is listed in the sports section of the local paper for three or four weeks before the event, and on the Brown County Visitors Bureau Web site.

Super Fans Andy & Teri Swartz

For us, Rose and I, we have made new friends and even unexpectantly had friends come by the track we had not seen in years! For example, our high school friends from Kentucky, Doug and his wife Mary surprised us a few years ago at the Studebaker Drags.

We had not seen them in decades. One of my apprentices from Wisconsin read about the race on the internet and showed up with his son. Even a couple friends from Junior High have looked me up and are planning to come see me race! This is an unexpected advantage of have this event.



We have our experiences at The Studebaker National Drags, with more to come. I'm sure you do too. Ever year something new can happen, so come and make some new memories of your own to add to the Studebaker owner's experience.



Rose Poe, Teri Swartz, Charlie Griffith and Bob Parker



Richard Poe and Chuck Kern racing



Bob Palma in his Wagonair



Winter 2016-2017

Indiana-Built Car Display at Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

By Bob Palma

Studebakers were well-represented at a special display of Indiana-Built cars at The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum this past winter. Five Studebakers were prominently displayed: A 1932/1933 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race Car, a 1940 Champion 2-door sedan, a 1951 Commander convertible, a 1962 Gran Turismo Hawk, and a 1963 Avanti. The display occupied most of the area to the west of the Museum's Grand Hall.

Indy Chapter SDCers contributed three of the cars. **Ed Reynolds** furnished his pretty, Comanche Red 1951 Commander Convertible. Kokomo Indy Chapter SDCers **Steve & Robbi Ortman** furnished their yellow 1962 Gran Turismo Hawk and their Avanti Turquoise 1963 Avanti. A nice 1940 Champion 2-door sedan owned by **Tom Roush** rounded out the privately-owned Studes, while **The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum** rolled out a 1932/1933 Studebaker Indianapolis 500 Race Car from their own collection.

Nice information cards were displayed with each car. I've included those among these photos, except for the information in front of the Ortman's Avanti. That information card included the oft-repeated nonsense that an Avanti was supposed to pace the 1962 Indianapolis 500, but a Lark Daytona Convertible "had to be substituted at the eleventh hour because the Avanti wasn't ready." That is so wrong I'll not honor it by showing the information displayed in front of the Ortman's Avanti!



(For "the rest of the story," with documentation, you'll have to read my regular *Hemmings Classic Car* column in the upcoming December 2017 issue, tentatively entitled *Myth Busters*. Meanwhile, I've already sent the documentation to our friend **Donald Davidson**, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Historian. I wanted Donald to be able to run block the next time he hears that tired old 1962 Pace Car myth.)

Now, off my soapbox and back to the report.

While Studebakers would be expected to dominate any display of Indiana-built cars, the display also included an 1896 Reeves Motorcycle (that's not a typo; it's not *motorcycle*), a 1905 Richmond Surrey, a 1916 Inter-State (made in Muncie), a 1935 Auburn, and a pretty blue Cord, among others.

An entire room was devoted to Indiana-built cars involved in The Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. A huge floor-to-ceiling print of Studebaker's Indianapolis 500 Race Car Team, a smaller print of which most of us have seen, adorned one wall. It was near a mock-up of a period Gasoline Alley garage, from which the museum's own 1932/1933 Studebaker race car was emerging; very cool.



Overall, this was a well-planned, well-executed display. It did Studebaker and Indiana proud and hopefully impressed many fellow Hoosiers and out-of-state Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum visitors last winter. Thanks to Ed Reynolds, Tom Roush, and the Ortmans for representing Studebaker with their nice cars.

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A Special Book for Sale

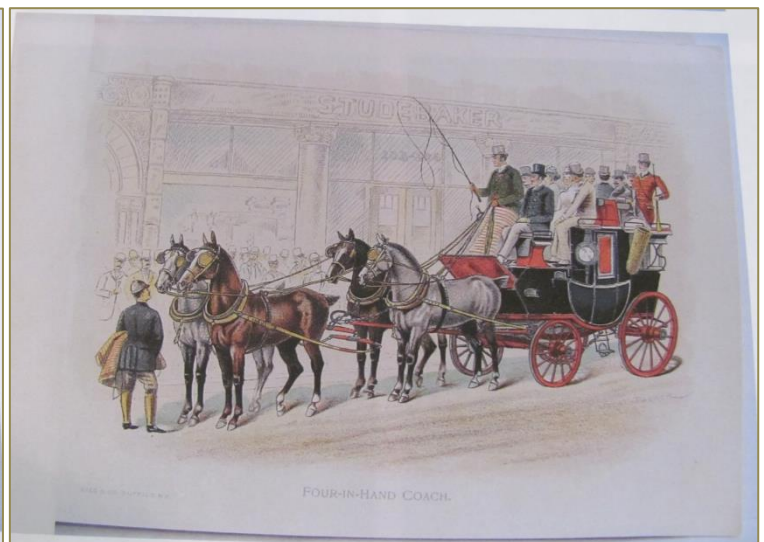
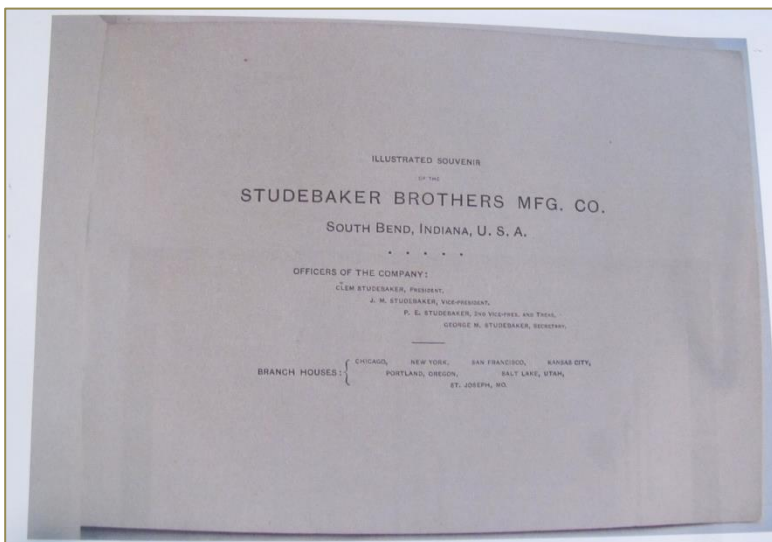
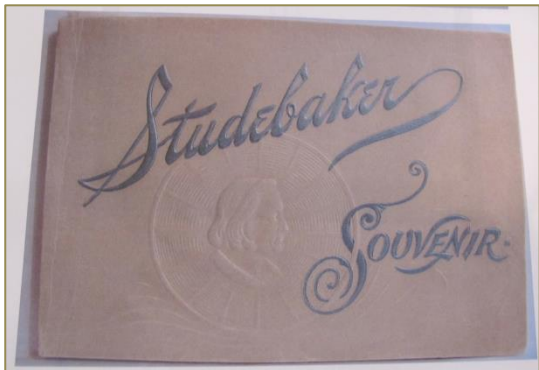
I received a call from an Anne Booe from here in Irvington. She has a *Studebaker Souvenir* book from the 1893 Chicago World Fair. The following is what she wrote me:

I have for sale a 1st edition illustrated *Studebaker Souvenir* from the Studebaker Manufacturing Company published in 1893. It is a 5 x 7 soft-cover book with embossed title (raised letters are highlighted with light blue metallic ink), and is a visual history of the earliest non-motorized vehicles made between 1852 and 1893 by the company. There are 30 full page exquisite original color lithograph plates (printed in layer), with each page having an attached protective tissue sheet. Each print depicts private and commercial utility wagons, elegant carriages, buggies, coaches and phaetons. Each is portrayed with drivers and passengers in town and country vignettes. There are 47 full-page black and white renderings (including text) and one fold-out page of the main factory. Depicted are buildings, offices, departments, machine shops and shops for spring vehicles, wagons, carriage works, for steam fitting, electro-plating, steel skeins and a rattling room and charging floor foundry. There are portraits of officers. The book is completely intact and in very fine condition.

Price: \$1900.00

Contact: 317-353-6942

Below are just a few pages she sent.



About Our Members



Long time member, **Art Stuebaker**, passed away on June 21, 2017. Art was the co-owner, along with his wife Janet, of Stuebaker Properties from 1970-2001. He was a member of the Stuebaker Driver's Club and a life member of the Purdue Alumni Association. Art will be missed.

Lena Rickert of Frankfort, In. passed away Monday June 26. Lena and her husband, Art Rickert, were Indy Chapter members for many years. Art Rickert passed away in 1979.



Berniece Snider's mother, Mayme Kappel passed away on June 14. Mayme attended SDC meetings from time to time.

My flip phone died permanently so I need to switch to my disgusting smart phone. Be patient if you call as I don't always get the phone to do what I want and I sleep a lot at all different times. My new number is (765)237-8868.

Dale McPhearson



I found a very nice Studebaker Starlite in Marion In today. New items on this car included on this car.

Complete new brake re-build (lines, master cylinder, wheel cylinders,) cleaned tank and new sending unit , new gas lines, carburetor rebuilt , new clutch and carpet.

He is asking \$8,000.00 and can be reached at (765) 618-9649

Dave O'Neal

Hi,

I'm starting a Cars and Coffee event in McCordsville starting June 17. The event will take place a couple times per month on Saturday mornings 9:00-11:00 (see attached flyer for more info).

My two Studebaker's will be there!

Scott McCain
317-281-7695 cell



CARS AND COFFEE

Where: Outlook Christian Church – McCordsville (6531 N 600 W)

Who: Open to anyone!

- If you have a car you're proud of bring it (any year)
- If you don't have a car, come anyway

When: Saturday mornings 9:00-11:00

June 17, 24

July 8, 22

August 12, 26

Contact: Scott McCain
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We'll see you there for cars, coffee and camaraderie!



RED, WHITE & STUDE

July is such a patriotic month. More than any other time of the year, this is when we all turn into flag waving, parade watching, and fireworks loving people. So, this month, we start a three-part series about Studebaker's part in our military history.

The impetus for this series was born after a happenstance discovery of some little known information about the U. S. Draft procedure during WWII (at least, it was unknown to me). Did you know that in 1942 there was an "Old Man's Registration"? This was the fourth of what would eventually be six wartime registrations.

World War II Selective Service Draft Cards:

Fourth Registration, 1942

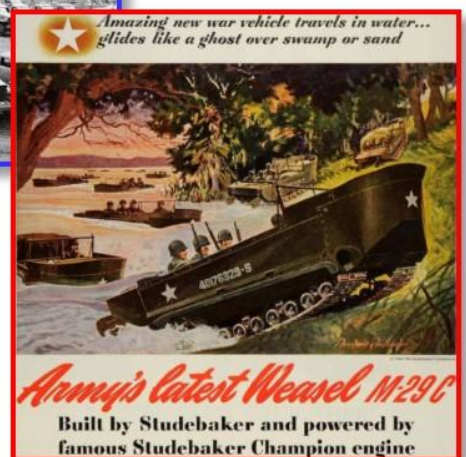
On April 27, 1942, the Selective Service conducted the fourth of six draft registrations. This registration, also called the "Old Man's Registration," collected information on the industrial capacity and skills of men born between April 27, 1877, and February 16, 1897 (ages 45 to 64). This draft registration was not intended to be used for military service, but to provide a complete inventory of manpower resources in the United States that could be used for national service.

Draft Card Content: The Fourth Registration Draft cards contain the following information: ☐ the registrant's serial number ☐ the registrant's name ☐ his residence, mailing address, and telephone number ☐ date and place of birth ☐ the name and address of his employer ☐ the registrant's height, weight, race, hair color, eye color, distinguishing marks ☐ the registrant's signature ☐ the name and address of a person who would always know the registrant's address.

It's a pretty good bet that there were a great many Studebaker workers included in that Fourth Registration. Maybe they were too old to serve on the front lines, but they were definitely experienced and dedicated enough to turn out planes, trucks, tanks and engines.

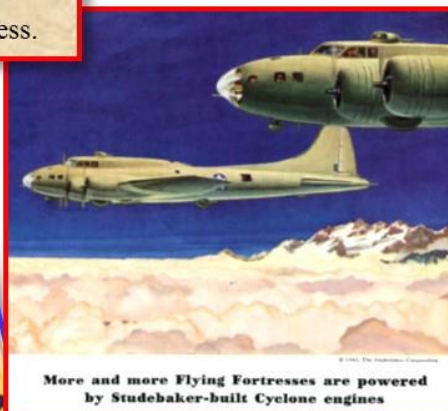


These Studebaker men were born in the late 1800s. Most likely many of them had served in WWI. Patriotism was truly their middle name!



These "old men" worked tirelessly to supply their sons and grandsons with the best possible equipment to fight the war...and most importantly...to keep our soldiers safe. Their goal was to help win the war and bring the boys back home. Yes, the

Fourth Registration seems like it was custom made for Studebaker!



**On land, water and in the air...
Studebaker was there!**

Upcoming Events

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. The Bacon's address is 1701 E. Lawrence Avenue, Indpls, 46227. Call Nancy at 317-440-2786 if you need additional information.



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 or www.vanderbrinkauctions.com for more information.

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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 – 12th 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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Indy Chapter Membership

National SDC membership is a prerequisite. Renewal INDY Chapter dues are \$18.00. Renewals are payable January each year. After March a \$5.00 late fee will be added. Application is available upon request.

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1954 Land Cruiser at the Great American Race

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