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Most of us have been cooped up waiting on spring longer than we would like. The Indy Chapter had their April 8th lunch at Bubba's 33 with a few Studebaker's braving the cool and partially cloudy day. Hopefully by the May 4-5th South Bend swap meet and show it will be spring in Indiana!

Joe and I had planned to attend the Southeast Zone Meet in Gainesville, Fl. The forecast of snow on Monday and rain further south caused us to leave the Golden Hawk at home and leave right after the Indy Chapter meeting at Bubba's. We made a stop at Jerry Forrester's to drop off parts for the GT to be re-chromed and then to Zephyrhills Fl. to visit my mom and brother, Chris for a few days before the car show. Friday morning we get to the meet headquarters just as old friends and past Indy chapter members (could it really have been 40 years ago) Byron Edwards and his daughter, Lesa were arriving. The southern hospitality at this show was outstanding! The \$15 registration included a roast beef and fried chicken country dinner and square dancing on Friday night and BBQ ribs and smoked chicken lunch on Saturday for everyone on your registration. Saturday there were around 100 Studebaker's at the show and my brother Chris and my mom came up for the day of the show. Martha Cade who was one of the main people putting the show on took time to drive my Mom and Byron Edwards around the show field in a golf cart so they could see all the cars. Jim and Corey Lime, new owners of Studebaker International were also at the meet with a swap space set up selling parts and passing out catalogs.



Joe Bacon, Byron Edwards, Helen Drews and Nancy Bacon at the Southeast Zone Meet in Gainesville, Fl.

Richard Quinn was guest speaker at the banquet with a slide show and talk about the "early horse power" of Studebaker, 1852-1920, wheel barrows, surrey's and wagons.



We had a great time at this show, saw old friends and made new ones. My Mom had not been to a Studebaker show in many years and really enjoyed seeing the cars and visiting with everyone. If this is what retirement is like I should have done it years ago!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

Our friends at Bubba's are having a car and motorcycle show with McAlister's Deli & Wing Stop on June 2nd. Registration at 10-12, awards at 2pm. Benefits Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. 7711 S Shelby St. Indy 46227

The Florida Gator Truck

The Studebaker Driver's Club Meeting

Sunday, April 8, 2018

President Nancy Bacon opened the meeting at Bubba's restaurant on the south side of Indy. There were approximately 28 members and a few guests attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

VP Diane Elmore wasn't there.

SECRETARY Sandy Fox had nothing

TREASURER Tom Flynn was not present

ACTIVITIES Charlie Griffith mentioned the things that are on the calendar.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Poe mentioned the drags on Memorial Day weekend. Meet Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the restaurant, ~~Seasons Lodge~~* Sugar Creek Barbecue Co., then 9:00 a.m. Saturday at the track. There will be much more in the newsletter regarding this event.

There were a couple of other possible tours mentioned that I'm sure will be in the newsletter.

Danny Taylor won the 50/50.

The club got an email regarding the Classic Auto Show in Chicago on 9/8 – 9/9.

Pat Lawson has a '59 Studebaker Lark (Not convertible) for sale.

Nancy thanked the members that drove their Studebaker's today.

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.



Pat Lawson (R) with daughter, Tracy Lawson



50/50 winner Danny Taylor with wife Karen and Charlie Griffith

Submitted by Sandy Fox, Secretary



Todd Bracik (L) and Tyler Munich, guest of Larry Kennedy's (seated)



Bob and Sandy Fox granddaughter, Adele, relaxing on one of the cool sofa's at Bubba's

***The Friday night dinner location has changed. See details on page 8 in Events.**

STUDEBAKER THINGS - STUDEBAKER FRIENDS - STUDEBAKER LOVE

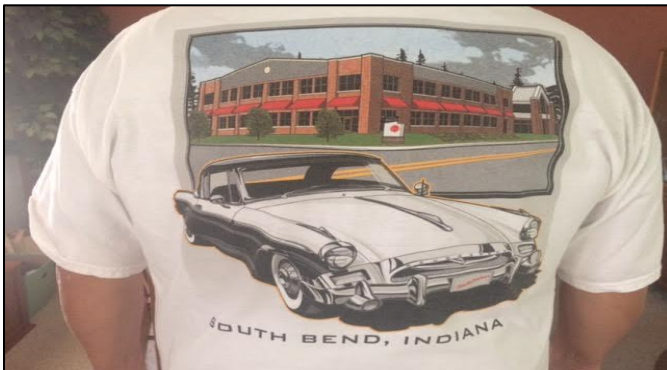
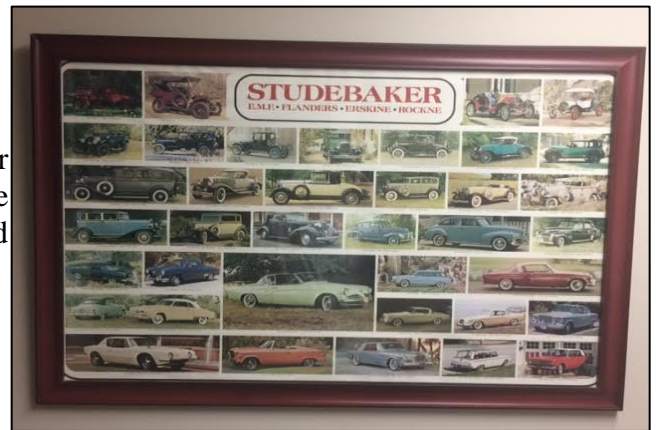
by Danny G. Taylor

I love being known as a "Studebaker Guy". I have a beautiful 1955 Studebaker President Speedster, tri-color: black over Shasta-white over black. I feel the love from my friends quite often. They seem to think of me when they come across something "Studebaker-ish". Recently, there have been five friends who have given me five "Studebaker" gifts. While I can't share the gifts with you, I can share the story of how I was blessed with these friends and their love gifts to me.

License Plate - A neighborhood friend John Steed, a Buick man with two 1930's models, loves my 1955 and recently gave me an Indiana 1955 "small" plate for my Speedster. In 1955, the state was trying to save money so they manufactured a small attachment plate to go on top of the 1954 tag. The tag was the same length but only 1½ inches tall !



Poster - A friend from Wisconsin, George Fraser, a Chrysler man with a '49 New Yorker convertible, gave me a poster, one that many of we Studebaker guys no doubt have framed and mounted in the garage or man cave or.....



T-Shirt - At a recent Christmas Studebaker Meeting in Indianapolis, one of our members, Joe Bacon, brought a 1955 Studebaker President Speedster T-shirt as his exchange gift. It's one of those deals where you could "steal" gifts from each other. At the end of the exchange he made sure I ended up with "my car" !

It gets better folks !!!

Model Car - While at a picnic with some friends in Bedford, IN, we started talking about cars. I mentioned my Studebaker and one friend, Fred Bruhy, (a Ford man) talked about his 1966 Mustang he had just restored and given to his grandson. He suddenly stated that he had to "run home" for a minute and would be right back. When he came back, he handed me a box; before I opened it he related how he was trying to "liberate" himself from some of his worldly possessions - like the Mustang he had given his grandson. He stated he also had given his grandson his collection of about 30 Danbury Mint model cars. Actually, he said he gave his grandson all but **one** car. At the time, he didn't know why he had kept this one car, but he knew he wanted to give it to someone who would appreciate it.



He now realized why he kept it – he kept it for me ! I opened the box to find a beautiful 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk 1/24 scale model. Wow - now that's love !

Ink Pen - Huh, an ink pen you say ? Well, here's the story on this one ! A really close friend, Bob Sewall, a Chevy man (1953 Bel Air convertible, 1959 'Vette and a 2008 Z06 Corvette), and I are involved with a historic preservation group in Indianapolis. Indiana Landmarks sponsored a trip to South Bend to tour one of the Studebaker buildings being renovated and remodeled for a new business venture – “re-purposing” we call it. Bob made the trip, but I was out of town. His hobby is making ink pens mostly from wood. While touring Building 101 - the main assembly plant for carriages and later automobiles, the group encountered many loose, split and dirty boards. He spotted a particular loose plank that caught his eye; he asked the guide and was given permission to take the 15" x 2" x 3/4" board.



Photo by Robert Franklin of the South Bend Tribune



He then fashioned a beautiful casing from the maple plank. (He made several pens from the wood.) When he presented me with the Studebaker Ink Pen he told me he had me in mind when he took the board. Now that's a good friend and that's a lot of Studebaker love !!!

Studebaker For Sale

Member, **Pat Lawson**, has a Studebaker for sale. 765-532-2087. Below is the information.

For Sale: 1959 Studebaker Lark. New wheel cylinder and master cylinder, all new brake and fuel lines, tires. Car was partially restored in 2014; very few miles on tires. Painted on 5/10/14. Has been stored in heated garage.

Additional Studebaker parts available. Greg Jones stopped by and identified the following:

2 1964-66 fenders, 1 coupe 53-55 hardtop deck lid, 1964-66 hood, 2 Engines 289 l(probably early 62), transmission 58 or earlier), bell housing, part of front end for Hawk, valence and exhaust. 2 windshields (unsure what they fit), several bumpers would need re-chroming, 2 tail-light bezels 1957-61; one good, 1 cracked. Other miscellaneous parts.



A Little Correspondence

From: Barbara Snyder [<mailto:b.arensman1954@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2018 1:18 PM
To: Larry Kennedy <indyhudson@comcast.net>
Subject: 1950 Studebaker

Greetings from cold and snowy Kansas! Today is the Mennonite Relief Sale, where I donated the Studebaker to be sold several years ago. The weather was considerably better that day; it was an exciting and yet somber day for me. I never did find out how you happened to purchase the car; I understood that someone from McPherson, Kansas, purchased it from the sale, although I never was able to get the name.

I would be interested in knowing what you had done with the car - any shows or awards, or just enjoying it. I am so glad that someone who appreciates it is able to enjoy it as my late husband would have.

Wishing you the best.

Barbara Snyder

From: larry kennedy [<mailto:indyhudson@comcast.net>]
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2018 3:54 PM
To: 'Barbara Snyder' <b.arensman1954@gmail.com>
Cc: Sue Figert Kennedy <suefigert@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: 1950 Studebaker



Mrs. Snyder, It's great to hear from you! The 50 Land Cruiser sold to a man from Hutchinson named Gordon Hobbs. Gordon joined the Studebaker Drivers Club. He advertised it in their National Club newsletter. I bought it and had it transported to Indianapolis in December 2016. I fixed the brakes, cleaned and coated the fuel tank and gave it a new fuel pump. I fixed some things in the dash and restored the clock. It keeps great time! I installed a reproduction hood badge and polished the original paint. It is one of the very few original paint and interior 50 Land Cruisers on the planet! We drive it to local Indy Chapter Studebaker events whenever possible. What makes this car unique is the originality. I've added Studebaker Foglights. Here are some current photos and an Indy Chapter Newsletter with another photo on page 2. We Love the car. It has a good home here. Regards Larry Kennedy



For Giggles

I saw this on Facebook the other day, *so it has to be true*. I'm hoping to see some of our male members lead the way in this new fashion trend. It does say "*inspired*".

Fashionable New trends for men
Indian and old Roman empire.. inspired !

Kennedy Open House

Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 3:00 PM

Join us on Saturday, June 2nd at 3:00 PM for the Kennedy Open House, 9350 Vandergriff Road, Indianapolis, IN 46239. We'll be celebrating Larry's 65th Birthday (no gifts please) and you may **enjoy seeing the barn full of Hudsons and other collector cars**. Dinner will be served about 4:30 PM. There will be plenty of food, but if you would like to bring your favorite dish, drink or dessert and your lawn chairs, that would be fine. Take care entering the driveway, as the children love to ride their trikes down the hill. Women, Children and Collector Cars and Bikes are Welcome. And ride with others if possible to alleviate parking congestion. Questions: Call Sue Kennedy 317-862-2268

Three Way Grissom Air Museum Agenda

June 23, 2018

8:00 AM: For those who want to join us for breakfast it will be at the Dutch Café across US 31 from the Air Museum. You can order from the menu or do the buffet it is very good and reasonably priced.

9:00 AM: We can start placing the cars on the display field and among the airplanes.. (There will be some time restrictions on the placing around the different airplanes to allow for photography).

1:00 PM : Picnic lunch will start with carry in by chapter members. Meats and drinks and everything else needed will be provided by the Chapters.

3:00 PM : Grissom Air Museum Director Tom Jennings will be our guest speaker.

5:00 PM: All cars must be off the display field by this time.

We will establish a Traveling Trophy Award and it will be called the Traveling Hubcap. It will be taken home at each Three Way Meet by the Chapter bringing the most Avantis, Packards or Studebakers.



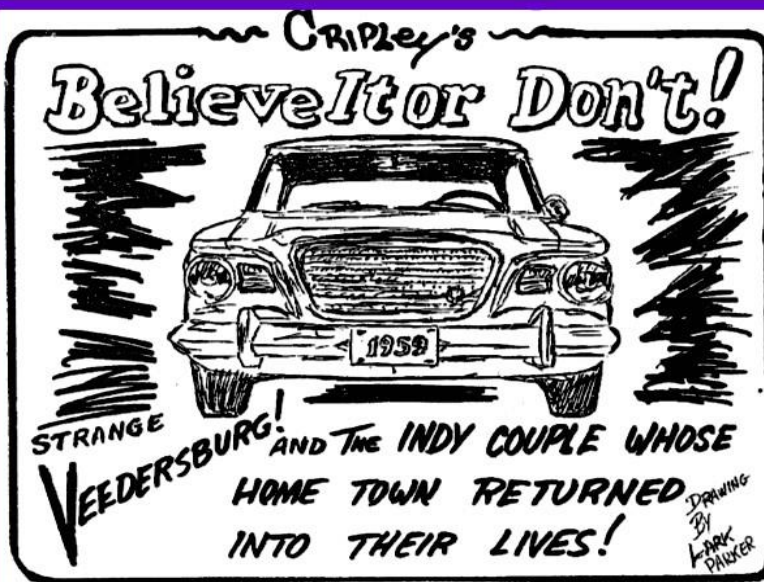
Andy and Teri Swartz 1962 Lark at Grissom Air Force Base in 2014.



Memories of a very creative man

Many long-time Indy Chapter members have known Dale McPhearson for many years. He is known for his love of speed and mechanical knowledge. But for those new to the club, here's a short synopsis of a few of his other creative talents. Over the years, he used his innate humor to create the characters of Lark Parker (Dale's alter ego) and the Lovely Daytona (his Studebaker loving wife, Barb). He wrote numerous tales of Lark's adventures and a few were even published in Turning Wheels. Since we have saved EVERY issue of the Brickyard Bulletin since Dave & I joined the club, we have located some of his infamous Lark Parker stories. Look for one or two in upcoming issues of the Brickyard Bulletin. In addition to Dales' dry wit, he was also an accomplished cartoonist. In February of 1995 he was serving as editor of the Brickyard Bulletin. I sent him the article below and he illustrated it with one of his original cartoons.

Rest in Peace, Dale. You will be missed!



and replaced with a Lark Daytona, in which the couple moved from Veedersburg to Indianapolis and later to the Avon area (each time hauling along a never completed Studebaker Hawk "project car").

They raised a family, built a home and seemed to have a full complete life until one fateful day in 1989.

Our hero, his coal

Our story begins, once upon a time, in the small Indiana town of Veedersburg. It was winter of 1959 and a young man was driving home from high school in his Studebaker Champion. It was an unusually warm November day and the breeze from the open car window ruffled his coal black hair.

He noticed his neighbor's granddaughter walking toward her home. Her chocolate brown curls bounced as she trudged home carrying an armful of books.

The man slowed the Stude to a crawl and offered the young lady a ride. She stopped walking and eagerly jumped into his car for the first of many Studebaker drives.

This twosome soon became high school sweethearts and eventually married. The 1950 Studebaker was sold

black hair now the shade of charcoal at barbeque's end, was scanning the CARS FOR SALE advertisements. A notice for a 1959 Studebaker Lark caught his eye. As he read about the car, he realized the telephone number listed was in his old hometown --Veedersburg.

The man and his wife, her chocolate tresses now turned to fudge ripple, journeyed to see the car. And just as on that day so long ago, when they first met, it was "love at first sight". They immediately bought the car and drove it home that very day.

Now we wonder -- what are the chances that in 1959 a Veedersburg couple would meet and fall in love in a Studebaker and then ^{after} 30 years find a 1959 Studebaker in that same little town? Coincidence?? Fate?? You be the judge!

Mr. & Mrs. Cripely
(aka Dave & Diane Elmore)

Upcoming Events

May 25th and 26th – Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags held in Bean Blossom, Indiana, hosted by Richard and Rose Poe. Don't miss out! All performance and skill levels welcome.

Racing will be Saturday the 26th. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. so bring your car to race, or show, 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.



We are excited to report the dinner will be at a brand new restaurant here in Brown County, “Sugar Creek Barbeque”. They are right on Highway 46E in Gnow Bone, Indiana. This is a change from what was said at the chapter meeting so make sure you are going to the right place.

**Sugar Creek Barbecue Co
4359 SR 46 E
Nashville, IN 47448**

Dinner will be **Friday, May 25 at 5:30**. They will hold almost the whole restaurant for us. They offer an extensive menu, specializing in barbeque (pulled pork, brisket, burnt ends, pulled chicken, smoked turkey, sausage), but they also have fish, turkey manhattan, country fried steak, etc. We think there will be something for everyone, and the prices are reasonable. We will be ordering from the menu. No reservations necessary, we've asked them to expect about 40-45 people.

Sugar Creek Barbeque is located right on Highway 46 E. just about a mile west of our driveway. **After dinner, we will again be inviting everyone up to our place for desserts, and Studebaker talk.**

See more information about this event on line or call Richard Poe at 812-988-2008, or roserichpoe@att.net

Mark these dates on your calendar:



May 4-5 - The **37th Annual Studebaker Indiana Swap Meet**, open car and truck show and car corral at the St. Joseph County 4H Fairgrounds South Bend, IN.

June 23 – **Tri Club get together at Grisson AFB** with the Michiana Chapter, The Avanti Club and the SDC Indy Chapter. See page 6 for details.

July 21 – **Luau/pitch-in at Joe and Nancy Bacon's**

August 29 – September 1 – **2018 International Meet** in Seattle/Tacoma.

Thursday, September 6 – Friday, September 7 – Ohio Crossroads Zone Meet at historic Sauder Village, located in northwest Ohio. More info to come.

Saturday, September 8 – **International Drive Your Studebaker Day**. Preliminary plans are to drive to Bargersville, In to Johnson's BBQ. More to come.

Saturday, October 20 - Brian Logue, AOAI Member, is hosting a tour of his friend's classic car collection in the Bloomington, IN area on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 for the AOAI Indiana Chapter. They both have some rare Studebakers. Brian is inviting the SDC Indy Chapter to attend this event too. We'll gather for lunch before touring the classic car collection. It will be a great time and good photo opportunity! More info to come.

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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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Dennis Rumley's 1972 Avanti at Bubba's 33 April 8.

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