

# **BRICKYARD** BULLET



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Hope everyone is enjoying the Jekyll & Hyde summer we are having, the rain sure put a damper on the Grissom Air Force Base Tri Club Meet we had planned for our June meet. The Avanti Club has rescheduled this event for Aug 18th but the Michiana chapter will not be able to attend. For planning purposes we would like a head count on who will be at this event by August 13. Please bring a dish to share and the chapters will buy the meat but we don't want to over or under plan. Call me at 317-783-4721 or email nancyjb1701@aol.com so I can keep the Avanti club informed.

The July 21st meeting will be the 3rd Annual Bacon Backyard Luau. We are hoping for the best weather of the summer but once the pork is smoked the luau goes on rain or shine! Bring your favorite pitch in dish, grass skirt optional!

The club could really use some help in planning future monthly events. We are looking for places that we could have a pitch in lunch (club house, picnic shelter, back yard) or your favorite restaurant that has a seating area for 30-40 people we could gather at let us know. If you don't want to plan a meeting but know of a good place let us knows and we can take it from there! Contact newsletter editor Becky Griffith at becinin@msn.com or myself with thoughts or ideas. Hope to see everyone soon.













Nancy Bacon **Indy Chapter President** 

# Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags

Friday, May 25th and Saturday, May 26th

By Richard Poe

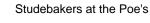
Rose and I were trying to get ready for the Studebaker Nationals Drag Race when the April Turning Wheels arrived with our 2017 Drag Race article. That's when we knew the race was just around the corner and we really needed to get ready. I just got the engine back in the Challenger and it seemed every weekend the track was closed for one reason or the other so testing was out of the picture. The testing I did get in right before the race revealed brake, clutch, and transmission problems and I had the clutch out twice and the transmission all apart

just days before the race.



Richard Poe, and Ted Harbit from the Indy Chapter and our friend Peter Sant of Canada enjoying a conversation in my garage

Friday night before the race we all met at the Sugar Creek BBQ for dinner. Even though it's right on State Road 46, most people drove right by and had to turn around since the signage is hard to see. That's the county's fault since they have some really strict rules on signs that make no sense at all. I think we took up more than



half the seating and they had ample servers on hand. They even

played the video from last year's race for all to enjoy. Sugar Creek BBQ just opened recently and was impressed with the people and the cars that showed up. The servers told us how nice the group was and look forward to see us back.

After dinner we all headed to our house for pies. I'm beginning to think the pies are the main reason people come in the first place since maybe the most asked question I get is what kind of pies are Rose making this year or are we having pies. Yes, we always have pies!

Some of the regulars have found out that Brown County Indiana has a lot to offer in the way of entertainment with shops, parks, camping, restaurants, and music, wineries, craft beer, distilleries, and hiking and bike trails, and live entertainment.

Race day came and our Challenger brake problems persisted but we raced it anyway. I had replaced the shoes but it started pulling hard to the left. We adjusted the front until I had the right shoes way too tight,



Mega fans Andy & Teri Swartz, in attendance for all eleven of the Studebaker Drag events.

but it stopped straight. I later found the new shoes had high spots, so I put sand paper in the drums to take out the high spots and make more even contact.



Chuck Kern ready to go

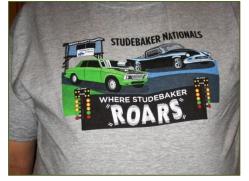
The best thing that day at the track was getting to see all our friends and spend a day at the track with all the Studebakers and Desoto in attendance. Unfortunately by needing to make adjustments to the brakes I didn't get around talk to everyone as much as I would like to. We had a popup shower right before the drivers meeting, but we were able to stay on schedule without any delay since the crew at the track had it ready to go for our first round. It did help to have the Studebakers make a parade lap or two to dry the track!

As always Rose was a busy lady all day getting everyone signed in, answering questions, taking videos and pictures and anything else that

needed to be done. Sandy the track owner, and the people in

the tower were watching Rose in perpetual motion all day and gave her some extra attention at the Drivers meeting!

Larry Donahue had surprise for us, custom tee shirts for all the drivers attending the drivers meeting. They have a great design befitting of the Studebaker National Drags they represent. Due to an unfortunate early morning incident in Nebraska with a deer, Larry's 1955 Commander had to be hauled back to California. But Larry was unharmed, and rented a car and continued on to attend the drags anyway! We were really glad he did, but disappointed that his car was damaged. We'll see him next year I'm sure.



Free Tee shirts came from Larry Donahue all the way from California



Allen Donahue takes videos from the back of Palma's Wagonair

Allen Donahue, Tom Lawless, and Rose Poe supplied the videos and still photos of the race. Tom alone took hundreds of high quality stills. Allen has done the videos for the past few years and we can't thank Allen, Tom, and Rose enough. Thanks also to Bob and Cari Palma, who provided their Wagonair as a moving platform for some of the video shots Allen took.

> We would like to thank all who attended; you are what this is all about, adding to the history of our make and your individual Studebaker experience.

SDC member, **James Main**, passed away March 29, 2017. His wife, Joyce, is unable to be active with the club.





Poor Diane Elmore's computer has a virus. In her place is an article from February, 1998 written by Dale McPherson, a longtime member who sadly passed away earlier this year from. Enjoy!

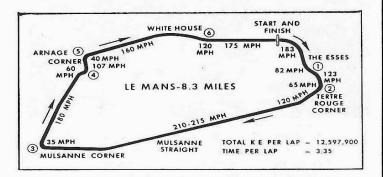
## LARK PARKER: PIT STOP

by Dale McPhearson

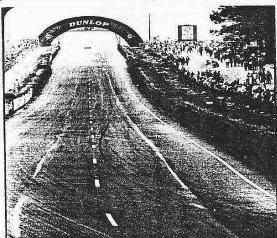
Lark Parker chuckled as his Studebaker blew past the faltering Porsche. In his mirror he saw the Porsche's doors rip off and go sailing as a result of the Studebaker's shock wave. The more experienced drivers had gotten wise to his tricks and welded their doors shut, but this hapless Italian driver had been unprepared. "He must be a rookie," thought Lark.

As he looked back it appeared that the driver was indicating "You're Number One!" with a one fingered hand signal. "He's a good sport," thought Lark. "I blow his doors off and he still admires me; I must search him out after the race and give him my autograph.

With the Porsche gone, his 1958 Studebaker Scotsman station wagon was now leading the LeMans race by three kilometers and widening the lead with every revolution of the engine.



Lark was low on fuel and knew that a smooth pit stop was needed to nail down his fourth consecutive victory for Team Studebaker.



Disdaining the pleas of his relief drivers, this man of steel had piloted the vehicle without assistance for the past twenty-three hours. He strained to see his pit crew through the darkness and rain drenched windshield. He hoped that Bob, his fuel man, would be ready to get him in and out quickly.

At last his steely gray eyes picked up the lights of his fuel area, and he swerved off the slick road and prepared to brake the car "in-on-a-dime"......

......lt was Bob himself, the owner of "Bob's Fillerup", that came out to pump the gas. Lark had pulled up to the full service island; normally Lark would have pumped it himself but because of the pouring rain had decided to let Bob do it. It was an extra five cents per gallon but he thought his wife, the lovely Daytona, would not begrudge him the extra thirty cents for his gasoline allowance.

Lark paid Bob and asked him to mark his <u>Five Gallons Free Card</u>. This required Bob to trudge back through the rain to get his card punch. (The people who used the full service pump didn't normally bother with the premium card and Bob hadn't bothered to carry the punch.)

On his way back, Bob stopped, chewed on his toothpick and stared at the script on the car fender. "Say ain't that a Stoody-Baker?" he inquired.

"Yes," replied Lark, "It's a 1958 Scotsman."

"Well, I thought so," said Bob, with a knowing air. "American Motors made'm. They still make'm in Australia, ya know. You can get all the parts you want from J. C. Whitney in case you ever need any. I had a 1953 Golden Hawk once; it wuz the Rainman Lowery design. Had the original supercharged Avanty engine in it. That motor wuz a 289 continental engine; the original that wuz to be the Ford's 351 Cleveland later on."

Bob paused to add importance to his next unpremeditated fact. "Mine wuz the original fact'ry proty-type and the whole body wuz made out of 'luminum. Later they made'm out of fiberglass, you know. It wuz a great car. It'd do 240 right off the showroom floor."

"Didn't that leave a lot of black marks on the showroom floors?" Lark asked, with a touch of sarcasm.

"Oh, yeah. Their floor was a streaky mess," said Bob.

This collection of imaginary truths was starting to strangle Lark's mind. He thought to himself, "This guy

should get a grip on reality."

Mistaking Lark's stunned silence for being highly impressed, Bob plunged on, "Stoody-Baker made wagons too, ya know. I've got one, ya wanna buy it?"

Lark never passed a chance to look at a Studebaker even though it was an improbable source. "I might, where'd you get it?"

The story tumbled out in a practiced chain. "Well, ya know Stoody-Baker made wagons before the Civil War. I saw this ad in the paper for a wagon fer sale. When I went to look at it - it was this old woman. The wagon belonged to her son. He went off to the Civil War and never come back. She thought it wuz a David Bradley wagon but I recognized it as a Stoody-Baker because of the wheels."

"You mean because of the concave slant of the spokes?" inquired Lark.

Bob looked momentarily puzzled and commenced again. "No, because it still had the original Stoody-Baker hubcaps on it. Wide whitewall tires, too. I bought it off her fer twenty dollars. Whadd'ya think about that?"

"That's quite a story," replied Lark. "Every ten years or so, I hear about a guy buying a '53 Corvette in those same kind of circumstances. How old was this lady? She must have been over one hundred eighty by the way I figure."

"Yeah, prob'ly." Bob was not slowed by this astonishing thought.

Lark pursued with another question, "So you have a pre-Civil War Studebaker wagon with hubcaps and rubber tires?"

Yep, Stoody-Baker wuz way ahead of their time, "Bob replied with a nod.

"Say, if you wuz wantin' to buy the wagon, I could let you have if fer four hunnert dollars. That's more'n I paid fer it but I should get somethin' fer my trouble. It's full of concrete pieces right now." Bob hesitated then offered a bonus; his voice lowered and he glanced around. "They're pieces of the Berlin wall. My brother wuz stationed in Germany and sent 'em back. I'll throw 'em in fer free if you don't tell anybody."

Lark didn't consider the offer long. "I think I'll pass. Can I have the change from the gas now?"

Bob looked surprised, "You don't want the wagon?" "Nah," said Lark as Bob dumped the coins in his hand.

Lark Parker pulled out onto the rain-slick road but had trouble getting his mind back into the LeMans. He had lost too much time in the pits with Bob. The Avanti's of Team Studebaker would still sweep the top three places, but their team leader would have to settle for fourth.

He couldn't help thinking about that stupid wagon.....

......The crowd was on their feet at the Calgary Stampede. Lark Parker, top racing wagon driver for three years in a row, was readying for his final race.

He wrapped the albino panda-hide reins tightly around his gloved hands and spoke soothingly to the team. "Easy Commander, steady there, President. You will get your chance soon enough."

Lark had discovered the stallions roaming wild on the old Studebaker proving grounds; descendants of the original stable of wagon test horses. A famed Italian breed that had been developed for superior speed and pulling power. The horses's gentling and training had been handled by the world's best horseman: Lark Parker.

He had found the last remaining set of Studebaker harness buried beneath the collapsed tack shed. The world's best leatherworker, Lark Parker, had spent six month's restoring the harness to its original splendor.

The last of the best stood ready. A Studebaker driver of a Studebaker wagon with a Studebaker team wearing Studebaker harness.

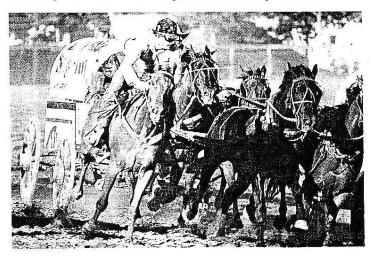
His loyal dog, Speedster, stood poised; the team always ran better when the dog barked cadence. The dog's bark to the horses was like the calling of the stroke beat to a rowing crew. As they approached the finish line, the barking became a machinegun of speed and repetition.

Lark could see the form of the lovely Daytona in the stands as she moved about selling yellow snow cones. She had made them herself from her own secret recipe.

The lovely Daytona paused as though she could feel him watching her. Her beautiful brown eyes looked at him adoringly and he could see her form the words: "I worship you, Lark Parker; you stallion steering studmuffin!"

The crowd stood in expectation of Lark's shout (in Italian) for the team to go forward: "Avanti!"

Little did the crowd know they were about to become the backdrop for Diamond P Sports' most amazing video: "And They Walked Away IV"......





The Wisconsin Badger Wheel Chapter, SDC invites you to the 2018 Midwest Studebaker Swap Meet -- previously held in Menomonie, WI -- Now at the big Iola Swap Meet!

Join us in Iola, Wisconsin July 12-14, 2018 for our 13th Annual Midwest Studebaker Swap Meet.

Here is where you will find individual vendors who specialize in Studebaker-related parts...Studebaker, Avanti, Packard, E-M-F and Pierce Arrow!

SAVE THE DATE -- PLAN TO ATTEND!

### Find Us at: Row AH Spaces 4 - 7

Just 5 rows from the tower. CLICK HERE to get a swap field map.

For lodging in and near Iola, click the map below



CAMPING: Both tent and RV camping is available. CLICK HERE

Click the logo to visit us on our Facebook page with information, photos, discussion, and more!

#### HAVE STUDEBAKER PARTS TO SELL?

If you have Studebaker-related parts (and are an SDC member) this is the swap meet for you!

Table space is \$40 for all three days (Bring your own table)

Hurry, vending space is limited!
For vending info contact:
Fred Koehler
715-639-5114
SEND EMAIL

For more information on the Iola Old Car Show & Swap CLICK HERE



# Saturday, August 18, 2018 Noon – 4 p.m. (eat at 1 p.m.)

Show Grounds gate opens at 9 a.m. for vehicle placement

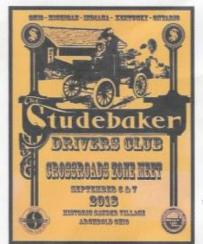
This is a Tri-Chapter show, sponsored by AOAI Indiana Chapter, SDC Indy Chapter & SDC Michiana Chapter

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Tom Jennings, Executive Director, Grissom Air Museum will speak to us around 2:30 PM.



- Park your classic Avanti or Stude beside your favorite vintage aircraft!
- The 3 Chapters will provide the meats, drinks & table service.
- SDC Indy Chapter members please bring a favorite dish to share.
- SDC Michiana Chapter members please bring a dessert to share.
- AOAI Indiana Chapter members please bring a salad to share.
- NOVehicle \$ Registration charge- (\$ donations to the museum are encouraged!)
- · Bring your folding lawn chairs & a pop-up shade tent if you have one!
- Come early (Saturday morning, 8:00AM) and meet other Chapter members for breakfast across the street @ The Dutch Cafe, 6639 US 31, Peru, IN

For additional details, please e-mail Max Starkey @ mnstarkey@comcast.net or call (765) 473-6344



# The Studebaker Drivers Club 2018 Crossroads Zone Meet September 6-7 In Historic Sauder Village

Location: 22611 State Route 2, Archbold, Ohio 43502 800-590-9755

Contact Sauder Heritage Inn for special room rates .

Phone 419-445-6408 and ask for Group Rate 7992. https://saudervillage.org/stay

Village entry discount available to attendees.

Campground located at Sauder Village

https://saudervillage.org/stay/sauder-village-campground

# estern Hosted by the Western Lake Erie Chapter

### Meet Schedule

### Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>

8 AM - 5 PM Registration/Hospitality

8 AM ...... Vendor Set-Up

Noon - 5 PM Swap Meet

5 PM .....Classic Car Cruise to Archbold 6:30 PM ......Fulton Co Fair (Demo Derby)

Friday September 7th

8 AM .....Car Show Begins 8 AM - 3 PM Swap Meet, Registration/Hospitality

10 AM - 3 PM Car Show Judging

10 AM - 6 PM Silent Auction (items in Banquet Room)

7 PM .....Awards Banquet (6 PM Social Hour)

Subtotal B = US\$

Saturday September 8th ..... IDYSD, an excellent photo op

### Judging Divisions

Div 1: 1902-1946-all models

Div 4: 1953-61 Coupes & Hardtops

Div 7: Trucks

Div 2: 1947-58 Sedans & Wagons Div 3: Lark Types-all models

Div 5: GT Hawks Div 6: Avantis

Div 8: Non-Stock, Studebaker powered Div 9: Non-Stock, Non-Studebaker powered

Div SI: Special Interest Vehicles-Class A: Wagons, Buggies, Carts. Class B: Weasels, Fire Trucks. Class C: Toys, Goat Wagons, Pedal Cars Vehicles will not be judged on the standard point system. A team of judges will judge entered vehicles by quality and condition. There will also be People's Choice and Hotel's Choice Awards. Trophies will be awarded at the Friday Evening Awards Banquet.

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Name	Guest
Mailing Address	
Email (for registration confirmation)	Phone
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Vehicle(s): Div: Year: Model:	To be judged? Display only?
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Registration per family: \$20x 1 = \$20	Swap Meet Space (10'x10' under tent): \$20 x = \$
After August 15th add \$5 x 1 = \$	Swap Meet Space (10'x10' in car lot): \$10 x = \$
Awards Banquet (Family Style): \$30 x = \$	8' Table: \$10 x = \$
Judged Vehicle: \$15 x = \$	Folding Chair: \$1 x = \$
Display Only Vehicle: \$5 x = \$	Meet T-Shirts: S: M: L: XL: \$15 x = \$
Subtotal A = US\$	Meet T-Shirts: 2XL: 3XL: \$18 x = \$

Meet Registration Total (A+B) = US\$

#### Please send checks made payable to:

Western Lake Erie Chapter, c/o Warren Godlew, 14428 Sunset St, Livonia, MI 48154 For more information contact: Jim Pfleger, jcp60stude@gmail.com 419-636-1997 Check the Western Lake Erie Chapter website for the latest updates: www.wlecsdc.com

# **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, July 21, 1:00 pm - Luau 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 in the shade or around the Koi pond. The Bacon's address is 1701 E. Lawrence Avenue, Indpls., 46227.



### Mark these dates on your calendar:



**Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 –** Lunch at the Hoosier Brewhouse at 151 Holiday Place, Franklin, In, 46131. The Brewhouse is just off I-65 at the Franklin exit.

**Saturday, August 18 (NEW DATE)** – Tri Club get together at Grissom AFB with the Michiana Chapter, Avanti Club and SDC Indy Chapter. Four years ago, on July 26, 2015, we held the first Three Way Meet with the SDC Indy Chapter and the Michiana SDC Chapter at the Grissom Air Museum near Bunker Hill, Indiana. It was a huge success with fifty cars and over one hundred guests present.

Details on page 6.

**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. See page 7.

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

October 5-7 - Newport Hill Climb in Newport, Indiana.

**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.



#### **Studebaker International**

Studebaker International is hiring!

We are currently located in Greenfield, IN. We will be moving to Hope within the next two months. We are looking to hire someone on here in Greenfield and then follow us down to Hope.

Responsibilities will include:

Packaging, shipping, UPS, Stamp.com software, ordering supplies and other general labor on downtime.

If interested, please come in at our 97 N 150 W Greenfield, IN location



#### **Studebaker International**

We are also hiring for Phone Sales Automotive Parts!

We are currently located in Greenfield, IN. We will be moving to Hope within the next two months. We are looking to hire someone on here in Greenfield and then follow us down to Hope.

Job Type: Full-time

Possible office manager training will take place.

# The Brickyard Bulletin

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### **National SDC Membership**

Regular membership dues in the National Studebaker Club are \$24.00 for new members 1st year only. Renewals are \$31.00 per year, which includes 12 monthly issues of Turning Wheels, the National SDC Magazine. (Other memberships are available.) Application is available upon request or e-mail studebakerdriverclub.com.

#### **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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Group Picture at Brown County Dragway

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