



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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The busy summer of 2018 is winding down quickly. I hope everyone has enjoyed lots of time with family, friends and their Studebaker's! If you have gone or are going to a car show or event be sure to share your adventure with us by sending the info to Becky for the newsletter. Joe and I will be leaving for the Crossroads Zone Meet in Ohio September 6th & 7th. These regional meets are always lots of fun, hope to see some of you there!

The Indy Chapter got together for a nice lunch and short business meeting at Logan's Steak House Aug. 11th. The biggest topic discussed was the planning of our monthly meetings. We have a short list of restaurants we have had lunches at in the past that we can keep going to but if anyone has other suggestions we would love to hear them. Pitch-in lunches have always been a favorite way for our club to get together but we can always use additional places to have these. Thanks to everyone who has come up with suggestions for future events.

The club has some fun events coming up this fall and I hope to see everyone soon!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

Logan's Roadhouse Saturday, August 11, 2018

President, Nancy Bacon, opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. at Logan's Restaurant in Greenwood.

All officers were present.

VP – Diane Elmore – nothing to report

SEC. – Sandy Fox – the minutes were in the newsletter

TREAS. – Tom Flynn – balance is \$7473. With 56 paid members. Some members that were present had not paid yet!

EDITOR – Becky Griffith – wants us to know how much she appreciates articles and please send her more!

ACTIVITIES – Charlie Griffith – mentioned the Grissom tri-group gathering on the 18th.

Dennis Rumley is going to the Studebaker National so was asked to please take pictures.

Sept. 8 is INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. Our group is planning on meeting at Johnson's BBQ Shack in Bargersville. (See bulletin for specifics)



Larry Hopkins (L) with fiancé Nancy with Larry and Sue Kennedy



We had some new members – Bob & Mardis Sewell (friends of Danny Taylor). They have a '53 Chevy (not sure what make of Stude that is – ha). Also, Larry Hopkins brought his fiancé, Nancy. Foxes brought their granddaughter, Adelaide.

Bob Fox has his 1960 red Lark convertible for sale!

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS: Since the Studebaker place at Greenfield is no longer an option, we need a place to have our twice yearly pitch-ins.



Danny Taylor (L) with traveling buddy Bob Sewall in front of Danny's 1955 President Speedster. Bob travels in his 1953 Belair.

Several people are working on this.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



Submitted by Sandy Fox, Secretary

Pictures from Grissom Air Force Base August 18, 2018

Photos courtesy Sue Kennedy





Jeff Westcott with his "Pace Car" ready 1962 Lark



Daryl Lahr's 1953 Studebaker, picture by Mike Baker





I'm sad to report that former SDC member, **George Rietenour**, passed away August 23. As of print, I have no further information to pass along.

Members **Doug and Jan Katz** have a new address. It is 5147 E5 .3 Shadypoint, Monticello, IN 47960. And yes, the address is correct. I double checked with Doug!



Cars for Sale



Bob Barker
317.753.1097

Listed at \$5k, but said he would take \$4k

V8 - little rough inside and out.
4 dr, automatic, runs



1960 Studebaker Lark Convertible

For more info contact: Bob Fox - 317-418-7548

Asking \$15,000.00

Ok, this is just funny. No politics intended, only a good laugh!



Sammy Hagar is 70 years old.
Bill Clinton is 71 years old.

Sammy has had over 40+ years of alcohol, drugs, sex and rock and roll.

Bill lives with Hillary.

OLD ROAD, OLD BRIDGE, OLD STUDEBAKER

Story and Photos by Danny G. Taylor

The Route 66 Association of Illinois (of which I am a member) scheduled a two day motor tour earlier this summer. Besides running south to north on old Route 66 and seeing many historic sites, the main attraction was a two-way trip across the Chain of Rocks Bridge spanning the Mississippi River between Madison, IL and St. Louis, MO. I knew right away the vehicle of choice to make this trip from Indianapolis was my 1955 Studebaker President Speedster !

The Chain of Rocks Bridge was built in 1929 as a toll bridge and became a part of Route 66 in 1936 diverting traffic to the north edge of St. Louis. It is rather famous for its 22 degree sharp bend near the middle of the bridge. It continued as part of Route 66 or Route 66 By-Pass until 1965 when I-270 opened just a half mile north. It was closed to vehicular traffic in 1970.

The bridge sat deteriorating until the late 1990's when Trailnet transformed it into a pedestrian and bike path. It is over one mile in length (5,353 feet). The bridge was placed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in December of 2006.

I have walked across this bridge many times, but it is rarely opened for vehicle traffic so I jumped at the chance to drive across it. The first person I asked to be my navigator – my pal Bob Sewall – immediately said yes, saying he'd be honored to ride "shotgun" in the Speedster.



We arrived without incident on Friday night at the host hotel in Edwardsville, IL and finalized our registration. The trip would start at the bridge Saturday morning. About 100 cars made the trip across and back. I was quite surprised that the Studebaker was the oldest car in the line-up. As always, my black and white beauty received plenty of attention.



After the bridge crossings, the group headed north where it would finish in Wilmington, IL at the Gemini Giant restaurant which



showcases one of the three "muffler men" fiberglass advertising icons found on Route 66 in Illinois.

A couple of other “hot spots” we enjoyed viewing along the way were:



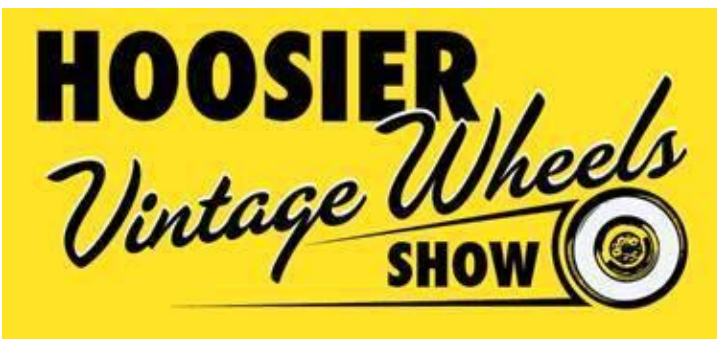
Auburn Brick Road – this part of old Route 66 was originally built with Portland cement in 1921 and later covered in brick in 1932. It is a beautiful 1.4 mile stretch of road now known as “Curran Road” near Auburn, IL and is also on the NRHPs



Turkey Tracks – another stretch of Portland cement that when poured in the early 1920’s, a wild turkey ventured onto the wet cement and left its foot impressions! There are 34 distinct turkey tracks still visible and they are a major tourist attraction on the old road. This stretch, on Donaldson Road, south of Nilwood, IL, was used as part of R66 from 1926 to 1930.

For those Studebaker owners in the Midwest, you can “Get Your Kicks on Route 66” with a two or more day trip through Illinois. There is plenty to see and the historic route is well marked. The Route 66 Association of Illinois has an excellent website at www.il66assoc.org.

Road trip in a Studebaker – what could be more enjoyable!



Bring your Hudson’s, Orphans and Collector Cars on September 15 to the Johnson County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairground Street, Franklin Indiana. We will join Hoosier Vintage Wheel Swap Meet and have a no judging car show. Entrance to the event will be free **provided** you bring your Collector Car and state that you are attending the Car Show. There is a very large grassy area which will

accommodate 100 Collector Cars—so Come One, Come All. Gates open at 7 AM and there are lots of vendors. If you would like to register as an indoor or outdoor vendor, contact Scott Willis 317-501-5266 before August 1st. If you have questions, contact Tim Lloyd: Home number (812) 334-2430 Tim's cell (812) 369-8293



OMG! Can it be that time of year already? Why yes it can. Starting in the October issue of the *Brickyard* your renewal form for 2019 will be included.



Brand X Car Nut

versus

Cool Studebaker Guy

I recently heard this story from a friend who lives in southeastern Indiana. It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Smith owned a few classic cars. Mr. Smith was obsessed with his old vehicles. He went to Automotive Flea Markets and stayed for days and days! He ignored his wife and rarely interacted with his neighbors. Well, one day, Mr. Smith fell off his creeper and suffered fatal injuries. The next day, as his wife was making funeral preparations, she went to put an obituary in the local newspaper. The clerk said, "Obituaries cost \$50 per word. What do you want it to say?" She said, "Smith died." The clerk replied, "Madam, there is a 5 word minimum." And that is when this long suffering wife said, "OK. Let it say: Smith died. DeSoto for sale."

I think this story just points out that there is a huge difference between a Brand X car lover and a Studebaker enthusiast. Check out the evidence shown below:

Brand X Car Nut

After practically living in the garage for two weeks, our fellow decides to take his wife out to dinner.

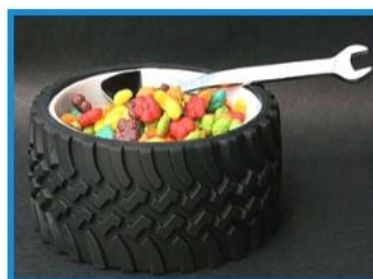
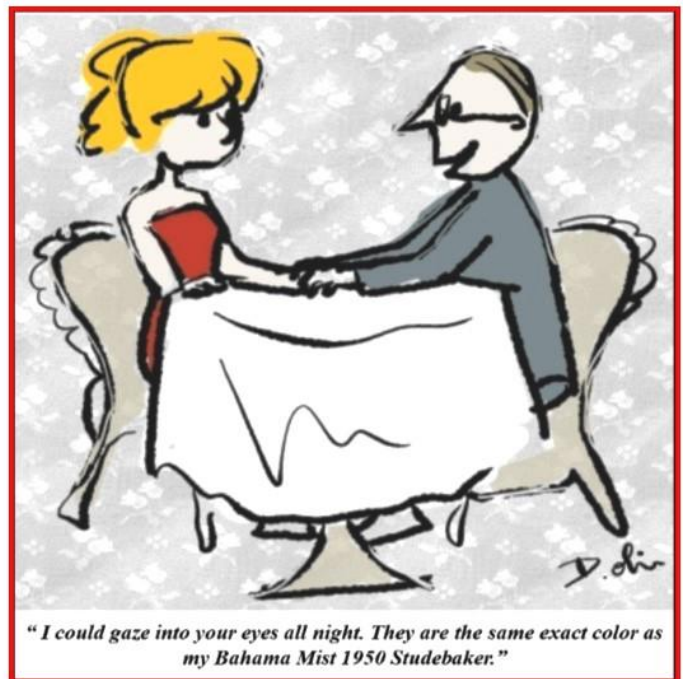


If you think our friend watching TV in a restaurant is totally clueless, wait until you see Mr. X's idea for a cozy evening at home with his wife.



Cool Studebaker Guy

Meanwhile Stude Dude takes his wife to a lovely dinner complete with "romantic conversation".



And for her birthday, our Studebaker hero went all out. He bought a bag of colorful candy and presented it to her in this cool bowl!

The votes are in. And the winner is...

Cool Studebaker Guy

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 6 – Friday, September 7 – Ohio Crossroads Zone Meet at historic Sauder Village located in northwest Ohio. See page 6.

Saturday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m. – International Drive

Your Studebaker Day. Why not *drive* on down to Johnson's BBQ Shack at 82 S Baldwin St in Bargsville for some delicious BBQ. We will have our own room. Side dishes are outstanding also.



Mark these dates on your calendar:



Sunday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. – Fall pitch-in at the Griffiths. Enjoy some tummy warmin' chili and good company on a crisp October day. Water, lemonade, iced tea and table service will be provided. At this pitch-in we need chips, crackers, salads, veggies, cheese, you know, munchies, and desserts.

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. Our club has been invited. We will gather for lunch at 12:00 p.m. at the Scenic View Restaurant on 446 overlooking Lake Monroe. After lunch we will head over to the private collection of Tom Martin located at 2609 S Walnut St., Bloomington, about a 15 minute drive.

Sunday, November 4 – 1:00 p.m. – Scott and Peggy Jones are hosting a pitch-in at the Jubilee Lodge at 39 South Front Street in Whiteland, In. Fried chicken will be provided. Bring your table service and a side dish.

Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. – Christmas dinner at the Green Street Pub 911 N. Green St., Brownsburg, Ind. **No gift exchange this year but a fast pace fun game** with exciting prizes. **Be sure to mark your calendar early.**

2019 – Studebaker International in Mansfield, Ohio.

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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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Studebakers at Grissom Air Force Base August 18. Photo courtesy Mike Baker

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