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The Western Lake Erie Chapter hosted the Fall Crossroads Zone Meet Sept. 7th & 8th at Sauder Village, Archibold, Oh. The location was an 1803 rural Ohio living history village, a real step back in history! Joe and I arrived with the **1956 Golden Hawk** in tow and were greeted by the very friendly local club members. They invited us to join them at Mancino's Italian Restaurant for dinner. Almost everything on the menu was \$5.99 and very good, but at 8pm they rolled up the streets in this little village! Thursday morning we found a 20 degree drop in temperature and cloudy skies but more Studebaker's rolling in including fellow Indy members **Bob & Sandy Fox** in their **1960 Lark Convertible** and **Marvin & Bernice Snider**. We spent the day looking over the swap meet, looking at cars and that evening everyone was invited to go cruising to "Mom's Dinner", a 50's theme restaurant. After dinner people were invited to attend the county fair and demolition derby, but we passed on that! Friday another cool and cloudy day but the rain stayed away and we were able to enjoy the show. About 50 Studebaker's from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio & Ontario Canada were on the show field. Ed Reynolds also drove up the day of the show. The rain and bad weather held off for the entire show but 10 miles down the road on our way home on Saturday we ran into the rain that everyone had been talking about. The Golden Hawk is back in the garage all cleaned up and dry after the trip home, ready for the next adventure. It was mentioned at the meet that it might be time for the Indy Chapter to host another Zone meet in the future.....*something for us to think about!*



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Our club has a couple of events coming in October so I hope to see everyone soon!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

**Johnson's BBQ Shack in Bargersville on
International Drive Your Studebaker Day
Saturday, September 8, 2018**

On a soggy, rainy day, 21 SDC members attended lunch at Johnson's BBQ Shack in Bargersville for *International Drive Your Studebaker Day*. Because of the weather there were no Studebakers in attendance. However, the food was outstanding, especially the corn casserole and the company wonderful. After lunch, vice president, Diane Elmore held a short meeting.

Diane began the meeting by giving Bob Palma the floor. The club has been invited to "Germany in the US - Car Show/Parade in Indianapolis on October 7th. Details are on page 4 .

Activities Guy, Charlie Griffith, announced the next meeting is at the Griffiths on Sunday, October 7 and on Saturday, October 20 a visit to Tom Martins car collection which I quote Larry Kennedy who has seen the collection "It's really cool". All events can be found on page 8 of the *Brickyard*.



Becky Griffith announced the formation of a committee of seasoned car show attendees in hope the club can attend several shows as a group to show off the Studebaker name. More information on page 4.



Andy Swartz motioned to end the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

The 50/50 was drawn with Teri Swartz winning \$26.00.

Becky Griffith



Studebaker International Meet Seattle Washington August 29 – September 1

Just returned from SDC in Seattle. Pictures and great times to share. Many Commanders and President's, about 12 Avanti's. Only a handful of cars before 1940's. Two buses each for Boeing and Pike



Place (Starbucks first coffee house). Thurs. buffet limited to 200 guests due to fire Marshall code. Many could not attend, hot ticket. First produced Avanti at Lemay Museum. Seven year restoration just completed. Great tribute to iconic design.

Dennis Rumley







The club has formed a committee to examine car shows that the club, as a group, can participate in in 2019. This committee will be gathering Wednesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Shapiro's downtown. If you have ideas and would like to attend please let Becky Griffith know at becinin@msn.com. All are welcome.

As an FYI, I am sending this out. There will be a final listing coming soon.

Denny Foust suggested we email you about the auction on Corkins' Studebaker inventory. You can view information here: www.noerr-inc.com. Once the auctioneer provides additional specs we will put them up, but currently the auction is scheduled for October 17th, 2018 in Lewistown PA.



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Germany in the US - car show/parade in Indianapolis on October 7th

Andreas Götze from the German Consulate General in Chicago has invited the Studebaker Club to a parade and Car Show planned by the Consulate General in Indianapolis on Sunday October 7th.

This project will be organized as a part of "Deutschlandjahr 2018/2019". Deutschlandjahr is a well-established campaign which had already been successfully implemented in other partner countries such as China, India Brazil and most recently in Mexico.

Deutschlandjahr USA 2018/19, which is conceived as a broad-based dialogue with U.S. civil society, is intended to have a wide reach throughout the country. We would like to make Germany more visible especially here in the Midwest. We would also like for our friends and partners in politics, business, technology, academia, education and research, and culture and civil society to be able to form their own picture of our country and (re)discover our commonalities, within the context of many different events. The "kick-off"- event for Deutschlandjahr in the Midwest will take place in Indianapolis on October 6th and 7th. While on the 6th, the focus will be on a variety of projects in and around the "Athenaeum" (Deutsches Haus), on the 7th there will be a German Parade starting at 1:00 p.m. at Monument Circle towards the Athenaeum. Apart from local participants, German Heritage Associations from all over the Midwest will participate in the parade underlining showcasing the numerous and important German roots in America's heartland.

In the morning on October 7th, starting at around 8:00 a.m., we will organize a classic Car Show displaying civilian German cars (1945-1968). We will try to present around 50-70 cars. The cars will be parked along the outer curb of Monument Circle. In the inner circle, there will probably be also be a few modern cars.

Given the important German heritage of Studebaker, we would be very excited to have at least one Studebaker vehicle on display at the Car Show. I would be very happy to exchange with you on this. My telephone number is 312-202-6716. You can also reach out to my colleague, Mrs. Endres (312-2026714).



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

Muscle Car Madness

Rocker Alice Cooper crowds his garage with vintage vehicles

MY DAD WORKED for Plymouth. The first family car I can remember was a 1954 Plymouth Belvedere. Then, in '55, we got another one, and in '56, '57, '58. Our car always had plastic seats; if you slid across, you'd get a shock.

In high school I bought a '66 Fairlane GT 390—canary yellow with black racing stripes and four on the floor. It was brand-new. I was playing in the Spiders then, and I was clearing \$250 a weekend. Everybody else was driving their parents' station wagon to school, and we

drive up in these cars, because we were the Spiders!

I love to buy and sell cars. When I drive a new car home, my wife, Sheryl, just goes, "Oh, that's nice, dear." Right now I've got a white '63 Avanti. I've got a 2015 convertible Hemi Barracuda—lime green, thank you! I think four or five cars are the most I've ever had at one time. That's as many as I have room for.

No matter how old you get, you never lose the feeling that cars are freedom. Starting when you're 16, you don't have to wait for Mom to take you; you don't have to wait for Dad to pick you up. And your



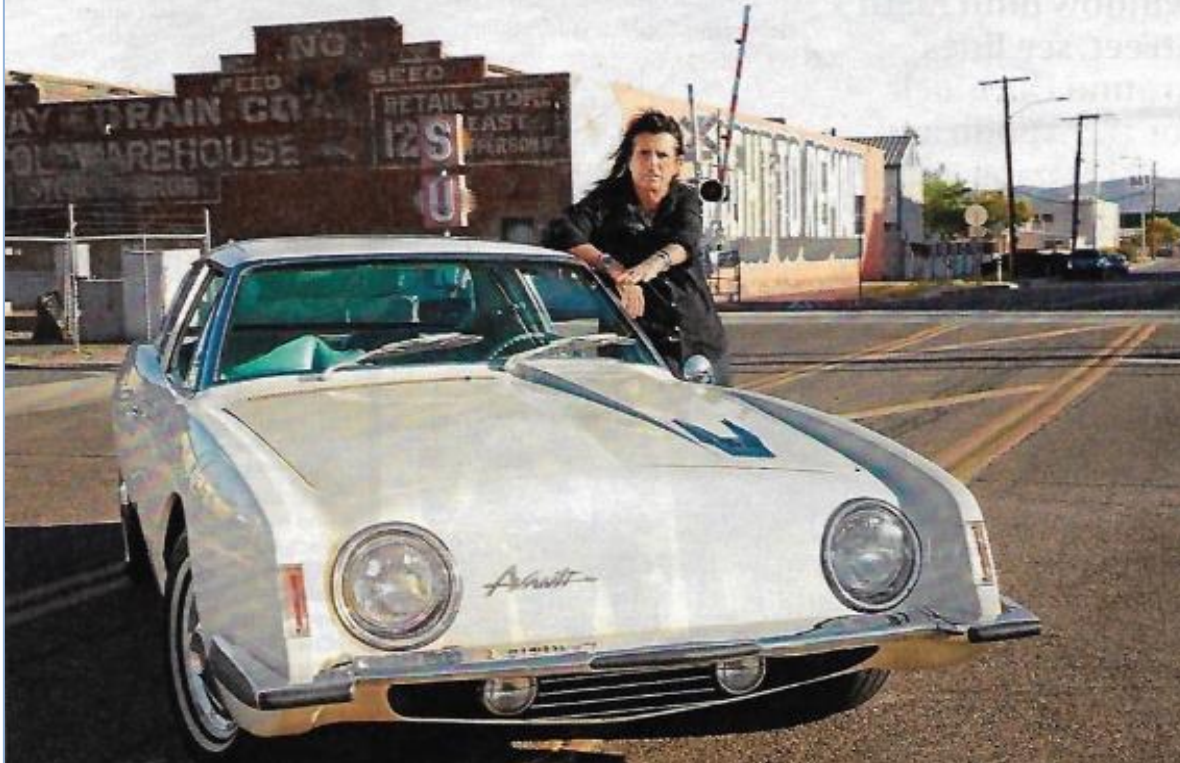
car, especially your first car, ends up being your best friend.

—As told to Katherine Turman

Alice Cooper, 70, has released dozens of albums, six of which went platinum. His 2018 U.S. tour runs from August through October.

This Alice Cooper Avanti story was in the June/July 2018 issue of *AARP-The Magazine*.

Thanks Diane Elmore





The Studebaker Skeleton Crew

Do you know when the last Studebaker employee walked out of the South Bend facility? A quick answer might be: It was when the company's closedown was announced on December 7, 1963. Others might know that the engine assembly plant and foundry remained open until May of 1964. However, at the end of 1964, the last few vehicles were assembled, with the Studebaker Museum's Bordeaux Red 2-door Daytona being completed on December 20, 1964. Also, a few may know that the Stamping Facility remained open in South Bend and continued supplying Hamilton until the end of Canadian production in 1966.

So, is 1966 the winning answer? NO...the truth is: Studebaker continued to employ twelve men until December of 1971. These gentlemen worked in parts and product support to fulfill Studebaker's warranties and other legal obligations. This Skeleton Crew of men affectionately dubbed themselves the "Dirty Dozen" and worked out of the accessories plant.

On April 20, 2009 (at the age of 102) the last member of the "Dirty Dozen" passed away. His name was J. Everett "Hank" Henry. Note: In the picture shown below, he is standing in the back row, 3rd from the right. His obituary in the South Bend Tribune gives us some interesting details of his years working at Studebaker. Mr. Henry was hired as a crib tender on August 25, 1924. He earned 45¢ per hour and worked the standard 50-hour week of that era. In total, Mr. Henry was employed by Studebaker for 47 years. He often recalled that all the fellows in the "Dirty Dozen" were friends and said, "If we didn't insult each other every 20 minutes, we figured we was sick."

Mr. Henry was not only among the last 12 Studebaker employees, he holds the distinction of being the longest living employee (with all the rest of the "Dirty Dozen" preceding him in death). Forever loyal to his employer, Mr. Henry owned many Studebakers over the years, including a 1950 bullet-nose Champion. He built the engine for this car on his lunch hours. In a 2005 interview, he said, "I drove that car 117,000 miles, coast to coast and border to border."

As Paul Harvey would say, "Now you know the rest of the story." In 1950, there were 24,000 people working at Studebaker. When the closing was announced in 1963, only 3,000 employees remained to walk out those gates. After South Bend production finally drew to a close, there remained only this 12-man Skeleton Crew...serving Studebaker for another 5 years!



The Dirty Dozen

WELL DONE, GENTLEMEN

Photographed by Carl B. Thompson on 9 November 1971, Studebaker's last 12 hourly employees, with a total seniority of 567 years. Standing, left to right: N. Borsodi, J. Szlanfucht, J. Szabo, K. Anderson, E. Henry, H. Nowicki, J. Borsodi. Seated from left: C. Kulesia, J. Fuzy, C. Nowicki, W. Holewinski, F. Zielinski. Symbolic of the ghosts of past generations who labored at South Bend, they had played the game to beyond the end, and could look back with pride on many great accomplishments.



National SDC Membership Application

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Renewals are \$31.00 per year, which includes 12 monthly issues of **Turning Wheels**, the National SDC Magazine. (Other memberships are available.)

Mail application and check to:

Or email: studebakerdriversclub.com for information

The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 1715

Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715

Or

Call 763-420-7829 to use Visa or Mastercard

Or fax application with credit card to 763-420-7849

Name: _____ Spouse _____

Address: _____ Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Birth Date(s): _____

Month/Day

Add another sheet if needed.

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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 applies). Mail application and check to:

Tom Flynn, Indy SDC Treasurer

4531 S CR 500 E

Plainfield, IN 46168

Name: _____ Spouse _____

Address: _____ Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Birth Date(s): _____

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Upcoming Events

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. Should the weather call for it, hot chocolate will be available. At this pitch-in we need chips, crackers, salads, veggies, cheese, you know, munchies, and desserts.



Should any members decide to go to the German Parade that's the same day, you are more than welcomed to come for lunch afterwards.

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 at 4600 S State Road 446, Bloomington** 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. To the right is a teaser photo courtesy Sue Kennedy.



Mark these dates on your calendar:



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 and drinks 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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Photo from Studebaker International in Seattle, Washington courtesy of Dennis Rumley

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