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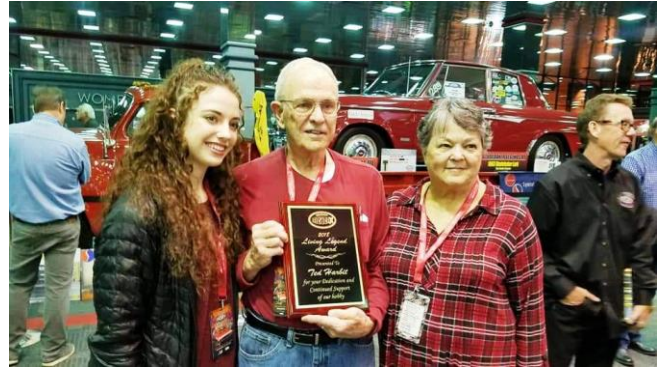
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The Indy Chapter annual November meeting and election of officers resulted in a landslide victory for the incumbent officers as we had no opponents for our jobs! The club provided plenty of fried chicken and as always the good cooks in this club brought lot of tasty of side dishes.



I would like to congratulate Indy Chapter member Ted Harbit (R) on his MCACN Living Legend Award given to him at the Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals last week. This is quite an honor for Ted, who is just doing what he loves to do, race Studebaker's! Ted's Studebaker truck car hauler and "The Stude Tomato" were on display at the show in Chicago. Richard Poe also had his green racing Studebaker at the show. What a great way to show Studebaker's off to people who may not know how cool our cars are!



I hope everyone is planning on attending the Indy Chapter Christmas Party Saturday Dec. 15, at Green Street Pub. It is sure to be a fun time!! Wishing all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

Meeting at the Jubilee Lodge Sunday, November 4, 2018

President. Nancy Bacon, opened the meeting by thanking Scott Jones for providing the facility (Jubilee Whiteland Lodge) and Becky Griffith for getting the chicken for our meal. Scott said that anyone can rent the lodge building and that you don't have to be a member of the Masons.

Election of Officers: Since there weren't any candidates, other than the present officers, the Board will stay the same. Larry Kennedy voted we accept this. Passed.

President – Nancy Bacon VP (Princess) – Diane Elmore

Secretary – Sandy Fox Treasurer – Tom Flynn

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Host, Scott Jones (L), with Bob Fox

Upcoming Events: Mike Baker said that the Avanti Club Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on 11/11/18 (Sunday) 1:00 p.m. at his place in Greenfield – 4193 E. US 40.

Our Christmas Dinner is at the Green Street pub, located at 911 N. Green St., Brownsburg, on 12/15/18 at 1:00 p.m. (Saturday) No gift exchange this year. We will be ‘playing games’?!?!?

Saturday, 1/26/19, at 1:00 p.m. we will meet at the Pit Stop in Brownsburg

February is OPEN.

March – We may be having our pitch-in/auction in Wanamaker.

New Members: Dave & Beth Doran, from Lebanon attended. They have a 1955 truck that his Dad bought originally. It has been setting since about 1975, but is now being restored.



50/50 winner Larry Kennedy with wife, Sue

Guests: Nancy Bacon’s sister, Annette and Fox’s granddaughter, Adelaide.



Mike Baker (L) and Ted Andrews

Members Don and Debbie Bookout wanted to let us know that he is the founder and manager of a British Brass Band (consisting of 33 members) that has been asked to play at a festival in Gettysburg, PA. They are available for gigs in December and would love to play for us for a fee. He also plays in the Studebaker band.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike Baker mentioned cutting dues. Diane Elmore mentioned the World of Wheels, which most of our members are not in favor of because it is in February and our weather is unpredictable, to say the least.

Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



Above, Don Bookout’s 1950 Champiion, Mike Baker’s 1967 Avanti and Larry Kennedy’s Hudson. Right, Ted Andrews 1971 Avanti

Submitted
by Sandy Fox, Secretary



Thanks to Larry Kennedy and Larry Hopkins for the photos.

Thank You

As we gathered at the Jubilee Lodge November 4, I couldn't help but reminisce the many years the club gathered at Ed Reynolds in November and March of each year. We're beginning new traditions for the club but I think we all would like to thank **Ed and Heidi** for their many years of hosting the club and wish them only the best in their future endeavors.



I regret to report that SDC member, **Sandy Hoffman**, passed away August 29 at her home in Terre Haute, Indiana. Her husband is member, Larry Hoffman.



Member, **Rollin Harping**, husband of Marcie and father of member Chris Harpring, passed away November 23, 2018.



A Little *Back to the Future*



A still from the movie, "Back to the Future". When Marty McFly pulls a newspaper out of the trash can. Look at the ad on the back. Thanks Ted Andrews.



March 10 Studebaker Meeting and Auction



Larry and Sue Kennedy will host a joint Winter Meet with the Indy Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club and the Southern Indiana/Kentucky Chapter of the Hudson Club on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 1:00 PM. This joint meet will be held at the Franklin Township Civic League, 8822 Southeastern Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46239 (located two houses beyond the Ordinary in downtown Wanamaker). Hosts will provide a meat dish, water, coffee and iced tea. Bring your place settings and a dish or dessert to share. This facility is handicapped accessible and has a handicapped restroom, but no kitchen facilities. There are lots of electrical outlets for crockpots and plenty of parking spaces. If you have questions, contact Larry Kennedy 317-862-2020.

We will also be holding our annual auction so bring a goodie Studebaker related or not to help with our annual fundraiser.



Good News. We now have an Indiana License Plate for the Studebaker Museum.

The new plate will be available starting January 2018 and I believe the cost will be an additional \$40 above the regular cost of a plate.

I will provide more information as it becomes available.

Cars for Sale

Member Jim McDaniel has a 1962 Studebaker Hawk for sale. Asking price is \$9,000. It isn't rusty, but the spark plugs need to be changed. He has driven it several times lately so it is running. It has been housed in a garage.

Jim McDaniel -- jwmcdaniel19@yahoo.com



Larry O'Neal found these Studebakers for sale in Marion. The sign in the windows say to contact Mike at 765-251-0670



Preparing for Winter Storage

by Bob Palma

It's again that time of year when collector vehicles get put in hibernation. Most collectors have a procedure they follow, so a few new ideas might be in order concerning recent developments.

Fuel Storage

Fuel and fuel storage is an ongoing concern. Hopefully, you've been able to locate *alcohol-free gasoline* to use in your collector car(s). There's good news is that it is becoming more readily available. At some stations, it is called Recreational Gasoline, so it helps to look for that title when surfing the internet. It can cost up to \$1 more per gallon than regular 87-octane alcohol-enhanced (E-10), but it's worth it to pay the premium. Most alcohol-free gasolines are rated at 91 octane, too, an additional benefit.

An increasing number of CountryMark Co-Op gas stations have alcohol-free gasoline available. A good way to see if it might be available near you is to go to their website and search for their individual stations. The products offered at each location are listed.

On Indianapolis' west side and other suburbs, CountryMark Co-Op stations in Clermont and Lebanon have alcohol-free gasoline, as does the CountryMark Co-Op on the southwest side of Noblesville. Out in Lizton IN, the Sunoco station on State Road 39 has it. There are bound to be others, so it's worth checking them out.



It is commonly recommended to store vehicles with a full tank of gas. However, if you have several collector cars and each takes a \$30 (or more!), that can get pretty expensive. An alternative is to use Marine-Grade Sta-Bil. Yes, Marine-Grade Sta-Bil is more expensive than original Sta-Bil, but I'm going to be using Marine Grade from now on. Here's why.

At this year's SDC International Meet in Tacoma, Studebaker engine builder Corbin Walters was on the dais with the other *Co-Operator* Advisors for our annual *Co-Operator* Tech Session. Corbin (with Jim Pepper's counsel and help) built the Studebaker V8 engine for Ron Hall's 200-MPH Avanti back in the early 90s. Corbin has been away from Studebaking for awhile but has taken up serious water-skiing and high-speed boats.

Corbin sang the praises of Marine-Grade Sta-Bil to the assembled parishioners at Tacoma. He said he uses it because it absorbs trace amounts of water and alcohol in his boat's tanks, thus negating the need for having them full all winter. He reported his boats having done very well using Marine-Grade Sta-Bil for several years, now, whereas original Sta-Bil might allow water to separate from the gasoline no matter what level of gasoline is in the tank. So your gasoline might be fresh with regular Sta-Bil, but could allow water to descend to the bottom of the tank, contributing to assorted problems.

As with most things, there is good news and bad news when comparing the newer Marine-Grade Sta-Bil with the original red Sta-Bil.

The good news about Marine-Grade Sta-Bil is that it is so concentrated that 1 ounce treats 10 gallons, whereas with original red Sta-Bil, 1 ounce treats only 2 1/2 gallons. That's good, because Marine-Grade Sta-Bil costs at least twice as much as original Sta-Bil.



The bad news is that Marine-Grade Sta-Bil, according to the label, stabilizes gasoline for only 12 months. That contrasts with the original Sta-Bil, which, again according to the label, stabilizes fresh gasoline up to 24 months.

So regardless of how much gasoline you leave in your collector-car(s) tank(s), it makes sense to pay the extra money for Marine-Grade Sta-Bil. I've seen it for sale at most auto parts stores and Wal-Marts in the Indianapolis area. The bottle shown here was **\$8.77** at the Brownsburg Wal-Mart.

Anti-Freeze

It's still recommended that we use good old **green ethylene-glycol anti freeze** in collector vehicles. If you are near a Rural King store, they have full-strength **Durex** ethylene-glycol anti-freeze currently on sale for **\$8.95** a gallon. Further,



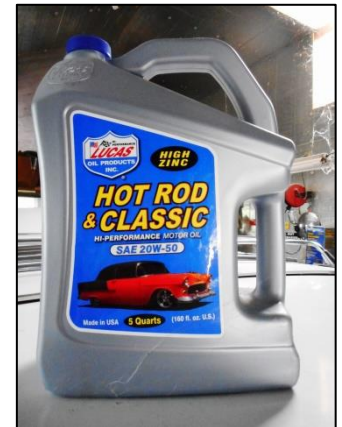
there is a \$3 per gallon rebate available, with a maximum of 2 gallons rebate (\$6) per customer. It's a good deal.

It's a good idea to flush and fill every year or two, but what I've done for decades is to simply drain the radiator in each car and refill with a fresh 50/50 ethylene-glycol mix and a can of radiator anti-rust. While that doesn't give a thorough flush and fill, it does provide for about half new fluid every year. Of course, you'd want to run the car to full operating temperature for 15-20 minutes to make sure the existing and new mix and anti-rust get thoroughly mixed.

Engine Oil

With the engine thus warmed up to full operating temperature, it's a good time to **change the oil** (and filter, if so equipped). It's a good idea to store a vehicle with fresh oil in it so any acid in the old oil doesn't get a chance to etch the bearings while the engine is dormant. Of course, use collector-car oil with **ZDDP** (ZincDialkylDithioPhosphate, if you can pronounce it!) in it for our flat-tappet engines, or buy a small bottle of ZDDP additive so 'most any contemporary oil can be used. Don't overdo it; too much ZDDP is inadvisable!

Today, there are many collector-car motor oils on the market. Valvoline VR-1 Racing Oil, the best seller, is available 'most everywhere. Other good collector-car oil brands include Brad Penn, Hemmings Collector Car Oil, Lucas Hot Rod Oil, and many others.



Now is a good time for a thorough lubrication and topping off all fluids, followed by a short drive to be sure everything is working well and all new fluids are mixed.

Battery

Battery maintenance is a must for winter-time. At the least, disconnect the battery from the car's electrical system. Some hobbyists like to use trickle chargers to keep batteries "up," but I don't particularly like having anything "electrical" going on unsupervised.

If possible, remove the battery to a warm location and store it on a wooden block. Yes, an old wives' tale is that storing a battery on concrete will drain the charge, but that doesn't seem to be the case with current, hard-plastic case batteries. If you like, you can then use a conventional battery charger to top off the charge while you're working in the area and can monitor it.

With the battery out of the car, that's a good time to clean the tray with baking soda and even coat it with protective coating if you like.

Tires

Yes, it's ideal to store a car on **jack stands** so the tires don't flat-spot but, realistically, most of us don't. In that case, it's a good idea to inflate them to maybe 40 psi. Just don't forget to recheck them in the spring; it's surprising how many contemporary tires can hold good pressure for extended periods of time.

Meanwhile, if you do store a car on jack stands, make sure the stands are positioned under the car's suspension, *not the frame*. You don't want the car's weight "hanging" on frame points that were not intended to support the car's weight for extended periods of time.

Critters

Preventing **rodents** from getting in a stored car is a constant problem for any hobbyist. Good cats can do wonders for that situation, but then you have to monitor and feed the cat(s), difficult if the car is in a remote and/or unheated facility.

There have been dozens of rodent deterrents suggested through the years, but the best one I've found are common **moth balls**. The problem there is that you are left with residual moth ball odor that is all but impossible to get rid of. At least one brand of moth balls comes in pouches and claims to have little odor, shown here:

I'm one of the few people who happen to like original moth ball odor, so it doesn't bother me...but I can appreciate that many people don't share that opinion. For them, Rural King, Tractor Supply, Big Red stores, etc., offer many rodent deterrents. Some people have had success with Bounce original-scent dryer sheets and Irish Spring soap chunks; others not so much.



Importantly, don't give the critters a reason to look to your car for food. Double-check to be sure you haven't left any picnic supplies under the seats or in the trunk. (Don't laugh; years ago, I accidentally left the remains of a cold vegetable tray brought to a pitch in, in the trunk of my 1971 Barracuda convertible all winter. I've never seen such fossilized carrot and red and green pepper sticks in my life as when I opened the trunk the following spring. Any odor had long since dissipated; they were as hard as a rock!)

Cosmetics

After you've done all the above, it's a good idea to wash and wax the car if you've still got enough energy. Let it dry thoroughly before covering it if you have a car cover. It's not advisable to use a cover outside, though; the combination of a car cover in the hot sun creates a wonderful incubator for mold and rust.

A couple years ago, Howe Clark and I pulled my empty car trailer to eastern Pennsylvania to buy what has been documented to be the last 1964 Daytona convertible built with a 4-speed transmission, and also the next to last 1964 convertible built, regardless of configuration. Sadly, the car had been stored outside for decades under a succession of blue plastic tarps. It was so horribly moldy and rusted that we passed and brought an empty trailer back home. Thankfully, one of our SDC members in Australia wasn't afraid of the project, though, so the car is now on the other side of the planet undergoing a thorough restoration!

Overall, proper winter preparation and storage will minimize any problems when your car(s) come out next spring.
Happy Motoring in 2019!

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The Great American Mountain Rally Revival

MotorHeads and Car Enthusiasts,

I participated in the Great American Mountain Rally Revival a couple of weeks ago with my brother-in-law Jeff Givens. It has a short but impressive history. Hemming's Motor News (The **World's** Leading Classic Car News Source) featured the rally in one of their Hemming's Daily News editions.

Below is the link to that article written by a fellow (Greg Davis) I met in June of this year in Indianapolis. His article is very well written. A photo I took (and shared with Greg) is **the lead photo for the article** !!! The photo was taken at a break in the action at a country store where you can see three of the race vehicles; it also captured several participants to the right of the photo.

The article is rather long, so read it if you have a high interest level and time permits - LOL. There are several photos of Jeff's car (1959 Triumph TR3) and us. Greg took some great scenery photos - so at least look at the photos !! Covered Bridges !!!



<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2018/10/28/re-starting-a-new-england-tradition-with-the-great-american-mountain-rally-revival/>

ENJOY !!

Danny Taylor



In 2013, this picture was used in *Crate and Barrel's* Holiday Catalog. (In fact, I'm pretty sure this is the actual proof picture...note the handwritten "old car" on one of the packages.)

The image of a Studebaker, filled to the brim with packages, was displayed on a page dedicated to selling *Crate and Barrel's* line of gift wrap. So here's the \$64,000 question: Do you still wrap packages or have you embraced the ease of gift bags?

Here's hoping that however you choose to adorn your gifts, that we all realize that Christmas is so much more than giving and receiving gifts. Always remember:

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

National SDC Membership Application

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.)

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

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. – Once again it is time to gather and celebrate the Christmas holiday with our friends from the Studebaker Club.

Again this year we will meet at the **GREEN STREET PUB**, located at **911 N. Green St., Brownsburg, Ind.** They give us a **private room**, and we can order from their menu. The food and service here has been very good in the past.



There will be **NO gift exchange** this year; instead we will do something different. We will be playing a game with great prizes.

Please let Berniece Snider know if you are coming and how many in your party, either by phone or email.

765-341-1010

msnider33@comcast.net

Coming Up For 

Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. – Lunch at the **Pit Stop BBQ and Grill** at 932 E. Main St, Brownsburg, IN 46112.

Sunday, February 17 – 1:00 p.m.– O'Reilly's Restaurant at 8923 S. Meridian St. (St. Rd. 135 and County Line Road) Suite A1, Indianapolis, Ind. 46217. We will have our own room and order off the menu.

Sunday, March 10 – 1:00 p.m.– Pitch-in and auction in Wanamaker hosted by Larry and Sue Kennedy. See page 4 for details.

September 11-14 – Studebaker International in Mansfield, Ohio.

Sunday, November 10 – 1:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner pitch in at hosted by Mike, Yvonne and Lincoln Baker at Mike's shop in Greenfield.

Best Catfish By A Dam Site is back! No date has been determined, however, come this spring/summer we will be making the trip to Monticello to the Oakdale Inn.



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. As you're out and about this holiday season, keep in mind the club is always looking for new places to hold a meeting.

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