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The Indy Chapter got together for the annual Christmas Party at Green Street Pub in Brownsburg on Dec. 15th. They had a private meeting room decorated for Christmas and the food and service was very nice. The Snider's have arranged the last "few" years Christmas Party and have already got our club Christmas Party scheduled for Green St Pub again next December! Sometimes hosting a meeting is as easy as making reservations!

Thank you to everyone who has hosted or arranged a meeting. I saw where the "Big 6 River Bend Chapter" in Iowa was disbanding because no one wanted to hold an office or keep the chapter going. Local chapters are very important in our hobby, giving us friends who share the love of our Studebaker's, that we can socialize, and show off our cars with, share helpful tips and advice on our cars, and grow lifelong friends with. Many people in the Indy Chapter I have known almost 50 years and I'm not even that old!

We already have a few events planned for 2019 including a trip to Hope, In. to check out the new location of Studebaker International and celebrate the Hope Heritage Days and Car Show in September. Check out pg. 4.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

Nancy Bacon
President Indy Chapter

Christmas Meeting at the Green Street Pub Saturday, December 15

Approximately 30 people attended the meeting/Christmas party, held at the Green Street pub in Brownsburg, IN. Our president, Nancy Bacon, opened the meeting by thanking Marvin and Berniece Snider for sponsoring and organizing this get-together!

Officer Reports: VP – Diane Elmore was recuperating from the flu.

Secretary - Sandy Fox said the minutes were in the newsletter.

Treasurer – Tom Flynn was not present.

Activities Directors/Editor: Charlie & Becky Griffith – Mentioned that the:

- January – meeting is at the Pit Stop in Brownsburg.
- February – meeting will be at O'Reilly's (new place)
- March – meeting/auction will be held in conjunction with the Hudson Club in Wanamaker.



Guests attending were Don Plesner (who also won the 50/50 of \$50.00), Nancy Bacon's son, Jason Bacon, and the Foxes granddaughter, Adelaide.



50/50 winner and guest of Mark Enlow, Don Plesner (center)

OLD BUSINESS: Member, Jeff Westcott, has been checking into us sponsoring a Zone Meet. He said that Conner Prairie is extremely interested in us being at their Festival of Machines. However, we possible could not host until 2021. We would need to find a hotel nearby. Jim Lime, the new owner of Studebaker Int'l. is very interested in us attending the Hope Heritage Day Festival in September. The



Indiana Historical Society has a History of Vehicles (made in Indiana) in September, which is something else we might be interested in doing. This is the end of September (27, 28, & 29).

Becky & Charlie Griffith will not be in town the month of January SO **there will NOT be a February newsletter.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



Submitted by Sandy Fox, Secretary



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 at 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.

Member, **Scott Jones**, is in Hospice Care. I will keep you posted. Please keep Scott and Peggy in your thoughts and prayers. Only cards and emails at this time, please. Their home address is 655 Green Meadow Drive, Greenwood, In 46163 or Jones-scott@att.net

Car for Sale

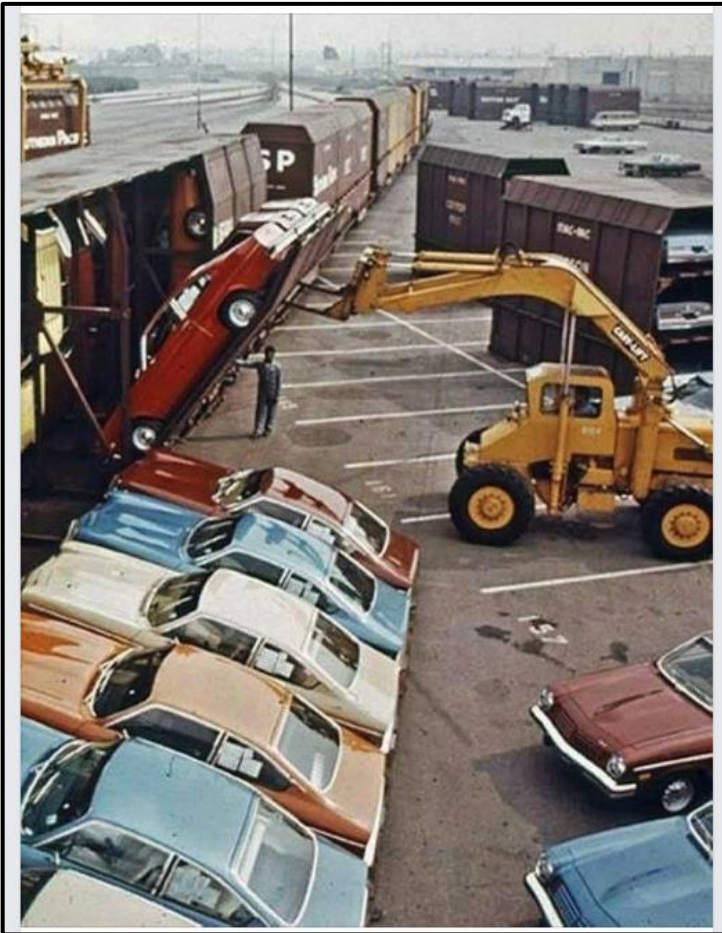
Member, **Jim McDaniel**, has a 1962 Studebaker Hawk for sale. Asking price is \$9,000. It isn't rusty, but the spark plugs need to be changed. He has driven it several times lately so it is running. It has been housed in a garage.

Jim McDaniel -- jwmcdaniel19@yahoo.com



Groovy History
October 3 · 🌐

General Motors came up with the awesome idea to save shipping costs of the Chevrolet Vega using the "Vert-A-Pac" shipping system in the 1970s. 🚗



Ted Andrews shared Imbued with Hues's post.
10 hrs · 👤

Wow!



Imbued with Hues
16 hrs · 🌐

1939 - Broadway Limited and Studebaker convertible.

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HOPE, INDIANA

HERITAGE DAYS

52ND ANNUAL

SEPTEMBER 27, 28, & 29

Dear Studebaker International,

The Board of Directors for the Festival & Bandstand Division would like to welcome you to be a partner in the upcoming Hope Heritage Days festival, our town's celebration of the rich, early American history and quality of life in the spirit and values of its founding fathers.

As a gift to the newly relocated Studebaker International team to the town of Hope, we have committed to bring a special exhibit provided by the Indiana Historical Society called "History On Wheels". Their custom trailer provides nearly 1,000 square feet of indoor space and allows guests to take a ride through the state's far-reaching and personal connections to the auto industry.

The exhibit touches on the history of more than 100 Indiana automakers and manufacturers, such as Cord, Duesenberg and *Studebaker*, and delves into the lives of Hoosier innovators and inventors.

To provide some background about our event, each year over 30,000 visitors pour into the historic town square during the two and a half days to enjoy live music, wonderfully prepared food by our local non-profit organizations, more than 90 craft vendors, historic reenactments, and other special events.

The nearly perfect weather during the 2018 festival rewarded our efforts by producing the most attended festival in memory. The food vendors saw over \$150K in sales and our local restaurants and downtown businesses experienced record totals. The Saturday night concert was most attended entertainment event with over 1200 on hand.

The Friday night gospel concert at Hauser High School and the bandstand concert events on the town square were major successes, and the Sunday afternoon parade and fly over continued to be the largest single day draw in the county with thousands in attendance.

Our promotional efforts greatly benefited our sponsors and participants due to our excellent relationship with regional radio stations and newspapers. We also employ digital media in order to provide comprehensive coverage of our event with our Facebook page having almost 5,000 followers.

The Festival Division is also a part of a parent organization, Heritage of Hope Inc., which includes our local digital newspaper, HSJ Online, the area Art Guild, and the Hope MainStreet group. These other organizations provide a support network for our festival that is as invaluable as it is unique. We also work closely with the Yellow Trail Museum and their board to provide the two-day Pioneer Village and other educational, history-focused events.

In the past, a large car show was held on Saturday with many participants remaining in in the area to take part in the Sunday parade. We envision a role for Studebaker International and Studebaker car clubs to help create a first-class automotive event that will benefit each of us in 2019 and beyond.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Michael Dean, CEO of HOH Inc.

Annie, the Pace Car

By Jeff Westcott

This past winter I put the “pace car” lettering on “Annie”, my 62 Lark Daytona Convertible. Her first outing as a pace car replica was to Cars and Coffee at the IMS Museum on May 13, 2018. I was quite surprised in the response. I had many people stop by and comment on the car. There were also a couple of folks from the IMS Museum.

I knew the actual pace cars for 1962 are missing, but I didn't know that the IMS Museum didn't have a replica and when they have pace car activities, they have a gap at 1962 and wondered if I would be interested in helping out when needed. I agreed. Little did I know that opportunity would be for the Red Bull Air Races this past October.

They have a parade of pilots the morning of the race and like to use pace cars. We had a rehearsal on Saturday. The cars were gathering as a rain storm kept getting closer, I put the top up and started to get out the cover when they had us move the cars to the F1 garages along pit lane. I would like to say just in time to avoid the rain, but the storm dissipated. I left Annie in the garage and rode with another driver for the rehearsal.



I'm amazed how many people as pace car owners, "What year is your car?"

Sunday morning, we had to be at the IMS Museum by 8:30AM for an 11AM parade. At first, I thought it was a bit overkill until we realized one of the drivers didn't have his keys. We were taken to the garages in a tour van and cleaned up the cars and got organized. We had to line up the cars, in order of course, and then a "youth pilot" who would ride shotgun, arrived. I was luck to have a very nice 11-year-old girl

as a youth pilot. We then drove over to the hangers to wait for the pilots.



The pilot arrived and I showed him how to use the rear seatbelts as footholds as there's not much to hang on to when sitting on the tonneau cover. After the photographers were finished we started out on the parade. We started on the Grand-Prix track, then made a right turn on the main straightaway near turn 4. Keeping the cars near the wall so the people could see the pilots and drove through turn 3. We turn around there and head back through turn 3, then turn 4 and back onto the Grand-Prix track. We dropped off the pilot at the hangers.

It was a great time and I'll do it again next year.





This NEW YEAR also brings some OLD MEMORIES!

Over the years, Dave and I have shared many stories from our hometown of Veedersburg, Indiana. We've told you about how we met in high school. You know about our many dates to the Drive-In Movies in a Studebaker and how we grew up eating the world-famous Payton's Barbecue.. With extreme pride, we related that the Indianapolis 500 Mile Speedway is paved with bricks manufactured in Veedersburg. It was (and is) a wonderful small town...that gave us a gentle Hoosier up-bringing and has provided us with many friends and fond memories.

So...get set...fasten your seatbelt...because here comes another Veedersburg story about the Elmore's 1959 Lark: *Mabel's Magnificent Journey*.

Our Tahiti Coral Lark was purchase new in Arizona, thus the factory original tinted windows. Upon the death of the car's first owner, she was purchased from the estate by a family in Iowa. Years later, Dave would receive a phone call from the Iowa gentleman inquiring about the Lark he had spied at a recent Studebaker event. His first question was, "Does the car have a small plaque on the dash that says *Mabel*? When Dave said, "YES!", the Iowa caller went on to relay the story of how the car got her name. It seems that his children absolutely loved to go for rides in what they called their "Studebaker Lady" and lovingly named the little coral-colored car *Mabel*. (The next time you see the car, be sure to peer inside and see her "nametag" on the dashboard.)

About now, I'm sure you are starting to wonder...how does the town of Veedersburg come into this Studebaker saga? The answer to that question is simply: Dave Elmore is not the only Studebaker lover that grew up in Veedersburg. A young man named Steve Kruger, who grew up just a few blocks away from Dave's boyhood home, also had an early love affair with Studebakers. In the early spring of 1988, Steve purchased *Mabel*. He remembers a long drive to bring her home and says, "I just about froze to death! One of the vents was stuck open and cold air was blasting into the car."



Steve Kruger with Mabel in early 1988



While Steve owned *Mabel*, he installed new bumpers, a trunk mat, door panels, full hub caps, wide whites and had the car repainted. After all this work, as so often happens with those who are afflicted with the Studebaker bug, another car caught Steve's eye. So in late 1988, he sold *Mabel* to the Elmore's...and proceeded to buy a 1957 Silver Hawk with only 21,000 actual miles.

After years of fun with this car, Steve would sell this classic beauty in 1992 for \$4,500. Steve says, "A guy from Springfield, IL bought it because it was just like the one he had owned

when he was dating his wife." At this point, Steve and his wife Christie jumped into their joint passion of riding motorcycles, but also owned some other non-Studebaker antique cars. These days they are enjoying retirement and can still be seen cruising the back roads of Indiana on their individual bikes. ~-continued on next page~-

Mabel's Magnificent Journey continues:

And so the Veedersburg connection continues to grow. (Soon all members of the Indy Chapter will be eligible to apply for honorary Veedersburg citizenship.) Steve's attachment to old cars has continued through the years. He and Christie have been active in the Illiana Antique Auto Club and served for several years as editors of the club's newsletter, *The Moto Meter*, where he has published some of his excellent poetry and showcased his photography talents.

I'd like to share one of his poems with the Indy Chapter now:

CARS, MEMORIES, CLUBS AND FRIENDS

By Steve Kruger

There are those who remember how it used to be
When the popular car was the Model T.

The noble horse could still be seen
Doing his work without gasoline.

Life was simple, though sometimes hard
And there would soon be a car in most every yard.

Then came the Model A and dozens of others
In this family of cars, many cousins and brothers.

A thing called the depression got us in its grip
And in despair we would sometimes slip.

Though few had more money that to just survive
You could buy a new Chevy for \$495.

When the door of prosperity opened once more
We drove on through it as never before.

A nation on wheels, the machine was king
And to our minds, fond memories bring.

Then came the war and new cars there were none.
Materials were needed for ship and gun.

Patch that tube, recap that tire
We held them together with bailing wire.

Then things settled down, there were cars once more.
Again there was life on the showroom floor.

The Boomers were born, we had a car and a home.
We couldn't get enough of fins and chrome.

We listened to Elvis on the radio,
Cruised to the drive-in, but who watched the show?

Then came 409 and four-on –the-floor.
We were hungry for power and wanted more.

In times of unrest we smoked our tires.
The muscle car was among our desires.

New computers design our cars of today
And have taken most of their character away.

So, we have clubs for like-minded folks
To share our cars, our memories, our jokes.

And no matter our ages, we can learn from each other.
We become like family, like sisters and brothers.

As we travel the roads in friendship and fun,
Whether by Studebaker, Ford or USA-1.

In all that we do or try to endeavor
We're making more memories that will last forever.



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): _____
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Tom Flynn, Indy SDC Treasurer

4531 S CR 500 E

Plainfield, IN 46168

Name: _____ Spouse _____
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Upcoming Events

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.



Mark Your Calendar:



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 2 for details. Bob Palma will once again by our auctioneer.

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

September 27 – 29 – Hope, Indiana's Heritage Day. See page 4 for information. By participating in this event we would be showing support for the new owners of Studebaker International that have recently moved to Hope. More information will be coming.

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.

Your Editor and Activities Guy will be out of town from January 8 thru February 13 making **this is both your January and February issue of the Brickyard Bulletin**. As Charlie and I enjoy beautiful, warm San Diego we will miss meeting with you at the Pit Stop, it's one of our favorite meeting places, on January 26. I hope the weather will be travel worthy.

We wish you all a very safe and wonderful New Year and we'll see you February.

Becky - Editor



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David and Connie O'Neal's 1978 Avanti II at the Christmas lunch.

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