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The Indy Chapter gathered at the Bacon home for our 4th annual Luau & Hog Roast. We had seven Studebaker's, a 1947 DeSoto, a 1991 Jeep and 2000 WS6 Trans Am parked along our drive causing the people in the neighborhood to stop and stare at the beautiful cars! The next Indy get together will be at Bubba's 33 located at 7799 S US 31, Indianapolis, In 46227 on Saturday August 17th at 1:00 p.m. We will park on the south side of the restaurant where

there is more room and hope for a nice display of Studebaker's for people to see!



September looks to be a very busy month with the Studebaker International



Meet in Manchester, Oh Sept 11-14, The Pure Stock Muscle Drags Sept.13th & 14th, Drive

Your Studebaker Day Sept. 14th & the Hope Heritage Days Car Show featuring Studebaker's and welcoming Studebaker International in Hope In on Sept. 28th.

The membership in the chapter has fallen to 49 this year which is down 10 from last year and 21 from the year before. We will be sending out reminders to members who we think might have just forgotten but if there is something different that needs to be done to create more interest in our activities or the club please let me or one of the other officers know. Hope to see everyone at some of the upcoming events soon!



Nancy Bacon, Indy Chapter President




Treasurer, Tom Flynn, received this Thank You from the Heart of Ohio Chapter.

Thank You

for becoming a trophy sponsor for the
55th Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet
 held in Mansfield, OHIO.

We truly appreciate **Indy SDC Chapter's**
 donation of **\$100** towards the purchase
 of **three** car show trophies.



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International Meet
Studebaker
Drivers Club
Mansfield
Ohio
2019

Your Studebaker friends,
 of the Heart of Ohio SDC Chapter

Dave

Dave Hamblin, SDC I Meet Chairman
 Jim Thompson, SDC I Meet Co-Chairman
 JoAnne Hamblin, SDC I Meet Co-Chairman

Grille marked Studebaker's '55 offerings

"You drive the real pace-setter when you go Studebaker! This far-ahead car has won 36 International Style Awards."

In 1953, Studebaker had dramatically restyled all its new cars, and in 1955 the most noticeable change was the bold new grille, heavily framed in

AUTO ALBUM

By TAD BURNES

chrome and encompassing the parking/turn-signal lights.

The President model series returned. It had been missing from the Studebaker line since the last straight-eight Studebaker was made in 1942. Studebaker had built only sixes from 1946 to 1950, but had included an overhead-valve V-8 in its selection since 1951.

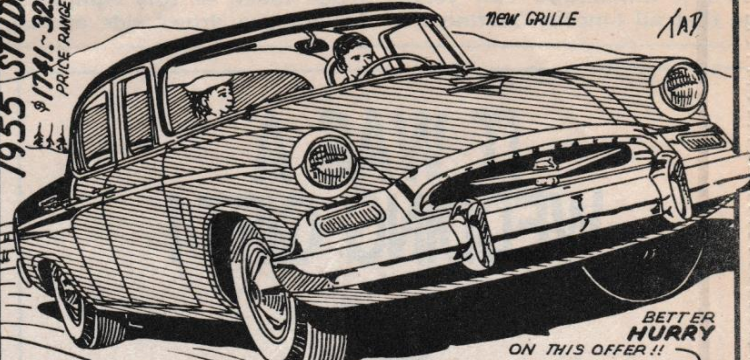
The '55 model series: Champion 6 (Custom, Deluxe, Regal); Commander V-8 (Custom, Deluxe, Regal); President V-8 (Deluxe, State).

The State President lineup in-

WITH O.H.V. V8s UP TO 185 H.P. (L-HEAD 101 H.P. 185.6 CID 6 ALSO)

CHAMPION, COMMANDER, OR PRESIDENT MODELS
 116 1/2" OR 120 1/2" WHEELBASES

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NEW GRILLE
TAD

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cluded a two-door hardtop coupe in both the standard (\$2,456) and special 1955 1/2 sports Speedster versions. The Speedster cost \$3,252 and up, depending on extras.

State President sedans had gold-plated hardware, with gold-plated Mylar plastic trim plates behind door hardware. The lower section of the instrument panel was gold finished, while the radio grille was in gold, with a chrome frame.

Power brakes were optional, as were power steering, power seats, electric window lifts and air conditioning. Available overdrive gave a fourth speed forward and enhanced Studebaker's fuel economy. A 1955 Commander V-8 averaged 27.4 miles per gallon in the 1,323-mile Mobil Economy Run.

No convertibles were available, but there was a station wagon in addition to the coupes, sedans and hardtop convertibles.

Charlie Griffith found this article among his father's belongings several years ago. I have no idea when it was published in the Indianapolis Star

Tad Burness, an auto historian, wrote more than 22 books about automobiles, including his beloved American Car Spotter guides. He also wrote syndicated "Auto Album" column, which ran from 1966 until his death in 2012.

This from Bob Palma. I watched it, really interesting.

Jay Leno interviews Lee Iacocca in 2015

This video resurfaced upon Lee Iacocca's passing this past July 2. The video was professionally made in 2015; you can tell Lee was showing his age. Nonetheless, it is good to see him alive and kicking and interacting with Jay. A great video worth 25 minutes of your time; I'm sure you'll enjoy it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBJOD>



50 Years of Mustang with Lee Iacocca - Jay Leno's Garage

50 Years of Mustang with Lee Iacocca. Lee Iacocca shows off the Mustang 1 concept and the very first pre-preproduction model. Flash forward for an in-depth look at the 2015 GT prototype with chief engineer Dave Pericak. »

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Jay Leno is such a nice guy; so likable. So many rich people are snobs and / or obnoxious, but not Jay. You could be around him for hours and think he was just a regular guy. Rare and appreciated in this day.

Personal Anecdote: Right at 10:00 in the video, Jay introduces and interviews **Matt Anderson**, Curator of Transportation at The Henry Ford [Museum] in Dearborn MI. This past Saturday, July 13, I was privileged to have breakfast with Matt before assuming our appointed Judging Duties at **The 2019 Concours deElegance at Copshaholm** in South Bend on the Studebaker National Museum / Northern Indiana Center for History / Oliver Mansion [Copshaholm] campus.

Matt Anderson, fellow automotive writer from St. Joe Michigan **Dar Davis**, and myself were the team of three that judged two classes: **Hail to The Chief** (All Studebaker Presidents), and **Bankers Hot Rods** (all Chrysler 300 letter series cars) at the Concours. Matt and Dar were great guys to work with and, thankfully, I *think* we agreed on Best in Class for each of those two classes! (*I can't say for sure because we cast our ballots independently of one-another after discussing the cars in each class and they were tabulated by a third party.*)

Best, all. Bob

ONE WAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE OLD IS TO FALL DOWN IN FRONT OF A LOT OF PEOPLE. IF THEY LAUGH, YOU'RE STILL YOUNG. IF THEY PANIC AND START RUNNING TO YOU, YOU'RE OLD.

Studebaker at HOPE HERITAGE DAYS

Over the past few months you have probably seen the news of the Studebaker event in Hope, Indiana, during our 52nd annual Hope Heritage Days festival. I want to take this opportunity to provide some more details and offer some resources to make it a great experience for everyone.

Heritage Days is known for its uncomplicated, inexpensive family fun and helping the community by raising over \$175,000 each year for its school, civic, and church organizations. Free entertainment is provided over the last full weekend of September with the Saturday night concert and giant fireworks show and Sunday parade taking center stage.

This year we wanted to involve and benefit our new local business owner Jim Lime and Studebaker International by hosting a Saturday car show that will give priority to the Studebaker community. As an added feature, we have partnered with the Indiana Historical Society to bring its Auto Indiana History on Wheels exhibit to Hope for all three days. This is a 53-foot double-expandable semi-trailer which touches on the history of more than 100 Indiana auto makers and delves into the lives of many great Hoosier innovators and inventors. We have partnered with local hotels to provide discounts and encourage you to stay for the Sunday events.

The car show will be located near the heart of the festival at 455 Jackson Street with food, entertainment, and restrooms only a short walk away. Spots for this show will be given on a reservation basis only to assure that Studebakers are given priority. I will be taking the reservations personally at 812-371-0472 or the5deans@gmail.com The car show has a limit of 54 total spaces and a deadline of September 10th before other vehicle makes will be allowed. **A small entry fee of only \$7 per car is needed to cover awards.**

For more information please feel free to contact me directly or see our "Hope Heritage Days" Facebook page and our website www.hopeheritagedays.org

I want to thank Nancy Bacon, Jim Lime and the Indiana Studebaker owners for their help in getting this off and running. Wish us luck and hope to see you all on September 28th.

Michael Dean

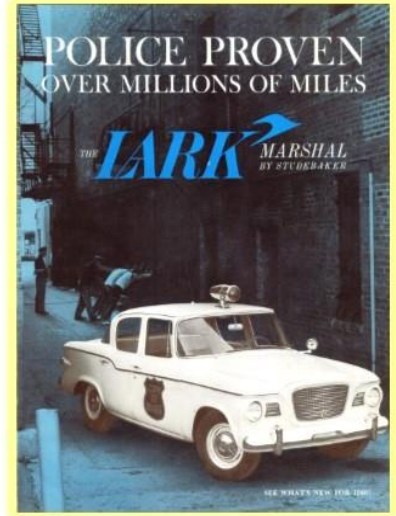
Hope Heritage Days





The Overshadowed Police Car

Once upon a time, Studebaker created two cars that would both become famous and serve to symbolize the company's commitment to law enforcement and community service. One car was the Lark Marshal and the other car was the 1964 Pursuit Marshal. Over the years, these two models have been photographed numerous times.



But while these two Studebaker police cars have enjoyed fame and fortune, another Studebaker has been forgotten and left in the shadows. Yes, long before the Marshal was even a twinkle in some Studebaker designer's eyes, the 1950 and 1951 Studebaker bullet-nose cars were patrolling the streets in many cities across the United States and abroad. (They even played a role in assisting Batman & Robin in Gotham City!)



As Paul Harvey would say,
"And, that's the rest of the story!"

Upcoming Events

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Mark Your Calendar:



Saturday, August 10 – 12:00 p.m. - Tom and Patti Goesch (New AOAI & SDC members) are hosting a pitch-in lunch at their home on Morse reservoir, 21549 Shorevista Lane, Noblesville, IN 46062. The Goesch's are providing the hamburgers and brats. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. If you want to swim, bring your swim suit. Plus, Tom will take us out for pontoon rides and a spin in their **amphibious car**! Last fall, they purchased a 1963 white Studebaker Avanti from California. Please RSVP by August 5th by email or phone. Tom and Patti Goesch (317) 385-1184 or tcgoesch@mac.com

September 11-14 – Studebaker International in Mansfield, Ohio. Refer to *Turning Wheels* for details.

September 14 –



September 27 – 29 – Hope, Indiana's Heritage Day. See page 2 for details but also Google "Hope Heritage Festival" for details and images of the festival. It looks like a lot of fun with large crowds.

October – Open. Any ideas?

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

Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 – Christmas dinner at The Green Street Pub, 911 N. Green St., Brownsburg, Ind.

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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 will be added. Application is available upon request.

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A pretty sight at the Bacon's Luau.

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