



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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It was with very little time to spare that the four year restoration was completed on our 1964 R2 GT Hawk the week before the International Meet in Mansfield, Oh. We enjoyed showing off the GT, catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. We drove our 1964 R2 GT Hawk on International Drive Your Studebaker Day to the SDC car show and were very proud to win a 1st place award with the GT Hawk, a car that had not been judged at a car show in over 30 years! Next year the International Meet is in Chattanooga ,Tn. Aug. 5th - 8th. Mark your calendar & plan to attend!

As of this newsletter no chapter has put in to host the 2021 International Meet. Jeff Westcott is doing a little checking on the feasibility of the Indy Chapter hosting the meet at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Once we have gathered a little more information about what the SDC needs for a location to work for a meet and if we have that available we could submit a bid to host an International Meet. Our chapter hosted the International Meet in 1976 & 1986. It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun. We will be discussing this at future meetings so bring your thoughts & ideas to the next couple of meetings a time is short to put a bid together & be accepted by the SDC. Hope to see everyone soon!



Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

Here's just how cool our president is!

On our recent outing to the Hope Festival, after spending about 5 hours sitting on the HOT BLACKTOP parking lot, we headed home. A few miles up Hwy 31, our 1950 decided it had had enough of the heat and it stopped to cool off. Sitting there with the hood up, a red Studebaker pulled in behind us. It was our President, Super Studebaker Woman, Nancy Bacon, offering her assistance. She, being a Stude driver for years, also knew what the problem was. She offered us a bottle of ice cold water, which was poured on the fuel line. Within 10 minutes or so, Baby started right up and took us home. (Anyone care to venture a guess as to what the next part will be to go on this car????)

Just wanted to again say THANK YOU to our Madam President. See you next time.

Marvin & Berniece Snider



Berniece Snider with "Baby" the Snider's 1950 Commander at the car show in Hope, In.

Studebaker and Classic Car Show in Hope, Indiana

September 28, 2019

Twenty Studebakers and Avanti's gathered September 28 at the Studebaker and Classic Car Show in Hope. It was a great turn out and our club was well represented. It was a warm day, *really warm day*, but there was a good crowd and the foot traffic was good. This was the first year for the car show so there is room for improvement but all in all it was a great day. Big thanks to Jim Lime of Studebaker International and Michael Dean for organizing this event. Congratulations to Tom Lawlis who won the Champion Award. (See his picture and award on page 4.)



Organizers John Lime (L) and Michael Dean ready to hand out awards



Philip Hunts 1962 Hawk GT and John Allen's 1964 Avanti



Jim Hunter's 1947 Studebaker



Mark Enlow's 1963 Daytona Lark R II and Nancy and Joe Bacon's 1964 Gran Turismo



Gary Kandel relaxing in his 1927 House Car



Charlie Griffith's 1927 Dictator



Herbert Baker's 1956 Sky Hawk



John Philips 1963 1st year of production Avanti



Tom and Patty Goesch in their 1964 Avanti



Jeff and Patty Studebaker in their 1949 2R5 pick up



Don Goodwin's 1959 Lark Wagon



Dave and Diane Elmore in their 1959 Lark



John Thompson's 1963 Cruiser



Crowd scene at the festival

Hendricks County

Local Collector Car Invited To Annual Festival of Machines



By Bob Palma

Hendricks County collector-car enthusiast Tom Lawlis of Plainfield has been invited to display his 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk 400 at Conner Prairie's Sixth Annual Festival of Machines celebration in Noblesville September 14 and 15.

The Festival of Machines selection committee visited central Indiana car shows all summer and considered about 1,700 cars and trucks at those shows. Of the 1,700, only 40 were asked to participate in the 2019 Festival of Machines. One show the selection committee visited was Hendricks County's Cruisin' in Coatesville Car Show and Street Fair July 20. There, the committee members inspected Tom's Golden Hawk and invited him to participate in this year's Festival of Machines. Tom has accepted the invitation and the car will be displayed at the event.

In addition to high-quality vintage cars at the Festival of Machines, there will be displays of tractors, fire trucks, large-scale construction equipment, and military vehicles. Family-friendly activities will allow guests of all ages to explore vehicle technology in fun and interactive ways. The event is open to the public 10:00 AM - 5 PM both days.

Of 4,356 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawks manufactured, only 51 were special Golden Hawk 400s, distinguished by unique leather interiors and two-tone paint treatments on those ordered with two-tone paint. Tom's 400, however, was one of 15 monotone Golden Hawk 400s and was restored in its original color, Inca Cream, a soft, non-metallic yellow.

The Golden Hawk 400 has been in the Lawlis family since June 1960, when Tom's late older brother Jerry bought the car off a gas station lot on Indianapolis' west side. The car was all but used up by both Jerry and Tom as they drove it year-round to Purdue and, later, when Jerry attended law school in Ann Arbor MI. Well-worn and rusty, the car was taken off the road when the odometer registered 99,839 for the second time.

A thorough restoration was in order, for which Tom began accumulating parts decades ago. His 20-year restoration was completed in 2017. The car has won numerous local awards in the two years it has been shown extensively in Hendricks and surrounding counties.



Tom Lawlis receiving the Champion Award for his 1957 Golden Hawk from John Lime at the Studebaker and Classic Car Show in Hope, Indiana



September 14, 2019

Here's a look at how some SDC members spent International Drive Your Studebaker Day.

“Here's me leaving for a book signing” Matt Willoughby



“Just drove the newly purchased Camp to the bakery and dry cleaners, no photos” Mark Enlow

“Thanks for asking! I drove about 80 miles today around Central Indiana. Here are some highlights, including my '51 Studebaker Champion Regal Convertible at Butler University, on Monument Circle, visiting friends (the Dudas family) on the southside, and a special trip to the Oasis Diner in Plainfield – and finally, parked in my garage in Carmel. The neon “DINNERS” sign in my garage was rescued from the Tee Pee Restaurant that used to site at 38th and Fall Creek Parkway. I had it restored last year.” Dave Arland



“Kathy and I went to IMS Cars & Coffee.

Thankful to make it without any damages. Some teenagers parked their crotch rockets next to the Lark only to have one of them fall over and nearly hitting the passenger side. The only damage was to the motorcycle.

Notice I parked the Coupe Express next to an island.”

Jeff Westcott



Wherever you go, there's always a Studebaker

Hey boys and girls:

See the photos below of a large Studebaker truck that I saw in Bogotá, Columbia, South America a few days ago. The owner thought it was a 1953. I have never seen a grill like this one. Any help in identifying it would be great. I may write something up in our newsletter about this chance encounter. It was on the street where we were having a party for a wedding.

Thanks, Danny Taylor



Studebaker International, Mansfield, Ohio September 11-14

Here are a few photos member Dennis Rumly took at Studebaker International. I'm sure more pictures and articles will be in your next *Turning Wheels*. Thank Dennis.

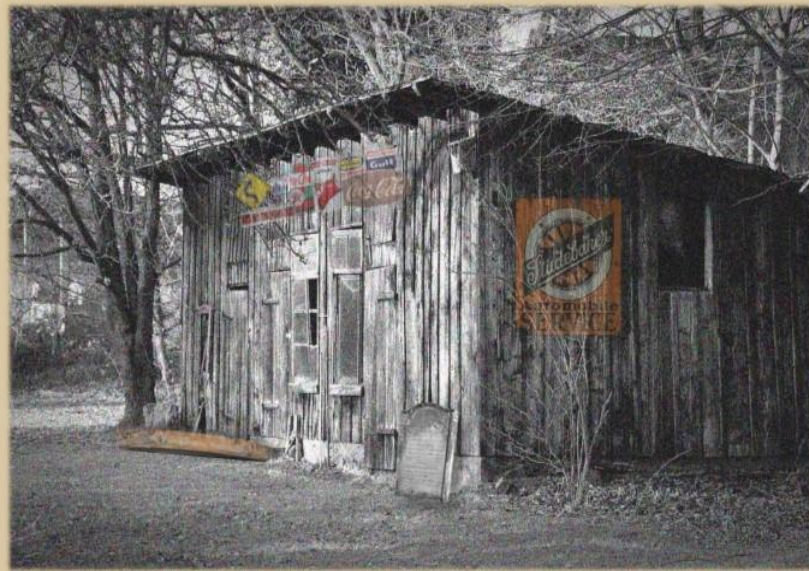




The Shed

by Steve Kruger

I went for a walk in the woods one day
To talk to myself, that's sometimes my way.
I know there are those who may think it strange
But it's the best way sometimes, my thoughts to arrange.
For a day in late autumn the weather was cheery
Unlike the usual dark and dreary.



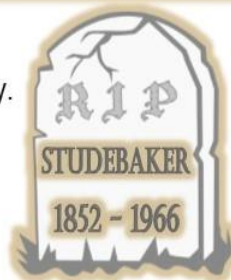
I soon lost track of the time or the way
Consumed by my thoughts, lost from the day.
Then out of myself I was suddenly drawn
By a path to the left that beckoned me on.
Once well worn by steps from the past
It seemed to say "You've come at last!"
I strayed from my course and made my way
Down a path that seemed to lead me astray.
After quite some time with no thoughts in my head
I came upon it...there stood a shed.
A shed with no paint, its boards dry and gray
Then I noticed the cheer had gone from the day.
The air became cool, the sun passed away
And I began to fear for coming this way.
On hinges of rust hung its only door
I had to approach, I had to know more.
My hand touched the hasp, it was rusty and old

A fear welled within, something strange, something cold.
I opened it slowly, for what might I see?
What harm may befall me from strange things that be?
The light shown through the the cracks in the side
The secrets of the shed for years they did hide.
I noticed it then, the smell of death

A hideous thing, this shed's foul breath.
To escape from my fear there now is no hope
Hanging from a rafter...I see a rope.
It seems to be swinging but how can that be?
It's just my mind playing tricks on me.
My fear overtakes me as I belt through the door
I have to escape, I can stand no more.
In my flight I stumble and fall to the ground
I pick myself up and look quickly around.
What is this thing that made me fall?
I hadn't seen it, as if not there at all.
An ancient stone such as marks the dead
Covered with age, it couldn't be read.

I brushed off the dirt from this page of stone
And now through the years the words clearly shown.
As I read the words, I couldn't believe my eyes.

**"STUDEBAKER IS BURIED HERE...
NEVER AGAIN TO RISE."**



EPILOGUE:

Every October, since the inception of *Diane's Random Ramblings* monthly article, I like to visit a ghostly Studebaker site. This October is no different.

Are you wondering, where to find this spooky woods and the mysterious shed? While the author of the poem doesn't reveal the exact location, we can probably assume that it is somewhere in northern Indiana.

Maybe someday some adventurous Indy Chapter members will decide to become Ghost Hunters and journey north to search for *The Shed*.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 19 – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch at Logan’s Roadhouse at 600 Greenwood Park North. Logan’s always gives the club a private room, service is excellent and food great.



Mark Your Calendar:



Sunday, November 10 – 1:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner pitch-in hosted by Mike, Yvonne and Lincoln Baker at Mike’s shop in Greenfield. Yvonne will be cooking the Thanksgiving turkey and ham. Drinks, plates and silverware will be provided. There will be some door prizes as well. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Drive your Studebaker. If you are able, Mike could use extra card tables and chairs.



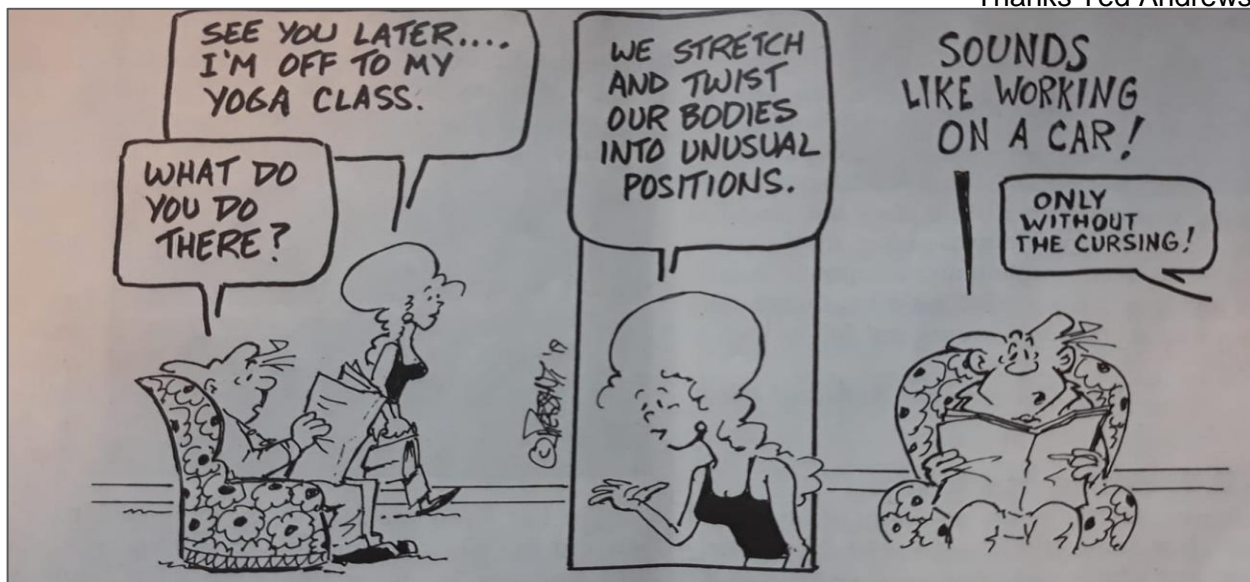
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Greenfield, IN 46140 **(look for the Studebaker banner)**

Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 – Christmas dinner at The Green Street Pub, 911 N. Green St., Brownsburg, Ind. Once again, we have some fast, fun games in mind, no gift exchange, and you can order off the menu.

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Thanks Ted Andrews



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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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Reserve Award winner Richard Apsley's
1953 Champion

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