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The Indy Chapter SDC has some very exciting times ahead. Hosting the 57th Annual International Studebaker Meet Sept. 8-11, 2021 will take the hard work and talents of all our members. We have started some of the preliminary planning of the meet with the location being the Marion County Fairgrounds. Over the next few weeks and months we will be building the committees/teams needed to work on putting this meet together. If there is a job or area you would like to help with please contact me. 317-783-4721 or nancyjb1701@aol.com.

The November meeting hosted by Mike & Yvonne Baker was held with the Avanti Club. The weather was perfect for a late season drive of our Studebakers and the pitch in lunch was wonderful! The annual elections were held with no change in the officers. Renewal notices for the Indy Chapter club dues were sent out the first of November, if you haven't sent it back in to Tom Flynn, Treasurer, please do so soon!

Hope to see everyone at our next club meeting!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

STUDEBAKER/AVANTI THANKSGIVING DINNER November 10, 2019

The Studebaker and Avanti Clubs met at Mike Baker's Avanti Restoration Shop in Greenfield for a pitch in dinner with Mike & Yvonne furnishing the turkey and ham (and lots of other stuff)! There were approximately 65 people attending. Mike met Tom Nicklin this year at a Coffee and Cars get together. After hearing how Tom's dad had worked for Studebaker and Int'l. Harvester designing cars, he asked Tom to bring his Dad's drawings, etc. to our dinner and talk to us about all the work his dad did. None of the drawings had been shown publicly before. This was very interesting and the drawings were beautiful! Thanks to Mike for arranging this and Tom for bringing the drawings and talking to us.

OUR MEETING was opened by President Nancy Bacon. She offered up a BIG Thank You to Mike & Yvonne Baker for hosting this event. We had 4 new members attend: John Phillips, Jerry Long and Patti & Jeff Studebaker!



Guest speaker, Tom Nicklin with a drawing by his father.



OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – we will be hosting the 2021

International meet in Indianapolis. Dates are: 9/8 thru 9/11/2021. We have many committees that we need to have volunteers for:

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| Swap Meet | Registration | Hospitality |
| Gate | Parking | Activities |
| Advertising | Hotels | ETC. |

New members Jeff and Patti Studebaker with Berniece Snider (L)



Dave and Connie O'Neal

It is most of the members' opinions that Joe Bacon should Chair the meet. He thinks he should be a Vice Chairman, but that will be decided when he is present (or maybe it should be decided when he isn't present!)

One member did say that she thought each committee should have CO-Chairs because, if someone got sick or couldn't attend for whatever reason, the CO-Chair would know what was going on and could finish the meet. There were suggestions of things that we could do, such as tour the Speedway.

This year we were due to have elections. All the current officers agreed to remain in office if no one else wanted a job, *SO* all were re-elected.

December meeting is at the Green Street Pub in Brownsburg. More on page 3 in the newsletter. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Sandy Fox, Secretary



50/50 winner, Danny Taylor won \$66.00!



Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019 ---- 1:00 OCLOCK

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN, AND TIME TO GATHER WITH OUR STUDEBAKER FRIENDS FOR FUN, LUNCH, AND STUDEBAKER STORIES. WE WILL AGAIN MEET AT:

**THE GREEN STREET PUB
911 N. GREEN ST.
BROWNSBURG, IND.
317-852-6644**

ONCE AGAIN, BECKY HAS COME UP WITH SOME GAMES TO ENTERTAIN YOU. COME SEE WHAT SHE HAS COME UP WITH THIS YEAR.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AS I NEED A HEAD COUNT FOR THE RESTAURANT. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN THEIR FESTIVE HOLIDAY MOOD.

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Thank You

As you editor I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who submitted an article and pictures for the Brickyard this year. You make my job so much easier. I hope to see more articles for next year. It could be about anything Studebaker related, article, picture or both.

I particularly want to thank Diane Elmore for her monthly "Random Ramblings". Always fun to read. I must admit my favorite article was in April's issue titled "Huh? What? I didn't hear what you said". Thank you, Diane.

Wishing you all a *Very Merry Christmas!*

Becky Griffith, Editor

About Our Members

My latest doctor visit was all good news and I will continue to do follow up visits to make sure the tumors do not return. We would like to thank everyone for their positive thoughts and prays.

Thank You All,
Richard and Rose Poe

I recently spoke to member, **Teri Swartz**. She did suffer a stroke, spent about two weeks in the hospital but is home mending. All seems to be going well except for her vision which has been slow to recover.

It was great to see member, **Dave Elmore** at the Thanksgiving Dinner. Physical therapy starts soon.



Classic Cars at the Springs of Mooresville Health Campus

By Danny Taylor

My mother is a resident of the above facility. The staff there is great about organizing activities for the residents so I approached the Executive Director about a small car show to which she readily agreed. I had experience at organizing a “show” as I had done the same thing in Bedford the previous year when my mother was at a nursing facility there.

I talked with several Studebaker buddies and also went to the Friday night Mooresville car show at one of the strip malls. I wanted to “hand pick” the cars for two reasons. One – we needed to keep the number of vehicles to no more than a dozen due to space limitations. Two – we didn’t want to have 4 Mustangs, 4 Camaros and 4 Chargers. Plus we didn’t want to have all Studebakers. We ended up with a nice blend of 11 cars.

Club members stepped up with both Studebaker and non-Studies they had. See the photos below.

Participants were able to go into the facility and get refreshments and snacks on this warm October 4th Friday night.



Bob and Sandy Fox's 1951 Kaiser – Marvin and Bernice Snider's 1950 Commander



Danny & Karen Taylor's 1955 Speedster – new member John Phillips' 1963 Avanti



Larry Hopkin's 1947 DeSoto



Executive Director of the Springs Dawn Ellis and Ron enjoying the perfect weather for a small gathering of classic cars.



WINTER STORAGE



In an effort to keep vehicles from biodegrading due to road salt, many of our members in northern states store their Studebakers during the winter months. Improper storage procedures can lead to premature mechanical failure and unnecessary problems in the spring. The following steps will allow you to store a car for winter and successfully return it to the street in spring. I have also included the reasons for each step. The whole process should take two to four hours, but it is time well spent.

1. Fill the gas tank (3/4 tank minimum). An empty tank can collect moisture and rust internally. Avoid storing a vehicle with oxygenated fuel in it if possible. Oxygenated fuel has a very short shelf life, (about 30 days) can attack soft items such as hoses and gaskets, and it can corrode fuel system components.
2. Add a fuel stabilizer such as Sta-Bil per instructions. Fuel stabilizer prevents oxidation of the gas and formation of gum deposits in the fuel system. If you use E-10 fuel, make sure the product you use is made to treat ethanol type fuels.
3. Change the oil and filter. As an engine runs, unburned fuel, moisture, and by-products of combustion leak past the rings and contaminate the oil. As an engine sits, these contaminants react chemically with the engine

bearings (ie. rod, main and cam). This reaction etches the bearings and bearing journals. This etching destroys the bearing surfaces and increases running clearance. Storing with clean oil prevents this from happening.

4. Lube the chassis. A lube job pushes out any moisture that might have worked into the various joints. This will prevent rust from forming and causing wear.
5. Check for proper strength anti-freeze. Drain, flush, and refill if it is more than two years old. Proper strength anti-freeze will prevent coolant from freezing. Drain, flush, and refill will keep acids from forming and keep the cooling system clean.
6. Start engine and run to achieve operating temperature. This is done to circulate the fresh oil and to introduce the fuel stabilizer into the carburetor and fuel system.
7. Remove the air cleaner and while the engine is at idle, spray fogging oil into the carburetor for about 30 seconds. Keep the engine running for a short time then let it die while still spraying. If it does not die on its own, shut it off. You can pull the plugs after shutting off the engine and spray directly into the cylinders for added protection but that is somewhat overkill. Re-install the plugs if you do this. This step puts a coat of oil on all the internal engine surfaces (cylinders, pistons, valves, etc.) preventing rust formation.
8. Cover the carburetor mouth with a piece of plastic or a small plastic bag and reinstall the air cleaner. Stuff a rag in each tailpipe and the cover with a small plastic bag and zip ties to seal them off. What this does is it seals off the engine from both ends preventing air exchange. This will minimize moisture in the air from condensing on cold (very cold) engine and exhaust parts.
9. Remove battery and clean and cover cable clamps, clean battery tray, clean battery top and posts. A battery should be stored, fully charged, on a block of wood or it can be left in the vehicle on the tray. A fully charged battery will not freeze or be damaged by cold. Do not store a battery inside your house or basement.
10. Jack up the car (truck) and place on four quality jack stands. Place the stands under the rear axle and under the front axle or lower control arms. This is done to promote air movement under the car to keep it dry. It also maintains the load on the suspension. Loading the suspension is important because it prevents the front upper frame snubber from being squashed and keeps rust from forming between spring leaves. Another option is to place the vehicle on vehicle dollies. That will keep the load on the suspension.
11. Remove all four tires If it is on stands. Cover each drum (disc) with a plastic garbage bag. Tie it off behind the backing plate, sealing it as good as possible. Nox-rust, chemically treated rust prevention paper or equivalent moisture absorber (desiccant packets) can be added to the inside of the bag but it is not absolutely necessary. This prevents brake drums and components from getting rusty. This step should be mandatory on any disc brake equipped vehicle. You can cover the tire and wheel assembly with the tire on the vehicle if your bag is large enough.
12. Wash and wax the exterior including polishing the chrome. Any chrome under the hood can be wiped with an oily rag, or polished with chrome polish to prevent rust or corrosion.
13. Place dryer several sheets such as Bounce throughout the interior, trunk, and under the hood. These deter rodents from hanging up a home sweet home sign for the winter. More is better. I also use one **Fresh Cab Botanical Rodent Repellent** purchased from the local **Farm and Fleet** store in each vehicle. Pull down the sun visors away from the headliner. Mice will also make a home above the visors if left up.
14. Cover the vehicle with a breathable car cover and wait for spring.

Jim Pepper

P.S. In spring when you bring the car out, remember to remove the plastic from the tailpipes and over the carburetor before starting the vehicle.



Christmas Memories

Do you have a favorite holiday memory? Was it from your childhood, as a teenager, as a young adult, with your children, or was it very recently? No matter how much Grinch blood might flow through someone's veins, EVERYBODY has a favorite Christmas memory! Let's look back at a super fabulous memory.

On September 2, 1945 our country celebrated the end of World War II. We've heard stories and seen pictures of what our fighting men and women endured while fighting for our country's freedom. Those left at home also struggled with the loss of beloved family members, they dealt with shortages and rationing, and suffered through loneliness.

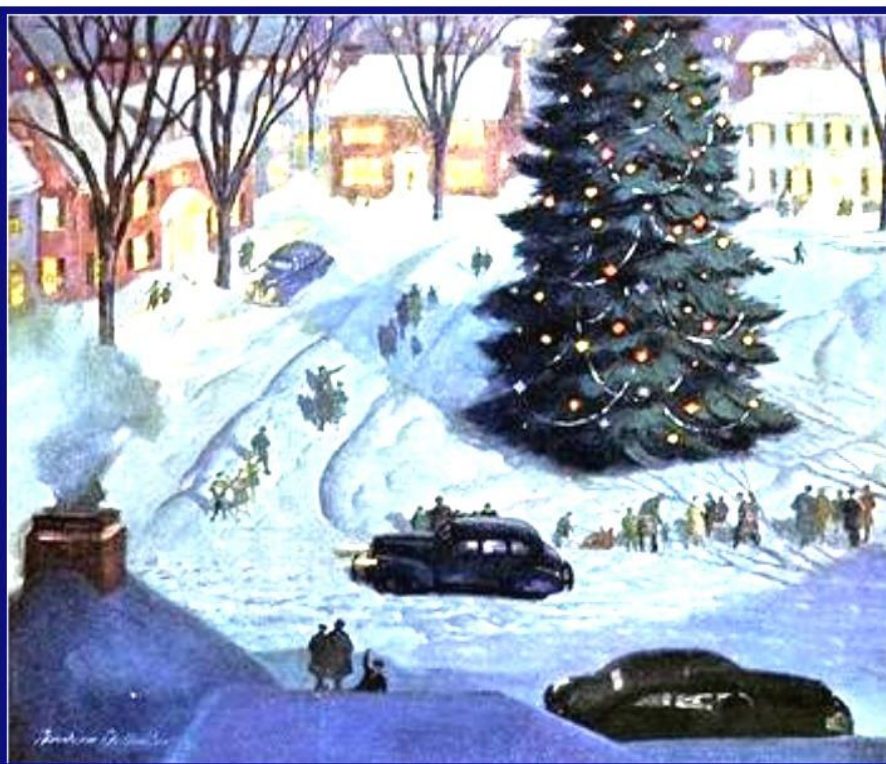
Can you imagine the joy that Americans felt as they anticipated the Christmas of 1945? Studebaker Corporation joined with millions of people across our great land to celebrate a most momentous Christmas. The war had lasted from 1939 to 1945 wreaking havoc around the world. Now, there was PEACE and on December 25, 1945 it was definitely a Christmas to remember!

Our nation was more than ready to enjoy PEACE ON EARTH and GOODWILL TO MEN during that long ago Christmas season! Now, 74 years later, we are preparing to celebrate the Christmas of 2019.

Sadly, the feeling of unity that our parents enjoyed in 1945 has gradually slipped away into division, conflict and hatred within our beloved United States. Our federal government has disintegrated into a querulous group of men and women who do not even try to bring our country together. If we don't get our acts together and learn the meaning of compromise, we are destined to once again be at war...but this time our enemy will not be Germany or Japan. We will be so divided that we will be fighting each other...and our country can not survive another Civil War.

Everyone of us needs to be ready to love, listen, pray and come together in true PEACE. Individually, we may not make a difference, but together we can win the war and once again have PEACE and...

A Christmas to remember!



A Christmas to remember...

This year, the beautiful old Yuletide sentiment — “peace on earth” — means something far more real to most of us than it did at any previous Christmas . . . In this ever-memorable year of 1945, peace is a dearly won and precious acquisition we know we must treasure vigilantly . . . And so, as the lights of this inspiring Christmas twinkle at our hearthsides, as carolers sing their joyous roundelays and community trees gleam with friendliness, our nation hopefully, confidently and resolutely faces the opportunity to shape its destiny.

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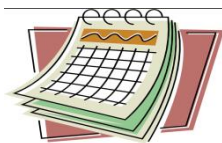
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Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 – Christmas dinner at The Green Street Pub, 911 N. Green St., Brownsburg hosted by Marvin and Berniece Snider. **See page 3 for details.**



Mark Your Calendar:



Saturday, January 18 at NOON – Lunch at the Pit Stop BBQ and Grill at 932 East Main St, Brownsburg, IN 46112



Saturday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m. – Lunch at Christin's Pancake House at 215 Terrace Ave Indianapolis, IN 46225

Sunday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. – 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. 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 handicap restroom, but no kitchen facilities. There are lots of electrical outlets for crockpots and plenty of parking spaces. The Indy Studebaker Chapter will have their annual fund raising auction following lunch. If you have questions, contact Larry Kennedy at 317-862-2020.

April - Open

May – Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags in Nashville, Indiana hosted by Richard and Rose Poe

August 5 thru 8, 2020 – Studebaker International in Chattanooga, Tennessee

September 8 thru 11, 2021 – Studebaker International in Indianapolis, Indiana!



I mailed **membership renewals** for 2020 in early November. Renewals are due to Treasurer, Tom Flynn by **December 31**. If you have not received your renewal contact me at becinin@msn.com. Becky Griffith

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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.) Application is available upon request or e-mail studebakerdriverclub.com.

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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