



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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I hope all Indy Chapter members enjoyed a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! The seasons and years seem to come and go very quickly. The next 19 months as we plan and work on the 57th International Meet will also go very fast. We are still looking for a few key people to head up committees and volunteers to help work on the committees. There is additional information on this in the newsletter so please consider what job you might like to help on and let Joe or myself know!

Tom Flynn reported that 48 members have sent their membership dues in as of the middle of December. If you have not sent your dues in to Tom Flynn please do so, we need each and every one of you!!!

Hope to see everyone at our next couple of meetings!

Nancy Bacon  
Indy Chapter President

## Studebaker Christmas Lunch December 14, 2019

Around 24 SDC members gathered for our annual Christmas Lunch at The Green Street Pub. After a delicious lunch Nancy called the meeting to order. The report is as follows:

President, Nancy Bacon, opened the meeting by thanking Berniece Snider for arranging today's event. Editor, Becky Griffith informed the club that the next Brickyard issue will be both January and February. She also thanked Studebaker International owner Jim Lime for the generous discount on the great prizes handed out today.

The meeting then turned to the matter of the 2021 International. Joe Bacon, chairman, stated that at the first of the year contracts will be signed. We are hoping for a sponsored cruise-in. A full report is on page 4 and 5 in this issue. But he wanted to stress that we do need more volunteers and that no volunteer is expected to work the entire event or even a full day. If you can contribute a few hours, that would be great.

Other items discussed: Workers will need identifiable attire such as a vest, hat, polo shirt, etc.

The club needs to schedule a lady's tea.

Advertising needs to be ready for hand out at Studebaker International in Chattanooga, TN 2020.

Need to assemble points of interest around Indy but there is be no bus tours with exception of maybe the women's tea.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway – The plan is to view the museum at noon, at around 2:00 p.m. we will have one hour to drive the track with a picture taken at the start/finish line.

Andy Swartz motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Westcott 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Studebaker International Chairman Joe Bacon and SDC President Nancy Bacon lead the meeting.

## New Info from Bob Palma

Wow!

Thank goodness *Hemmings* periodicals are published by *American City Business Journals*, not TEN (The Enthusiast Network)! Bob

<https://www.foliomag.com/ten-publishing-shuttering-19-print-magazines/>



### Exclusive: TEN Publishing Is Shuttering 19 Car Magazines - Folio:

TEN Publishing will shutter 19 of its 22 automotive magazines by the end of the year, leaving MotorTrend, Hot Rod and Four Wheeler as the only three titles that will continue to be published in print in 2020.. According to a memo sent to staffers at MotorTrend Group Friday morning and obtained by Folio:, titles going out of print include Automobile, Lowrider, Truck Trend and Vette, among ...

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I think this is the first time I've had a column pulled out and featured in *Hemmings Daily*...and it's a recent one, too.

[https://www.hemmings.com/blog/article/history-in-the-making/?refer=hccweekly&utm\\_source=hccweekly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2019-12-04#comments-block](https://www.hemmings.com/blog/article/history-in-the-making/?refer=hccweekly&utm_source=hccweekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2019-12-04#comments-block)



### There was only one Lee Iacocca | Hemmings Daily

What do Walter P. Chrysler, Horace and John Dodge, William "Billy" Durant, Henry Ford, Ransom E. Olds, James and William Packard, Alfred Sloan, and countless other automotive icons from the earliest days of the industry have in common? Sadly, they all passed away at least 60 years ago. To ...

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'Sure garnered a wide assortment of remarks from some bitter people...and others, thankfully, who were willing to credit Iacocca for the good man he was. *Perfect?* No, but who is...and who has accomplished so much within the stranglehold of a federal bureaucracy who thinks they know more about what cars should be than either paying customers or manufacturers?

Sadly, I didn't have enough space in the column, being limited to 4,000 characters or about 650 words, to work in two good Lee Iacocca quotes about the value of **family**. Here are the two I would have liked to have worked in and worked up:

*The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works, is the family.*  
**and**

*No matter what you've done for yourself or for humanity, if you can't look back on having given love and attention to your own family, what have you really accomplished?*

Right on! Bob

## For Sale

For Sale: Five (5) 15" wheels from a 62 Lark with drum brakes. P205/70 R15 white wall tires included. Spare never used. \$10 each or all 5 for \$40. Call Jeff (317) 759-8895 or email at [westcott2@gmail.com](mailto:westcott2@gmail.com)



## A Little Info From Susan Lusted

Here is a link to view a new documentary about the Studebaker Corporation. It is one hour long and tells the story of the last days of the Studebaker factory site. It includes views of the remaining buildings before demolition in 2006, interviews from former employees, current site developers, and the former mayor who was instrumental in the plan to reuse the site. It also has an update on South Bend's recovery from the closing in 1963, and its growth into the 21st century. Lou Sabo, photographer, and I, Vince Sipocz, who was editor, spent the last year and a half organizing photos, shooting new video, conducting interviews, and putting it all together. I think you'll enjoy this new look at Studebaker history, see its factories for the last time, and better understand the company's lasting inspiration to the people of South Bend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvKW931UMgM>

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# Studebaker International 2021 Update

Less than 90 days in and plans for the 2021 SDC International Meet (IM) are coming together nicely. In January the contract will be signed with the Marion County Fairgrounds. The contract must be approved by the International Committee (IMC) and then be signed by the SDC President. The hotels being utilized have been chosen and notified, room rates will not be finalized until 12 months before the event. A budget is being formed and will need to be submitted on a quarterly basis to the IMC. The daily schedule has a rough draft and we will continue to add events in the future. We are doing very well but, we need a few more key people to chair a position on our meet committee. In this issue you will find a list of positions and their chair people or they are marked OPEN. We hope you volunteer to help in any or several of the areas needed.

I am very pleased to announce that Darlene Williams has volunteered to be Co-Chairperson. Darlene has over 35 years of management and planning experience. Her attention to detail is much needed, as I sometimes tend to "just fly by the seat of my pants".

Annette Wheatcraft has volunteered to act as our Treasurer for the IM, Annette is a CPA and has worked in accounting for over 30 years. It was decided that the Indy Chapter would set up a separate checking account for the IM Annette and Tom Flynn (our chapter treasurer) will both be signors on the account. The account should be up and running in January.

Becky Griffith volunteered to be the secretary, Becky will report to both membership and IMC of our progress as we meet. There will be several meetings that will occur outside of chapter meetings as we move closer to the dates.

Some are asking, "When is the meet and what is planned so far...". The official dates are September 8-11, 2021. This is Labor Day week, Monday (Labor Day) we will be setting up the meetings room with chairs and a stage. Vendor tables and chairs will also be put in place. We are hoping to use a Boy Scout troop for the manual labor, with a donation of course.

Tuesday will be vendor swap meet move in as well as registration for early arrivals with evening social event yet to be confirmed.

Wednesday is a big day full of events, the annual SDC Board of Directors meeting and RACING! Our guests will have the opportunity to visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, tour the museum and drive the track with photo opportunities. We are working on a race shop tour nearby and finish the day with racing (viewing or participating) at Lucas Oil Park in the evening. The latter is not a sanctioned SDC event but has occurred at several International meets. Jeff Westcott and wife Kathy are chairing the day's events short of the board meeting.

Thursday and Friday will be concourse along with several meetings/seminars as well as a "Ladies Tea/Luncheon" which Bernice Snider & Kathy Westcott are working on. We are also working on a "Casino" trip to Shelbyville, In should our visitors wish to go. Bus transportation supplied by the Casino.

Saturday will be a large car show open to the public. Current plans are for Studebakers in one area and a separate vintage car "cruise in" nearby. Concourse awards for SDC will be held in early afternoon and a farewell catered Bar B Que following. We are currently looking for a civic group or Boy Scout group to help us with the parking for this event.

All week there will be ample opportunity for our guests to visit sites and attractions around central Indiana. We will have a meet booklet highlighting places to visit as well as maps to get there. Bus tours are not on the agenda short of the "Ladies Tea" event. I guess you could say, "we are going back to our roots", The Studebaker Drivers Club. We want Studebakers to be visible all over central Indiana that week!

What are we missing? Your INPUT and volunteering. Again in this issue is a list of contacts and how to reach them. It's going to be fun and we are asking for just a few hours of your time. The next nineteen months are going to be exciting and busy for the Indy Chapter. See You Soon.

Joe Bacon, Chairman

# 2021 SDC International Meet Committees

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# Memorable "Firsts"



**JANUARY 2020**...It's the beginning of another new year. As we turn the calendar from 2019 to 2020, we are presented with a clean slate. This year (as all other years) will contain some exciting "FIRSTS" and sadly it will also involve some heartbreaking "LASTS". As those of us who have celebrated several decades of birthdays know...that is just part of this journey we call LIFE!

Do you remember the first time you were able to balance yourself and ride a two-wheel bicycle? I'm sure everyone in the club remembers their first car, but do you remember your first date? I remember the absolute thrill of Dave and I moving into our first house and soon celebrating our babies first tooth, first words, and first steps. Later in life, we encounter our first day of retirement, the first time we needed glasses, and receiving our first Social Security check. Yes, it seems that we all have the delight of experiencing "FIRSTS" throughout our lives.

As members of the Indy Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, we are well aware of the unique history of Studebaker and how the company was often at the cutting edge of manufacturing and often first in their field! Let's just take a minute to review a few of Studebaker's FIRSTS:

- ◆ 1913 - First to produce a car with crown fenders.
- ◆ 1916 - First to produce a seven-passenger, four-cylinder, 40 horsepower touring car to sell for less than \$1,000.
- ◆ 1921 - First to develop and patent molybdenum steel and to produce a car in which it was used.
- ◆ 1930 - First to use thin steel-backed main bearings, adopted from airplane design.



- ◆ 1937 - First to install double walled boxes on pick-up trucks.
- ◆ 1940 - First auto manufacturer to win all three divisions of the Gilmore Economy Run!
- ◆ 1948 - First to use nylon upholstery.
- ◆ 1953 - First to introduce modern American family sports car styling.
- ◆ 1962 - First (with the Avanti) to install a built-in roll bar in a passenger car.

Whether in our personal lives or in the history of our favorite automobile, it's always fun to celebrate our 'FIRSTS'!

**STUDEBAKER WINS AGAIN!**

*in the Annual*  
**GILMORE ECONOMY RUN**

**RUN**

**NOT JUST ONCE-BUT YEAR AFTER YEAR**

Here are the Records	<b>1938</b> Studebaker Commander - First in division Studebaker President - Third in division	<b>1939</b> Studebaker Commander - First in division Studebaker President - First in division
	<b>1940</b> Studebaker Commander - First in division Studebaker President - First in division Studebaker Champion - First in division	<b>1941</b> Studebaker Commander - First in division Studebaker President - First in division Studebaker Champion - Second in division

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# Upcoming Events

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



## Mark Your Calendar:



**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.

**Sunday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m.** - We will be gathering at Jeff & Kathy Westcott's house for a social time and a warm bowl of fireman's chowder. This is a rain or shine outdoor event as the chowder is cooked in a 25 gallon kettle over a wood fire. All you need to bring is a comfy lawn chairs. 7511 Palais Court, Indpls, 46278. Please RSVP at 317-759-8815 or Westcott2@gmail.com

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **Annual Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags** held at Brown County Dragway in Bean Blossom, Indiana. All performance and skill levels welcome. Nashville, Indiana, is about 40 miles South of Indianapolis and is a popular vacation destination with entertainment, shopping, camping, and motels close by so you will enjoy the visit. Racing will be Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> so bring your car to race, or not, and come to beautiful Brown County and enjoy the day with us. There's a snack bar at the track. Also, the night before the race, Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30PM we meet at the Sugar Creek BBQ restaurant <https://www.yelp.com/biz/sugar-creek-barbecue-co-nashville> in Nashville for dinner before an open house at our home for desserts. For more information about this event call Richard Poe at 812-988-2008, or roserichpoe@att.net

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

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

# The Brickyard Bulletin

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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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Larry Hopkins drove his 1962 GT Hawk to the Christmas Lunch. Jim Lime was the only other Studebaker driver that day.

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