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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Indy Chapter for the kind thoughts, cards, and flowers that were sent at the passing of my mother, Helen Drews. My mom and dad were very active Indy Chapter members back in the early 70's thru the 80's. Mom always enjoyed attending Indy Chapter events and visiting with everyone when she would come back to visit. After fifty years of Studebaker being a hobby it has left us with many wonderful family memories and friends for our family.

At the last two monthly meetings we have been taking orders for the black & white checked vest we will be wearing at events promoting the International Meet in Indy September 8-11, 2021. The vest are being made in sizes Medium to XXlarge and can be made waist length or 3 inches longer. They will have front pockets and a club logo patch will be on the back. If you still need to let us know what size you will need call Joe or myself, plus we will still be taking orders at the next meeting. The vest will be ready for the club to wear at the Chattanooga, Tn. International Meet August 5-8, 2020 where we will be promoting our show.

Darlene Williams who had volunteered to be the Co-Chair for the International Meet has had to step back due to health issues. We wish her well as she under goes treatment and keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Her help in the early planning is greatly appreciated. Larry Kennedy has offered to step into that job moving forward.

We have many fun events coming up in the next few months as well as planning for the Indy International Meet. Hope to see everyone soon!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

Helen Marie Drews, 88, of Zephyrhills, went home to her Lord and Savior, Thursday, Feb. 13 losing a battle with ongoing health issues.



Her life began Dec. 4, 1931 in Marshall, Michigan as the daughter of Edward and Ella Jennings. She graduated from Marshall High School and shortly after, married the love of her life, Earl Drews. They remained married until Earl's passing Nov. 15, 2003. The two loved going to car shows to show off their 1956 Studebaker.



The two were proud parents to four children, **Nancy (married to Joe Bacon)**, **Annette Wheatcraft**, Ed Drews (married to Jeannie) and Chris Drews.

**This from Studebaker International's Cindy Foust, regarding the
Corona Virus and upcoming events:**



Studebaker
DRIVERS CLUB INC

March 16, 2020

A statement from
The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.
on the recent outbreaks of Coronavirus

The **Studebaker Drivers Club**, Inc. is aware of the impact the **Coronavirus** is having on the daily life of SDC's members. Our hearts go out to those who have been affected by this unprecedented event. At the same time, we support the efforts of healthcare personnel, governments, and persons who are working on the front lines of this situation to keep people healthy.

SDC will continue to monitor events as they occur in the coming weeks and months. Travel to an event some 4-5 months away may not be high on your list at this time, but SDC will continue to keep you informed of our plans for the **International Meet**.

SDC and the Chapters of the **Southeast Zone** continue working on the 56th International Meet of the club in Chattanooga, Tennessee on August 5-8, 2020. SDC will keep you informed of any changes to planning for the meet through the Studebaker Drivers Club Forum (<https://forum.studebakerdriversclub.com>), the SDC International Meet site (www.sdcmeet.com), and in various postings on FACEBOOK, and other media.

Please be cautious in your travels. SDC is hopeful this time will not affect your travel plans for Spring, Summer and Fall, but the Executive Committee of SDC, and the Chapters of the Southeast Zone remain committed to bringing you an informative, educational and relaxing late Summer event to cap your travel season with Studebakers.

The Executive Committee and Chapters of the Southeast Zone of the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.

Studebaker Lunch at Christina's Pancake House

Saturday, February 15, 2020

The Indy Chapter SDC met on Saturday, February 15 at Christina's Pancake House. 25 members and guests were present. After lunch, Nancy opened the meeting and informed the club that Darlene Williams recently learned that she is facing serious health issues and is going to have to back out of serving as Co-Chair (with Joe Bacon) for our 2021 International Meet. A card was passed around for all to sign and wish Darlene well.

One new member, Victor Melchiorre, and one guest, Casey Elmore, were introduced.

OLD BUSINESS: Nancy mention that dues are still due. If you can't remember if you have paid for 2020, check with Tom Flynn.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Palma reported to the club about the recent radio broadcast on Hoosier History Live. He moved that the club pay the \$100 cost of an Indy Chapter Ad that is broadcast at the beginning of the show. Motion seconded by Jeff Westcott. Motion passed unanimously. If you missed the broadcast, you can find it online at HoosierHistoryLive.org. Jeff Westcott stated that he would add the link to our Chapter Facebook page. Mike Baker said that the broadcast interviewer did an excellent job and he proposed that we send our newsletter to him.

Next, we were shown a sample of the vests that club members that will be wearing at the 2021 International Meet when they are working. The vest is a black and white check with a black lining. A patch will be placed on the front or the back of the vest (placement to be determined later). Those in attendance tried on demo vests. Those who were unable to attend the February meeting, demo vests will also be available to try on at the March meeting. Nancy plans to put vest details in the newsletter.

2021 MEET REPORT: Joe passed around the working drafts for the meet advertising. All agreed the design looks good.

Next Berniece Snider reported that she and her committee had made the arrangements for the Ladies Tea event. Ladies will ride a bus to the Copper Kettle for the luncheon.

Mike Baker stated that the Avanti Club will be selecting a hotel as their headquarters. They will conduct their meetings, etc. at their host hotel. He inquired as to where the SDC meetings and workshops were planned to be held. Joe said that Swap Meet, Judging, meetings, workshops, Concours, etc. would all be held at the Fairgrounds.

Jeff Westcott reported on finalizing the Indianapolis Racing Day. There will be opportunity for people to drive their Studebakers around the track and visit the Museum. Tom Lawlis is working on setting up group tours of the Dellara Racing facility in downtown Speedway. Later that evening there will be Drag Racing @ Raceway Park. It is shaping up to be ONE day with THREE activities...all on the Westside of Indianapolis. It was determined that people may register for one, two, or all three events.

A question was raised about whether Indy Chapter members will have to pay to register for the 2021 Meet. The answer is YES.

It was pointed out that the Antique Studebaker Club will be holding their annual Meet on Monday and Tuesday (of our Meet Week). It was therefore hoped that our 3-event Racing Day could be scheduled for Wednesday...thus enabling these people to attend by extending their stay by one day.

Because the restaurant was preparing to close for the day, Andy Swartz quickly moved to adjourn. Motion was unanimously seconded.

Respectfully submitted by:
Diane Elmore (Sandy Fox's substitute note-taker)

Studebaker Meet in Wanamaker

Sunday, March 4, 2020

46 Studebaker and Hudson members gathered at the Franklin Township Civic League in Wanamaker for the Winter Meet and Auction, Sunday, March 4 hosted by Larry and Sue Kennedy.

After a great pitch-in lunch, president, Nancy Bacon opened the meeting by thanking Larry and Sue for organizing this event.

Nancy reported that treasurer, Tom Flynn, said there are 65 paid SDC members suggesting that mailing the renewal worked.

Charlie reported that April and June were still open for meets. But then Mike Baker announced he had arranged an event in June. It was reported that the Limpus cookout and Bacon Luau are in July. More events and information in the Events on page 10.

Nancy previewed the flier (recognize one of the cars?) for International, 2021 (see page 6) and brought an example of what our vest will look like.

Andy Swartz motioned to adjourn and begin the Auction, Annette Wheatcraft 2nd. Bob Palma began the auction and the Club collected \$213.00. Thanks Bob.

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Griffith (Sandy Fox's other substitute note-taker)



Welcome New Member

Victor A. Melchiorre
253 Williams Lane
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Looking for 63/64 GT Hawk



About Our SDC Family

Our own SDC member, **Darlene Williams**, is battling serious health issues. Please keep Darlene in your thoughts and prayers.

I received this from Duane Miller today. I am so saddened at the passing of **Larry Swanson**. Larry had been an SDC member since 1968 according to the roster. **What the SDC is today, we owe to him**. Please read what Duane sent to me. For those of you who have not heard. **Larry Swanson** passed away a couple of weeks ago. Here is a link to the very brief obituary:

<https://obitree.com/obituary/us/arizona/sun-city/regency-mortuary--crematory/laurence-swanson/4116968/>

From Duane Miller,

Larry & I go back many years. I have no idea when we first met, but he made a lasting impression on me. When I became Zone Coordinator back in 2000 he reached out to me reminding me that I lived in and now represented (in his opinion) the best Zone in all of SDC. He offered to help me in any way he could. And he meant it! When Leigh Morris decided not to run in 2002, Larry asked me if I was going to run for the position, I told him that I didn't feel comfortable in that position yet as I thought I needed more experience where I was. He said he was interested in running, but if I wanted it, he would yield to me. He ran and was elected and served until the "term limits" came in and I won the election in 2014. Larry was always there with help and advice. He and Pat were at all of the SDC meets until just a few years ago. Lynda and I had a really good chat with him in Tacoma during the SDC meet there & I learned a few more interesting details about the early years of the SDC and some of the things that Larry was involved with. He was SDC membership director from 1972-1976, handled the SDC roster from 1972 - 1980, Was TURNING WHEELS Editor from 1972 - 1992, ran the SDC advertising from 1972 -1982, Was the TURNING WHEELS "club writer" from 1992 - 2008, was the TURNING WHEELS publication Director from 1992 - 2008, and Larry was our SDC copyright and legal advice guy for many years.

We owe almost as much honor bestowed on him as Harry Barnes; for they are the people that made this club what it is today.

Respectfully,
Susan Lusted



57th
INTERNATIONAL MEET
September 8-11
2021



The
Ultimate
Road Trip



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Invitation from the Indiana Landmarks

SDC member and Indiana Landmarks member Sue Kennedy invited the club to an upcoming South Bend tour hosted by Indiana Landmarks. Especially interesting to SDC members would be a tour of the Studebaker Plant on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

2020 Indiana Automotive South Bend Tour Friday and Saturday, June 26 & 27, 2020

Aloft Hotel, 111 N. Main Street, South Bend, Indiana 46601: Make your room reservation before May 26, 2020. \$129 per night plus tax. 574-288-8000 and mention Mini Hotel Code - ILJ

Friday 1 PM: Tour the private collection of Jack Boyd Smith, Jr, 1805 W. Lusher Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana. Parking is the Gaska Tape parking lot directly across the street. Plan on departing by 2:30 PM. Sorry, you may not take any photos here.

Friday 3:30 PM: Tour LaVine Restorations at 1349 Beech Road, Nappanee, IN.

Friday 5:30 PM: Reception at Indiana Landmarks office, Kizer house, 801 West Washington St.(corner of West Washington and Charles Martin Sr. Drive/Chapin Street), South Bend, IN 46601 574-232-4534

Friday Evening: Dinner on your own

Saturday 9 AM: Tour the former Studebaker Plant: 635 S Lafayette Blvd, South Bend, IN 46601 Park in the lot to the south of this address.

Saturday 11:00 AM: Tour St. Paul's Memorial United Methodist Church, 1001 West Colfax Avenue, South Bend, IN 46616

Saturday 12 Noon: Lunch at the carriage house at Copshaholm—Oliver Mansion. Park at the Studebaker Museum, 201 Chapin Street, South Bend, Indiana

Saturday after lunch: Guided tours of the Studebaker Museum and the Oliver Mansion-- Copshaholm. Admission to the History Museum is included.

Saturday dinner: On your own.

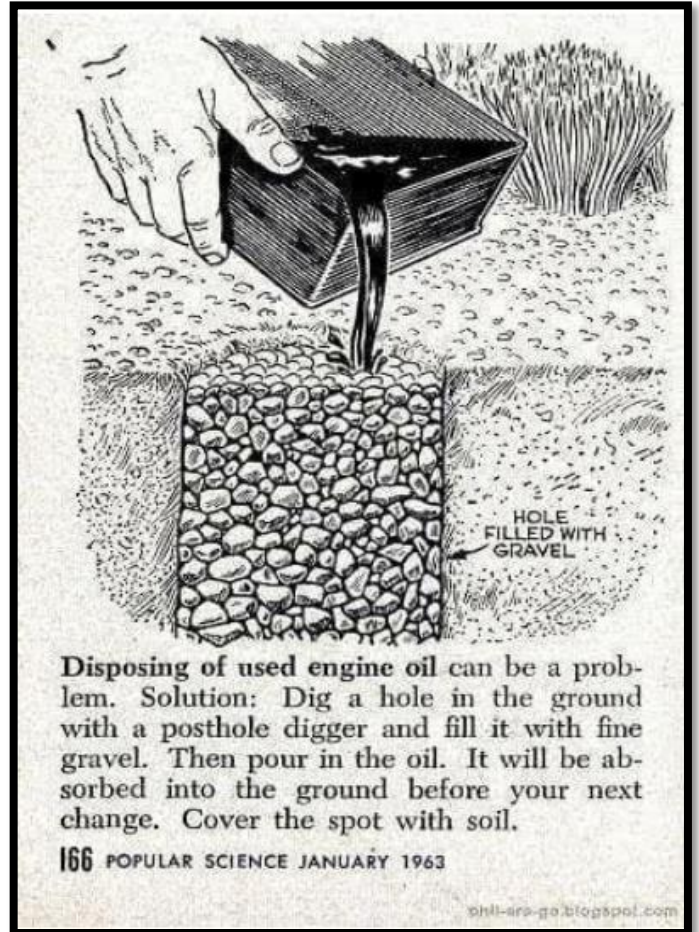
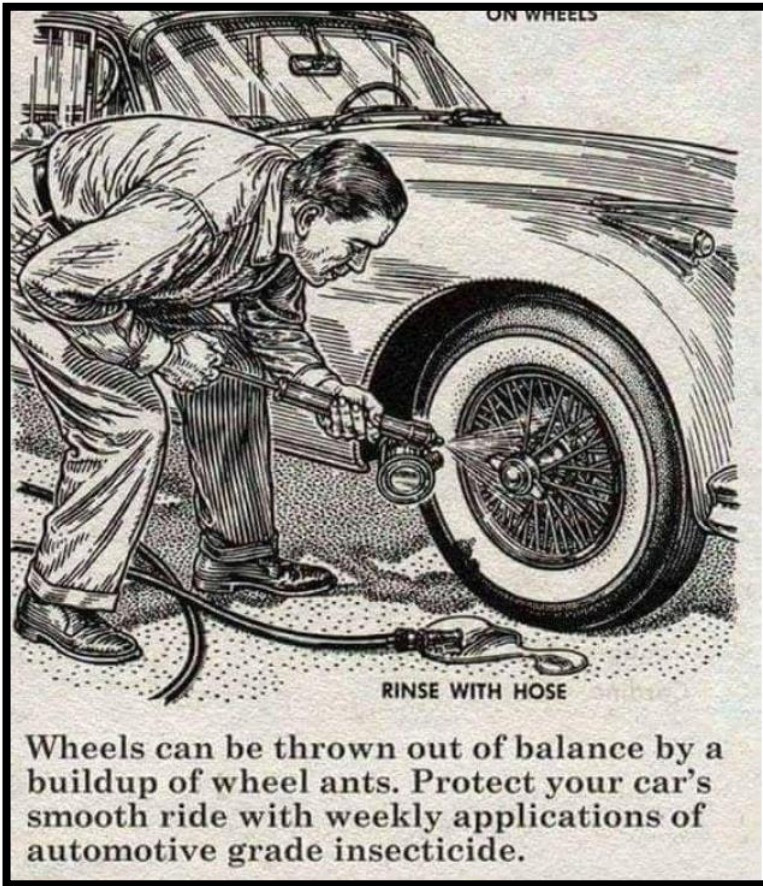
Tickets on line: \$90 for Indiana Landmarks/Indiana Automotive Members, \$100 non members

<https://www.indianalandmarks.org/event/southbendtour20/>

or by calling 317-639-4534

How Did We Ever Survive?

Thanks goes to Sue Easterday for sending these photos to me. More to come.



From Your Editor,

With the outbreak of the Corona Virus, all future activities are questionable. As I hear of cancellations or re-scheduling I will let you know immediately via e-mail. **If you receive only paper copies of the Brickyard I'm going to leave it to you to contact me regarding an event.** This way I don't need to make calls to all non e-mail members each time.

I hope you stay well and hope to see you soon.

Becky Griffith at 317-353-8287 or 317-966-9817

RAN OUT OF TOILET ROLL, SO REDUCED TO WIPING MY BUM WITH LETTUCE LEAVES. I FEAR THAT'S JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG...



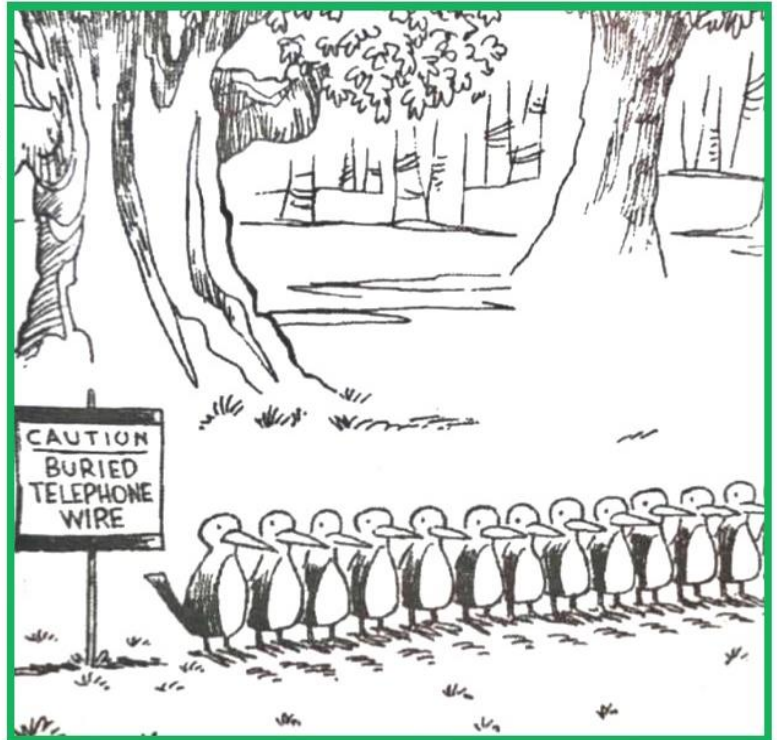
Sure Signs of Spring

Oh! My goodness! Look! It's a robin...the first robin I've seen this year!"

After enduring the cold winter months, is it any wonder that we experience pure joy when we see the first inklings of spring-like weather. It never gets old. It brings rebirth to our spirits and truly puts a spring in our step. We know that very soon we will begin to thaw out from winter's icy grip. If it's not a robin, then what do you look for that is your sure sign that Spring is here?



Is it seeing little sprigs of green or budding flower bulbs? How about having more daylight hours? Or maybe it's seeing the early yellow blooming forsythia bushes? Don't we all love to look up and see great masses of birds migrating north?



But as we consider all the signs of Spring, we absolutely must not forget the most positive sign that Spring has come to Indiana...it's seeing Studebakers out of storage and back on the roads. Yes, we Studebaker Lovers don't need any old calendar to inform of us of the start of Spring. It's in our DNA! We know when it's time to tie a bouquet on our radio antenna and get our beloved cars on the road again!



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar:



Sunday, April 5 – The **Westcott gathering has been CANCELLED** due to the Corona Virus situation. Hopefully this event will be re-scheduled later in the year.

Following the CDC recommendations during this virus outbreak, no event is scheduled for April.

May 1-2 – The 39th Annual Studebaker Indiana Swap Meet, Open Car & Truck Show and Car Corral at the St Joseph County 4H Fairgrounds South Bend, IN

May 22nd and 23rd – Zoom, Zoom it's the 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 23rd 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 22nd, at 5:30PM we will 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

Wednesday, June 3 – Airstream Factory Tour located in Jackson Center, Ohio hosted by Mike Baker. We will meet at **9:00 a.m. at Mikes Avanti Restoration shop in Greenfield** for coffee and donuts. We'll leave at 9:45 a.m. in a caravan to Airstream. We will be driving on I-70 for a distance. Lunch is at noon and the factory tour from 2 – 4 p.m.



Saturday, July 11 - 1:00 p.m. - Dave and Stephanie Limpus cookout and car show at their house at 3880 S. 900 E., Carthage, In. This is about a 45 minute drive from downtown Indianapolis. Dave collects classic cars and recently purchased a 1963 white Avanti R2 automatic. All you need to do is drive your classic car to his house for the picnic. There's plenty of parking. Call Dave at 317-501-8371 if you have any questions.

Saturday, July 25 – 1:00 p.m. - Bacon's Annual Luau. Joe Bacon will again provide the meat. Bring a favorite dish and eating utensils.

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

Sunday, November ? – 1:00 p.m. - Annual Thanksgiving luncheon and Chapter Business meeting at Mike Baker's Avanti Restoration & Service shop 4193 E US40, Greenfield, IN. 317-498-2288

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

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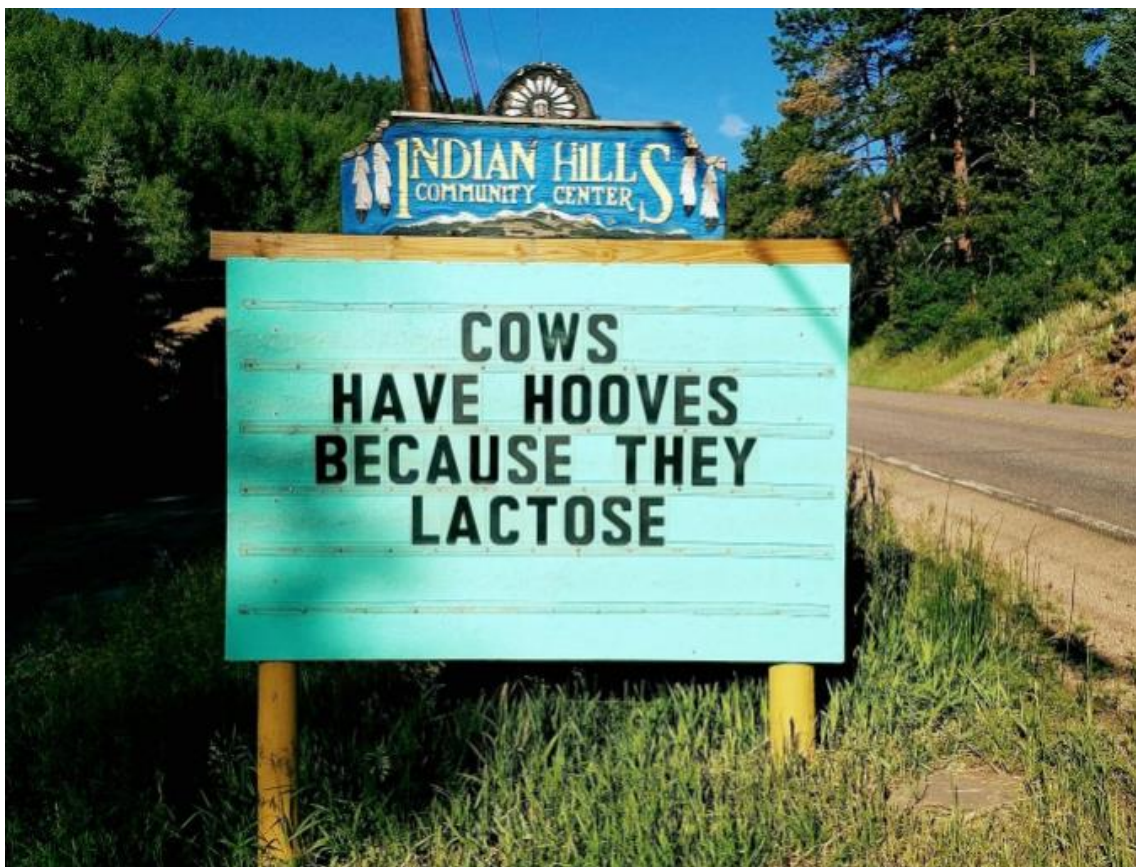
National SDC Membership

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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