



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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The Indy Chapter is hoping to resume having local club events Saturday July 4th, with the Studebaker Nationals & Orphan Car Drags at the Brown County Dragway in Bean Blossom, In. This should be a great way for us to gather outdoors enjoy our cars and each other's company while keeping comfortable distance.

July 25th will be the annual Bacon Backyard Luau and another fun outdoor event. Joe & I look forward to hosting this rain or shine event each year and hope to see everyone there. We will be serving smoked wild Texas Hog and ask everyone to bring their favorite pitch in dish. We will try to have a short business meeting at the July 25th Luau, bringing everyone up to date on the plans for the 57th International Meet being held at the Marion Co. Fairgrounds, Indianapolis In. I am really looking forward to getting our cars out & seeing all our friends at these next events! See you soon!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

Studebaker Drags Update

It's on and ready to go with one exception. **We will not be having dinner or get together at the Poe's the night before the drags, Friday.** I'm sure you all can understand why.

The **track opens at Saturday, July 4 at 9:00 a.m.** Rose is planning to bring desserts to the track.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of you especially after all that's been going on this year.

Here are a few places here to eat if you need them.

Nashville Pizza/Big Wood Restaurants

bigwoodspizza.com
44 N Van Buren St, Nashville, IN 47448
(812) 988-6004

Brozinni Pizzeria

www.brozinnis.com
140 W Main St, Nashville, IN 47448
(812) 988-8800



Trolley's BBQ

www.trollybbq.com
11 E. Gould St. Nashville, IN
812-988-4273

Casa Del Sol II

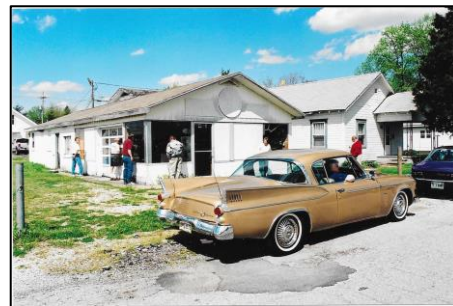
casadelsolnashville.com
101 E Washington St, Nashville, IN 47448
(812) 988-4535

What is this building and where is it teaser?

And the answer is:

The building was the former Ramseyer Studebaker dealership in Kokomo.

Michael Noe in Frankfort was the first person to answer the question correctly, but he already had one of the small, prize catalogs. He said to award the prize to the next person who called with the correct answer. That was **Tom Lawlis**. Tom recognized the location because that was his other 1957 Golden Hawk parked out front.



What is the difference between these two 1955 full-line brochures?

The first person to contact Bob Palma by e-mail (bobcaripalma@hotmail.com) or phone (317) 331-7311 with the correct answer will win a NOS copy of the small full-line brochure P. D. 64-11.



We received a question on the race car because we changed the color from green and that particular car (number) might be questioned by owner. So we deleted the number so it is now a generic car. This is the latest version. Joe Bacon



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INTERNATIONAL MEET
September 8-11
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ODDS 'N' ENDS

Studebaker - First By Far With A Post-War Car

A new design for the auto industry was introduced to the public by Studebaker for the 1947 market. The design was credited to the Raymond Lowey Design Studios. The design was quite a radical departure from the preceding, conservative models which had many people at that time suggesting that they did not know which way the car was going. The most likely reason for that statement would be the rear glass of the car. It had nearly as much on the 2 and 4 door sedans and more glass on the rear of the body on the Starlight models than it did on the front windshield. Indeed, there were things within the Studebaker that were coming and going . . .

The '47 Studebaker was a very comfortable riding car for that era. The original plan was for the car to have the torsion-bar front suspension but due to inadequate supply of the high- quality steel necessary, the front suspension kept the single, transverse wide leaf, multi-layer spring. For the 1950 model, this single leaf front suspension system would be replaced with the more modern independent front suspension. For shock absorbers, it used the now obsolete Houde (brand?), rotary, 2- way with linkage using the longer linkage units for the rear suspension and the shorter linkage for the front suspension. These shock absorbers were adjustable for ride control and repairable unlike the ones that they gave way to which is the telescopic type that would be much cheaper to produce than the Houde ones as they were castings and much machine work had to go into their production. The Houde shock absorbers, (Right) would be replaced with the telescopic type in the 1950 model cars which used the independent front wheel suspension with "A" frames. This type of front suspension would be used from the 1950 models right through to the time that last Studebakers were produced in 1966.



Soon to go were the vacuum windshield wipers to be replaced with electric units in the 1951 models. The front grille of the '47-'49 models were made of stainless steel and were the last Studebaker models to have it. Replacements were made of pot metal/chrome or steel/chrome. Even the exterior door handles were made of stainless steel for the '47-'50 Champion models. It seems like that Commanders and Land Cruiser models of that period may have used chromed exterior door handles. They were molded, shinier and heavier than the stainless-steel ones that were fabricated.

While Studebaker cars had many innovations, they were not as quick to change over from the 6 volt, positive ground electrical system to the currently used, 12 volt, negative ground system as other brands of cars. The year of the changeover was 1956.

Were there design shortcomings? "Yes," in the writers' opinion: The trunk lid has nice appeal but when it rains, the water sitting on this rear deck is dumped into the trunk compartment when the lid is lifted. Also, in some models, the glass in the front doors are too floppy after some use. When opening and closing the doors, the glass should be fully raised or fully lowered and not in between when shutting the door. Regardless, it is a beautiful car.



United We Stand

On the 4th of July, as we celebrate our nation's birthday, we will honor all the brave men and women who have defended our citizens by fighting in many foreign wars. But in 2020, the year of a world health crisis of a magnitude never before experienced, we must also honor the brave people who unselfishly served on the front lines fighting to save lives!

The enemy...Covid 19...sought to bring the world (and most especially our country) to our knees. Because our country has recently been suffering extreme political division, it was easy for the enemy to create a total mental divide...with lots of finger pointing and blaming from both sides of the divide.

It was hard to **stand united** when we were instructed to maintain social distancing, and shelter in place. It's was very difficult to pull together when we were required to stay apart from each other.

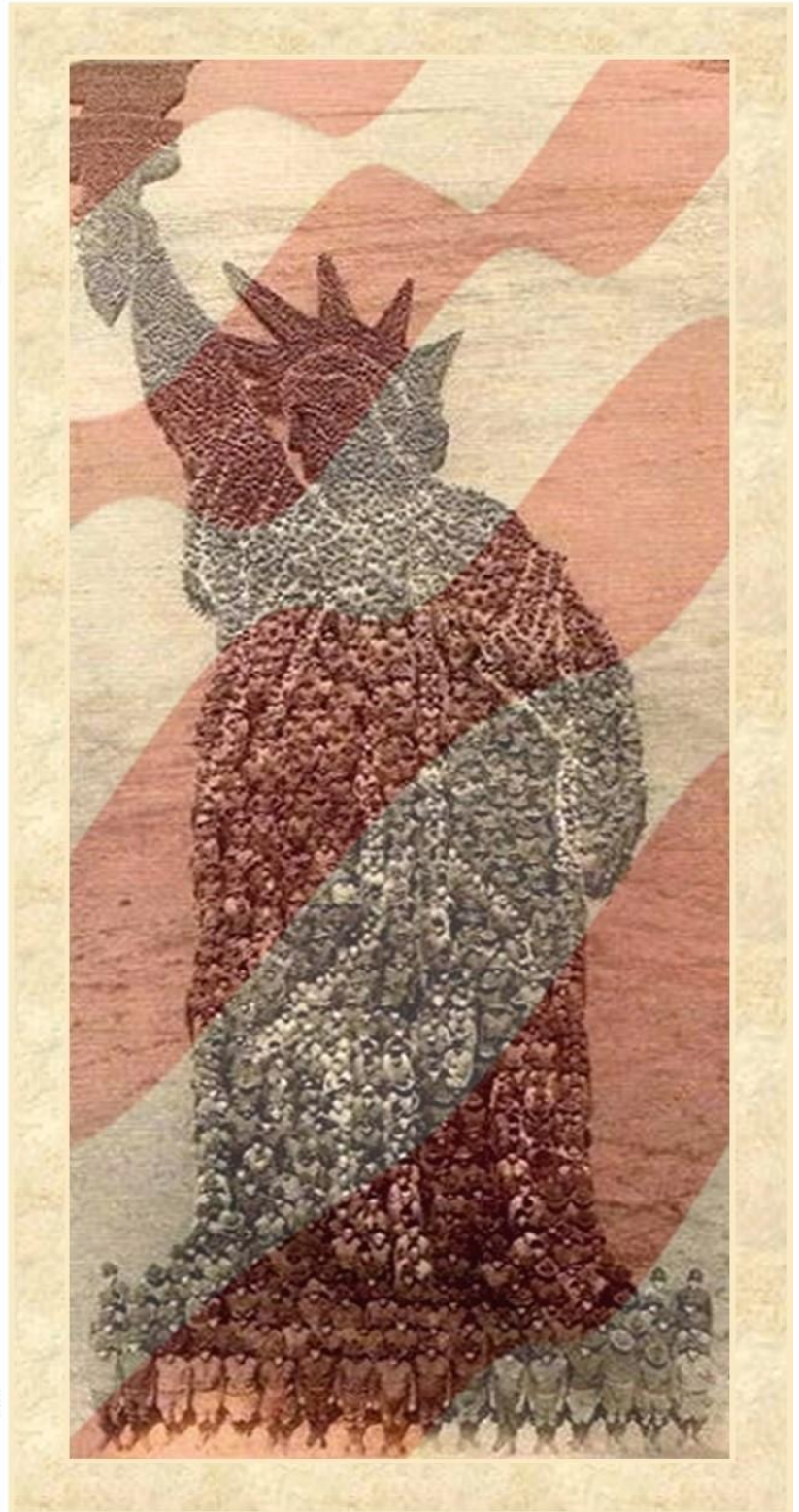
But the GOOD NEWS is that the terrible division started to heal. People started to work together to help all their fellow citizens through some very tough times. As we were pulled further apart in person, we came closer together in spirit. The stories of people helping people are too many to list, but every act of kindness was received with grateful appreciation.

Author Mark Amend says it so well when he writes:

Be strong enough to stand alone. Be yourself enough to stand apart. But be wise enough to stand together when the tough times come.

Our country's motto has always been UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL. That motto has stood the test of time and helped us build a strong nation. This year we learned the truth held in that tried and true saying. Because even though many of us were forced to remain physically apart, we were united by our desire to help and our love of our fellow man.

We are truly the UNITED States of America!



**Human Statue of Liberty
18,000 Officers and Men
Camp Dodge - Des Moines, IA
(Date of picture unknown)**

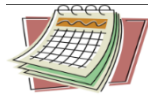
Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 4 – 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, July 4th** so bring your car to race, or not, and come to beautiful Brown County and enjoy the day with us. Gate opens at 9:00 a.m. There is a snack bar at the track.

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. This is always a good time. We'll also squeeze a meeting in to update the club on 2021 International. The Bacon's address is 1701 E. Lawrence Avenue, Indpls, In.



Mark Your Calendar:



July 3 – Dinner in Nashville – CANCELLED. See page 2 for more information.

July 11 - Dave and Stephanie Limpus - CANCELLED

August, 2020 – Studebaker International in Chattanooga – CANCELLED

Sunday, August 16, 1 p.m. -The Indy Chapter SDC has been invited to the annual all-make fun car show and lunch at the home of **SDC National members Rick and Susan Crawley in Logansport IN.** This is a pitch-in with Rick and Susan providing the main dish and facilities. Rick has 28 collector cars, including several Studebakers, which he gets out to display with all the other cars that show up. This is primarily a Hudson Club meeting but is open to all makes and models and the fellowship is lively. There is plenty of parking on their large "estate" at **6062 Logansport Road on the east side of Logansport.**

Saturday, September 12 - International Drive Your Studebaker Day

Sunday, November 15, 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.

Saturday, December 12, 2020 – 1:00 p.m. – Christmas Dinner and Party at The Green Street Pub, 911 N. Green St., Brownsburg, IN. Once again, we have some fast, fun games and no gift exchange. Order off the menu.

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

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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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To celebrate Flag Day, Sandy and I put on some red, white and blue and went cruising in the Avanti. We logged 250 miles. We drove a little on the interstate and lots on I backroads to the Airport Steakhouse at the Coles Co. Airport near Mattoon IL. They serve my favorite “Elephant Ear” breaded tenderloin.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

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