

# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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I would love to thank everyone for the 50th Anniversary Cards and well wishes Joe and I received this last week! Celebrating anything has been difficult this last year and we had a great weekend with a surprise family dinner out at a fancy restaurant where our children and spouses, grandchildren, and my brothers and sister were all there! Chris Drews, my brother was the biggest surprise as he flew in from Florida for the weekend! Time with family and friends is what we have all missed this year and with everyone being able to get vaccinated we are moving towards getting our lives back.

Planning for the International Meet is also moving along with Jugs Catering secured for the farewell BBQ, a charter bus reserved for tour, the Ladies Luncheon, and additional information being readied for publication in Turning Wheels. The two swap meet buildings are almost sold out. Early registration is coming in with new people added to the list every day. The Farewell BBQ dinner and Welcome Night Ice Cream Social both appear to be popular with the early registrants and I hope many of you plan on attending these events.

We will be looking to organize our volunteers for the different committees and jobs needed to run this show. If you have a preference on jobs, days and or times now is the time to help us put this list together.

Monday September 6th, Labor Day, we will be assembling registration packets and goody bags at the fairgrounds. This will be in the afternoon when Cornerstone Registration gets in to bring in all the pre-registration supplies. Jobs will include setting up table & chairs before and taking down after the show, passing out registration packets, hosting the hospitality area, working the entrance gate & directing where to park, assisting with judging, trash pick up and much more! We hope to have people working 2 or 4 hour shifts and enjoy the show at the same time! You can contact Joe or myself or the person chairing the job you might like to do.

Hope to see everyone soon at our next meeting!

Nancy Bacon Indy Chapter President

# Indy Studebaker Meeting Sunday, March 14 in Wanamaker, In

Studebaker and Hudson club members gathered at the Franklin Township Civic League in Wanamaker for a pitch-in and meeting. President, Nancy Bacon thanked Larry and Sue Kennedy for arranging the day. Tom Flynn reported that there are 68 paid members.





Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Joe and Nancy Bacon









### 2021 National Meet Report:

Prior to the pitch-in, Studebaker International Meet committee members had a meeting. Updates are:

- Juggs Catering is a "yes" for the Farewell BBQ.
- Tom Lawlis is the stand by as photographer of the event. The office photographer is Canadian.
- The official Studebaker International Meet will be mailed to Charlie Griffith.
- On Saturday of the Meet, we will need at least six volunteers for parking, Gate A1 of visitor parking and Studebaker parking off Fishers Rd.
- We need a photo shoot the first weekend of May of members and their cars. The more, the better.
- Vest will be ready first of May.
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway The museum will be open but nothing else for the Meet. There is an offering of a ½ hour basement tour at \$125.00 per person. The museum is \$12.50 per person.

I'm sorry to inform you that the owner of the Brown County Dragway, Sandy Fields has passed away. Sandy loved having the Studebakers and her son and daughter want to keep the event going. As you can see the May 29th Studebaker Nationals are on the 2021 schedule.

Sandy's son and daughter are new at running the track, Sandy loved the Studebaker cars and especially the Studebaker racers and spectators and they want to keep us coming because Sandy would want it.

As things develop we will try to keep you updated, **BUT it's up to the individuals who plan to attend** to check for themselves so they can make travel plans. Contact information is on the schedule.

We hope to see you here.

Thanks, Richard Poe

## **For Your Information**

Hi, Terry;

On Page 19 of *HCC200*, reader Patrick Curran asked if any other makes of cars had power front windows with manual rear windows.

Studebaker Golden Hawks were so equipped when Power Windows were ordered. All Golden Hawks were true 2-door hardtops; roll-down rear quarter windows with no "B" pillars. Power Windows were a regular production option all three years Golden Hawks were made; 1956, 1957, and 1958.

However, when you ordered power windows, only the front windows were power. The small rear quarter windows were still manually cranked, per reader Curran's question.

Best.

Bob Palma, Columnist

Technical Editor: Studebaker Drivers Club

### National Meet mention in today's Hemmings Daily Blog...

Dan Strohl included our 2021 SDC National Meet announcement in today's (Friday, March 5) *Hemmings Blog*, per my request last week, but he didn't make the correction I sent him the next day regarding Saturday's car show admission. So, I posted a **comment** to that part of today's daily blog to that effect.

(I would imagine 'most all are going to visit the *sdcmeet.com* website for information anyway.)

Bob

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Daily Briefing: Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet, new...

September Studebaker Show

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# **SDC Indy Club is Invited**

A couple of So IN/KY Chapter Meets—invite the Indy Studebaker Chapter please. Sue

## **Pontius Hudson Meet**

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 10:00am to 4:00pm

Hosted at the National Automotive & Truck Museum, 1000 Gordon M. Buehrig Place, Auburn, IN 46706. Registration fee will be the group rate into the museum, \$7 per adult or if you would like to visit the ACD Museum also, stop at the front desk and purchase a Campus Ticket for \$20 per person which covers admission to both the ACD and NATMUS Museums.

A box lunch and drink will be provided by your hosts if you RSVP before April 29th with your name and number in your party either by voicemail or text to Lorrie Pontius: 260-417-3074. If you do not RSVP, please bring lunch for you and your family. Lunch will be served at noon. Covid 19 restrictions will be followed. For more information, call John Pontius @ 260-925-1400 work or 260-927-8427 home

# 47th Annual Meet of Southern IN/KY Chapter

## Sunday, August 15, 2021

The Southern Indiana/Kentucky Chapter 47th Annual Meet will be held at Rick and Susan Crawley's home, 6062 Logansport Road (old 24), Logansport, IN, Sunday, August 15, 2021, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. This meet will be held outdoors. Bring a dish to share, your Hudson or other collector car and lawn chairs.

The Crawleys will provide the meat and drinks. They will display all of their collector cars. We will have our annual election of Officers and a business meeting. Crawley's home is located 3 miles east of Logansport on old 24 (now Logansport Road), 8 miles west of Peru. There is a big yard, plenty of parking, shade and trailer parking.

There are inexpensive hotels in the area. If you arrive on Saturday evening, plan on meeting at Rick and Susan's by 6:00 PM for a Saturday evening meal. For more info call: Rick Home-574-722-6413, Work-574-753-5720 or 574-721-6060 cell

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# Luxury - 1938 Style

Hurtling past the Studebaker building is the Twentieth Century Limited

train. But just as Studebaker was never just another car company, this train wasn't just a passenger train... it was a smoothly speeding luxury hotel. On its run from New York to Chicago, it was advertised to provide "960 Miles in 960 Minutes".

This train was the gold standard of the day and was the envy of every other railroad. Each passenger had their own private room. Fine dining was offered on fine china plates. After dinner, the Dining Car was turned into a swank

cabaret. Every evening, at both New York and Chicago, passengers literally "walked the red carpet" between the depot's waiting room and their assigned car.

The intended market for this service was NOT the rich or the middle class, but it was created for traveling businessmen. Its schedule was timed to allow busy executives to finish the day's work before heading to the terminal, enjoy a night on the train, and still arrive at the other end in time for an afternoon meeting the next day. For the privilege of riding "The Century", New York Central Railroad collected an Extra Fare of \$7.50 per person (equal to about \$140 per person today). This was strictly a surcharge (on top of the ticket price) to discourage the budget-minded traveler. Meanwhile, back in South Bend, Studebaker was investing millions of dollars for



new dies, tools and new manufacturing equipment in order to produce the company's new line of cars for 1938.

Talented design engineers were hard at work creating a luxury car at an affordable price. Here are some of the features they proudly presented:

NEW MIRACLE RIDE . NEW FLAT TRANSMISSION GEARS . NON-SLAM BAFETY DOOR LATCHES EXTRA ROOMY LUXURY INTERIORS OVERSIZE LUGGAGE COMPART-MENTS \* SAFETY GLASS ALL AROUND . FRAM OIL CLEANER NEW SUPER-STRONG FRAMES BRILLIANT NEW ACCELERATION AND HILL-CLIMBING PERFORM-ANCE \* AUTOMATIC HILL HOLDER STANDARD ON COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT\* NEW MIRACLE SHIFT AND GAS-SAVING AUTOMATIC OVERDRIVE AVAILABLE ON THE COMMANDER AND THE PRESIDENT AT ONLY SLIGHT EXTRA COST

# **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m. – Lunch at El Jefe Tonala Mexican Restaurant at 628 Main Street in Hope, In and a visit to Studebaker International. Jim and Corey



Lime have arranged for the club to lunch at El Jefe Tonala and then visit Studebaker International, just a few minutes from the restaurant at 111 Aiken Street, Hope, In. I looked at the menu and it's huge and looks delicious. Call Jim or Corey at 317-462-3123 or <a href="https://www.studebaker-intl.com">www.studebaker-intl.com</a> if you need need further information.

From Studebaker International: Note to customers: 652133-4 2-piece Studebaker hood nameplate for 49-53 trucks are now available!! \$195.00 for the pair!

### **Mark Your Calendar:**



Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th, 2021 - Nashville, IN, - The annual

**Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags held in Bean Blossom Indiana.** This is getting more popular each year. 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 29<sup>th</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, or bring your own picnic lunch. Also, the night before the race, Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM we meet dinner before an open house at our home for desserts. For more information about this event call Richard Poe at 812-988-2008, or <u>roserichpoe@att.net</u>

**Saturday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m. –** Pitch-in at Dave and Beth Doran's home in Lebanon.

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

# The Brickyard Bulletin

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Regular membership dues in the National Studebaker Club are \$24.00 for new members 1<sup>st</sup> 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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