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57th Annual Studebaker International Meet **VOLUNTEERS**

41 SDC Indy Volunteers + 20 Non-members = 61 Volunteers + Troop #9

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Tim Lloyd
Lydia Norton
Pontius Family: John, Lorrie, Jack and
Kennedy
Van Buskirk Family: Brian, Janie and Seth

41 SDC Members volunteered to work at the Meet. Unbelievable! Thank you to each and every one of you. The meet could never have gone so flawlessly without your support.

If I missed anyone I sincerely apologize.

57th Annual Studebaker International Meet

WE DID IT !!!!! The 57th Annual International Meet is now in the books but the positive feedback just keeps coming in. The weather was perfect! Attendees came from 43 states, one Australian who has been in the states two years, unable to return home, and a vendor from Canada. The Marion County Fairgrounds lay out worked very well for all of the meets events. The swap meet filled three buildings plus outside vendors and a nice car corral with many Studebakers for sale. Having Registration and Hospitality housed in the same building worked great as we could help each other out. It allowed us to greet incoming guest picking up their registration packets, pass out meet tee shirts, answer lots of questions and start their visit with Hoosier Hospitality, Indy Chapter style! About 240 Studebakers filled the concours show field all week and it was a beautiful sight!

All of this was a success because of YOU! We all worked very hard, but in the end we were all still laughing, smiling, and speaking to each other! The Indy Chapter is the BEST and we can be very proud of a very successful meet that SDC members will be talking about for a long time. Thank you one and all for making the 57th Annual International Meet "The Ultimate Road Trip" !

Cindy Sales has posted Facebook live videos of the meet on the Studebaker Drivers Club Facebook site and has captured pretty much everything at the meet, be sure to check it out.

Hope to see everyone soon. The 58th Annual International Meet is in South Bend, Indiana May 4-7, 2022. It's not too soon to plan to attend and enjoy Avanti Celebrating 60 Years!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

For this issue of the *Brickyard*, I'm going to focus on our club and the members who made this meet such a success. I'm sure *Turning Wheels* will have plenty of photos of cars.

Monday, the day before the meet. What a productive set up day. So many volunteers came to help I didn't get a full count but I'm sure there were well over 24. For registration, a line formed to fill the gift bags. Over four hundred bags were filled with a variety of gifts in only an hour and a half. We then moved on to the registration packets. They took a bit longer but volunteers were able to sit and got the job done.

In other buildings Marvin Snider and his helpers were busy marking vendor booths and Charlie Griffith's parking crew took a tour of the grounds, put up signs and marked parking spots. Others were busy with signage and bringing in supplies. Registration and hospitality tables were set up. A few vendors were setting up early and there were campers already on the grounds.

Hoosier Hospitality was on display at the 57th Studebaker International Meet held at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, In. As Nancy mentioned, hospitality and registration were in the same building. This worked out really well. At last count we gave out 936 bottles of water, 450 bags of chips and countless amounts of cookies and candy. Membership applications were available (and we did get some new members!) as well as the latest issue of the *Brickyard Bulletin*.



Registration desk with Andy Swartz, Diane Elmore, Teri Swartz, Karen Taylor, Sandy Fox, Dave Elmore and Marvin Snider. I think that's Bob Fox sneaking out.

Tuesday, the first day, started early and a little slow but by mid-afternoon registration had picked up and Diane Elmore and her crew had a steady flow of guest. Vendor tables were slow to show but by 3:00 p.m. all vendors

had their tables. I would say that was our biggest hiccup and it happened early. That evening we welcomed about 170 attendees with the ice cream social.

By Wednesday and Thursday things were smooth sailing. Registration straight thru parking was flowing nicely. Official meetings were held at the Baymont Hotel Wednesday (more on that later) and the Ladies Champagne Luncheon was Thursday. I attended the Ladies Luncheon and have to tell you it was a hit! The Kopper Kettle in Morristown out did themselves. The restaurant was beautifully decorated and the food was delicious. And I didn't see many women turn down the champagne. A big thank you to Berniece Snider who put this event together

The bus kept rolling as Danny Taylor took visitors on three bus tours and Jeff Westcott stayed busy taking the official car photos Wed. thru Fri. Thursday evening our own Bob Palma stepped in at the last moment as auctioneer. Both Friday and Saturday the Studebaker Band graced us with a lovely concert under the tent. Awards were handed out both Friday and Saturday. Finally, we said goodbye to our guest Saturday evening with the Farewell Dinner. Around 250 dined on fried chicken and bbq pork. Joe Bacon thanked all for coming and a safe trip home.



Volunteers Beth Doran, Darlene Williams, Nancy Bacon, Annette Wheatcraft, Berniece Snider and Kathy Westcott

"Thank you for a wonderful event. We enjoyed seeing all of the different cars and vendors. The vests were a real hit. While standing in line at the food truck, a couple people commented on the vests. They liked them."

Karen Finchum

"SuEllyn and I had a great time at the International Meet. We enjoyed seeing all the cars, and met new people and went to the swap meet. SuEllyn and I returned home with no problems. Thank you both and the Indy Chapter members who did so much work to make the meet a success!"

Studebakerly,
Sheldon Rody

"Thank you Indy Chapter for a great meet. Donna and I had a great time." Gary Sanders

A few final remarks. How great was it to see former members Ed Reynolds and Jim Turner at the meet. Both were long time active members who sadly moved away.

I think this sums up the type of people who drive Studebakers. Charlie went over to the fairgrounds Sunday morning to help clean up. He drove the concours to pick up trash. He picked up two pieces of trash, that's it. Classy, good people.

From the Board of Directors Meeting – The average age of a Studebaker member is 72. This is the board's number one concern, aging. They are looking into solutions to get younger people interested.

Most chapters meet 6-9 times a year and distribute a newsletter 4-6 times a year. They feel the stronger the newsletter the stronger the club. They are in the process of developing a template for editors.



Our leader and problem solvers, Chairperson Joe Bacon and co-chairperson, Nancy Bacon, speaking at the Members Meeting.



The Ladies Luncheon and Kyle, the bus driver



Berniece Snider and Beth Doran (in vests) visiting with guests at the Kopper Kettle



One of the many vendors at the meet.



Ed Reynolds (L) at the Studebaker International booth with owner/SDC member Jim Lime



Sue, Wonder Woman, Kennedy on her trusty steed, Golf Cart. Whatever needed to be done Sue was on it, whether it be janitorial duties, delivering supplies or driving guest.

Beth Doran



The Pontius family moving chairs Saturday at Studebaker International.

Sue Figert



The lighting in the coliseum made every car look its best as you can on Joe Bacon's 1964 Hawk.

Nancy Bacon



Some of the parking crew L to R Charlie Griffith, Linda Griffith, Jayne Jackson, Laura and Rick Bowman

Josh Bowman



Our fabulous lunch lady, Darlene Williams, even had time to buy herself a 1963 Avanti. Darlene made sure the volunteers were well fed.

Nancy Bacon



50/50 winner and auctioneer extraordinaire Bob Palma with parking guru, Charlie Griffith



The Studebaker Band performing



Tom Lawlis with his 1st place award in Division 4 for his 1957 Golden Hawk.

Mendy Howard



Dave Doran with his 1955 Studebaker pickup truck that won 1st place in Division 7 – Trucks, original Beth Doran

Joe & Nancy Bacons cars at the meet. The 1956 Golden Hawk got a 1st place. The 1964 R2 GT Hawk got best of Division in the GT Hawk Class.

Nancy Bacon



This link is for the Studebaker Drivers Club on You Tube. Cindy Sale is posting videos of the meet there for people that don't do Facebook. Video clips are also on the Studebaker Drivers Club Facebook site.
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StudebakerDvrClub/videos>



Studebaker Drivers Club

Welcome to the Studebaker Drivers Club video channel! The SDC was founded in 1962 and is dedicated to the preservation of Studebaker cars, trucks and horse-drawn vehicles owned by club members around the world. JOIN US because Studebakers Are Great, Studebaker People Are The Greatest!

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Skeletal Remains Found in Studebaker

Over the years, in the month of October, this column has explored several spooky Studebaker and haunted tales...most of which were the figment of Diane's random imagination. But this year, the following story is taken from ABC News and is absolutely true and verifiable.

On September 25, 2013 a fisherman noticed the wheel of a car sticking out of a Creekside embankment in Brule Creek near Elk Point, South Dakota. Apparently high spring water levels followed by a summer draught helped reveal the old car. When police arrived at the site and recovered the vehicle, they discovered it was a rusted Studebaker that contained human remains.

Immediately, investigators tied this discovery to the disappearance of two high school juniors, Pam Jackson and Cheryl Miller, in 1971. The girls were last seen in Union County, South Dakota, on May 29, 1971. They were on their way to a party and driving a beige 1960 Studebaker Lark.



The Studebaker belonged to the grandfather of one of the girls. The Division of Criminal Investigation was called in and they were able to determine that the license plate on the discovered vehicle did indeed belong to this grandfather. Sadly, Pam Jackson's father died just days before the car was discovered.



At the time of their disappearance, the girls were on their way to a party at a local gravel pit, which is just a half mile from where their car was discovered. On the way to the party, the girls began following a car full of boys whom they'd stopped to ask for directions to the gravel pit. But the boys told investigators that when they looked back in their rear-view mirror, the girls had vanished.

Over the years this case had a tumultuous history. On two separate occasions, two men serving prison sentences for unrelated charges were indicted in the murders of the girls, but both times the charges were dropped when supposed admissions to other inmates turned out to be fake.

One year after the discovery of the Studebaker, in September of 2014, South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley told reporters that DNA, forensic and anthropological analyses confirmed the identities of the two sets of remains found in the car and also concluded that the girls' deaths were accidental. Their 1960 Studebaker Lark's ignition and headlights were turned on, and the transmission was in the top, or third, gear, Jackley said. Their clothing contained bones and remnants of shoes were found, and no evidence of alcohol was found in the car, he said.



Photo via Daily Mail, Cheryl Miller (left) and Pam Jackson (right)

"No evidence indicates that there was foul play. This would appear to indicate an accident," Jackley said. The announcement "brings a closure" and gives the families "some answers," Jackley said.

The attorney general said investigators don't know what caused the accident, but he noted that one car tire was damaged and the tread was very low on the tires. Due to the fact that the car had been submerged for 42 years, authorities won't state definitely if a blowout caused the accident.

Kay Brock, Jackson's sister, told CNN affiliate KSFY that the DNA confirmation finally ended the long uncertainty. "I'm relieved to have no foul play," Brock told the station. "It's nice to have a permanent answer after 42 years."

Rest in Peace Cheryl, Pam and a most remarkable 1960 Studebaker Lark

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 25, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Studebaker and Classic Car Show. Once again the Indy SDC is invited to show our Studebakers off in Hope, Indiana. The show is in conjunction with Hope's Heritage Day Festival. There will be both food and craft vendors. Thanks to SDC member, Jim Lime's generosity there is no entrance for Studebaker drivers.

Sunday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m. – Lunch at the Creekside Lodge, www.thecreeksidelodge.net, 613 Lafayette Ave, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, (765) 361-0300. The club hasn't visited the Creekside in several years but it's good food, in the woods along a creek. I remember they had really good iced tea. It should be a beautiful day.

Mark Your Calendar:



Sunday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. – Annual Thanksgiving pitch-in at Mike Baker's Avanti Restoration & Service Shop at 4193 E. US 40 in Greenfield, 317-498-2288. This is always a big event for the club and we expect a good turnout so don't be afraid to **bring a hearty sized side dish!**

Sunday, December 5 at 1:00 p.m. – Christmas dinner at the Mayberry Café located at 78 West Main Street, Danville, IN 46122 www.mayberrycafe.com (317)745-4067. Dinner will be in their upstairs room and order off the menu. **An elevator is available.** We need a head count, so at the November pitch-in I will be asking who plans to attend. No gift swapping but we will throw in a quick game or two.

January, 2022 – We will be scheduling lunch at the Pit Stop in Brownsburg. **This is an important meeting** as Joe will be reporting on the final tally of the International Meet. It takes several months to put all the numbers together. More information to come.

During the International Meet your editor went to her first Editor's Class. Learned some new, interesting stuff and they're going to send me even more information like what's supposed to be in a newsletter. Never knew there were guidelines.

I'm telling you this because there are going to be changes going on and some of the change is going to involve members. Get ready for a *slightly* new and improved newsletter coming in 2022.

Remember when air was free at the gas station, now it's \$1.50. You know why?

Inflation.



Sherry Schaeffer ▶ Clean Jokes and Memes

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Cheesy?? Yes!!

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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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