



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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The 57th International Meet is now in our rear view mirror. We have submitted our numbers to the International Meet Chair, Jane Stinson, who is also the club treasurer. She is reconciling all the expenses and will have the final report soon. I hope everyone knows what a big event they were a part of. The positive feedback that we have gotten both at the meet and after through social media, SDC Forum and even personal notes sent to us has been great. Our checkered vest were also a great hit. People attending the meet said it was easy to spot a friendly, helpful Indy Chapter member with our vest. Feel free to wear them at other car events you might be attending. I saw a picture of Bob Palma wearing his vest at the Pure Stock Muscle Drags the week after the meet. The club has extra club patches available if anyone would like to purchase them for \$5. They could be but on a jacket, shirt or even a tote bag. I will be bringing them to the November meeting.

The November meeting will also be the election of officers. Diane Elmore our Vice President & Sandy Fox our Secretary are looking for someone to take on these jobs. Please consider serving our club in these positions. Thank you to these ladies for the great job they have done! Hope to see everyone there!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

Lunch at the Creekside Lodge Sunday, October 10, 2021

Thank you to Becky Griffith for arranging the lunch at the Creekside Inn in Crawfordsville. We had 26 members attending. We had some new members: Carl & Karen Finchum; and some members that we haven't seen for a while: Wayne & Gwen Remaly and Nick & Jo Shaw.

Vice president, Diane Elmore, presided over the meeting as President Nancy Bacon and 1st Husband, Joe, were in Florida. Nancy had told Diane that club will be getting a few bills from the International but she is confident that we made money. She has gotten positive feedback from the members she has heard from. Several members suggested that if we made money on the International we could use that to pay for the club's Christmas dinner. A lot of us were in agreement.

Nancy said that she has 20-25 patches left from the meet that she will sell for \$5.00 each at the November meeting. Mike Baker has t-shirts (\$20.00) and license plates (\$20.00) for sale at the November meeting also.



There were no officer reports.



New Members, Carl and Karen Finchum

OLD BUSINESS: Nick Shaw has some shirts with the Studebaker emblem embroidered on them for sale at \$25.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Becky Griffith says that at the November meeting we will be taking a head count for the Christmas dinner, as the restaurant needs it. Also, Becky would like any pictures or articles that you might write for the newsletter, from the International.

The new officer elections will be held at the November meeting. Diane Elmore, VP and Sandy Fox (Secretary) are not running again. So many of our members stepped up to help at the International meet, soooooo maybe a couple of you might like to volunteer for office.



Good to see Nick and Jo Shaw

Bob Palma said that Richard Linello as a great magazine, Crankshaft, that you might be interested in (see pg. 5).



Wayne and Gwen Ramaly

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Sandy Fox, Secretary



As those who attended the lunch know Charlie and I had to dash out early. I took pictures of beautiful Studebakers but I'm afraid I can't identify all the owners. But enjoy the pictures.





Here is a photo of Darlene Williams in her Avanti after I fixed the horn and leaking brake master cylinder on her Studebaker Avanti.

Mike Baker

We have had several SDC members going thru a rough medical patch. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers: **Carl Finchum, Gwen Remaly, Richard Poe**, who is scheduled for surgery on Nov. 5, **Patty Studebaker** and **Darlene Williams**, both undergoing chemotherapy and **Victor Melchiorre** who fell.

Thank You!

Wow, a month has gone by since the SDC International Meet. Nancy and I have been busy closing the financial portion of the meet so we can soon report to membership how we fared. It is also my favorite time of year, deer season. But before that I need to thank all of the people who made the event possible.

The Indy Chapter SDC members (and some non-members) made the meet successful. Without the cooperation and dedication of those volunteers the meet could not have run as smoothly as it did. Committee Chairs carried out their tasks, organized their help needed with very few questions of me. Those who volunteered their time to assist with registration, parking, judging and other chores were invaluable.

People who attended the meet complimented how friendly and organized we were, those compliments were during the meet and thank you cards we have received recently via mail. The SDC Executive Committee was impressed with both the facility and our checkered vest volunteers! The result of all of YOUR hard work has resulted in one of the largest meets in memory and fun for all attending.

I purposely have not highlighted anyone for two reasons.....

- 1) I did not want to forget someone
- 2) It was a total TEAM (Chapter) effort

I am proud to be an SDC Indy Chapter member an blessed to call ALL of my Studebaker family friends, to that, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!

Joe Bacon

I did indeed miss some very important volunteers from the International: **Don Bookout, Phil Brandt, Rick Crawly, Ted Harbit, Joyce Willoughby, Matt Willoughby, and Larry Hopkins** and all the other members who handed out fliers at cruise-ins and other events. *Thank you all.*

Becky

Published today, October 22, 2021, in South Bend Tribune.

[Surprising facts about Studebaker cars and South Bend \(southbendtribune.com\)](https://www.southbendtribune.com)

Mike Baker

There are phone number updates on page 9, Indy Chapter Officers.

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Premium New Automotive Journal *Crankshaft*

Many Studebaker Drivers Club members are familiar with automotive journalist Richard Lentinello's good work at *Hemmings* publications through the years. Thankfully, Richard had the opportunity to spread his wings for a new automotive journal and incorporate ideas he had been fermenting for some time. He christened the new journal *Crankshaft*. Issue #1 came out early this year and appropriately featured the restoration of a prominent Tucker automobile.

SDCers may remember that I used a photograph of Tom Lawlis' Inca Cream 1957 Golden Hawk 400 in my March 2021 *Hemmings Classic Car* column, *Myth Busting: Studebaker Golden Hawks*. Richard and I corresponded about Tom's car after that appearance. When I told Richard it was a 400 and one of only 12 known survivors out of only 51 that were ever manufactured, plus having a Lawlis family history back to 1960, he was interested in having a major article about the car for his new magazine.

Richard Lentinello is an excellent photographer with specific requirements for motor vehicle photographs. The contemporary word *anal* comes to mind, but you can't argue with success. For the photographs he wanted, he suggested driving through central Indiana on a trip from the east coast, to photograph Tom's 400 for a major article. Then, your Technical Editor would be contracted to write the article. It all came together on August 11, when Richard appeared in Tom's driveway in his rental car and we

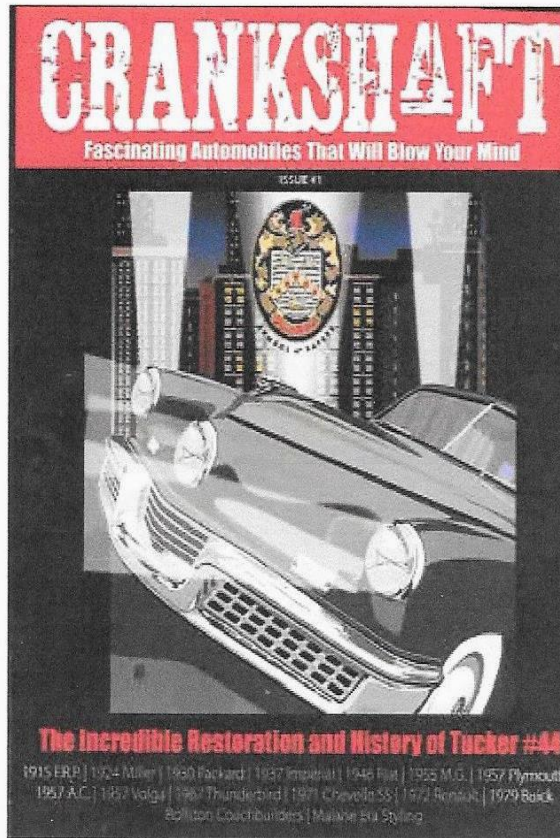
took off for photogenic sites Tom had identified near his home.

Crankshaft is larger and thicker than most magazines; 144 pages, to be exact. The paper is such a pleasantly-thick, heavy, glossy stock that the first issue weighed over a pound! The layout and type styles are beautiful, on the order of the former *Automobile Quarterly* books, but benefitting from advances in printing and paper technology that have occurred since *AQ* ceased publication.

As of this writing in early September, the photographs and manuscript on Tom Lawlis' Golden Hawk 400 are completed and have been submitted to Richard for publication. Richard is in the process of moving to Tennessee, so he said he tentatively plans to use the article in *Crankshaft* issue #3.

Crankshaft is to be highly recommended for serious auto enthusiasts. Because it is published quarterly (four times per year), there is no danger of issues piling up monthly before you've a chance to read them. Subscriptions are \$59.95 per year, well worth it in today's market, and may be mailed to:

Lentinello Publishing
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Plainfield, Indiana, August 11, 2021: Your Technical Editor, right, with Editor/Publisher Richard Lentinello. Richard has begun publishing the premium new automotive quarterly journal, *Crankshaft*. (SDCers may remember Richard as the Managing Editor of the various *Hemmings* publications through early 2020.) Richard was in Plainfield to photograph Tom Lawlis' 1957 Golden Hawk 400 for a Feature Article on the car Yours Truly has prepared for, tentatively, *Crankshaft* issue #3.

WEDDING CHAUFFEUR

By Danny G. Taylor

On a beautiful sunny warm evening this fall, I had the honor of chauffeuring one of my best friend's daughter and her newlywed husband in my tri-color Black and Shasta White 1955 Studebaker President Speedster. He had asked me several months prior to the wedding if they could use the car in their ceremonies. I was elated to be asked and of course said "you got it, my friend!!".

A lot of photos were taken with the Studebaker including videos for the "send off". In particular, the newlyweds, Lakin and Billy Khamis, wanted photos with the car at sunset ~ into the sun, so of course the wedding photographer accommodated their wish. The photographer took many amazing photos of the couple both in and out of the car, with some really creative and cool photos of the interior, especially of the machine turned aluminum dash (and the white gloved chauffeur ~ me!!).

The "kids" must have exclaimed a half dozen times or more how cool the car and ride was and how appreciative they were to sit, ride, hold hands and kiss in the classic car. Also, the parents were very happy with every part of the "car show" and ceremony which went perfectly.

After the parents had asked me to use the car in their daughter's wedding, I had not told them I was going to buy a "chauffeur's hat". But while looking on-line, I found not only the hat, but shades, a bow tie and white driving gloves all as a package through Amazon ~ and cheap. So I bought the whole ensemble. Everyone loved the get-up!!

So now that I have the official chauffeur uniform, I have joined an on-line website specializing in classic cars to be used in weddings, reunions, parties, etc. And to my delight, my granddaughter who is a high school senior this year, asked Poppy if she could have some of her senior pictures taken with the Studie !! Oh yeah !!



Adam and Becca Photography



Studebaker's Revolutionary Idea

In the September 24, 1934 issue of TIME magazine, Studebaker proudly announced their new "Year-Ahead" Sedan-Ambulance with the headline: **A GODSEND FOR SHUT-INS**

The St. Regis Sedan could be transformed in just 30 seconds from a sedan to an ambulance. It was just as quick to return the ambulance back to a personal vehicle. Families with a member confined to bed would find this dual-purpose car priceless in its possibilities...but still low in price.

In addition to the many potential buyers with a disabled family member, this unique car was advertised to Doctors, who could now drive a personal car which would instantly convert in case of an emergency; to Hospitals, Schools & Institutions, for the car's double utility; and also to Funeral Directors, who would find that not having to purchase a family car AND an ambulance would be very cost saving and increase their business profits.



When needed as an ambulance, the right front seat lifted out to make room for a comfortable, adjustable hospital cot (supplied with the car). When used as an ambulance, the car would accommodate the patient, driver and two passengers. However, when converted back it became a brand new interpretation of a 5-passenger skyway style St. Regis sedan.

According to the advertisement, the body was built like a battleship...of steel reinforced by steel. It was touted as the only car in the world under \$1000 with Power Brakes. It was built wider than it was high, thus insuring great stability.

Studebaker Ingenuity at its Best

Wow! This was truly a revolutionary idea! This most extraordinary vehicle (along with the thought and compassion put into designing it), is one of the many things that makes me proud to be a small part of the Studebaker world. I don't know about you, but I am very curious to know how many were sold.

(Hey, Bob Palma, can you enlighten us?)



Paul Meister, a shut-in for 11 years, is shown at the Chicago World's Fair using the Studebaker Sedan-Ambulance as his "magic carpet".

Upcoming Events

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. The Bakers will provide the meat. 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 or two!**



Mark Your Calendar:



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 – ~~Pit Stop in Brownsburg.~~ **The Pit Stop will be re-scheduled.** I have been informed they are undergoing renovations in January and will not be available. Stay tuned, I'll let you know in the next issue where we'll meet.

SDC Indy Chapter Membership Renewals will be mailed out in the next few days. If you don't receive a copy, I'll have extras at the Thanksgiving Meeting.

It's getting to be that time of year again! Pumpkin pie my favorite! 🥧



Lonnie McCosh ▶ Clean Jokes and Memes

I have a flat tire.
I should have brought



John Nonny
October 7 at 3:08 PM · 🌐

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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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1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930 Studebaker Dictators. This photo or one similar and an article is scheduled to be in *The Antique Studebaker Review* magazine in the near future.

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