



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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The Indy Chapter gathered at The Mayberry Cafe for our December meeting and Christmas Party. The club treated members to lunch in appreciation for all the hard work that has been done over the last couple years getting ready for and hosting the International Meet. We did a great job and the meet was a great success! The final tally after paying bills and settling expenses shared with the International Club netted the Indy Chapter \$9391.73!!! The Meet bank account has now been merged back into the Indy Chapter account and will be a nest egg for our chapter to have on hand for future expenses and charitable donations.

The 58th International is less than five months away, May 4-7th, 2022 in South Bend, In! Make your plans to attend, book your rooms and enjoy taking your Studebaker back home to South Bend!

I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas & Happy and Healthy New Year! Hope to see everyone at our next meeting!

Nancy Bacon  
Indy Chapter President

## *Christmas Dinner at the Mayberry Cafe* *Sunday, December 5*

President, Nancy Bacon, opened the meeting with a Thank You to Charlie & Becky Griffith for organizing this get together. This is our Christmas Dinner/Club Appreciation Dinner. A big Thank You was sent out to all who helped with the Studebaker National that we held this year.

Becky Griffith said that Larry Hoffman brought two new members, George & Kathy Padgett from Terre Haute.

Becky also read a note from Rose Poe regarding Richard's health. His cancer kept returning so they decided to have a more extensive surgery than they originally planned on November 5. It went pretty well and he is now recuperating at home. It will be a long recovery, but the surgeon is very optimistic that the surgery will take care of the cancer. He is counting on working on the drags in May!

Becky said that she always needs articles for the newsletter. Our next meeting is January 16 at Bubbas. More in the newsletter.

Diane Elmore, the exiting VP said, "Farewell" and we welcomed Danny Taylor as our new VP.





The outgoing Secretary, Sandy Fox, had nothing to say. We welcomed the new Secretary, Beth Doran.

Tom Flynn, Treasurer, said that we have 43 paid members so far and that our balance is \$4,907.70. Your dues are due!

The main information from the National is our balance, after expenses is: \$9,391.73. Nancy will be



closing out the account at Citizens Bank and the profit we made will be going into our club account.

We still have a few patches and a couple mugs to sell. The National will be featured in Turning Wheels next month.

The South Bend International will be held May 4th thru the 7th. It will be the 60th Anniversary for Avanti.

Marvin Snider mentioned a man he had talked to on the phone that is interested in a Studebaker. He had seen a '47 Business Coupe, but couldn't remember who it belonged to. If you know, tell Marvin or get the man's number from Marvin. The gentleman's name is, Wayne England.



Karen Taylor (not Danny) (R) won the \$57.00 50/50 drawing.

Meeting was adjourned.



Submitted by Sandy Fox, outgoing secretary!

# A Farewell to Pit Stop

## Thursday, December 16, 2021

30 SDC Indy Chapter members gathered on a Thursday afternoon to bid farewell to the Pit Stop. As usual, the service was great and food was delicious. I think we will all miss this fine eatery. Apparently they're going to auction off their memorabilia but before they did they returned a Ted Harbit picture that the club had donated (see below).



Marvin and Berniece Snider (R) brought guest Jim and Linda Overton, Berniece's brother to the gathering



## Update on Tom Lawlis' Golden Hawk 400 Feature Article

*by Bob Palma*

Many of you know that Indy Chapter member Tom Lawlis' Inca Cream 1957 Golden Hawk 400 is the subject of a major feature article and many beautiful photographs in the up-coming Issue #3 of Richard Lentinello's glamorous new magazine, *Crankshaft*. I prepared the text from Tom's lengthy family history of the car and Richard Lentinello himself was in town to photograph the car for the magazine this past August 11.

I've seen the proof pages of the article and *Crankshaft* #3's cover and it is beautiful. Tom's Golden Hawk is not on the cover, but his car is listed among the "teaser" list of articles in that issue itemized on the front cover.

The magazine is printed on an unusually thick, high-quality paper stock, of which there is currently a shortage. Issue #3 is at the printer and the printer expects to have it done and shipped to subscribers by mid-January (Yes, January **2022!**).

The magazine is a quarterly, so if you subscribe, there won't be unread issues piling up at your house every month. Subscriptions are \$59.95 per year. Both Tom Lawlis and I have subscribed, have received the first two issues, and can attest to the magazine's quality; it **is** nice.

Individual copies will be available on limited newsstands in larger markets, like Barnes & Noble Booksellers. The single-issue retail cover price is \$12.95.

However, to save time and insure that you receive a copy, single copies of *Crankshaft* #3 may be pre-ordered and will be mailed promptly as soon as it is printed. Copies are sent in a stiff cardboard mailer to avoid damage.

Single issues may be pre-ordered by sending a check for **\$15.95** to Lentinello Publishing at the following address. (Note: This is a new address.) This includes \$3 for postage, on which Richard loses money because he buys the special mailers...and postage is actually \$3.85.

Be sure to specify that you are pre-ordering a copy of *Crankshaft* #3:

**Lentinello Publishing**  
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**Knoxville, TN 37912-0421**



I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A GENTLEMAN BY THE NAME OF WAYNE ENGLAND. HE IS INTERESTED IN A 1947 CHAMPION BUSINESS COUP THAT WAS IN THE CAR CORRAL AT THE INDIANAPOLIS NATIONAL STUDEBAKER MEET. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN STUDEBAKER LAND THAT WOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS CAR AND THE CURRENT OWNER, WAYNE ENGLAND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BUYING THE CAR. HE IS FROM TENNESSEE AND HIS PHONE NUMBER IS 615-426-3068.

THANK YOU.  
MARVIN SNIDER  
765-318-9738

Where **DO** these people get all this money?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4X9wVEFtHA>

**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL**

Remember renewals are due by December 31. Dues can be sent to Tom Flynn at 4531 S CO RD 500 E, Plainfield, In 46168

Welcome new officers Danny Taylor, Vice President and Beth Doran, Secretary. And a much earned thank you to outgoing officers Diane Elmore and Sandy Fox for their service to the club



## **Proposal to Help Restore the Muppet Movie 1951 Studebaker Commander in The Studebaker National Museum**

### **Fellow Indy Chapter SDC members:**

As most of us know, the famous 1951 Studebaker Commander 2-door sedan used in the 1979 *Muppet Movie* is safely stored at The Studebaker National Museum, and is displayed in the museum galleries from time to time. This is the actual car used in the movie, not a clone, "tribute," or any other euphemistic moniker.

Unfortunately, it sat outside in a movie lot in the California sun many years and is in poor condition...but at least it's not rusty! The bright, flamboyant colors it was painted for *The Muppet Movie* have faded terribly. If the car wasn't famous, it would be an eyesore.

The Studebaker National Museum has embarked on a campaign to restore the car as it appeared in the movie, cosmetically and mechanically, both daunting goals. Restoring the bright colors alone will be challenging, and who knows what it needs mechanically, it has been so long since it was operated. (If you look at the car's crude remote controls in the trunk, they are reminiscent of the controls many of us old guys cobbled together to steer our home-made go-karts back in the '50s and '60s!)

At our next Indy Chapter Meeting, I plan to make a motion that the Indy Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club make a \$500 donation toward **The Muppet Movie Commander Restoration Fund**, to be paid from the profit made sponsoring the 2021 Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet. In the event more money is collected than is required to restore the car (highly unlikely), we would specify that the remainder be donated to The Museum's Restoration Fund, which always needs money.

Please consider this before our next chapter meeting so we might move, second, and pass a motion to disperse a portion of our chapter's National Meet profit for this worthy, historical Studebaker project. Thank you for your consideration.

**Bob Palma**

### **Nice article w/ George Krem's 1964 Daytona convertible**

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The Kearney, Nebraska, Classic Car Museum was threatened with extinction until a year or two ago when it was saved. Here's a nice article on its current state.

Cousin George Krem's gorgeous, genuine, full super package R1 1964 Studebaker Daytona convertible has been displayed there for awhile and is featured in this article. I'm not sure who owns the Ermine White 1963 Gran Turismo Hawk next to it:

<https://kearneyhub.com/news/local/th...0d847d294.html>

<https://forum.studebakerdriversclub.com/forum/your-studebaker-forum/general-studebaker-specific-discussion/1921915-nice-article-w-george-krem-s-1964-daytona-convertible>

# Bedtime Stories For Adults

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
The nylons were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The young babes and old ones were snug in their beds,  
While various visions danced 'round in their heads;  
The younger babes wanted the things that you'd think,  
But dreams for the older were diamonds and mink.

And Mamma and I sat there watching TV,  
(A fine Christmas program was on Channel Three)  
When all of a sudden the screen went all blank,  
And up on the roof-top I heard a loud clank.

I shot to the door to see what went on here,  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But jolly St. Nick with a crest-fallen frown;  
The TV antenna had tripped him right down.

"But Santa," I said, "How did you come to town?  
I don't see a sleigh or your reindeer around."  
"Well, get with it, Bud," he replied in a flash,  
"That Packard out there's got them all beat for dash."

"The world moves around and I haven't all day  
To make all my calls in that old-fashioned way.  
This Packard just whisks me from one stop to the next;  
I never have trouble and never get vexed."

"The trunk is so big it holds all of the toys  
That I need to cheer up all girls and all boys,  
The Packard transmission's a Godsend to me—  
I set it just once and my mind is then free."

And then he turned 'round and said, bold as you please:  
"I'm not gonna leave one, so don't start to tease,  
If you want a Packard, go get it yourself,  
And don't place your order with any old elf."

"Go down to old Paris and see Milt and Lu,  
Whenever I trade that is just what I do—  
At Palma's the customer always is King,  
With service that you cannot equal, By Jing!"

"For all of their staff strives with might and main,  
To have you come back and to trade there again;  
Lum Phillips will greet you, and Ralph, Ken and Fos,  
John too; they will let you know YOU are the boss!"

He turned with a jerk and jumped into the seat,  
And stepped on the gas and he sped down the street,  
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight—

MERRY CHRISTMAS to All and to All a Good Night!"

## PALMA MOTORS

PACKARD — KAISER — WILLYS

Attached is my late Father (Lu Palma's) rendition of *A Night Before Christmas*. "Milt" refers to his younger brother and business partner, my uncle Milton, who died December 30, 1994, almost 23 years before Dad died in 2017!

This was published in the December 22, 1953, edition of *The Paris Beacon-News*, the Paris IL daily newspaper. At the time, he was yet to join the Studebaker dealer. Two years later, in December 1955, he would have been able to include a Studebaker and/or Nash reference, but not in December 1953.

Also are photos of Dad and Uncle Milt in front of the dealership. The older photo with the new, 1953 Packard Caribbean, was taken in July 1953, about a month after they went in business. Dad is on the right. The other photo, with my 1964 Daytona hardtop, was taken in front of the same building in 1991. Dad is on the left in the 1991 photo; Uncle Milt is on the right.

Best. Bob Palma



# Upcoming Events

**Sunday, January 16 , 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** – Lunch at **Bubbaz Bar & Grill** at 7799 US Highway 31 S, Indianapolis, IN 46227 · (317) 883-4833.

**Mark Your Calendar:**



**February – Open, any ideas?**

**Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** – Pitch-in at the Wanamaker Civic League hosted by Larry and Sue Kennedy

**April** – Bob and Sandy Fox are hosting April. More info to come.

**May 4-7 – Studebaker International** hosted in South Bend, Indiana

**May 27 & 28** – Annual Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags in Bean Blossom, Indiana hosted by Richard and Rose Poe. **This event is not etched in stone so check back.**

**June – OPEN** – Capital City Ford is not available in June. It's a beautiful time of year if you would like to host an event.

**July** – Bacon's Annual Luau

**To each and everyone in the Studebaker Drivers Club and their families;**

May peace break into your house and may thieves come to steal your debts. May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet of \$200 bills. May love stick to your face like Vaseline and may laughter assault your lips! May your clothes smell of success, may happiness slap you across the face and may your tears be that of joy. May the problems you had, forget your home address! In simple words, may the New Year be the best ever. . . . . *Thanks to unknown author*

**"Leave A Lot Of Happy Tracks" - - - Pete Yuen**



# 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](mailto: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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This is the first time (2012) I decorated my Lark for the Livermore California Christmas Parade. I can't believe it was 9 years ago.

Every year the city of Livermore hosted a night time parade where the Altamont Cruisers Car Club, and other groups, would decorate their classics and hot rods with lights and decorations. It was trying to rain that night, but we did manage to get the parade in and back safely to the house before the downpour started. Couldn't drive more than about 10mph or I'd start losing decorations. Great times.

It took weeks to put the tape on the car. Every evening after work, I'd get a piece or two on the car. It took about an hour to get it all off.

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