



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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With the holidays behind us we can turn our thoughts to better weather and time to enjoy taking Studebakers out to play sooner rather than later, I hope! The 58th International Meet will be in South Bend, In. May 4-7th, 2022. That is just a little over three months away! Early registration for the meet is available now for \$35 either online at [sdcmeet.com](http://sdcmeet.com) or by mailing in the registration form in Turning Wheels. This will save you \$10 if you register before January 31, 2022. They have some fun events planned including Celebrating the 60 Year Anniversary of the Avanti, and a baseball game where the South Bend baseball team will be wearing throwback "Silverhawk" uniforms.

The Bean Blossom race track has been put up for sale recently. Not sure where that leaves one of our very popular yearly events, the Studebaker Nationals & Orphan Car Drags. We will update when we know more.

If anyone has suggestions on where to have one of our monthly meetings please let us know. Hope to see everyone at an Indy Chapter event soon!!!!

Nancy Bacon  
Indy Chapter President

## Indy SDC Meeting at Bubbaz in Greenwood Sunday, January 17, 2022

Twenty four SDC members came together Sunday, January 17 for lunch and a meeting. President, Nancy Bacon called the meeting to order. She first thanked Charlie and Becky Griffith for arranging the meeting. Nancy then reminded the club that dues are due.

Danny Taylor reported during the October Meeting at the Creekside in Crawfordsville he lost the side vent to his 1955 Studebaker. He went back to look for it but to no avail. The good news is that after he was told how difficult it was going to be to replace the vent he was able to get one from Studebaker International for only \$35.00.

New Business: Bob Palma, unable to attend today's meeting sent an e-mail encouraging the club to donate \$500.00 to the Studebaker National Museum's Restoration Fund, earmarked for the 1951 Commander that was featured in the Muppet Movie. The discussion turned to the \$175,000 goal the museum had set. In Bob's e-mail he explained the museum set the high goal to attract as many donors as possible, with any overage going into the Museum's General Restoration Fund for all the cars there. Currently the museum has raised



Hal and Charlotte Clark brought guests Steve and Gloria Woodall (R) of Pittsboro to the meeting

\$9500.00. Danny Taylor motioned we make the donation, Andy Swartz 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried.

Registration for the South Bend meet is now open. Cost is \$35.00 until January 31, that's a \$10.00 savings. This year the meet will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Avanti.



The club was informed that the drag race track in Bean Blossom where the Poe's have hosted the Annual Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags for many years is up for sale. We'll have to wait and see how this affects the May.

As of now, no club has volunteered to host 2023 or 2024 Studebaker International. No one at the meeting recommended we volunteer!

Sue Kennedy announced the Indiana

Automotive/Indiana Landmarks is working on rescheduling the South Bend Driving Tour. This two day tour will either be at the end of June or middle of July 2022. They plan on visiting a private automobile collection and a high end restoration shop, together with touring the Studebaker Museum and the Oliver Mansion known as the Copshaholm House Museum. Watch for more information



Nancy informed the club that the publishers of *Turning Wheels* are having printing and ink issues and that your issue may be late.



Andy Swartz motioned the meeting adjourn, Charlie Griffith 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Submitted by Becky Griffith

Larry and Sue Kennedy drove their newly restored 1950 Hudson Commodore Six sedan. It was an everyday car in Los Angeles from 1950 to 1996. They've got about 620 hours in it now. It gave them something amusing to do during the Covid time.



If you know someone looking for a project car, here is one. Priced to move as well.

Ted Andrews

<https://muncie.craigslist.org/pts/d/dunkirk-1963-studebaker-hawk-v8-car/7424520719.html>



[1963 Studebaker Hawk V8 Car - auto parts - by owner - vehicle...](https://muncie.craigslist.org/pts/d/dunkirk-1963-studebaker-hawk-v8-car/7424520719.html)

1963 Studebaker Hawk. 289 V8. Was a 4 speed car. It does not have a transmission. Comes as pictured. I have the engine for it but it's out of the vehicle (\$450 for engine). Under 60,000 original...

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Mon 12/27/2021 10:53 AM

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1952.....Speedo goes to 160.....mph or kmh?

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Mon 12/27/2021 2:37 PM

To: huck63stude@aol.com

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Yeah, concur. South Americans were 'early adopters' of the metric system; don't know that "English Imperial" units were ever in use there.

But there was a Spanish Imperial system. Anyone know if speeds or distances were ever marked on motor roads in varas or leguas?

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Mon 12/27/2021 2:29 PM

To: jimpepper60@gmail.com +43 others

I co-sign what Pepper said. I know my kilometers per hour, from living close to Canada, in Detroit. I got some Columbian coffee for Christmas and it was great, therefore this post was special. More meaningless information for yous guys, is that it's my '63 Lark R1s' birthday. I go to the garage, charge his battery and hang out awhile. Happy New Year! Huck Hildebrandt

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James Pepper

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Mon 12/27/2021 2:14 PM

To: 'Diego'; 'Bob Palma' +42 others

I am sure 160 is kmh which is 100mph.

# An Alice Cooper Avanti on History Channel's "Counting Cars" Show

By Pete Rutledge

George Hamlin tipped me off about "Counting Cars" having an episode on Alice Cooper's Avanti. When I investigated it, I found there were actually two episodes; they are Season 9, Episode 10 and Season 10, Episode 1. "Counting Cars" is a continuing series of 1-hour shows on the cable channel known as The History Channel.

According to Wikipedia, "**Alice Cooper** (born **Vincent Damon Furnier**, February 4, 1948) is an American singer, songwriter, and actor whose career spans over 50 years. With a raspy voice and a stage show that features numerous props and stage illusions, including pyrotechnics, guillotines, electric chairs, fake blood, reptiles, baby dolls, and dueling swords."

Thanks to Bob Johnstone's web site, we know about one of Cooper's Avanti, a black '64 model. Follow this link for more on this car:

<https://studebaker-info.org/AVDB1/R5000/64R5203/64r5203.html>



In Season 9, Episode 10 (original air date of 10/21/20), Alice brings another Avanti, a white '63 model with turquoise interior, to the auto shop, Count's Kustoms, featured on "Counting Cars." It appears to be all original, at least externally (apparently it is an R1, lacking a "Supercharged" emblem on the side). He explains that he's had the car for about 10 years after he found it in Portland, OR. He explains that, according to the FBI, the car was once involved with a Soviet spy. He wants to make the car a reliable daily driver. He asks the

shop guys to replace the 289 engine (because "you know they overheat like *that*") and to preserve its original exterior good looks. He gives them no time limit for the makeover. Between this episode and the next one, all the work takes place.

In Season 10, Episode 1 (airdate 9/15/21), we learn that the shop technicians initially proposed to put a Chevy engine in the car, but their boss advised them that Alice is a hardcore Ford guy (it seems to me, he's also a Studebaker guy), implying that a Ford engine is the only option. The trouble is that the lower part of the Ford small block engine is right where the Avanti's front cross-member is located. The solution is to *cut off the front of the Studebaker frame* (oh, my) and graft on the front of a Ford frame. This *sacrilege* (my opinion) will make the Ford engine a perfect fit, as well as providing a modern front suspension, brakes, and steering.

The body was stripped with paint remover and repainted white. Can you believe that *they left the "Studebaker" nameplate off the trunklid?* (Another *sacrilege!*) The interior was completely reupholstered in the original pattern in turquoise (they said that the original upholstery, while looking reasonably nice, was not repairable).

Chrome wire wheels and white wall tires replaced the original wheels and wheel covers (in my opinion, the rear wheels have too much offset and protrude too much from the rear wheel wells). The engine was replaced with a 302 Ford producing about 330hp. The original automatic transmission was replaced with a Ford overdrive transmission. They lowered the car (2" in front and 3" in rear) and it appears to have disk brakes all around. They left off the elegant Strat-O-Vue mirror (another sacrilege). Cooper says he may call it "The Countess" (a reference to a vampire in white). During the discussion with the shop people, Cooper says that the designer of the Avanti also designed the Barbie Doll and the Lear Jet (false as far as I know). Throughout the "Counting Cars" adventures about this car, Cooper never mentioned owning the Avanti we have on Bob's web site; in fact, it's more like he talks about this car as his first and only Avanti. (Interesting).



Incidentally, I have Verizon cable TV. The newer episode is available On Demand for free. The older episode is available On Demand for \$1.99. They may be available from other cable providers, as well. The newer, free episode would be well worth watching (even if it cost \$1.99).



# Questions & Quandries in Quarantine

It all started just four days before Christmas when I started getting sick. In less than 48 hours, I was exhibiting EVERY single symptom of the Omicron variant of Covid. (And believe me, I used every research trick I learned from working in a library and found ALL the various nasty symptoms!) I called my doctor and learned that, because of the upcoming holiday, their office was closing the next day...they had no access to testing in their office...lines at approved testing sites were hours long and there was little to no chance of getting an Over-The-Counter test. I was told to rest, push liquids, take Musinex and Tylenol, use my Asthma Inhaler, and purchase a Blood Oxygen meter and monitor my blood oxygen. If the oxygen reading got below 90, I was to go directly to the Emergency Room.

That night, through some miracle, Dave was able to track down a home test at Walgreens. I took the test and it showed a negative result. WHAT??? You have got to be kidding me! By now, I had lost my voice, my smell, and my taste! So I quarantined myself and on Christmas Eve, I hunkered down, used all my prescribed home remedies, and started riding the Covid wave. Slowly...very slowly...I started to show some improvement, but it took **17 days** to start feeling better. Do I believe in the validity of home tests? **ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!** Although I don't know what specific variant that I had, I am totally convinced that I did have Covid!

So with all that background information, we finally get to the crux of this article. While I was enduring the long days of quarantine, I found myself coming up with the strangest thoughts and questions. Was I suffering from Covid Brain Fog or was my feverish mind trying to solve some of life's mysteries? You be the judge.

- As Dave and I were spraying Lysol on all our household surfaces, I wondered, "Does cleaning really work? Think about it. Every time you clean something, you make something else dirty!"
- Which letter is silent in the word SCENT...the S or the C?
- As I searched the medicine cabinet for something to relieve my incessant cough, I found a bottle of expired cough medicine. This made me wonder...If a cough medicine has expired, is it now more potent or is it less effective? And that led me to ponder whether poison has an expiration date, and if so, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- Does Dr. Anthony Fauci have an office? Or is his desk in a television studio? How can he possibly be an EFFECTIVE Director of the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases and run a multi-level organization when he is on television EVERY DAY? When does the man work on the Covid problem?
- Do couples ever set out to conceive twins? I don't think so! Do you think twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- Why do we use the numbers ELEVEN and TWELVE? And where did the "teen" come from in THIRTEEN, FOURTEEN, etc.? When we are counting and we get to TEN, why is the next number not TENTY ONE?
- And finally...did any of our English teachers ever teach us that if you replace the "W" with a "T" in WHAT?, WHERE? and WHEN?, you get the answer to each question!



*As you can see, being in quarantine is a most unusual experience!*

# Upcoming Events

**Saturday, February 12 at 1:00** – Valentines luncheon at the Kopper Kettle, 135 West Main Street, Morristown, IN, 46161. [kopperkettle.com](http://kopperkettle.com). The Kopper Kettle is well known for their fried chicken and family style serving. I will need a head count by Tuesday, February 8. Email me at [becinin@msn.com](mailto:becinin@msn.com) or call at 317-353-8287. Becky



## Mark Your Calendar:

**Saturday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m.** – Larry and Sue Kennedy are hosting a join Winter Meet with the Indy Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club and the Southern Indiana/Kentucky Chapter of the Hudson Club. We will meet at the Franklin Township Civic League, 8822 Southeastern Avenue in Wanamaker. Hosts will provide a meat dish, water, coffee and iced tea. Bring your place settings and a dish or dessert. This facility is handicap accessible and has a handicap restroom.

**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** – The city of Connorsville (Little Detroit) has invited the club to come visit the Fayette County Historical Museum where they have a collection of cars and tour the Stant Manufacturing Corporation, where all plated items for Studebakers were made, including the Bullet-nose. If time permits visit a restored historic home built by industrialist Ansted McFarlan. They have the first planned Industrial Park in the United States formed by John McFarlan in 1888 to bring suppliers for his carriage company. This will be a driving tour. We will stop during the tour for lunch. **This event is still in development, more information to come.**

**July** – Bacon's Annual Luau

**September 16-17** - 2022 Pure Stock Drags in Stanton, Michigan

**September 30, October 1 & 2** - Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb



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