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Indy Chapter members gathered at The Kopper Kettle to enjoy an early Valentines Day lunch. We had a rather large turnout for the meeting and everyone seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to get out and visit with Studebaker friends.

I hope everyone is making their plans to go the the 58th International Meet in South Bend, May 4th-7th. Hard to believe the meet is just two months away! They are planning a great meet and going back home to South Bend is always a big deal to Studebaker owners. The early registration numbers are running ahead of what we had at the end of early registration and there are 55 vendors registered selling parts.

Hope to see everyone soon at one of our upcoming meetings.

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

Indy SDC Meeting Kopper Kettle Saturday, February 12, 2022



Thirty-eight SDC members and guests came together Saturday, February 12, 2022 at The Kopper Kettle in Morristown for lunch and a meeting. President, Nancy Bacon called the meeting to order. She thanked Charlie and Becky Griffith for arranging the gathering.

New members attending were Steve and Gloria Woodall. Guests attending were Greg and Adelaide Watson.

Treasurer's Report - as of January 14, 2022 our balance is \$ 15,898.91. 69 members have paid their yearly dues. Last year, 73 members paid, so we're almost complete.

The \$ 500 donation was sent to the Studebaker National Museum for the Restoration Fund, earmarked for the 1951 Commander featured in the Muppet Movie. Our Adoption Renewal at the Studebaker National Museum for the 1950 Studebaker Champ Convertible and 1954 Bob Bourke Commander Starlite is due. Do we want to renew? Jeff Westcott made a motion to renew the adoption. Charlie Griffith 2nd, the motion carried.



Happy Birthday to Dwight Lyle.

A BIG Thank You was given to all the waitresses who served us.

New Business – Bob Palma brought the latest issue of the *Crankshaft Magazine* which contained a 12 page article with pictures of Tom Lawlis Golden Hawk. Only two cars in the issue had more than 10 pages in their articles. Applications for the Crankshaft Magazine were available.

Mike Baker made us aware of the Greenfield Art Community presenting The Art of Transportation Driving Tour on March 26 in Greenfield. More details to follow in the Brickyard Newsletter. The Drive will be on Route 40 and SR 9. There will be a \$ 10 entry fee to support the Community.



Mike also reported that the 1951 Studebaker Champ Convertible Bullet Nose which he has driven to events before is for sale. Best offer of more than \$ 25,000 will be agreeable.

No one drove their Studebakers to the luncheon today.

Becky Griffith asked if we wanted to have an auction next month, March 12, when we meet at Wanamaker since our Treasury is healthy at this time? It was decided that we will have a few Select Items available. If you have an item for auction, please let Nancy Bacon know.

The Club has decided to print a directory of our members, to include your picture OR YOUR picture WITH your favorite Studebaker vehicle. More information on page 3.

April 21,
Thursday,
Bob Fox has

organized a Driving Tour which will leave from Plainfield approximately 9:00 AM. Travel the backroads – No Interstates or major highways, and arrive at the Oak Dale Inn in Monticello about noon for lunch. More information to follow in the Brickyard Newsletter.

Jeff Westcott has received permission from *Turning Wheels* to use the pictures he took at the International Studebaker



Meet. If you would like the picture of your vehicle, contact Jeff Westcott at westcott2@gmail.com or 317-759-8895.

Nancy reminded us of the September 23 – 25, 2022 Gainesville Museum Event. Studebakers and other Vintage Vehicles, along with the Cade Collection will be there. It will have a 1960



James Bond Theme. More information can be found in the *Turning Wheels* under Events and page 8 of this newsletter.

Charlie Griffith collected \$ 104 in the 50/50 Raffle. The \$ 52 winner was Bob Palma. Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Fox, Marvin Snider 2nd.

Submitted by Beth Doran, Secretary



Welcome New Members

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1955 E7 Pickup
1965 Daytona 2-dr sedan



SDC Indy New Directory

A new club directory is in the works. Beth Doran has graciously taken on this task. Here's what *you* need to do. **We want a picture of your favorite Studebaker and a photo of you with it.** If you don't have a Studebaker a picture of you or you/spouse is fine. These pictures won't be large so get a close up or send a photo that can be photo cropped. The directory will still list all cars mentioned on your renewals/applications. Your photo should be e-mailed or mailed to Beth **no later than May 14th**. Below is the mailing information you need:

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Lebanon, IN 46052
765-891-2704

If you are planning to attend, please let me know. They are wanting Studebakers.

Thanks,
Mike Baker
mikebaker@aoui.org

A promotional poster for a car show event. The poster features a large shield-shaped graphic with a black and white checkered border. Inside the shield, the text reads: "CRUISING the LIVING ALLEY", "OFF US HWY 40", "22 WEST MAIN STREET, GREENFIELD, IN", and "March 26, 2022-9 AM till 2 PM". Below the text is an illustration of various cars, including a red Studebaker, a blue car, and a motorcycle. At the bottom of the poster, it says "Hancock County ARTS" with the website "www.hancockcountyarts.com", "Support THE ART OF TRANSPORTATION", "\$10 Entry 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards at 12:30", "Donuts with Coffee by Scattered Beans, a local roaster, at the TwelfthNorth Gallery, 20 N. State Street", "Join us.", "You will see a Junior Dragster, Motorcycles, Studebakers, Hot Rods, Bicycles, Avantis, Chalkie, the Mobile Art Truck", and "Register on http : / / www.hancockcountyarts.com".

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Beautiful 1951 Studebaker Champion Bullet Nose Convertible for Sale

Some of you have seen the beautiful 1951 Studebaker Champion bullet nose convertible I've driven to various club events. Lucky for you, it is for sale. The lady who owns it never learned how to drive a manual so she decided it is time for a new owner.

It was restored and painted blue before she purchased it. I have maintained and driven this convertible for the past 7 years. I've driven her on the Navistar Proving Grounds (former Studebaker Proving Ground), to visit Phil Harris - Fairborn Studebaker on the interstate at 70 mph with overdrive working, and last October to Crawfordsville, IN besides lots of local car shows and trips around central Indiana without any problems.

The owner is accepting best offer over \$25,000.

Improvements:

- Rebuilt clutch assembly
- Replaced starter solenoid and starter switch
- Replaced belts, hoses, and fluids
- New stainless steel exhaust system
- New 6 volt battery
- New brake master cylinder
- Rebuilt hill holder
- Annual oil changes and chassis lube

Buy this now and you'll be ready for the "Homecoming" 58th Studebaker International Meet in South Bend on May 4-7th.

Regards,
Mike Baker
Avanti Restoration & Service Inc.
4193 E US 40
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-498-2288

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Editors,

Can you make your membership aware of these deadlines for the Concours in South Bend on July 9 at the Studebaker Museum please? The deadline is March 18 and this has gone to What's Happening already.

Respectfully,
Susan Lusted



Vehicle applications are now open for the Saturday, July 9, 2022, Concours d'Elegance at Copshaholm. Consider applying if you have a vehicle that fits one of this year's 10 classes which can be found below!

The submission deadline is **March 18, 2022**, and decisions will be postmarked no later than **April 11, 2022**.

Crankshaft Magazine #3

Now Available

by Bob Palma

Indy Chapter members who have been waiting patiently for the third issue of Richard Lentinello's premium new collector-car journal, **Crankshaft**, are advised that it has been published. Single copies are now available for ordering and will be shipped immediately. This is the long-awaited issue that includes the feature article on **Indy Chapter member Tom Lawlis'** beautiful, Inca Cream 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk 400.

The article on Tom's 400 is 12 pages long with 17 beautiful color photos. Only 2 of the 13 cars featured in this issue ranked 12 pages; all the others have no more than 10 pages! I was honored by Richard to have been asked to write the article, and Tom and I are well-pleased with how nice it turned out. Here's an opening-page "teaser."

A copy of **Crankshaft #3** was passed around at the February Indy Chapter meeting and lunch at The Copper Kettle in Morristown. Several members took cards with instructions on ordering single copies. Single copies will sooner or later be available at larger booksellers such as Barnes & Noble, where they will be \$12.95 plus tax; \$13.85 total. However, single copies may be ordered directly from Lentinello Publishing for only \$15.00 postpaid, which will save running around looking for them on the few newsstands where they might be available.



To receive a single copy of **Crankshaft #3**, send a check for \$15, made out to **Lentinello Publishing**, to this address:

Crankshaft Magazine
P.O. Box 12421
Knoxville TN 37912-0421

Be sure to specify you are ordering Issue #3. You might mention you are a Studebaker enthusiast, to help him gauge how much interest there is in having Studebakers in his new magazine. **BP**

Flight of the GOLDEN HAWK

Studebaker rarity at its best with the life-long ownership
of a 1 of 51 1957 Golden Hawk 400

Storyteller | Bob Palma Photographer | Richard Lentinello

Do you remember the car in which you took your driving test to get your drivers license many years ago? Was it a premium, high-performance car of the era? Is it still in your possession, beautifully restored?

Only a handful of enthusiasts can answer "yes" to all three questions. One of them is life-long Studebaker enthusiast Tom Lawlis of Plainfield, Indiana. At age 16 in late summer 1960, [now] 77-year-old Tom reported to his local Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles license branch to take his driving test in a rare 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk 400.

At the time, the Golden Hawk was owned by Tom's older brother, Jerry. Tom was so enamored with the car after passing his drivers test in it that he admonished Jerry to "Never sell that car; I want it when you are done with it." Jerry said "OK." True to his word, and with no money changing hands, he assigned the title to his younger brother Tom 18 years later, on March 9, 1978.

In late May 1960, Tom had spotted the Golden

Hawk on the side lot of a long-gone D-X gasoline station in the family's west-Indianapolis neighborhood. It was on West 16th Street, just a few blocks east of The Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Tom was intrigued by its unusual leather interior and luxurious appointments; features he had not seen on other Golden Hawks he had admired around town. Having been told it was for sale, Tom sped home on his bicycle to tell his older brother Jerry about it, whereupon they returned to investigate the car.

Barely three years had elapsed since the car had been manufactured. Regardless, the Golden Hawk had already logged 42,128 miles at a time when 10,000 miles per year was the national average. And, according to Tom, they had not been easy miles. In horse-trading vernacular, Tom said the car had been, "rode hard and put up wet," ignominious treatment for such a special automobile. And there was a serious mechanical issue: An important component of all 1957 and '58 Golden Hawks, the McCulloch supercharger, was missing.



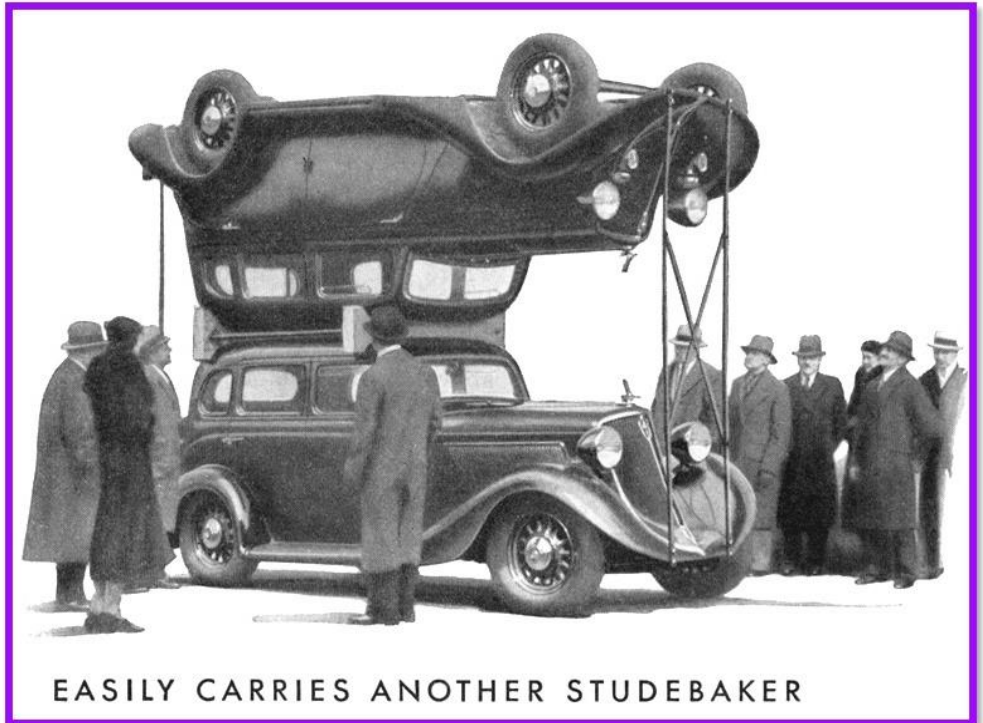
Stylish and Strong

If you are reading this article, it's a pretty good bet that you are a full-fledged, certified, card-carrying Studebaker aficionado. Therefore, you know without a doubt that Studebaker was decades ahead of other auto makers. Our favorite car manufacturer not only led the way with innovative design, but their engineering and mechanical advances were trend setting (and often copied). However, did you realize the strength that was built into every Studebaker that rolled off the factory line?

Take for example this advertisement showing in black & white the undeniable strength of the car. (Bear in mind that this photograph was taken and published 50+ years before photos could be altered with video technology. This photograph was produced back when "a picture was worth a thousand words".

As a former Library Marketing Specialist, I applaud the person who conceived the idea for this eye-popping advertisement. Once someone saw this picture, they could never look at a Studebaker without thinking about the strength of that vehicle. Beautiful as it was, the Studebaker was no longer just a "pretty face". Now people knew it had endurance, stability, and power!

But the Studebaker marketing geniuses didn't stop with printed advertisements. They took their automobile promotion out on the road. Can you think of a better way to showcase Studebaker's cars and trucks than to see them rolling down the road. While other car manufacturers were prone to keep their deliveries to dealerships literally "under wraps", Studebaker proudly used their trucks to haul their vehicles to big and small towns all across America. No stealth deliveries for our favorite brand. NO! Studebaker, not only openly displayed their vehicles, but they often added banners and signs that would additionally promote the newest and best Studebakers!



EASILY CARRIES ANOTHER STUDEBAKER

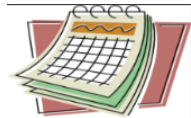
Run...Don't walk...Get to your Studebaker Dealership TODAY!



Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m. – Larry and Sue Kennedy are hosting a joint 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. We will have a “scaled” down auction following lunch. Bring a Studebaker item you would like to donate to the auction.

Mark Your Calendar:



Thursday, April 21 – “DAM” CATFISH TOUR - We will meet at the Burger King in Plainfield (6003 Gateway Dr.) It is at Quaker Blvd. & Hadley Rd, off Exit 66 on I 70. We will leave there no later than 9:00 a.m. From there we will head north to the Monticello, IN area for catfish at the Oakdale Bar & Grill. The drive will take approximately 2 hours and we will have 1 pit stop at Lebanon. We will have lunch and then head back to the Indy area. We may stop at Culvers in Lebanon for ice cream OR we may stop at Donaldson’s Chocolates, in Lebanon. **We must have a head count, no later than, April 15.** The restaurant WANTS this head count! If you decide to meet us there, that is fine, but we still need to know that you are going. You can email us: bsfox@att.net or call: Sandy – 317-439-4747.

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

Saturday, September 9 – International Drive Your Studebaker Day

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

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

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National SDC Membership

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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Another photo from Studebaker International, Indianapolis, 2021

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