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The 58th Annual International Meet is just around the corner and is looking like it is going to be a great one! Living so close to South Bend, home of Studebaker, we sometimes forget what a big deal it is to bring our cars back home. The meet runs May 3-7th with a one day pass being offered on Friday the 6th for \$20 for anyone not able to attend the whole week. The Indy Chapter has a few passes to the Studebaker Museum. If you would like a pass to the museum, contact me and I will get it to you at the show. First come, first serve!

The Bean Blossom Drag Strip was sold last year, but the new owners are looking forward to our annual visit to the Brown County track May 28th. This is always a fun event to get a chance to take your car down the track or just watch. Hope to see everyone soon at these fun Studebaker events!

Nancy Bacon
Indy Chapter President

Indy SDC Meeting “Dam” Catfish Tour Thursday, April 21, 2022



Hosts Bob and Sandy Fox

Thursday, April 21 several of members, including a guest, Kurt Weisner, met at the BK in Plainfield and headed north to Monticello, In. It was lightly raining and just kind of a yucky looking day. We headed across the backroads of Hendricks Co. and stopped at Lebanon for a pit stop, where we picked up a couple of more cars. When we arrived at the Oakdale Dam, several members from the Lafayette and Monticello area, (Katz’s, O’Neal’s, Wayne Remyly and Ray Reeves) met us at the restaurant. All in all



we had 24 people. Everyone seemed to enjoy their food and there was lots of conversation. Most of the members left to head home on their own. By the time we all left the sun was out! Bob & I want to thank all who came. We had a great day!

Sandy Fox





Ray Reeves with his 1966 Daytona



David O'Neal in his 1978 Avanti



Bob Fox in his 1972 Avanti

LAST CALL

We need your photos of your car and/or of you NOW for the new 2022 Studebaker Directory. Beth Doran is currently working on the directory but she still photos from several members. Deadline is May 14. Send your info to Beth at doran68ba@hotmail.com or:

2717 East 75 North
Lebanon, IN 46052

About Our Members

Our president, **Nancy Bacon**, had a back procedure April 20. Hope she's back on her feet soon. Member, **Berneice Snider** took a tumble and broke her wrist. Glad to report she's on the mend.



Former longtime SDC member, Alice Palma

Indianapolis – **Alice M. Palma**, 103, Indianapolis, died April 16, 2022. Alice was born on March 31, 1919, in Oak Park IL, the fourth and last child of John and Lela McClintock, all of whom predeceased her.

Alice graduated from The University of Illinois with honors in three years, in 1940.

There, she met her future husband, Lumir Palma, to whom she was married 74 years before his death in 2017.

Lumir and Alice retired to Brownsburg in 1983 to be near their two grandchildren; Joseph (Melissa) Palma, now of Wexford PA, and Kate (Michael) Marciniak, now of Westfield IN. There, Alice pursued her gardening interest for many years as an active member of Brownsburg's Friendly Garden Club.

Alice is also survived by her sons **Bob (Cari)** of Brownsburg, Stanley (Cheryl) of Indianapolis, and Russell (Marcia) of Minneapolis. Alice later enjoyed her four great-grandchildren; Joe and Melissa's son Lucas, and Michael and Kate's children Will, Ellie, and Josh Marciniak.

Marjean "Jean" Clutter, 93, of Avon, went to be with the Lord Friday, April 15, 2022. She met her husband of 62 years James E. Clutter in Brazil, IN and married in 1948. He passed away December 7, 2009.

"Jean and her late husband Jim were wonderful members of our Indy Chapter for many years. They hosted several meetings at their home among Jim's collection of old cars in his retro Mobil Gas Station and fabulous garage. It was always a treat to have them at our meetings as they were both very special people. After Jim's death in 2007, Jean eventually dropped out of the club. In more recent years, she had moved into assisted living, the car collection and large model train layout along with the entire estate had been sold. I am filled with sadness as I drive past their former home but I have many fond memories of the Clutters. I feel very blessed that I was able to be friends with such a wonderful couple as Jim and Jean Clutter."

Tom Lawlis



Former longtime SDC member, Jean Clutter



Susan Lusted

Mon 3/28/2022 10:26 AM



Good morning all,

While this is no shock, I am sorry to report that former SDC President Max Corkins passed away at 11:58, Sunday night March 27, 2022. As soon as I get more information, I will start to write up an entry for the Remembrance Project. If any of you would like to, I will leave room for any quotes or comments.

Also, if anyone has a good picture of Max I would appreciate a copy if possible, as well as a clarification on his term as President. I seem to remember he was the sparkplug that got the Studebaker Museum issue in South Bend on track to what it has become, today. He was also instrumental in the recovery of the 1947 Woody wagon and housed it for many years at his shop in Lewistown. There was also an issue with SDC representation at the Carlisle and Hershey Swap Meets in Pennsylvania back in the 80's.

***THE 2022 STUDEBAKER NATIONAL DRAGS WILL
BE HELD AT THE BROWN COUNTY DRAGWAY,
BROWN COUNTY INIDANA, SATURDAY, MAY 28th.***

**IT'S CONFIRMED BY THE NEW OWNERS AND WILL BE THEIR
FIRST PUBLIC EVENT THE TRACK WILL HOLD AS NEW
OWNERS. THEY PLAN AN ALL MAKES CAR SHOW ALONG WITH
THE STUDEBAKER TRACK DAY, SO IF YOU HAVE A CAR TO
SHOW BRING IT.**

Brown County Dragway is at 480 Gatesville Rd, Morgantown, IN 46160

THE DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT WILL BE AT 5:00PM AT:

**Sugar Creek Barbeque Company
51 Chestnut St E, Nashville, IN 47448
www.sugarcreekque.com
(812) 988-5810**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RICHARD POE @ 812 345
5414 OR EMAIL ROSERICHPOE@ATT.NET**

From Steve Schott, thought someone might be interested. There is a Lark on Craigs list Indianapolis today. Looks pretty nice.



**1963 Studebaker Lark – car & trucks – by owner – vehicle
automotive.**

Selling this car for my dad, he bought it to play with, but has decided it is not for him and he wants a vintage pickup truck instead. 1963 Studebaker lark, 4 dr sedan, 6 cylinder, 3 speed manual transmission with overdrive.

Louisville.craigslist.org

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SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022 AT 8:30 AM – 12 PM

Cars & Coffee Cruise-In Hosted at Inskeep Ford



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Ted Andrews <Ted_Andrews@msn.com>
Tue 4/26/2022 9:11 PM

To: Mike Baker; Becky Griffith; Thomas Goesch; Max & Nikie Starkey

Mike,

This will be after our event in South Bend and it is literally right down the road from you. Maybe some of us in the SDC / AOA Indy Chapters can have an informal cruise in here?

Ted

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1016008942630580/?ref=newsfeed>



Susan Lusted
Sun 4/3/2022 6:14 PM



Good afternoon all,

I have drafted the stops both for lunch and overnight for the Hemmings Great Race. I know from experience when it began in Buffalo New York that some of our Hamilton members enjoyed going and seeing the cars being teched etc. and one of our members was in the Great Race also.

Some of your chapters will be near some of these lunch stops and some of the overnight ones. A really interesting one is a stop at the Studebaker National Museum. Take a look and perhaps let your members know of this.

RHODE ISLAND, June 18th, Warwick, Hemmings Great Race Rocky Point State Park, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Race to start from this point. Website: greatrace.com/route. Northeast Zone.

CONNECTICUT, June 18th, New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, 4:30 p.m., overnight stop Hemmings Great Race. Website: greatrace.com/route. Northeast Zone.

NEW YORK, June 19th, Montgomery, lunch, Hemmings Great Race on Clinton St. at 12:15 p.m. Website: greatrace.com/route. Northeast Zone.

NEW YORK, June 19th, Binghamton, Hemmings Great Race overnight, Court St. downtown at 5 p.m. Website: greatrace.com/route. Northeast Zone.

NEW YORK, June 20th, Wellsville, Hemmings Great Race lunch at 12:15 p.m. at Alfred State College. Website: greatrace.com/route. Northeast Zone.

PENNSYLVANIA, June 20th, Erie, overnight Hemmings Great Race, Perry Square Park, downtown, 5 p.m. Website: greatrace.com/route. Northeast Zone.

OHIO, June 21st, Medina, lunch, Hemmings Great Race at noon at Uptown Park in downtown Medina. Website: greatrace.com/route. Crossroads Zone.

OHIO, June 21st, Perrysburg, overnight, Hemmings Great Race at 5 p.m. Louisiana St. downtown Perrysburg. Website: greatrace.com/route. Crossroads Zone.

INDIANA, June 22nd, South Bend, Hemmings Great Race lunch at noon at the Studebaker National Museum. Website: greatrace.com/route. Crossroads Zone.

ILLINOIS, June 22nd, Plainfield, Hemmings Great Race overnight, 5 p.m. on Lockport St. downtown. Website: greatrace.com/route. Upper Mississippi Valley Zone.

WISCONSIN, June 23rd, Sun Prairie, Hemmings Great Race lunch at 11:45 a.m. at Angell Park Speedway. Website: greatrace.com/route. Upper Mississippi Valley Zone.

WISCONSIN, June 23rd, Wisconsin Dells, Hemmings Great Race overnight at Chula Vista Resort at 2:30 p.m. Website: greatrace.com/route. Upper Mississippi Valley Zone.

WISCONSIN, June 24th, Chippewa Falls, Hemmings Great Race lunch at noon on Northbridge St. downtown. Website: greatrace.com/route. Upper Mississippi Valley Zone.

MINNESOTA, June 24th, Duluth, Hemmings Great Race overnight at 5 p.m. at Bayfront Festival Park. Website: greatrace.com/route. Upper Mississippi Valley Zone.

MINNESOTA, June 25th, Brainerd, Hemmings Great Race lunch at 11:45 at Brainerd International Raceway. Website: greatrace.com/route. Upper Mississippi Valley Zone.

MINNESOTA, June 25th, Detroit Lakes, Hemmings Great Race overnight, 4 p.m. on Westlake Dr. Website: greatrace.com/route. Upper Mississippi Valley Zone.

NORTH DAKOTA, June 26th, Fargo, Hemmings Great Race finish on Broadway Drive Historic Fargo Theater at 1 p.m. Website: greatrace.com/route. South Central Zone.

Respectfully,
Susan Lusted



Indiana Automotive South Bend Tour, July 15-16

Join us in July for the return of Indiana Automotive's summer tour! The two-day event explores South Bend, a city rich in automotive history thanks to the legacy of the Studebaker family. We'll enjoy guided tours of the former Studebaker assembly plant, Studebaker National Museum, Studebaker Electric Fountain, St. Paul's Memorial Church, and more -- including a look at a private auto collection not ordinarily open to the public. [Learn more.](#)

A Spare Tire Solution for Avantis

By Pete Rutledge

I read a post on the Avanti forum that said the temporary spare tire (doughnut) from the '02-'12 Ford Escape had the same bolt pattern as the Avanti. The fellow who posted was going to use one for his Avanti II. Well, that was news to me because up to that point I wasn't aware of any such spare tires newer than '99 that would fit the Studebaker bolt pattern, let alone something as new as 2012. So I took a chance. I found a nice spare on eBay that was listed for '01-'04 Escape (so there is some discrepancy about which years are right, but '02-'04 were common to both the Avanti forum post and the eBay listing) and it was only \$55 delivered to my door from a salvage yard in Wisconsin. It arrived quickly. It still had factory stenciled letters and numbers on the tread so I'm sure it had never been on the road. It was like brand new. I washed it and dried it and then tried it on the front and on the rear of the Avanti. It fit perfectly with plenty of clearance and no interference with anything. Its size is T135/90R17. It's even the same outside diameter (26.5") as the tires currently on the car. Then I removed my existing spare (which will only allow the spare tire lid to close if you let the air out of the tire (yeah, that's what we need--a spare with no air). With the jack and lug wrench on the floor of the well where they belong, I put the new spare in the well. It was a perfect fit. Then I put the jack handle on top of the spare with a towel to protect the wheel and the lid from the handle. The spare tire cover fit beautifully in its recess, allowing the lid latch to work like it's supposed to.

I'm still expecting to receive reproduction Halibrand wheels this Fall and I only ordered four. So they will work nicely with this spare in the trunk. I know it's not original, but I'd rather have a functional non-original spare if it allows the lid fit properly.



Fill 'er Up

“Back in the day”...whenever we start a sentence with those four words, our grandkids roll their eyes and suddenly remember something they just have to do immediately! But if we add three little words and say, “Driving my car back in the day”, those same grandkids will settle down with a soda and wait to hear all about our long ago automotive adventures. They love it when we tell them about riding with no seat belts, dating at a drive-in movie, cruising around town, and buying our first car for under \$100. But the story at the top of their listening chart is about buying gas for our cars. They love to hear us tell about Filling Stations, Gas Stations, Service Stations, or the plush Full-Service Station.

FILLING STATIONS:

According to Wiklpedia, the first **filling station** was the city pharmacy in Wiesloch, Germany, where Bertha Benz refilled the tank of the first automobile on its maiden trip from Mannheim to Pforzheim back in 1888. Shortly thereafter other pharmacies sold gasoline as a side business.

GAS STATIONS:

The world's first **gas station**, built only for the purpose of selling gasoline (and ONLY gasoline), was constructed in St. Louis, Missouri in 1905 at 420 S. Theresa Avenue. The second **gas station** was constructed in 1907 by Standard Oil of California (now Chevron) in Seattle, Washington at what is now Pier 32.



SERVICE STATIONS:

Next was the new concept of a **service station**, which was a place equipped for servicing automobiles, making repairs, as well as selling gasoline and oil.

FULL-SERVICE STATIONS:

The golden era for **full-service stations** came during the 1950s, when Interstate highways were being constructed across the US. Cars as big as whales set sail on the new roadway system. These large-finned vehicles, with teams of horses under the hood, guzzled gas. So people were clamoring for bigger and better service stations. And thus was born the **full-service station** where a gas station attendant always stood ready to provide first-rate service to his customers. Besides pumping the gas, full service meant washing the windshield, checking the oil & water, inspecting the fan belt, and measuring the pressure in tires. When business was slow, attendants might brush out the car's carpet too. Other perks included free maps, calendars, balloons, mileage calculators, and sets of drinking glasses, maybe featuring pictures of the US presidents. Stations also sold tires & accessories like batteries and seat covers.



And if all this history doesn't make you nostalgic for yesteryear, just think for a moment about what we have today...**SELF-SERVE STATIONS**. When we pull into one of these, we have to get out of our car and stand in the rain, or freezing cold, or blowing wind! Then we have to pump our own gas...wash our own windows...and never receive a piece of gum or any other kind of a gift! Yes indeed, pumping your own gas definitely can make you want to climb back into your car, close your eyes, and visit our golden past...



“BACK IN THE DAY”

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 27 & Saturday, May 28 – Annual Studebaker Nationals and Orphan Car Drags in Bean Blossom, Indiana hosted by Richard and Rose Poe. Racing will be Saturday the 28th so bring your car to race, or not, and come to beautiful Brown County and enjoy the day with us. There's a snack bar at the track, or bring your own picnic lunch. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. All performance and skill levels welcome. See page 4 for more info.



Mark Your Calendar:



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

June – In the works.

Saturday, July 16 at 1:00 p.m. – Bacon's Annual Luau

September – The Westcott's will be hosting. More information to come.

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

Saturday, December 10 at 12:30 p.m. – Indy Chapter Christmas Party at Green Street Station in Brownsburg, hosted by Diane Elmore and Sandy Fox.



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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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Sue Kennedy with the Kennedy's 1965 Cruiser

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