



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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The Indy Chapter enjoyed a nice lunch at Willow LeaVes restaurant in Hope In. and also had the opportunity to visit Studebaker International, the largest Studebaker parts supplier in the world. We are lucky enough to have such a great source of parts so close to us and that owners Jim and Corey Lime are members of our chapter.

Last month Diane Elmore's *Random Ramblings* really hit home with me. She paid tribute to the wonderful people who become longtime friends thru this club. I have always felt that the club is way more than the cars that brought us together and to see this sentiment expressed so beautifully really touched me. Keeping this thought in mind I hope to see everyone real soon at one of our Indy Chapter events where we are passing our limited edition, complete with color pictures, collector issue club directory!

Nancy Bacon
President, Indy Chapter

SDC Lunch at Willow LeaVes in Hope, IN August 20, 2022

32 Studebaker Members enjoyed gathering, visiting and feasting at the Willow LeaVes Restaurant in Hope, Indiana.

Nancy Bacon, President, thanked Connie at Willow LeaVes for her team of helpers who served our group. Nancy also thanked Jim Lime for hosting the club.

There were no officer reports and no treasurer report.

There is a need for our October meeting arrangements. Mike Baker suggested that the Avanti Club was meeting in LaPorte for a BBQ meal and then enjoy a hayride on October 22. We were invited to attend.

There are several Studebaker members planning on going to Gainesville, FL September 23 – 24 for their Studebaker regional meet. They have 100 reservations at the present time and 50 vehicles registered.



September 10, at 12 noon is **Drive Your Studebaker Day** hosted by Jeff and Kathy Westcott at the LePeep Intech Commons in Indianapolis. Call, text or email Jeff Westcott at 317-759-8895 or Westcott2@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

September 16 – 17 is the 2022 Pure Stock Drags in Stanton, Michigan.

Report on Victor Melchiorre’s car that was for sale by Mike Baker. Mike had driven the car to a Mexican restaurant he heard about in Indianapolis on the Northeast side on the corner of Post and Pendleton Pike and put a “For Sale Sign” on the

windshield. It was only a few minutes and he heard a 10 year-old boy call out and ask about the car. He said his dad would like the car and could he buy it? Mike said he had listed it on Craig's List, and he had to wait until those offers were finalized. Long story short, this young boy's dad owns the Mexican Restaurant he was going to eat at, bought the car a week later. The car now sits in front of the Mexican Restaurant drawing the attention of onlookers as they enter the Mexican Restaurant.

Nancy Bacon and Becky Griffith are working on the History of our Studebaker Club. If anyone has some historical stories OR any stories on "Why Do You Own a Studebaker, anyway?," please contact Nancy or Becky.



November is election of Officers. All Officer jobs are available if you would like to help or are interested. Nancy has been President for the last 7 years, and Becky has been Editor for the last 10 years. Give Nancy a call. She would like to hear from you.

November 13 is Thanksgiving at Mike and Yvonne Baker's at 1:00 pm. Those who drive a Studebaker or Avanti to the dinner will receive a special door prize.

The 2022 Directory is available. Contact Nancy Bacon if you have not received yours. Beth Doran was thanked for her efforts.



Charlie and Becky Griffith were observed at the Gilmore Museum in Kalamazoo, Michigan for the Lincoln Car Show last week by Mike Baker who just happened to be there for business.

The Pitstop Restaurant in Brownsburg is remodeled and now open. Its new name is The Locale. We're going to check in to see if we can make it our February meeting place once again. Stay tuned.

The Studebaker Muppet Car is at the State Fair. The Indiana Motor Association is sponsoring it and they are gathering funds to have it restored.

50/50 winners Hal and Charlotte Clark with ticket seller Charlie Griffith. The Clarks won \$43.00

Members were invited to visit the Studebaker International Warehouse on South Street following dinner by Jim Lime, owner.

Mike Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue Lyle seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Doran, Secretary



Mark Enlow's 1963 Lark Daytona

Bob Palma's 1964 Daytona





The clubs "twins" Sue Kennedy and Nancy Bacon in their Studebaker USA shirts



Larry and Sue Kennedy's 1950 Land Cruiser



Some serious business going on at Studebaker International in Hope, In



Bob Palma is Passing This Along

From: listserver@oldcarsonly.com <listserver@oldcarsonly.com>

Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 12:22 AM

To: bobcaripalma@hotmail.com <bobcaripalma@hotmail.com>

Subject: Cars Needed

Hello! We are seeking 1920s-1930s cars for the McGowan Hall 100th anniversary celebration. The details are below. Those bringing their cars would receive free admittance which includes dinner and live music! Any help making this a memorable even with some cars from the era would be greatly appreciated!

October 22nd, 2022

McGowan Hall - 1305 N. Delaware St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202

McGowan Hall 100th Anniversary Celebration
(Seeking cars specifically from the 1920s & 1930s for a Gatsby style 1920s party)

Cars: 5:30pm, Dinner & live music (inside) 7:00pm

Those bringing cars will receive free admittance (\$50 value) - dinner included. Please RSVP to Robert Newport at 317.476.5793 or director@mcgowanhall.org no later than October 10th.

Robert Newport

McGowan Hall Director of Operations
1305 N. Delaware St. Indianapolis
office cell: 317.437.4453

News About Our Members



What a delight it is to announce the birth of our newest member, **Declan Lime** born to **Corey and Lyndsay Lime**, and proud grandpa **Jim Lime**. Declan was born August 24th coming in at 9 lbs, 8 oz.



William L. "Bill" Chipman, 83, of Rising Sun, Indiana, passed away Saturday, November 21, 2020 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He was born August 23, 1937 in Moorefield, IN, son of the late Buford Chipman and Bessie (Brandon) Chipman.

He served his country as a member of the United States Navy. He was a member of the Rising Sun Honor Guard. Bill worked as an Engineering Foreman for Monsanto, retiring after over 38 years of service.

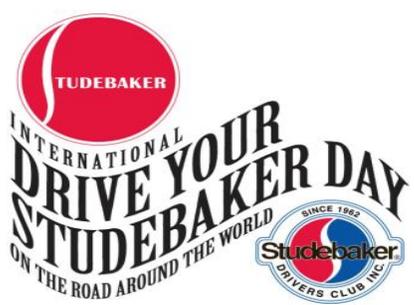
This is from an article about a parade that Disney used to run at Disney World.



Although the parade is presented by Chevrolet, Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia from *Star Wars* ride in a bullet-nose 1950 Studebaker Champion Regal convertible. It's okay that Studebaker was never a General Motors brand, because *Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope* (1977) isn't a Disney movie. The car is influenced by Luke Skywalker's Landspeeder in that movie. The three jet engines suggest that this might be a very fast Studebaker.

Thanks to Wayne Remyly

I'm hoping you all can join us on September 10 for *Drive Your Studebaker Day!* But if you can't and you do drive your Studebaker please send me a photo and a brief description of your day.



All About Tires

Peter Sant

Are your tires tired? It is a scientific fact that after 7 years of age the rubber compounds that make up tires become brittle and deteriorates very quickly. At 10 years from date of manufacture tires are considered to be unsafe.

When we look at our collector car tires we usually see very little tread wear due to our driving limited miles over the course of a year. Contrast this to our daily driver cars and we normally see that tires on a daily driver usually do not even last 10 years as they are worn out tread wise in less than 70,000 miles.

If you choose to drive on old tires you are taking a chance of blowout. This severe action usually results in a bad situation and often the vehicle careens off the road. A bad thing.

How do we check the age of our tires? This is relatively easy since the tires are stamped with a date code on the sidewall. There are a string of numbers and letters on the sidewall but we are interested only in the last four digits which spell out the week and year of manufacture. i.e. 2616 means the tire was made in the 26th week of 2016.

After you read this article I hope that you go out to the garage and check your sidewall for the date codes of your tires and if necessary consider buying new tires prior to taking your car out on the road again. While you are at it you may want to check the tire pressure. New cars have the pressure indicated on a sticker on the door jamb of the vehicle but our older cars leave that up to the owner to determine. My recommendations for bias ply tires are to run them at 28lbs front and back. If you have converted to radial tires (a good idea) you should probably run them with 32lbs pressure. Check them before you set out on any road trip.

While we are on the subject of tires it is a good time to speak about tire balancing. All tires should be balanced when installed on a rim. If you get a vibration usually felt in the steering wheel at 65mph it is a sign of a tire out of balance. Besides the shaking which does not do anything good for your suspension, it normally begins the process of “cupping” or making flat spots on your tire, if left untreated. If left for a long time in an unbalanced state the tire will be rendered useless.

Tires are the only contact that your car has with the road. That small patch of rubber is all that separates you from serious accidents. Inspect your tires for cracks especially near the rim where the sidewall contacts the rim. This is usually the first place that tires start to deteriorate and cracks appear.

I know that Studebaker people are often referred to as “cheap” but when it comes to your tires do not take a chance on them for the sake of saving a few dollars.

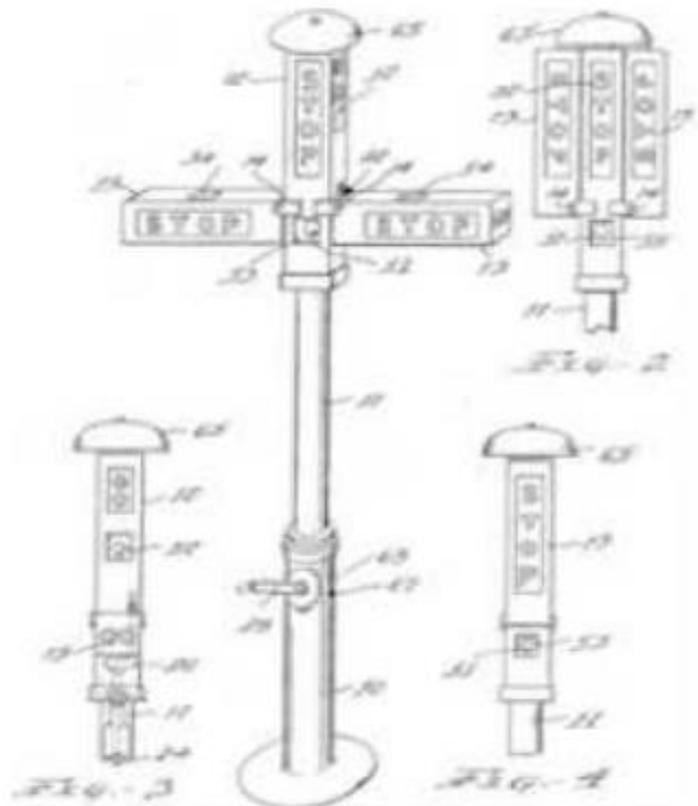
Meet Garrett Morgan

Meet Garrett Morgan, inventor of the 3-tiered traffic light. He was born in Paris, Kentucky, on March 4, 1877, Garrett Morgan was the seventh of 11 children. Landing his first job as a handyman and then repairing sewing machines, Morgan developed the skills necessary to open his own repair shop in 1907. Morgan quickly became one of the nation's top inventors. He patented several inventions, including an improved sewing machine and traffic signal, plus a respiratory device that would later provide the blueprint for WWI gas masks. In 1914, Morgan patented the breathing device, or "safety hood," providing its wearers with a safer breathing experience in the presence of smoke, gases and other pollutants. Morgan worked hard to market the device, especially to fire departments, often personally demonstrating its reliability in fires. Morgan's breathing device became the prototype and precursor for the gas masks used during World War I, protecting soldiers from toxic gas used in warfare. The invention earned him the first prize at the Second International Exposition of Safety and Sanitation in New York City.

In 1916, the city of Cleveland was drilling a new tunnel under Lake Erie for a fresh water supply. Workers hit a pocket of natural gas, which resulted in a huge explosion and trapped workers underground amidst suffocating noxious fumes and dust. When Morgan heard about the explosion, he and his brother put on breathing devices, made their way to the tunnel and entered as quickly as possible. The brothers managed to save two lives and recover four bodies before the rescue effort was shut down.

After he earned enough to purchase his own car. Morgan noticed that the manually operated traffic lights were ineffective as they would switch from "Stop" to "Go" with no warning. This led to Morgan's idea for an interim warning position—what would become today's yellow light. The signal Morgan patented was a T-shaped pole with three settings. Morgan quickly acquired patents for his traffic signal—a rudimentary version of the modern three-way traffic light—in the United States, Britain and Canada, he would later sell the rights to his invention to General Electric for \$40,000.

Morgan began developing glaucoma in 1943 and lost most of his sight as a result. The accomplished inventor died in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 27, 1963.



Patent application

Duane Miller,
Iowa Hawkeye Chapter, SDC



Up...Up...and Away

Not long after the Wright brothers flew the first successful airplane, people started wondering...could we make a car fly, too? Over the years, many attempts were made to achieve this goal. Some were better than others, but from the early 20th Century until today, we have not created a flying car that is both practical and financially feasible. Even in 2022, we still are not enjoying traveling around in one of George Jetson's flying automobiles! But wait! Back up a bit. Let's take a trip back in time to 1937 and see how Studebaker was involved in the creation of a real working...flying...driving vehicle. Take a gander at the **Studebaker powered Arrowbile**?

Waldo Dean Waterman (1894-1976) was an inventor and aviation pioneer in California. In 1937, he built five



Waterman Arrowbiles. They were high-wing monoplanes with detachable wings, a propeller attached to the rear of the vehicle, and a 3-wheeled car that was powered by a **Studebaker 100-horsepower engine**. For road use, the wings and propeller could be quickly detached. On the ground, the engine drove the main wheels through a differential gear, and the car was steered by its nosewheel. Initially wheels were enclosed in fairings as a road safety measure. So, instead of removing the propeller for the road, it could be de-clutched to prevent it from windmilling the engine at speed.



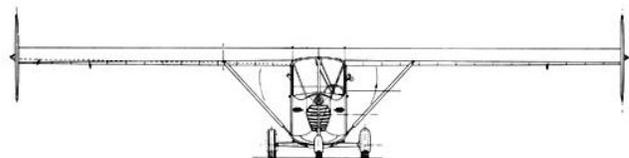
Five Arrowbiles were built. On February 21, 1937 three attempted a flight from Santa Monica to the National Air Races venue in Cleveland, Ohio (a circle distance of about 2,060 miles. One Arrowbile was forced to land in Arizona, but the other two reached the races and gave demonstration flights. *The picture above right shows one of these vehicles that is on display in the*

Smithsonian Air and Space Museum extension in Dulles, Virginia.



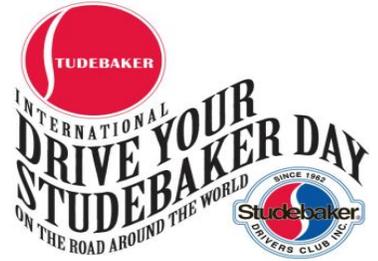
The wheel in the two-seat cabin controlled the Arrowbile both on the road and in the air. The cabin interior was designed to match current motor car standards. It featured easy access and a baggage space under the seats.

However, there was very little market response and Waterman struggled with a lack of funding. Sadly, he was forced to cease production of the Arrowbile in 1938.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. – *Drive Your Studebaker Day!* Hosted by Jeff and Kathy Westcott. We'll meet up for lunch at LePeep Intech Commons, 6335 Intech Commons Drive, Indianapolis, 46278. There is lots of parking outside and a side room inside that holds about 40. The restaurant closes at 3:00 p.m. so don't be surprised if we're the last ones there. They serve breakfast and lunch items, we'll order off the menu. Hope to see you there. Call, text or email Jeff Westcott at 317-759-8895 or Westcott2@gmail.com



Mark Your Calendar:



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

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

October – Working on it.

October 22: Noon - The club has been invited to a **BBQ luncheon provided by Mark and Shelby Kurth at their farmhouse**

- Hayride to apple orchard after lunch.
- RSVP by October 17th Mark Kurth 773-315-6667 969 S Forrester Rd, La Porte, IN 46350

Sunday, November 13 – Annual Thanksgiving lunch hosted by Mike and Yvonne Baker.

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.

September 12-16, 2023 Studebaker International in Manitowoc and Two Rivers, WI, hosted by the Wisconsin Region Studebaker Drivers Club.



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The Brickyard Bulletin

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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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Chuck Kern's 1963 Avanti (L) and Dave O'Neal's 1962 Avanti II (R) in Hope, Indiana, August

Indy Chapter SDC
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To:



Hi Becky,

Not sure if anyone would be interested; but, the second from last page of the Kaiser newsletter has an auction flyer with lots of Studes. You can do what you want with this.

Thanks,

Bob

The Gerald "Devon" Moore Estate

AUCTION

Sat.,
October 1

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Running Multiple Rings

50+ Studebaker Cars, Advertising
30+ Antique Tractors, Farm Toys



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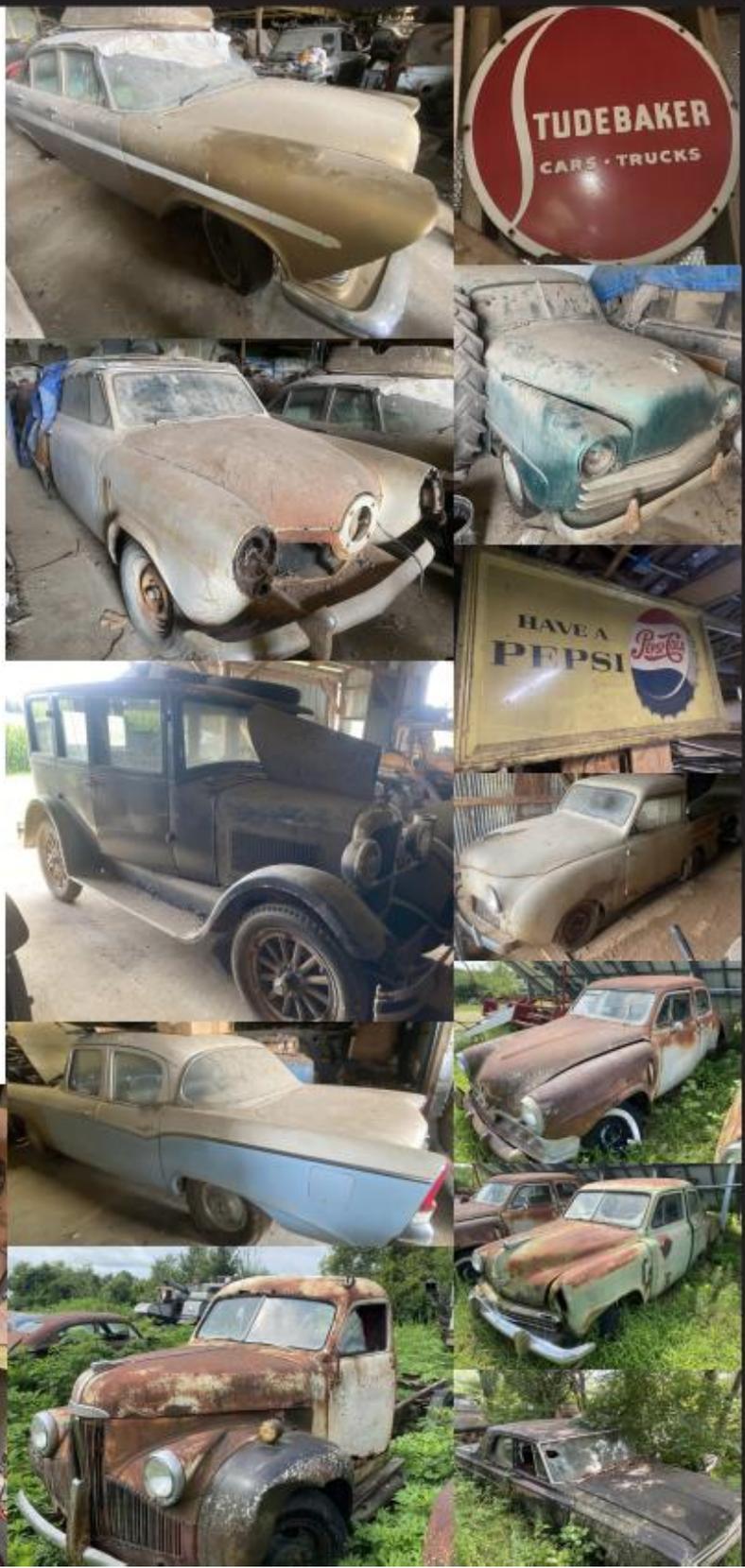
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THANKS

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