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It was great to see so many Indy Chapter members and their Studebakers out on *International Drive Your Studebaker Day*. September is a very busy month with lots of events to keep us busy. Joe and I will be heading out to attend the Southeast Zone Meet in Gainesville, Florida September 23 & 24. We are looking forward to see many longtime friends and my brother Chris Drews while we are there. Going to regional and zone meets is a great way to take a vacation and attend a Studebaker event all at the same time.

A number of our Indy members have been dealing with health and other issues and I just want to say you are in our thoughts and prayers.

We have some fun meetings planned for the rest of the year and will continue to pass out the club directory at these local club meetings so be sure to attend a meeting and get your copy soon.

Nancy Bacon
President, Indy Chapter

Drive Your Studebaker Day September 10, 2022

National Drive Your Studebaker Day was celebrated at LePeep Intech Commons, Indianapolis with many participants driving their Studebakers. Jeff & Kathy Westcott were host to 26 members.

No Officer Reports.

The October Meeting is still being finalized, but we will most likely be invited to the Mexican Restaurant at Post Road and Pendleton Pike. This way we can visit Victor Melchiorre's car which sits in front of the restaurant. More information on page 8.

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

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

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

Sunday, November 13 - Annual Thanksgiving lunch hosted by Mike and Yvonne Baker. It's more than lunch, it's a feast. We will also have election of officers at this time.



Saturday, December 10 at 12:30 p.m. - Indy Chapter Christmas Party at Green Street Station in Brownsburg.

September 16 & 17 - "Back to the Fifties" at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Cruise-in is Friday night. Car Show is Saturday. Flyers were passed out to those interested. There is minimal chance of rain for the weekend.

Gainesville, Florida Zone Meet is September 23 & 24. Joe & Nancy Bacon are planning on attending and they will give us a report of their wonderful time. They say it is always fun at this meet.

Good News – Jim Lime is now a Grandfather and is enjoying every moment. Declan Lime was born to Corey and Lyndsay Lime, on August 24th.

Next baby to be born is in January. Dave Arland is looking forward to being a Grandpa and has already bought some Studebaker toy vehicles for his upcoming Grandson.

Old Business/New Business – Bob Palma reported on Ted Harbit. His friend, Jim Turner is here for the weekend. This weekend is the 10th Anniversary of Honor Flights for Veterans. Jim Turner was the originator of the Honor Flights. Ted is going to the Stock Drags next weekend as it is the 25th Anniversary of the Stock Drags and Ted has raced for many years and only lost 2 races. Ted has some health problems but all in all, Ted & Mary Ann are doing very well. He made 25 years and is grateful for that and had a GREAT run racing the “Red Tomato”.

Phil Brandt offered to escort those who wanted to go on a Studebaker cruise after lunch through the “back roads” where he grew up. It would take about 20 minutes or so.

Charlie Griffith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob Palma seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned and we enjoyed a tasty lunch.



Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Doran, Secretary



Charlotte Howe wore her Studebaker socks on Drive Your Studebaker Day



News About Our Members

Indy Studebaker Club founding member and Studebaker whiz kid **Bob Palma** announced he was recently diagnosed with Pancreas and Liver cancer. Chemotherapy is the recommended treatment. Please keep Bob and Cari in your thoughts and prayers.

Member, **Larry Hopkins** daughter, **Stephanie Haskell**, is also battling cancer and recently had surgery. Let's keep Stephanie in our prayers and thoughts.

"Cancer is a word, not a sentence." — John Diamond

Studebaker at a Wedding

Howe and Charlotte Clark were at a cruise-in in Avon when they were approached by a young couple. They asked if they would be willing to drive the couple in their 1962 Studebaker Lark Daytona for photos after their wedding. Of course they agreed. On Memorial Day, May 30 Katelyn and Jordan Ooley were married and photos of them in the Clarks car were taken. The Clarks then took the Ooley's home.



My IDYS Day drive. Picture is in nearby village of Westport, Ky. The dark forest across the Ohio is Indiana, downstream a bit from Madison.

Warren Wheeler

Just a quick follow up to the Article about tires by Peter Sant in the September Brickyard. There are a lot of numbers on tires so to simplify the task look for the letters “DOT” followed by a bunch of numbers. The last 4 digits should be the date code he refers to. Tires made before 2000 more than likely will not have the DOT date code. Which means they should be replaced or at least know you are taking a risk. Also if a tire is 6 years or older a tire shop may refuse to repair any leak it may have regardless of where the leak is.

How to Read the Tire Date Code?

DOT M64B IC1R 3317



Look at the sidewall of your tire – there will be a code following the letters “DOT” – for Department of Transportation. There will be up to 13 characters that give you the information you need to identify your tire and also identify the date of manufacture of your tires.

7-12 Character TIN

- The first two characters will be a code that represents the assigned plant code for the manufacturer.
- The next one to two characters represent the tire size code.
- The next grouping can be no more than four characters that are designated by the manufacturer with their internal codes for the specific construction of that tire. Because these characters are optional for the manufacturer, the TIN can be any length up to a maximum of twelve characters.
- The final four digits, for any tire made since the year 2000, are the tire date code and represent the date of manufacture. The first two of these digits designates the week of the year the tires were made, and the final two digits are the last two digits of the year of manufacture. (For example, 1319 means the thirteenth week of 2019.)

SDC Member, Rick Bowman



Dennis Rumley and Ted Andrews standing by Dennis' 1963 Gold Supercharged Studebaker Avanti at the Artomobilia car show in Carmel on Saturday, August 27th.

Dennis and Ted had the only Studebakers on display of nearly 500 classic cars.

Photo by Mike Baker
Avanti Restoration & Service Inc.



Ted Andrews picking up this 1961 Silver Hawk after getting brakes and electrical issues resolved.

Mike Baker

COAL POWERED STUDEBAKER MILITARY TRUCK

Thanks to Bill Jackameit for permission to use/share this article.

<https://billstudepage.homestead.com/files/coaltrk.htm>

Steven Schultheis relates that his Grandfather, C.M. Schultheis, was an automotive engineer with Studebaker in the 1940's and 1950's. One of his projects was a coal powered 6X6 truck for the U.S. Army. The truck was used along the Alaskan Highway in the mid to late 1940's. This picture was taken in South Bend in 1945. Steven indicates that the truck runs on coal, but he does not know if it has a steam engine, or if it uses a gasification process. Does anyone have additional information about this unusual truck?



An e-mail from Bill Skizik SKIZIK777@Aol.com indicates that the truck was not steam powered. Rather, it used coal gas as fuel for the engine. Bituminous coal was roasted in a chamber, and then the gasses were extracted into the engine.

A HISTORICAL TIDBIT - THE PATEE HOUSE

By Dan Kuhl

1852, the year the Studebaker blacksmith shop opened in South Bend, is an important year for all of us Studebaker aficionados. Another important date to think about is 1858, the year that the Patee House opened in St. Joseph, Missouri. The Patee House should be of interest to Americans because it was the starting point of the Pony Express that carried mail by horseback to Sacramento, California. Admittedly, it did not last long due to the telegraph. It is, however, a very colorful time in our history.

So, what does this have to do with Studebaker? The Studebakers established a St. Joe wagon yard in 1865, as the Civil War was winding down. The new repository was established by Peter, one of the five Studebaker brothers. By 1877 the Studebakers were well established in St. Joe. In that year on June 27th, Peter's son Wilbur married Fannie Dulin, age 16 and a junior at St. Joseph Female College. Attending the wedding were Peter's four brothers. The next day the new bride and the Studebaker family left for Chicago and South Bend aboard the "President", a special railroad car.

The Patee House is a great museum, displaying Americana in ways that take you back to the days-of-old. It is well worth a stop if you are traveling across America. There is easy access off I-35 or I-29, and with the Studebaker connection, including a 1927 Commander, it is a must see for us aficionados.

Author's notes: I chose this view of the '27 Commander from the Patee House Museum because of the Maid-Rite hamburger sign, which started in 1926 the same year as Route 66.

Anyone growing up in the Midwest knows how tasty these crumbled and steamed hamburger sandwiches are. The photo above is the Patee House that displays its 1858 architecture. St. Joe is a very old city that has many buildings that are worth seeing.



Thanks to Dan Kuhl for this article and for Chris Collins, Editor of "Echo", newsletter of the Grand Canyon State Chapter for her assistance to enable procurement of this article.



Studebaker HAUNTINGS

We've all heard about haunted houses. We've read books, seen movies, and heard people relate stories about various buildings and houses that were haunted as in...to inhabit, visit, or appear in the form of a ghost or other supernatural being. So the question this month is: *Do you believe that Tippecanoe Place could be haunted?*

Most everyone is familiar with the history of Tippecanoe Place. Clement Studebaker's mansion was completed in February 1889. Unfortunately (or perhaps mystically) the interior of the structure was gutted by fire and had to be rebuilt. The Studebaker family finally moved into the 26,000 square-foot home a year later. Final cost (including the rebuild of the fire damaged interior and the furnishings) totaled \$450,000. Clem and Anna had three children: George, Anne, and Clem, Jr. They were already adults when Tippecanoe Place was completed.

Clem died in 1901 and his wife in 1916. George Studebaker took possession of the mansion and lived there with his wife Ada until 1933, when they were forced to declare bankruptcy and sell their lavish home. It stood abandoned until a South Bend businessman bought it for \$20,000 in 1941 and donated it to be used as the E.M. Morris School for Crippled Children. This facility was in operation from 1947 to 1970. In 1979, after a \$2 million restoration that included retention of the OLDEST working elevator in Indiana, the mansion was converted to the restaurant we know and enjoy today. It was around this time that people started seeing...feeling...and reporting strange things at Tippecanoe Place.



Reported Sightings and Hauntings

Since 1980, patrons and staff alike have reportedly encountered a mysterious woman in white. One of the original restaurant managers had a dramatic encounter with a ghostly woman who passed through him on her way into the George and Ada suite. In the early 1990s, a hostess was closing up for the night and ran into the same woman as she descended the staircase. The specter's image faded away just below her knees. Others have reportedly seen the ghost of a maid named Beatrice and have heard loud noises coming from the attic.

Tippecanoe Place's House Historian, Doug Graczyk says, "Everybody who works here has experienced something. People tell me of hearing voices, seeing shadows and balls of light, and even pictures swinging on the walls.

There is actually an infamous photo featuring a soldier standing at the bar. But, spookily, the man wasn't there when the photograph was taken."

Now, after you have read the history of the mansion along with all the reported "evidence", let's revisit the original question at the beginning of this October article. *Do you believe that Tippecanoe Place could be haunted?*

YES

NO

MAYBE

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 15th at 1 p.m. - SDC Indy Chapter luncheon at Polleria Los 2 Hermanos hosted by Mike Baker. Located on the corner of Pendleton Pike and Post Rd, store front is on Post Rd) 8990 Pendleton Pike, Indianapolis, IN 46226, (317) 672-3832.

The Jose family (new owners of Victor Melchiorre's 1964 GT Hawk) owns this BBQ ribs and chicken restaurant and has invited the club to their restaurant. Let's show support to the Jose family by attending and driving our Studebakers. Maybe we can recruit a new member.



Mark Your Calendar:



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 at 1:00 p.m.– Annual Thanksgiving lunch hosted by Mike and Yvonne Baker. Bring a favorite side dish or dessert. The Baker's will provide the meat. Club elections will be held after the luncheon.


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. In November Sandy and Diane will be asking for a head count.

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


 **Indianapolis Chapter Studebaker Driver's Club** September 18 at 6:37 AM

Some chapter members at the "Back to the Fifties" Festival in Lebanon, IN. Also saw a 1930 President resto-mod.



 **Nancy Bacon** shared a photo. September 17 at 9:12 AM

Team Studebaker at the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags 2022!



Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race
September 16 at 7:14 PM

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SDC member Dave Arland in his 1951 Champion Regal Convertible giving the *Peace* sign on *International Drive Your Studebaker Day*

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