



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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Joe and I traveled to Florida the last week in September to visit family and attend the Southeast Zone Meet in Gainesville, Fl. The car show was attended by Studebaker enthusiast from 22 states with over 75 Studebakers on display. We were treated to a 60's style cocktail party and dinner Friday night at the Cade Museum and picnic lunch on Saturday as part of our \$25 registration fee. We saw Indy Chapter member Mike Baker and his family and also former Indy Member Ed Reynolds who came in from Oregon where he now lives. It was a fun time seeing so many Studebaker friends and spending time with my brother Chris Drews. We headed home on Saturday after the car show was over to avoid hurricane Ian that was moving in.

The club had a good turnout at the October meeting and got to meet the Jose family that bought Victor Melchiorre's 64 GT Hawk. We will be having our Thanksgiving Meeting and club elections on November 13th at Mike Bakers shop in Greenfield. Bring your favorite casserole or dessert to share and a hearty appetite as this meeting is truly a feast. Hope to see everyone there!

Nancy Bacon
President, Indy Chapter

SDC Meeting at Polleria Los 2 Hermanos October 15, 2022

Polleria Los 2 Hermanos Grille, on the corner of Pendleton Pike and Post Road, was the location of the October Studebaker Drivers Club gathering so we could visit Victor Melchiorre's 1964 GT Hawk which sits in front of the restaurant. The Jose family owns the restaurant and car and said they would become members of the Studebaker Club in the future. Mike Baker was the host 23 members.

Nancy Bacon, President, welcomed all for coming and thanked Mike Baker for hosting this event and making it all happen.

One guest was present, Jack Pontius, grandson of Larry and Sue Kennedy.

Next month, on Sunday November 13, at 1:00 PM, Mike Baker and his family will host the annual Thanksgiving pitch-in. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Mike will have special door prizes for anyone who brings a Studebaker. There will be election of Officers at this meeting. Anyone interested in being an Officer, please let Nancy Bacon know.



Joe and Nancy Bacon had a good trip to the Gainesville, Florida Zone Meet. Mike Baker also attended this awesome event.

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.

Darlene Williams is at Greenwood Village South Rehab, rehabbing and strengthening from a hospital stay. She hopes to be home soon. Drop her a card, phone call, or note wishing her recovery success.

Bob Palma is receiving chemotherapy. Many other members are experiencing health problems. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Saturday, March 18, 2023, the Kennedy's are hosting the annual Studebaker and Hudson gathering in Wanamaker.

Charlie Griffith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy Swartz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Doran, Secretary

At the October meeting, member David O'Neal drove his modified 1962 Hawk. It's a beautiful car and caught eye of many members and passerbys. I asked David for details and the following is what he sent me. Thanks David.

Purchased new in 1962 from Gene Cottingham Studebaker in Windfall Indiana. I started an off-frame restoration/modification about 8 years ago. It has a Mustang II front clip, 8.8 Ford differential, with 4-link control arms and coil/over shocks, 4-wheel disc brakes, an 5.7 Gen III Chrysler engine and automatic over drive transmission.

Interior has a custom dash, with Dakota Digital gauges, Vintage heating and air conditioning. An Alpine radio with am/fm/satellite/navigation system, and I installed front and rear cameras, power windows, heated and cooled cupholders.

The front seats are out of a Chrysler Sebring, heated and power, rear seats are from a Chrysler 300, with fold down access to the trunk. The paint is Viper Blue Pearl.





Photos from Gainesville, Florida Regional Meet

Photos by Nancy Baker



Ed Reynolds being chauffeured in the Swanee Studebaker Cab by Stephen Cade



Joe, Ed Reynolds, and me at show



Stephen Cade (James Bond) and me at the cocktail party



Mike Baker and me at car show

It's election time. Not only are state elections November 8, the club will be holding elections at the November 13 SDC meeting. I'm hoping to have an Events Committee to plan 2023's activities. Events is a big job for just one person. I have one person who has already volunteered for this committee. We could use two or three more people. If you would like to get more involved in the club please contact Nancy Bacon at nancyjb1701@aol.com to see how you can help.



Club Renewal Time For 2023

It's time to renew your Indy Chapter SDC Membership. I will be mailing your renewal form in the next week or two. If you don't receive your renewal by the end of November, contact me at becinin@msn.com or 317-966-8716. Please note: four members are already paid thru 2023. Those members are: Mark Enslow, Andy Hess, Kurt Weisner and Tom Flynn

Becky



When a woman wears leather clothing, a man's heart beats quicker, his throat gets dry, he goes weak in the knees, and he begins to think irrationally .
Ever wonder why?

She smells like
a new truck.

FROM FREE WHEELING TO OVERDRIVE

By, and Thanks to Dan Kuhl

Everyone has ridden a tricycle, right? Well, if you have, the only way to free wheel is to take your feet off the pedals while coasting down a hill.

With its invention in 1817 the bicycle recently celebrated its 200th Anniversary. Fifty-two years after its invention, free-wheeling became an integral part of the bicycle we know today. In 1869 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., William Van Arden invented the freewheeling bicycle. His design placed a ratchet device in the hub of the front wheel where the pedals were located. A bicycle of this type was called a "velocipede", which allowed the rider to ride without constantly pedaling as we did on our tricycles (See Photo).

In 1931 Studebaker incorporated a similar gismo into their line of automobiles. It was manufactured by Warner Gear Company that was established in Muncie, Indiana in 1901. According to the March 1931 *Studebaker Wheel*, no innovation in all automobile history has so captured the interest of motorists.

Features of free-wheeling are many. A few of the most important include: When activated, at no time does the car drive the engine. Benefits include ease of gear shifting with and without the clutch and with the helical gears used in the transmission with free-wheeling, second gear is quieter and more able to take advantage of "breaks" in heavy traffic situations.

Free-wheeling was used by Studebaker until 1935 when it was incorporated into the new Borg-Warner overdrive system. Borg-Warner was part of the Warner Gear Company and was established in 1928. As a side note, my 1969 Ford pickup had overdrive/free-wheeling; it was quite the hoot to drive during my move to the Southwest in 1975.

Why was the addition of overdrive so important? Studebaker had low revving engines that were not suitable to drive at high speed for long periods of time. Not only did it permit the engine to propel the car down the road at a higher rate of speed, it improved gas mileage while saving the engine from unnecessary wear-and-tear.

What makes overdrive so special? It is ease of operation. The overdrive system has two controls. The first is a "T" handle mounted on the dash that is pushed in by the driver to engage the overdrive action. The second control is an electrically operated solenoid that initiates operation.

A car with overdrive would have to be traveling down a road at a minimum of 35 mph to imitate operation with the "T" handle. The car first goes into a free-wheeling mode so that a governor in the overdrive will close a switch that will power the solenoid which puts the car in overdrive.

A Borg-Warner overdrive has an overdrive speed ratio of 33.3%, which means a car in overdrive will travel 33.3% faster for the same engine rpm. However, to pass another car (accelerate rapidly) a kick-down switch under the accelerator temporarily takes the car out of overdrive so the car can easily accelerate. After passing is completed the driver eases up on the gas pedal allowing the car to automatically go back into overdrive.

In closing it is important to know that overdrive does not function in reverse—- not many of us have a need to travel 35 mph in reverse, unless one is driving in the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show.



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How the heck did we get this old?

When we were kids, we might have thought time was flying by faster than a speeding bullet, but we were WRONG! Those days of our youth were long and almost never ending compared to the days of our senior years. Now, we experience mini-days that speed by at warp speed! How can it be that we are now OLD? I know we have wrinkles, gray hair, aches & pains, move at a slower pace, and often need hearing enhancement devices. But deep down, we still don't feel old. Maybe that's why it comes as such a surprise to see our reflection when we look in the mirror! But no matter what age is printed on our Drivers License, we Senior Citizens never lose our sense of humor. So sit back in your recliner and enjoy a few good laughs at ourselves!

One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.



When you are over 60 and they say to put a BandAid where it hurts!



Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m.– Annual Thanksgiving lunch hosted by Mike and Yvonne Baker at Mike Baker's Avanti Restoration & Service Shop at 4193 E US40 in Greenfield. Bring a favorite side dish or dessert. The Baker's will provide the meat. Club elections will be held after the luncheon.



Mark Your Calendar:



Saturday, December 10 at 12:30 p.m. - CHRISTMAS PARTY at Green Street Pub – 911 N. Green St. – Brownsburg, IN

We will have our own private room and be ordering off the menu.

This year we will have NO gift exchange. Instead we will be playing a few rousing rounds of Classic Car Bingo (with the chance to win some nifty prizes)!

Make plans now to not miss this annual holiday bash. Good food! Door Prizes!

And a chance to yell, "BINGO!"



We (Sandy & Diane) need a headcount by Thanksgiving, Nov. 24.

Our contact info is SANDY: bsfox@att.net or 317-439-4747 or

DIANE: delmore44@hotmail.com or 317-386-8357

Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. - Larry and Sue Kennedy will host a joint Winter Meet with the Indy Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club and the Southern Indiana/Kentucky Chapter of the Hudson Club. This joint meet will be held at the Franklin Township Civic League, 8822 Southeastern Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46239 (located two houses beyond the Ordinary in downtown Wanamaker). Hosts will provide a meat dish, water, coffee and iced tea. Bring your place settings and a dish or dessert to share. This facility is handicapped accessible and has a handicapped restroom, but no kitchen facilities. There are lots of electrical outlets for crockpots and plenty of parking spaces. If you have questions, contact Larry Kennedy 317-862-2020.

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



A popular event for car enthusiasts. I understand that Studebakers are well represented.

Check it out at the [MCACN](http://www.MCACN.com) website.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH - SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 19TH

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Regular membership dues in the National Studebaker Club are \$29.00 for new members 1st year only. Renewals are \$36.00 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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Fare thee well to Bob Palmas four 1964 Daytona's. The four cars have been sold to a new custodian in South Bend.

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