



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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The Indy Chapter met at Mike Bakers shop in Greenfield for our annual Thanksgiving meeting and elections. The food was fabulous and the turn out for this meeting was great! There was no change in the officers for the upcoming year. We all got to meet new Indy Chapter members Mark & Linda Monroe who just bought a pretty blue 1955 Commander 4 door, and Declan Lime, Corey & Lyndsay Lime's baby son. Karen Finchum brought the 1916 Touring Car that Carl had been working on. It was definitely a day to be "Thankful" for all our Studebaker friends.

Congratulations to Bob Palma for being recognized with The Living Legends Award at the MCACN Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals in Rosemont, IL. November 18th. The show always has a nice display of Studebaker Muscle Cars that is very popular with car enthusiasts.

Diane Elmore & Sandy Fox have planned a fun Christmas Party for our December 10th club get together at Green Street Pub. Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year!

Nancy Bacon  
President, Indy Chapter

## Annual Thanksgiving Lunch at Mike Bakers Sunday, November 13, 2022

Thank You to Mike and Yvonne Baker for our wonderful Thanksgiving feast. Held on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at the Avanti Restoration & Service Shop hosting the Studebaker and Avanti Clubs. Approximately 64 members and guests were present to enjoy the festivities including new members Matthew McKinney and Mark and Linda Monroe.

Guests included Steven and Marcia Drevet from the Studebaker National Museum and Susan from Studebaker International and John Altman (son of Arie Altman who operated the Avanti Motor Co. after Nate Altman passed away.) and his friend Hans. Guests were from South Bend, Fort Wayne and Terre Haute.

Seven members drove their vehicles and received a deck of cards. All were encouraged to drive their Studebaker or Avanti as you will meet new people who are interested in being members. That's how Mike Baker met one of our new members. Mike stated that's how we become Club Enthusiasts. Karen Finchum brought her 1916 Series 16, 7 Passenger Touring Car for all to see. It has been renovated and driven with great pleasure.



Club elections were noted. There were no volunteers to accept any of the positions and the present officers agreed to remain in office. Larry Kennedy made a motion to retain the present officers. Bob Palma seconded the motion. Vote passed and present officers are retained.



New Members Mike and Linda Monroe

Dues are due. The yearly letter has been sent to members by Becky Griffith. Dues may be sent to Tom Flynn, Treasurer. Last year we had 76 paid Indy members. The club balance is \$ 3,000 less than last year. We again plan to sponsor 2 cars at the Studebaker Museum.

Darlene Williams is home again and is gaining strength. She can't wait to get out in her Avanti for a ride. Bob Palma was present and enjoyed the day with us.

December 10 we will meet at the Green Street Pub for the annual Christmas Lunch. Contact Sandy Fox or Diane Elmore as they need a headcount before November 24. Check your Newsletter for details.

January and February are open. Anyone who has ideas or suggestions, please contact Becky Griffith or Nancy Bacon. Please contact your suggested establishment as not all restaurants will accommodate groups due to being short staffed.

March 18, 2023 we will meet in Wanamaker at 1:00 PM. Check your Newsletter for details.

Sue Lyle made a motion to adjourn. Sue Kennedy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.



Beth Doran Secretary

Corey and Lyndsay Lime with future member Declan



Members Rick and Laura Bowman (R) with Stephen and Maria Drevet of Studebaker International Museum, South Bend



Host Mike Baker plays auctioneer to raise money for the Avanti Scholarship Program



Mike and Linda Monroe's 1955 Commander



Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Dave Arlands 1963 R1 Avanti Serial No. 1662 which was built November 5, 1962.

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Bob Palma (technical editor for SDC and all around good guy) receiving recognition award today (11-19-22) at MCACN meet in Rosemont, Illinois. Among some nice Studebakers and lots of Studebaker folks. Image shows Bob with the Ed George who was responsible for the award and for organizing Studebaker's presence at this huge event for the past several years.

Richard Quinn

Editor Emeritus: Antique Studebaker Review



## An Award for Studebaker

It's fuzzy and hard to read, however, Indiana Automotive honored South Bend's historic Studebaker Electric Fountain for outstanding automotive heritage preservation. The fountain was installed in 1906 as a gift to the City.

A newspaper clipping with a photograph of three people. One person is holding a framed award. The text of the clipping reads:

**Studebaker Fountain Wins Automotive Heritage Award**

Indiana Automotive honored South Bend's historic Studebaker Electric Fountain this July with an award for outstanding automotive heritage preservation presented to Vicki McIntee (pictured), Chair of Friends of the Studebaker Fountain.

Commissioned by John Studebaker, president of South Bend's Studebaker Wagon Works, the 26-foot electrically illuminated fountain was first installed in 1906 as a gift to the city. After the fountain was dismantled in 1941, many believed the entire structure had been melted for scrap. The WHIT documentary *Studebaker Fountain: A Gift of Water and Light* highlights how preservation advocates uncovered and restored this piece of South Bend history.

Thanks to Susan Easterday

The Club was contacted by Brittany Binder who is hoping to surprise her soon to be husband on their wedding day in May 2023 with a ride in a Studebaker to take them from the church to the reception. If you might be interested in doing this you can contact her by email: [babinder1@gmail.com](mailto:babinder1@gmail.com)



# Odds 'N' Ends

## Plastic

In life, there are many Pros and Cons.

There is ample usage of plastics in a modern car. Pro or Con? . . . Both, depending on the usage.

**Pros:** \* Plastic is lighter than the steel or metal part that it replaces.

- Does not rust.
- Easily molded.
- When used on intake manifolds, it stays cooler.
- Less costly to manufacture than metal parts
- Carbon fibre is a very strong and light material.
- Plastic rust-proof (2 part) paints are effective replacement for the lead- based paints.
- Nylon, seems to be quite a good product. In many cases it is used as an anti-friction material. Still, the modern ball joint that uses nylon does not have the durability of the older, all metal ball joints that can be lubricated. That said, the greaseable ball joints, if not lubricated will wear out prematurely.
- Lexan is a plastic that resists impact. It is used on headlight covers instead of glass on modern cars. Impact of rocks can often break glass covers but they mostly bounce off Lexan.

**Cons:** \* Fibreglass bodies on Avanti(s) do not rust but they get stress cracks.

- Can become brittle with time.
- Cannot take much stress without reinforcement.
- Toxic when it is burnt.
- Some are not recyclable (at this time).
- Lexan as used in headlight covers get fogged up with age. That impedes the amount of light that can pass through the cover. (The "Fogging" can be cleared by **very mild** abrasives.) Kits are available at auto supply stores.
- Carbon fibre is very expensive compared with steel. Will there be widespread usage of the material in the future? – Time will tell. In the meantime, there are many raves about the material.
- When plastic is used as impellers in water pumps, it can become loose on the shaft resulting in the impeller not turning with the shaft. This, in turn, causes the engine to overheat when operated.
- Radiators in cars with plastic tanks have only 7 -10 years life span on the average.
- Plastics become brittle in engine bays, especially if the car has a turbo-charger.
- Ever increase of usage of plastics in modern cars.

### **The Modern and Future Car:**

More and more parts are being built into an assembly. Parts that once were replaced for example, \$100 or so may be put into an assembly that is hovering in the \$1,000 mark. This is a common practice nowadays.

The new cars have nice features but at a cost. The more features in a car, the more chances of having trouble with them in the future. However, one must consider that "nothing" lasts forever, except dirt.

Pete Yuen



## Wisconsin Region Studebaker Drivers Club

Below is the preliminary schedule for the 59th Annual Studebaker Drivers Club Meet in Manitowoc, Wis. on September 12-16, 2023. In the near future a registration page will be set-up through the SDC and a print registration page made for Turning Wheels.

Registration info, pricing, and hotel info will follow.

Preliminary SDC Meet Schedule – Subject to change

All tours will be self-driving with maps provided. Friday is open to additional seminars as needed or wanted.

Transportation not provided except for Ladies Luncheon.

All events take place at the Manitowoc County Fairgrounds unless noted.

### Tuesday September 12, 2023

8AM Gates Open

8AM-6PM Hospitality and Memorabilia Open

10AM-6PM Vendor set up

NOON-5PM Registration

2-6PM Memorabilia set up

4-6PM Swap Meet open

6-7:30PM Ice cream social (Two Rivers)

8:30-10PM Hospitality room open

### Wednesday September 13, 2023

8-6PM Registration

8AM-10PM Hospitality Room open

8AM-6PM Memorabilia Room open

8-6PM Swap Meet open

8-NOON SDC Board meeting (hotel)

9-10AM Seminar - Behind the Scenes at Studebaker 1.0, The Studebaker Railroad presented by Jan Young

9 AM Toy & Watch Items accepted for judging through Thursday

9AM-4PM Lambeau Field Tour

9AM-3PM Seminar - Local Manitowoc attractions seminar at the library. Downtown Manitowoc Discovery (Museums, Cedar Crest Ice Cream, Berensten's Candy, Rahr West Museum, West of the Lake Gardens, Breweries, etc.

11AM-NOON Seminar - Behind the Scenes at Studebaker 2.0, Career of unsung Hero Studebaker Designer Bob Doehler presented by Bruce Anderson.

11AM-2PM Ladies Luncheon Rahr-West Art Museum – bus transportation from Fairgrounds provided.

10-1PM Vehicle Photos

1-2PM Seminar - Studebaker and the Internet presented by Jim Pepper

1:30-3PM Zone Coordinators, Regional & Chapter meeting (hotel)

3PM Judges Meeting

3-5PM Band rehearsal

6-9 PM Studebaker Parade to Two Rivers

### Thursday September 14, 2023

8AM-5PM Registration

8AM-6PM Swap Meet Open

8-9AM Newsletter judging meeting (Hotel)

9-9:30AM Seminar - Storing and/or Waking Up your Vehicle presented by Jim Pepper

9:30-11:30AM TW live Co-Operator meeting – Bob Palma

8:30AM-1PM Judging – Divisions 1-5  
8:30AM-1PM Vehicle Photos  
11AM-NOON Chapter President’s Meeting (Fairgrounds)  
9-11AM Band rehearsal  
9:30-11AM Newsletter editor meeting (Hotel)  
Noon- 4PM Driving Dairy – Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center -Wine and Beer Tasting, Hennings Cheese, Pine Crest Historical Village.  
8-6PM Hospitality/Memorabilia Rooms Open  
NOON-1:30 PM Seminar - Cylinder Head and Intake Manifold Tech presented by Jeff Rice.  
1:30-2:15PM Seminar - Estate planning for vehicles and equipment presented by Jim Schwartz  
2:15-3PM Seminar - Properly insuring and protecting your collector vehicles presented by Dan Reidel  
4-6PM Food trucks dinner  
5-5:45PM SDC Band Concert  
6-7PM Membership meeting  
7-8:30PM Auction

### **Friday September 15, 2023**

8AM-1PM Registration – Grounds open to Public at 3PM  
8AM-6PM Vendors open  
8:30AM-1PM Judging – Divisions 6-9  
8:30AM-1PM Vehicle Photos  
8AM-6PM Hospitality/Memorabilia Rooms open  
10-11AM Seminar - Master Gardening  
Noon Discover Two Rivers – Downtown events, Hamilton Wood Type Museum Tour, Cool City Brewery, Neshotah Beach and Waverly Restaurant)  
1PM-2PM Memorabilia Judging (watches, models, toys)  
4-9PM Food trucks  
6-9PM Pre-Car Show Celebration with music, wine, and beer

### **Saturday September 16, 2023**

7:30AM Grounds open to public. Car show field open – All Make Car Show open  
9AM Cars show open to public  
8-NOON Swap Meet open  
NOON-1PM SDC band concert  
2-3:30PM Awards for SDC and Car Show  
4-5PM Pick up watches and memorabilia.  
NOON-7PM Food Trucks (possible fish fry) at show  
Additional self-guided tours and attractions:  
Dick Pollen’s Automobile Memorabilia tour  
SS Badger (Promotion)  
Pinecrest Historical Village  
Ariens Museum, Brillion, Wis. (Studebaker corporate lawn products on display)  
Maritime Trail  
Wisconsin Maritime Museum and sub tours  
Cherney Maribel Caves County Park  
West of the Lake Gardens  
Winery tours; Trout Springs, Cold Country, Parallel 44, Silarian Vineyards  
Petskull Brewing Co  
Sabbatical Brewing  
Neshotah Beach Two Rivers  
All tours will be self-driving with maps provided. Friday is open to additional seminars as needed or wanted.  
Transportation not provided.  
All events take place at the fairgrounds unless noted in schedule.



# Are you done shopping?

Over the years, I have discovered that Christmas Shoppers fall into about FIVE different categories. Grab your favorite beverage, take a comfy seat, and let's see if you recognize yourself in the descriptions of any of these shopper categories.

**ALL YEAR SHOPPERS:** Also known as "Perpetual Shoppers", these people buy Christmas gifts whenever they see something that they think would make a great present. It doesn't matter if it's a 95° August day, they will still get that special something for one of their loved ones. They have a designated storage place set aside in their home for all their Christmas purchases and are often completely done shopping before Thanksgiving.

**ONLY AFTER THANKSGIVINGERS:** This group of people hates that the stores start decorating for Christmas long before Halloween. They truly think that Black Friday should be named a National Holiday. They study the multitude of advertisements and sales before they venture forth in their quest to purchase every gift. Their #1 goal is to buy everything either on sale or with a huge discount!

**LAST MINUTE PEOPLE:** It's 10:00 a.m. on December 24th, and these people are just now putting on their coats and boots to head out to the mall. They have NO IDEA what they are looking for. They are just shopping. They often have a glazed look in their eyes, but with plenty of caffeine and the impending deadline, they are done by the official mall closing time of 5:00 p.m. However, these people will spend all of Christmas Eve wrapping their newly purchased gifts...often until well after midnight!

**BRICKS AND MORTAR DIEHARDS:** Mostly made up of Baby Boomers, these shoppers MUST see, touch, taste, hear and/or smell any item before they will even consider buying it. Often they are also very community minded people who want to support local small businesses. These people love Hallmark movies and long for the small town feeling of a Norman Rockwell painting.

**ONLINE CLICKERS:** It's Cyber Monday and these people are ready to click the Buy Button! They all LOVE to see a delivery truck pull in their driveway. In fact, most of these people actually know their FedEx, UPS, or US Postal worker by name (and often treat them to homemade cookies or candy)!

Did you see yourself in any of these groups? Just what kind of shopper are you?



# Upcoming Events

**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!"*

**NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED BY SANDY OR DIANE AFTER DEC. 3!**  
Contact info is **SANDY: [bsfox@att.net](mailto:bsfox@att.net) or 317-439-4747** or **DIANE: [delmore44@hotmail.com](mailto:delmore44@hotmail.com) or 317-386-8357**

**Mark Your Calendar:**

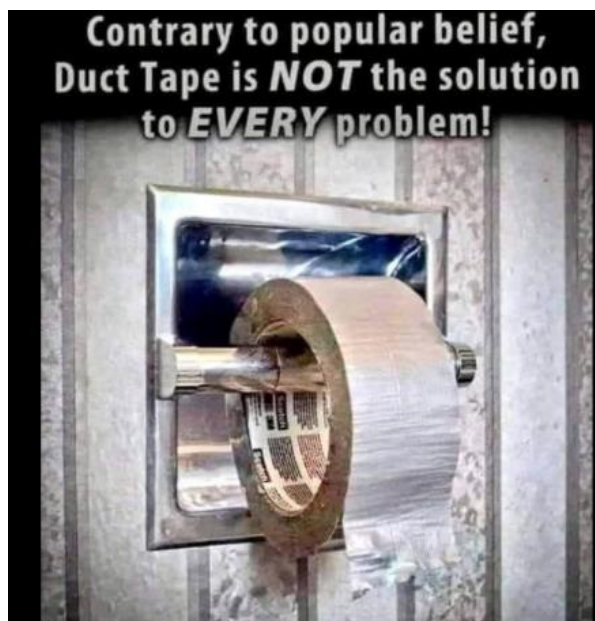


**Sunday, January 8 – 1:00 p.m.** – Lunch at EL Azabache Mexican Restaurant at: Southern Plaza, 4200 S East St Ste 11, Indianapolis, IN 46227, (317) 791-1533

**February – open**

**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. See page 5 and 6 for information.





# The Brickyard Bulletin

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Regular membership dues in the National Studebaker Club are \$29.00 for new members 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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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