



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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Thank you to Steve and Robbi Ortman for hosting our April meeting that was held with the Avanti Club starting at Bookers Bar & Grill. The weather, food, and fellowship of friends could not have been better! The club is always looking for ideas for our monthly meetings. Let us know if you have a suggestion or favorite place that has room for 30 - 50 people. Our last few meetings have been very well attended and our chapter has grown by a few new members.

The Indy Chapter is planning on making a memorial donation to the Studebaker National Foundation who will be presenting a Scholarship in honor of Bob Palma. If anyone would like to contribute to this fund you can send your donation to: SNF Treasurer, Linda Derbidge, PO Box 151854, Ely NV, 89315.

Hope to see everyone at some of the many events coming up. Studebaker Drag Racing at Bunker Hill Dragstrip, South Bend swap meet, a Luau, and the International Meet are just some of the fun you don't want to miss out on!

Nancy Bacon
President, Indy Chapter

Lunch, a Distillery and a Museum Saturday, April 8, 2023

What a beautiful, fun day the Indy Chapter had on April 8. We started off by meeting at Bookers Bar & Grill in Kirklin where 47 members and Avanti members gathered for lunch.

SDC president Nancy Bacon then had a very short, not official meeting by thanking the Ortman's for planning an event packed day. The club was informed that early registration for Studebaker International ends April 30. Dave Arland reported that with Manitowoc being a fairly small city rooms were filling quickly and he had trouble finding a room. Nancy reminded the club that our next event is the drags May 27. It was announced that the Indy Chapter will be making a donation in Bob Palmas name. Final plans have not been made but we have a \$100 donation to start with.



Mark Enlow (R) with Don & Ann Plesner



Tom Goesch reproduced these wheels and they are available for purchase \$295 each and \$50 for each spinner. Pictured (L-R) Tom Goesch, Lincoln Baker and Owen Sickels.

The meeting was then adjourned and we headed towards our next event, Travelers Point Distillery. We met in a lovely wood cabin known as the tasting room. Small groups were escorted to the distillery for a tour. Some stayed in the tasting room for more visiting and catching up. There were several



members from northern Indiana that we don't often get to see. Then we were off to a private tour of cars at Goodwin Funeral Home in Frankfort with host Bill Miller. Mr. Miller, a fifth generation funeral director, allowed the club to roam thru his many beautiful cars and collectibles as the photos show. Not only did he have cars but a fully functional soda fountain that many of us bellied up to for free ice cream.

Submitted by Becky Griffith



Host, Bill Miller (C) of Goodwin Funeral Home



Hosts, Steve and Robbi Ortman at the Goodwin Funeral Home Car Museum.



Tom and Melissa Mikesell enjoying ice cream

Photos provided by Mike Baker and Becky Griffith



Inside the Goodwin Funeral Home Museum

And there were lots of cars outside too!



Rick and Susan Crawley's 1953 Commander



Steve and Robbi Ortman's 1962 GT Hawk



Wayne Remaly's 1962 "Sweet Thing" (L) and Howe Clark's 1962 Lark (R)

Why Studebaker?

By Jeff Westcott



Many times people say “You always remember your first Studebaker ride” but since I came home from the hospital in a Studebaker, I can honestly say I don't remember my first ride. So the short answer to the question about why I like Studebaker's I grew up with them from day one.

My Dad was a Designer by trade, and although never finished a BS degree, he did attend Cincinnati University to study engineering and often we'd discuss why things were designed the way they were. Dad really liked the way Studebaker's were designed and built. Things like rear wing windows, using 1/2” bolts where 3/8” would do, etc. He also liked the forward thinking while the other car makers didn't.

The first Studebaker I can remember riding in was a 58 Scotsman that had an extra basic recirculating heater for the passenger compartment under the dash. It would hum while operating, and so did my brother and I. We would confuse my Dad who would turn off the heat but the humming continued. It didn't have a radio so we would sing songs, “she'll be comin round the mountain..” Back in those days there wasn't much along the lines of rust proofing and growing up in Niagara Falls, the winters were hard on people as well as cars so it wasn't too long before rust took over.



My Dad then purchased a 62 Lark Cruiser in black. I was with him when we drove the car off the showroom floor from Wolf Motors in Tonawanda, New York. We packed the family in the car and drove across Ontario, Canada to visit my mother's family in Michigan. Realizing there was still break-in oil in the engine, we contacted Wolf Motors and asked how far past the 500 miles could we drive safely? The dealer said we just picked up the car, how far had we driven it? Back then many people didn't take that long a car trip I guess. We went to a Studebaker dealer in Michigan for an oil change.

On one trip with the Cruiser, we backed over a tree stump and hung up the car on the gas tank. We had to get out and unload the trunk then push it off the stump. Thankfully, it didn't puncture the tank and we were able to continue our vacation. Many years later (about 30) when I was attempting to restore the car I could still see where the tank was dented. We took many road trips in the Cruiser often pulling a tent trailer.

My sister took her road test in the Cruiser and I believe my brother did too. By the time I was old enough to get my license the Cruiser had been retired. Since Studebaker had closed by then we kept the car and later on Dad “sold” me the car and I owned it until 1996.

The first Studebaker my brother actually owned was a 1958 2 door Lark, with a 6 cyl and 3 on the tree. This car had no windows or floors and weeds



growing up inside. We took a quart of gas and a battery out behind the farmer's barn and got it running, so he gave the farmer \$25 and we dragged the car home. While it was officially his, I spent a great deal of time fixing it up. Often we used washing machine sheet metal to make floors, soup cans to cover the rusting exhaust pipes, and a rope for a fan belt. Don't know what ever happened to that car, but we had a great time with it.

In the 1970's the Cruiser's 259v8 needed a valve replaced so we needed to take the heads off the engine. My brother and father worked on the right side and I worked on the left. I was done before they had discussed how to get the generator out of the way. After the parts were rebuilt the engine ran like a top. Over the years it was stored in garages and barns over the years and I started to do a full restoration around 1990, but my time was limited and my kids are not interested in cars so I finally sold it off for parts. I vowed that one day I would have another Studebaker.

That day came in 2010 after my mother passed and we settled the estate, there was just enough money for me to buy a Studebaker. Living in California, I thought, if I'm going to buy a Studebaker it's going to be a convertible. So I started looking for a 62 convertible in red with the white top and red & white interior. I didn't have much luck.

I spotted in Turning Wheels an advertisement for a white 62 convertible with green interior so I called and liked what I heard. I asked for pictures to be sent. I figured they would arrive by email, but no message arrived. Not knowing what to think and I was just a about to call again when physical photos arrived in the USPS mail. I should have known the previous owner was an elderly gentleman. The car was shipped on an enclosed trailer from Niles, Michigan to my house in Livermore, California and I started working on restoration.



A couple of years after that we moved to Indianapolis, the rest you know.



Welcome New Member

Jon Porter
5348 N 125 W
Rushville, IN 46173
765-565-6267

1957 Transtar pickup
1950 Champion



40th Studebaker Indiana June 2 & 3rd, 2023

Collector Car Swap Meet, Open Car Show & Car Corral

St. Joseph County 4H Fairgrounds

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

RAIN OR SHINE

Thursday—June 1st

12:00 noon - 5:00 pm

Vendor Move in
Swap Meet & Car Corral Set
Up

Friday—June 2nd

8:00 am-6:00 pm

Swap Meet & Car Corral

Saturday—June 3rd

8:00 am-3:00 pm

Swap Meet & Car Corral

7:00 am-10:00 am

Car Show Registration

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Car Show Judging

3:00 pm

Car Show Awards

**\$5.00 public
admission**

DASH PLAQUES TO FIRST 100 VEHICLES

THREE TROPHIES IN EACH CLASS!

1ST-2ND-3RD TO HIGHEST POINTS EACH CLASS

Studebaker/Packard 10+ divisions

Open 20+ year old collector cars 10+ classes

\$20 for Judged Vehicle

\$5 for displayed only



Hoosier
Hundred

70th Anniversary // April 23, 2023



PACE CAR

PACE CAR

1953 STUDEBAKER
COMMANDER DELUXE REGAL



SUNDAY, APRIL 23
TICKETS AT RACEWP.COM



Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway
Park

5h · 🌐

Celebrating the 70th anniversary edition of the Hoosier Hundred, we will go back in time on April 23rd and feature a 1953 Studebaker Commander Deluxe Regal as the ceremonial pace car! 🌟

Big thanks to Rick Crawley for providing the car - now stay tuned for tomorrow's announcement on who will drive it... 👁️

HOOISER HUNDRED TIX 🎟️ bit.ly/HoosierHundred

Why men shouldn't write advice columns

Dear John,

I hope you can help me. The other day, I set off for work, leaving my husband in the house watching TV. My car stalled, and then it broke down about a mile down the road, and I had to walk back to get my husband's help. When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor's daughter!

I am 32, my husband is 34 and the neighbor's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted they had been having an affair for the past six months. He won't go to counseling, and I'm afraid I am a wreck and need advice urgently. Can you please help?

Sincerely, Sheila

Dear Sheila,

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope this helps,
John

— Forwarded by Steve Sanderson,
Gilbert, S.C.



Cranky Old Lady · [Join](#)

Hicham Quafi · 12h · 🌐



Trevor Timmons

March 25 at 12:31 PM · 🌐

When the ambulance charges you \$500 and the tow truck charges you \$80 🤔

Studebaker & Avanti Tech Seminar/Inspection Day

Saturday, August 26th from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mike Baker's Avanti Restoration & Service shop 317-498-2288

4193 E US40, Greenfield, IN 46140

LUNCH will be provided at Noon.

RSVP by 8/9/2023 mikebaker@aoai.org

The Studebaker & Avanti Technical Seminar/Inspection Day is for Studebaker or Avanti owners who want me to inspect their Studebaker on my Rotary 4 post lift, or to do a test drive and help them figure out what is wrong with their Studebaker. We will have a Studebaker Technical session so members can ask me questions about problems they are having with their Studebaker. Members can email me their automotive technical questions ahead of time and we can consolidate the types of issues folks are having. It will be a fun educational day for all with good food, fellowship and seeing lots of Studebakers and Avanti's.

COMING TO BUNKER HILL DRAGSTRIP



THE STUDEBAKERS May 27th

ENTRY

Studebaker Tech Card \$25
Spectator \$10
Kids 12 & Under FREE

GATES

OPEN @ 11AM
RACING @ 1PM



Studebaker
Match Races
&
Summit Super
Series Bracket
Races
All Day

HUGE OPEN CAR SHOW

FREE Coffee and Donuts with Registration!

Sponsored by the American Legion Post #155,
The Indy GTO Association and The Indy Firebird Club

All Years, Makes and Models!

All Cars, Trucks, and Motorcycles Welcome!
Muscle Cars, Antique Autos, Exotics, German Autos,
Project Cars, Silent Auction !

JUNE 10, 2023 (SAT.)

American Legion - Post #155

852 West Main Street

CARMEL, INDIANA 46032

\$15 Day of Show / Visitors FREE

Reg. is 9am - 11:30am / Awards at 2:00pm

INFO: Ted Durlacher at Ted@TheRollsREALTOR.com or 317-694-8946

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\$250 Award to Club with MOST Participation



AMERICAN LEGION POST #155

Homeless Veterans Donations List (HVAF):

*Please Bring Some Or Any Of These To The Show
To Support Our Homeless Veterans (Men and Women).*

THANK YOU!

- New Twin Sheet Sets
- New Pillows
- New Bath Towels
- New Wash Clothes
- MANUAL Can Openers
- Canned Meat (Chicken, Tuna, Etc.)
- Canned Fruit and Soups
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- NEW Men's Boxers and Briefs (ALL Sizes)
- NEW Men's Undershirts (ALL Sizes)
- Bottled Sports Drinks
- Umbrellas
- Ponchos
- Shaving Cream
- Shaving Razors
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bars of Bath Soap
- Household Cleaning Supplies

Registering For Groupworks



Susan Lusted



Wed 4/5/2023 11:51 AM

I am sending this link to you. It is for Groupworks. There are a number of links in it for Studebaker clubs and the SDC is promoting it. Please give it a look and try registering for it.

You can post your own events and also search for events listed.

Here is the link. <https://app.groupworks.com/#/login>

Also, a group that I belong to is looking at promoting events to reach a younger demographic. What we have come up with is to have someone who has an iPhone create an Instagram account and then be an admin for a Facebook group which can be set so that when things are posted on Instagram they are also posted on Facebook.

Just some thoughts on promoting our marque.

Respectfully,
Susan Lusted

What's Happening Turning Wheels Magazine



BREATH OF LIFE

When I was in Junior High and on a church youth group outing to the old Riverside Park, I embarked on my first (and last) roller coaster ride. Everyone knew I had never been on a roller coaster before and had filled my head with tales of the fun, thrills and excitement that roller coasters provided. So, I innocently accompanied my best friend, and with a big smile, I waved to the rest of the group watching my inaugural plunge into the world of amusement park rides. I was fine until we crested that first hill...and then the terror started. I screamed, I cried, I prayed...and apparently I started holding my breath. My friend looked over at me and yelled, "Breathe! Diane! BREATHE!!" Obviously I lived through this horrifying experience, but even after 60 plus years, I have never forgotten the ultimate value in taking a deep breath.

Recently I ran across an article written by Sandra Thurman Caporale from the Memorial Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. In it she explains about God's holy name and its connection to our breathing. Below is an edited portion of her wonderful article:

There was a moment when Moses had the nerve to ask God what His name is. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name He gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH. ..four consonants and no vowels. Scholars have noted that we are unable to speak the name using only those four letters. YHWH represent breathing sounds, or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing. YH (inhale): WH (exhale).

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So a baby's first cry, our first breath, speaks the name of God. A deep sigh calls His name. Even an atheist speaks His name, unaware that their very breathe is giving constant acknowledgment to God. Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath, when God's name is no longer filling their lungs. Being alive means we speak His name constantly. So, is it heard the loudest when we are the quietest?

In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs.

In joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst.

In fear we hold our breath and have to be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down.

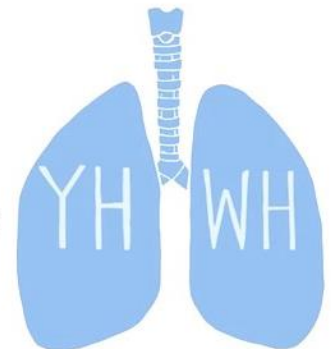
When we're about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage.

Simply breathing is giving Him praise....even in our hardest moments. God chose to give himself a name that we can't help but speak every moment we're alive. All of us, always, everywhere. Waking, sleeping, breathing, with the name of God on our lips.



Did you try it? Did you audibly INHALE and then EXHALE? I hope you were as excited as I was when I first heard the sound of God's name...and the sound was actually coming from me! Isn't it an amazing concept that by just breathing, we are speaking God's name? So to paraphrase what my friend said so many years ago:

"Breathe! People! BREATHE!"



Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 27, 2023 – Richard and Rose Poe are again hosting the **Annual Studebaker Nationals and Car Drags in Bunker Hill, Indiana**. This year it will be at a new location. Bunker Hill, Indiana is about 14 miles north of Kokomo. All performance and skill levels welcome. Bring your car to race, or not, and come to enjoy the day with us. This is a track day and open to us so you can make passes in your Studebaker just for the fun of it. They have a large pit area and maintain a family friendly environment with a playground for kids, snack bar, overnight camping, and \$10 spectator admission, kids under 12 free! Indiana Outlaw Gassers will also hold an event on the same day and always entertaining show. Studebakers and Gassers what more can you ask for? For more information about this event Checkout Bunker Hill Dragstrip web site @ www.Bunkerhilldragstrip.com or call Richard Poe at 812-345-5414, or roserichpoe@att.net

Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, May 20th - Andrew Ebbert has invited the club to the Shirley Community Visionaries who are hosting a car show during their annual Strawberry Festival from 10-4 in Shirley, Indiana. They will have live music, vendors, and two small local museums. This car show is a new activity. We will have trophies with classes to be determined. You can email Andrew for more information. andrewebbert@gmail.com

June 1-3, 2023 South Bend, In. Michiana Swap Meet & Crossroads Zone Meet St. Joseph 4H fairgrounds

Sunday, June 11 at 1:00 p.m. - Lunch at Bubba's 33, 7799 S U.S Highway 31, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Saturday, July 15 at 1:00 p.m. - Bacon's annual Luau, Smoked Texas Wild Hog Pitch In.

Saturday, August 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – The White River Yacht Club Classic Boat & Car Show Festival. A fund raiser for Riley Childhood cancer. \$35 to register a car. No judging just a peoples choice award. Lots of fundraising events going on with this event. 1400 E 74th St, Indianapolis. 317-796-5351 to get entry form

Saturday, September 9 – International Drive Your Studebaker Day hosted by Jeff and Kathy Westcott.

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

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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.

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