



BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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The busy holiday season is now behind us and the cold dreary winter looms ahead. What better to distract us than to look ahead and plan for warmer days and Studebaker fun? This year we already have events on our calendar and more in the works. Our new Activities Director, Mark Enlow, is planning some driving tours to get our cars out and show them off. Some months we may have more than one activity. If you have any suggestions let Mark know.

The 60th Diamond Jubilee International Meet is June 25-29, 2024 in Dubuque, Iowa. Registration is already open and to take advantage of the early bird special you need to register by February 11, 2024. This meet looks to be extremely well planned with many special events to attend including a live Rock and Roll concert Wednesday night with their ice cream social for \$10. Go to <https://studebakersiowa.com/links> for all the information and to register.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and hope to see everyone soon.

Nancy Bacon
President, Indy Chapter

Annual Christmas Luncheon December 9, 2023

Another wonderful Christmas Luncheon was had at the Green Street Station. 48 members and guests attended for a great lunch, meeting and games.

Our new Activities Director, Mark Enlow, began the meeting announcing a few of the activities he had planned for 2024. They included a possible road trip to the Studebaker Museum in South Bend for the Mark Stevens exhibit, a trip to Columbus, In and Terre Haute. Be sure to check your Events Page in the newsletter for updates.

President Nancy Bacon took over the meeting and thanked Diane Elmore and Sandy Fox for arranging the day's events. Diane announced that we are booked at Green Street for December 14, 2024. Nancy also observed that we had six future Studebaker members in attendance, Lincoln Baker, Mike's son, Jacob and Joe Flynn, Tom's sons, Adelaide, the Fox's granddaughter Lily, Larry Hopkins granddaughter and Liam Shipman, Tom Mikesell's grandson. Makes us feel good about the future of Studebaker.



Bill McDowell, in suspenders, was the 50/50 winner.
Bill took home \$60!

Treasurer, Tom Flynn reported the club has 51 paid members and a bank balance of \$14,626.10 as of November.

Charlie Griffith announced he was working on a meeting at the Kopper Kettle for February.



Guest Don Brooks (L) with Mike Kiefer and guest Thomas from Germany with Ray Reeves.

Joe Bacon informed the club that it was on this date, December 9, 1963, 60 years ago that Studebaker closed its doors.

Mike Baker motioned to adjourn, Sandy Fox 2nd.

Submitted by
Becky Griffith



Steve and Gloria Woodall in their 1959 Lark, six cylinder automatic in Hawaiian Green



Mike Kiefer's 1964 Daytona Wagonaire

In Case You Missed It

Studebaker International Membership fee increase starting January, 2024.

Membership Application			
Memberships are for 1 year and include 12 issues of <i>Turning Wheels</i> [®] . You can now join/renew for up to 5 years.			
	1 year	3 years	5 years
Membership in US			
Regular Members w/periodicals:			
<input type="checkbox"/> New Members 1st year only	\$37	na	na
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<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member renewal w/1st class mail	\$73	\$213	\$355
<input type="checkbox"/> Student & Young Adult Membership (To 22 yrs old) ..	\$37	\$111	\$185
<input type="checkbox"/> SDC Membership WITHOUT <i>Turning Wheels</i>	\$15	\$45	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Turning Wheels</i> subscription WITHOUT SDC membership (Libraries, etc.)	\$37	\$111	\$185

I have been strolling down Memory Lane and looking through some 20+ year old Brickyard Bulletins. I found 3 Lark Parker stories written by Dale McPhearson. I have scanned the pages as JPEG pictures and am attaching one story with this email I will send the other 2 stories in separate emails.

This story appeared in the January 1995 issue. And, if you will note on page 2, there is a recipe...Mama Avanti was Barb McPhearson. The Tech Tip is also from Dale (and the character sketch is also his).

Sent to me by Diane Elmore April, 2018. Time to publish

LARK PARKER; THE MYSTERY
OF THE STUDEBAKER BULLET
by D. McPhearson

The clothing store clerk insisted that he try on the trench coat. Lark Parker didn't want to as the coat was more expensive than he had wanted. He had tried to ask for one of those little plastic raincoats that fit into a handy vinyl carry pouch. Two bucks, tops.

The price of this one was \$195.80 and that number reminded him of his 1958 Scotsman wagon that was waiting outside in the rain. He wanted to escape this hovering salesman. He cursed himself for not going on to K-Mart, his usual clothier.

But then, a slip of crisp paper in the left pocket drew his attention. It read: "INSPECTED BY No. 1....."

.....Constable Simon had welcomed the presence of the world's No.1 inspector, Lark Parker, sent by Scotland Yard to assist him. Before Lark Parker had been brought in, the constable had feared the mystery before them would be too tough.

Now, with the famous Lark Parker beside him, Constable Simon had great hope the mystery would clear like the Thames fog in the morning sun.

The most infuriating part of the case was that the victim's nude body had been found directly in front of Constable Simon's own residence. After receiving a phone call (from a strangely familiar but muffled voice) the constable hurried to his own address and found the young man's body sprawled in the road.

Inspector Lark Parker talked as he went about examining the body. "Hmm, handsome son-of-a-gun, or 'chap' as you English say.

Possibly Jewish. Oh look here! What's this?"

"Constable Simon, I have committed to memory 1,958 tread patterns of automobile tires manufactured in the U.S.A. and this track is a definite match with a tire made in Dayton, Ohio in 1950. That tread mark across his forehead was made by a Firestone 500 deLuxe, and from its width, I'd venture the size was 5.70x15."

As Inspector Parker continued to examine the crime scene, he noticed Constable Simon's beautiful young wife looking past her front curtains. She was a lovely thing and her warm brown eyes looked at Lark Parker adoringly. He saw her form the words "Inspector Parker, I worship you, you stunning Studmuffin sluth."

Though taken aback by her boldness, Lark managed to keep his composure as he turned back to examine the body.

His keen analytical eye captured a detail that had escaped the others. There was a circular dent in the dead man's chest. A circular dent that measured exactly 12 inches in diameter.

Around the outside edge of the dent he could make out the reversed letters "S" "T" "U"; the rest of the lettering was blurred.

At that same moment Parker's noticed some movement in the driveway. The constable's wife was wiping off the bullet nose grille of her beautifully restored 1950 Studebaker convertible.

Parker leveled his gaze at the constable and spoke. "I've just solved this case."

"Ye Gads! Already? What is it?" asked Constable Simon.

"It's simple, Simon. Someone, namely you, has tried to frame your beautiful innocent young wife!" said Parker. "Sargent,

(LARK PARKER continued)

manacle the constable and take him away!"

As the bobbies wrestled the shouting and struggling constable off to their vehicle, Lark Parker made his way across the lawn to console the beautiful young wife.

He knew she would need lots of help as she would soon be the sole owner of the Studebaker convertible.....

....."Would you like me to wrap the coat, Sir?" asked the sales clerk.

"No, I think I'll just drive it." said Lark.



MAMA AVANTI'S

SCOTSMAN VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

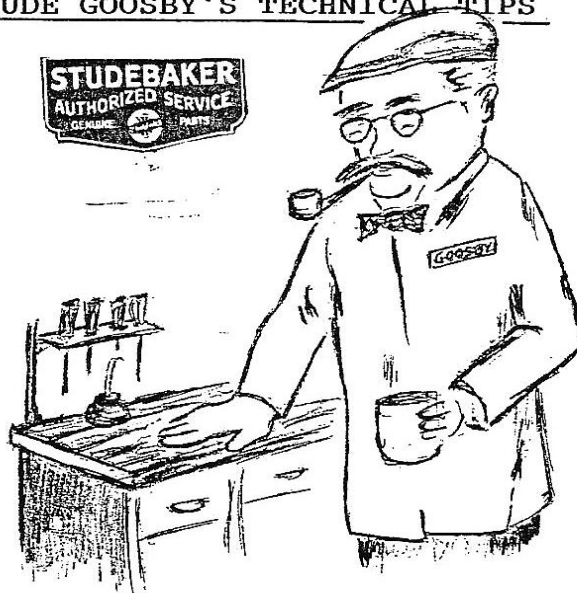
For best results bring home your groceries in a Studebaker

- 1 CUP broccoli
- 1 CUP cauliflower
- 1/2 CUP onions (optional)
- 1/2 CUP green pepper
- 1 CUP shredded cheddar
- 1 3/4 CUP milk
- 1 CUP Bisquick
- 1 TSP salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper

If broccoli or cauliflower is frozen, thaw before mixing casserole. If fresh, cook for 5 min. and drain. Toss first five ingredients (while singing) and place in greased casserole dish. Beat the remaining ingredients until smooth. Pour over vegetable and cheese mixture. Bake at 375° for 35 to 40 minutes.

Use this time while baking to clean husband's Studebaker.

PRUDE GOOSBY'S TECHNICAL TIPS



GET TORQUED

Many amateurs believe that "torquing" a bolt is simple. Just pull on a torque wrench until it reads the amount (or clicks if you have a fancy model) and you are done.

Au contraire, STP breath! Real men know it requires an understanding of what is to be accomplished. If our only goal is to see or hear the torque wrench indicate, then we can just stick the socket in the bench vise and do it. After all, that is a lot more comfortable than leaning over the old Stude's fender.

The purpose of torquing a bolt is to stretch it. Huh? Yes, the purpose of torquing a bolt is to stretch it.

The amount of clamping power in a bolt is related to the amount it has been stretched which in turn can be related to the amount of torque required to do that.

So, big deal. Isn't the end result the same even if you didn't know why it works?

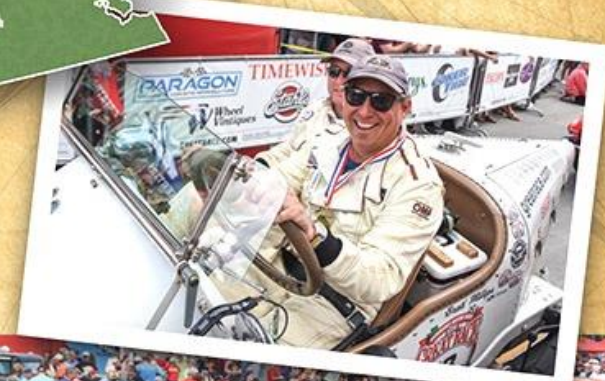
Only if the threads are clean and lubricated with something like "Never-Seize". Otherwise you are measuring turning friction of the bolt, not its stretching, clamping force.



2024
HEMMINGS MOTOR NEWS
GREAT RACE
OWENSBORO, KY TO GARDINER, ME
PRESENTED BY
COKER TIRE



June 22-30, 2024
Owensboro, KY to Gardiner, ME






Why a Car Club is Vital

If you are reading this article, then it is pretty obvious that you are already a part of a car club. But as we begin a brand new year, we should stop and count our many blessings. Do you think that our memberships in the Studebaker Drivers Club and our own local Indy Chapter provide one of our biggest blessings! If you agree, then I guess this article should have been subtitled “Preaching to the Choir”.

IDIOMS & PHRASES

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

PREACHING TO THE CHOIR



MEANING

Used when you are telling someone something that they already know or arguing an opinion that they already agree with

ORIGIN

This phrase began in the 1800s, but back then it was “preaching to the converted.” It was used to describe preachers on Sunday who preached to their congregation about accepting God in their lives when they obviously already had, otherwise they would not be present in church. Sometime in the 1970s the phrase was changed to “preaching to the choir,” but the meaning was still inherently the same.

Let’s list a few Car Club Blessings:

1. **Showing off our beautiful Studebakers.** If we’ve spent time, energy and money restoring or maintaining a classic car, we definitely want to show it to other car enthusiasts who can appreciate our blood, sweat, & tears.
2. **Meeting fellow car enthusiasts.** People who are members of car clubs often can’t talk enough about the life-long friendships that they have made and are continuing to make by being part of a group of old car lovers.



3. **Gaining knowledge and expertise.** Car clubs offer the opportunity to learn from some of the best technical advisors in the business. These are the folks you can contact to help you when you get into sticky situations with your car. These guys and gals are always eager to share their expertise! We are also fortunate that our local and national Studebaker memberships provide two excellent publications: The Brickyard Bulletin and Turning Wheels.



4. **Having fun!** Why have a classic car if there’s no fun involved? But we all know that whenever a group of Studebaker lovers gather, monumental fun is sure to be had! We share delicious meals and enjoy swapping car stories (some are true...others are enhanced...and many are outright tall tales)!

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It’s a super blessing to know that whether we are attending a local meeting, a Zone Meeting or the big annual International Meet, as Studebaker Drivers Club members, we are among an extended family!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m. – Lunch at the El Azabache Mexican Restaurant located at 4200 S. East Street, 46227 in Southern Plaza.

Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, February 17 at 1:00 p.m. – Lunch at the Kopper Kettle restaurant, 135 West Main Street, Morristown, IN 46161. We have two food selections, filet mignon or fried chicken which they are known for. Lunch is served family style and includes salad with choice of dressing, whipped potatoes, creamed gravy, country season green beans, dinner rolls and ice cream for dessert.

Charlie Griffith needs a head count by Saturday, February 10. Call at 317-538-1538 or text at chazwork@msn.com

Saturday, March 16, 2024 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 at 317-862-2020

Saturday, May 25 Studebaker Nationals - The annual Studebaker Nationals held in Bunker Hill, Indiana. All performance and skill levels welcome. Bunker Hill, Indiana, is about 14 miles north of Kokomo, IN and the Studebaker Nationals will be Saturday the 25th so bring your car to race, or not, and come to and 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. There's a snack bar at the track. 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

June 25 – 29 - 60th Diamond Jubilee International Meet is June 25-29, 2024 in Dubuque, Iowa.

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Regular membership dues in the National Studebaker Club are \$37.00 for new members 1st year only. Renewals are \$46.00 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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