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The warm weather is teasing us as it comes and goes but it will be here to stay for the season soon! Time to dust off our Studebakers and get them ready for car shows, cruise ins and all around summer fun. There are many events planned for Indy Chapter members to participate in coming up both near and far. The Indy Chapter will meet in Columbus, In. May 11th, for lunch and a tour of Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum. The Annual Studebaker National Drags is May 25th, at Bunker Hill, In and attracts Studebaker racers and fans from all over the country. This is always a fun day to either race or watch as others take their Studebakers down the drag strip!

Need parts? The South Bend Annual Swap Meet is May 31st & June 1st and is one of the biggest and best swap meets around. The premier Studebaker event of the year is always the International Meet and this year promises to be exceptional! June 25-29, in Dubuque, Iowa will host the 60th Diamond Jubilee of this meet. <http://www.SDCMeet.com>

See the upcoming events for more information on chapter events. All these events sound like a lot of fun and I hope to see everyone soon!

Nancy Bacon
President, Indy Chapter

Lunch at Angry Donkey Saturday, April 13, 2024

We were turning heads in the small town of Michigantown on the far north side of Indy. The ladies sat in the beautiful warm sunshine, while the men surveyed the Studebaker cars. The Angry Donkey was nostalgic, country, historic and delicious.

President Nancy Bacon thanked the Dave and Beth Doran for organizing the event and the 33 Studebaker members who attended. It was a great turnout.

There were no Officer Committee Reports.

In May there are three events to enjoy: May 11, Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum in Columbus, May 25 the Studebaker National Drags and May 31 the Studebaker Indiana Annual Swap Meet.





No new members were present. We saw several members we hadn't seen for a while. It was GREAT to see everyone.

No gathering has been planned for June. If you have any suggestions, please contact Mark Enlow.

We were reminded on April 27 is the 13th Annual "Cruisin for a Cure" show at Charleston Pavilion in Plainfield.

Jim Lewis made a motion to adjourn, David O'Neal second the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Doran, Secretary



Kennedy Open House

Saturday June 1, 2024

You are invited to join us for an Open House to celebrate Larry Kennedy's 70th Birthday on Saturday June 1, 2024 from 1 PM to 5 PM. We will serve snacks and beverages. The Guest House and barns will be open. Enter at the drive: 9430 Vandergriff Road, Indianapolis, IN 46239. Questions: call Larry 317-908-6401

POODLE SKIRTS AND STUDEBAKERS

When the Director of Admissions at the Mooresville Christian Academy asked if I could secure a couple of classic vehicles for his school's 3rd Annual Rockin' Retro Father/Daughter dance, I was happy to oblige. So, on Friday April 19, Jeff and Kathy Westcott and I brought our Studebakers to the school for photo ops.

Just short of 150 young ladies (Pre-K through 5th grade) showed up in '50's dress with Dad (and some with G'Pa). Most of the Dads dressed pretty cool also. The line for photo taking was 20 to 30 deep for about a half an hour or more.

We took photos of each young lady with both vehicles. The Dads loved the cars; the poodle-skirted gals just went along with the program, ha. The weather was perfect as the threatened rain held off.

Jeff had the top down on his immaculate 1962 Lark Daytona Convertible Pace Car. Some of the young ladies hopped in it. My 1955 President Speedster sat regally awaiting the next little girl holding her Daddy's hand with a huge smile on her face. I think Jeff, Kathy and I enjoyed the "show" as much as the participants. After the photos they went inside to enjoy the dance.



True Story Heard on a Saskatoon (Canada) Radio Station Reporting the Incident.

A guy buys a new Lincoln Navigator from Merlin Motors in Saskatoon for \$62,500.00 (with monthly payments of \$560.00).

He and a friend go duck hunting at Tobin Lake in mid-October; and of course, the lake is frozen. These two guys go out on a lake with their GUNS, a DOG, and of course the new NAVIGATOR.

They decide they want to make a natural-looking water area for the ducks, something for the decoys to float on. Now making a hole in the ice large enough to invite a passing duck, is going to take a little more power than the average drill auger can produce.

So, out of the back of the new Navigator comes a stick of dynamite with a short 40 second-fuse. Now our two Rocket Scientists, afraid they might slip on the ice while trying to run away after lighting the fuse (and becoming toast, along with the Navigator), decide on the following course of action: they light the 40- second fuse; then, with a mighty thrust, they throw the stick of dynamite as far away as possible.

Remember a couple of paragraphs back when I mentioned the NAVIGATOR, the GUNS, and the DOG...???

Let's talk about the dog: A highly trained Black Lab used for RETRIEVING!!! Especially things were thrown by the owner. You guessed it: the dog takes off across the ice at a high rate of speed and grabs the stick of dynamite, with the burning 40-second fuse, just as it hits the ice.

The two men swallow, blink, start waving their arms and, with veins in their necks swelling to resemble stalks of rhubarb, scream and holler at the dog to stop. The dog, now apparently cheered on by his master, keeps coming.

One hunter panics grabs the shotgun and shoots at the dog. The shotgun is loaded with #8 birdshot, hardly big enough to stop a Black Lab. The dog stops for a moment, slightly confused then continues on. Another shot, and this time the dog, still standing, becomes really confused and of course terrified, thinks these two geniuses have gone insane.

The dog takes off to find cover, under the brand new Navigator.

The men continue to scream as they run. The still-hot exhaust pipe on the truck touches the dogs rear end, he yelps, drops the dynamite under the truck and takes off towards his master.

Then''''''''BOOOOOOOOOOOOM''''''''!!!! The truck is blown to bits and sinks to the bottom of the lake, leaving the two idiots standing there with. 'I can't believe this just happened' looks on their faces and a long, long walk towards home.

The insurance company says that sinking a vehicle in a lake by illegal use of explosives is NOT COVERED by the policy.

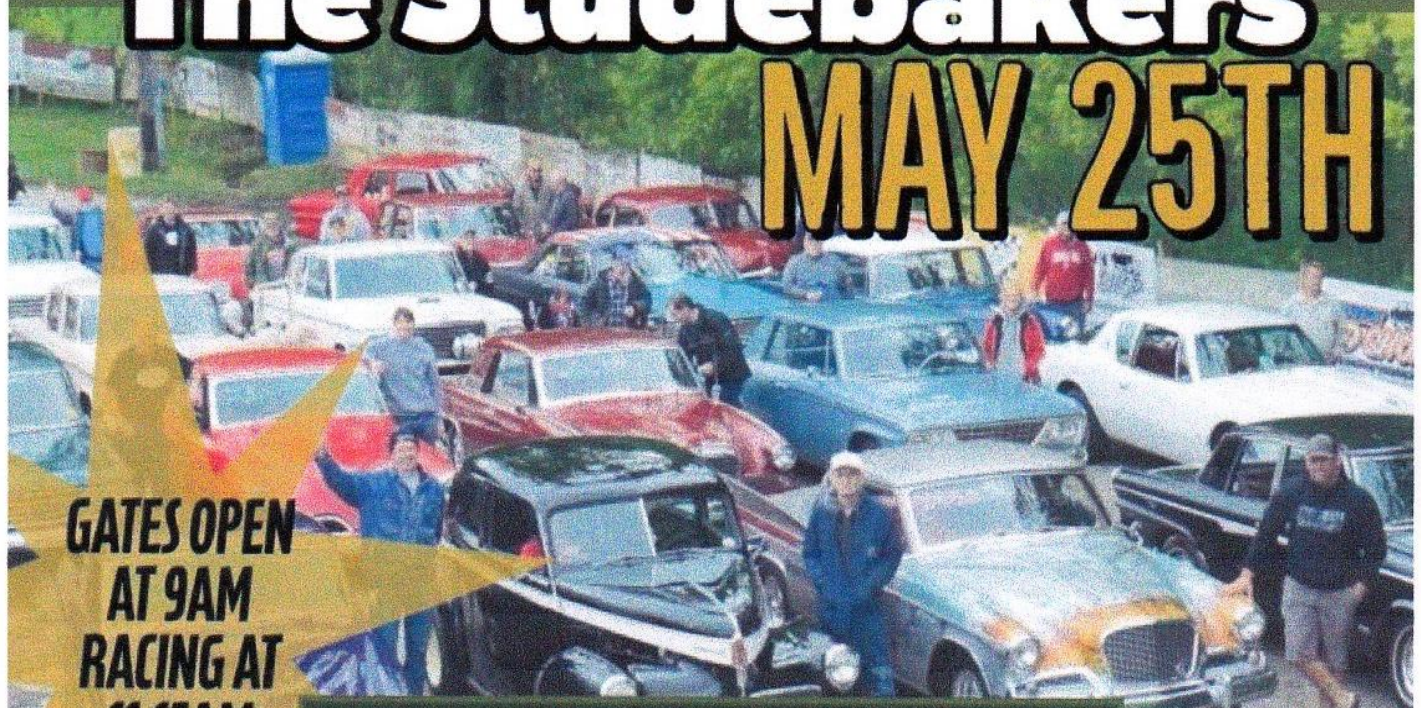
He still had yet to make the first of those \$560.00 a month payments...

In case you are wondering, the dog is okay, somewhat bewildered, but okay.

COMING TO BUNKER
HILL DRAGSTRIP

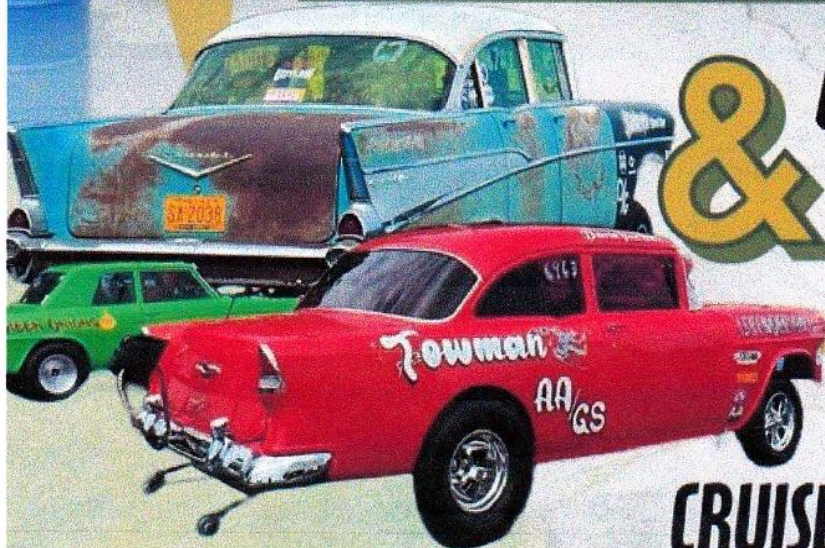
The Studebakers

MAY 25TH



**GATES OPEN
AT 9AM
RACING AT
11:15AM**

**SPECTATORS \$10 • KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE
\$25 TO MAKE PASSES DOWN THE TRACK**



&

Indiana Outlaw Gassers

**STUDEBAKER
PARADE AT 11AM**

CRUISE IN AWARDS AT 12PM

1512 W 900 S Bunker Hill IN 46914

HUGE OPEN CAR SHOW

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 8, 2024 (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: www.facebook.com/IndyFirebirdClub

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\$250 Award to Club with MOST Participation



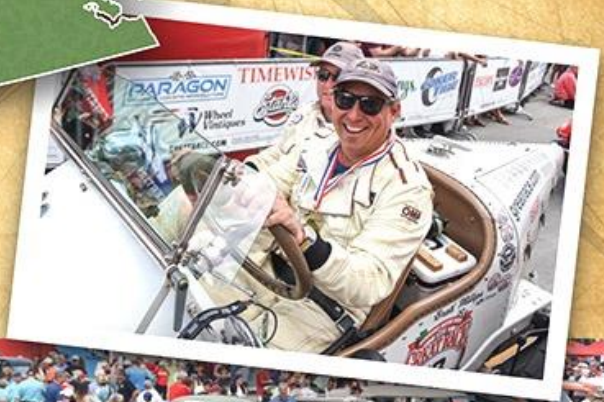


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GREAT RACE
OWENSBORO, KY TO GARDINER, ME
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2024 Great Race Route

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



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KINDRED SPIRITS

Why on earth have the Irish people erected a statue to honor an American Indian tribe? The story behind the creation of this structure, *Kindred Spirits*, is based on true generosity from those who had very little and yet gave a lot.

Aligned in a circle to represent a food bowl and towering twenty feet into the air, the monument features nine stainless steel eagle feathers. It was built to honor the Choctaw Nation and the tribe's help to Ireland during the devastating Great Potato Famine that took place in 1845–49. During those years, more than a million people perished in Ireland when a blight decimated the country's potato crops. This was a life-threatening and critical situation because potatoes served as the primary food source for almost half the Irish population, but primarily the rural poor. During this time, hundreds of thousands of Irish peasants emigrated to America.



Each feather in the sculpture is unique.

An American newspaper wrote about how frustrated the poor Irish population was because of a lack of support from the country's own government. Joe McCarthy, a resident of East Cork's was quoted as saying, "The poor people watch food melting into rotteness, as the English property owners and employers task them with loading ships filled with crops that their own hands have sown and reaped. The peasants then watch as those heavily laden ships sail for England."

1847 was considered the worst year of the famine and it was that year that the Choctaw Nation donated \$170 to Ireland. Yes! You read that right! While that amount might seem small by today's standards, back then it was a lot of very much needed money (close to \$5,000 in today's money). Thus the donation made a big difference to the people of Ireland. What made his gift so special is that the Choctaw were having major problems of their own at that time and still recovering from the horrible Trail of Tears journey.

The Trail of Tears a sad and shameful event in American history. In 1830, the United States passed the Indian Removal Act which forced the relocation of Indian nations from the southeastern states. During the relocation more than 4,000 men, women and children died of exposure, disease and starvation before reaching their various destinations. The Choctaw became the first tribe to be forced to walk the Trail of Tears, a walk that many Choctaw did not survive.



Kindred Spirits lights the night sky.

When word reached the tribe about the plight of the Irish, the familiarity of the stories opened wounds that had just started to heal. Despite their situation, impoverished and homeless, the Choctaw people pooled their money to send a donation to Ireland. It was the tribe's way of saying, "Your story is our story."

In 2015, when the monument was installed in Bailik Park in Midleton County Cork, Ireland, the sculptor who created the monument, Alex Pentek, said, "This monument represents a time of great instability. But it also represents a great moment of compassion, strength and unity."

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. – Lunch at Hangar Five Restaurant at 2770 Ray Boll Blvd, Columbus, IN 47203.

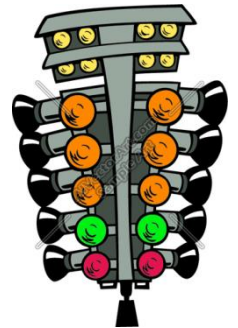
After lunch we will tour the **Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum** at 4742 Ray Boll Blvd, Columbus, In 47203. See inside the Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcar. Same type aircraft used in Studebaker Avanti Operation Airlift, May 1962 to fly two Avantis around USA for dealer demonstrations.



Also, photos opportunities of Studebakers at the Miller House.

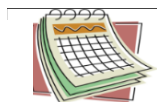
RSVP by May 6 to Mike Baker at mikebaker@aoai.org . Designated parking for Studebakers and Avantis.

Saturday, May 25 - Studebaker Nationals Drags - 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 you 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 rosrichpoe@att.net. See page 5 for more information.



May 31 – June 1 –StudeBaker Indiana Annual June Swap Meet in South Bend at the St. Joseph Fairgrounds.

Mark Your Calendar



June – Working on it.

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

July - Bacon's Luau? We'll let you know.

August – Possible visit to a car collection. Working on it.

Saturday, September 14 – *Drive Your Studebaker Day*. Would you like to volunteer to host an event for this special day?

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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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