



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



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Joe and I saw many Indy Chapter members at the South Bend Swap Meet and Car Show the first weekend of June. Next year this big event is scheduled for June 6th & 7th, 2025 at the St Joe Fairgrounds. Rooms go fast so get your reservations in early. We are attending the 60th International Meet in Dubuque the last week of June and I will report on all the fun and where and when the International Meet will be next year in my article next month.

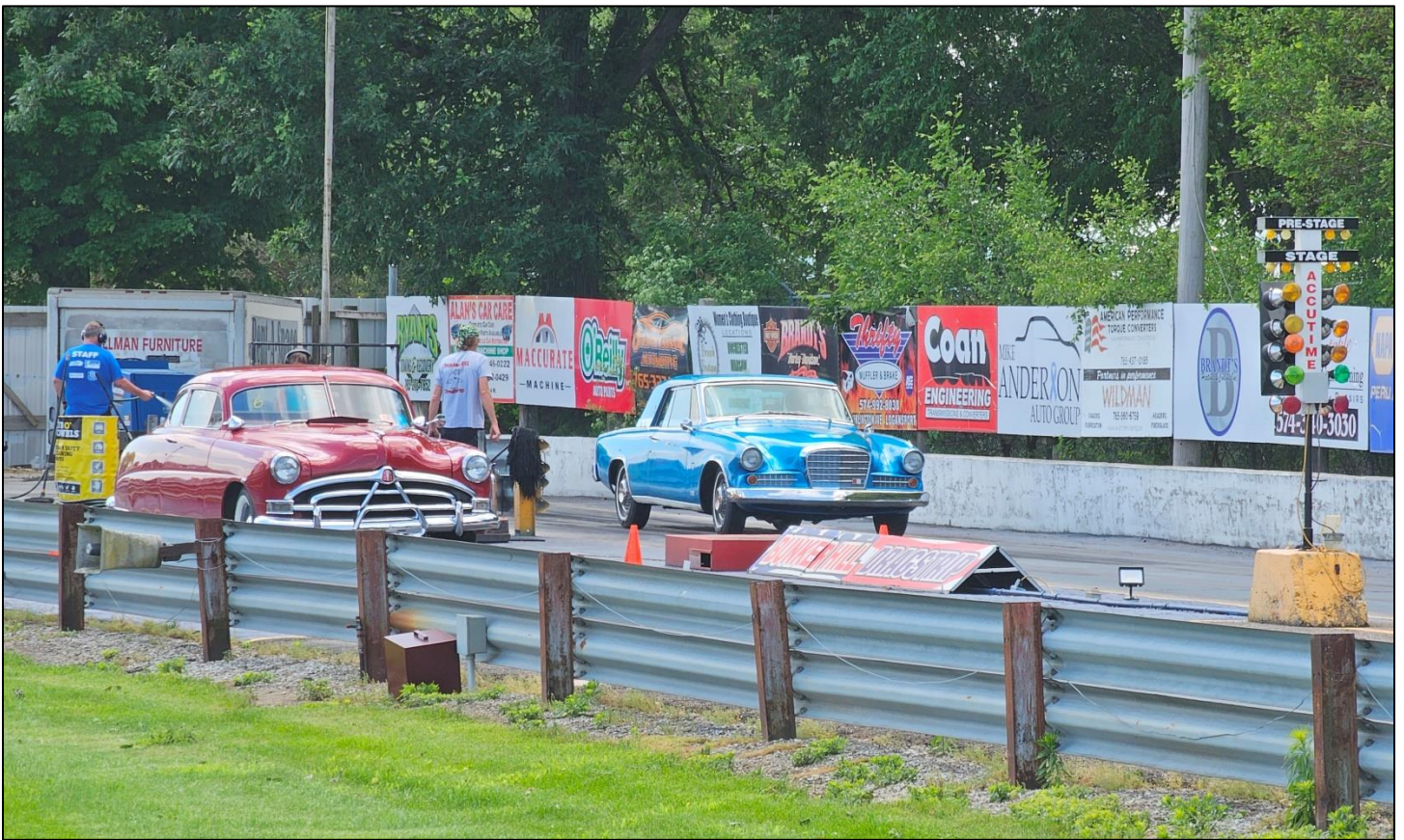
The Indy Chapter's next meeting is the 9th Annual Bacon Backyard Luau Saturday July 27th. We will be serving Wild Texas Smoked Hog. This is a rain or shine event! Bring a dish to share and we can't wait to see you then!

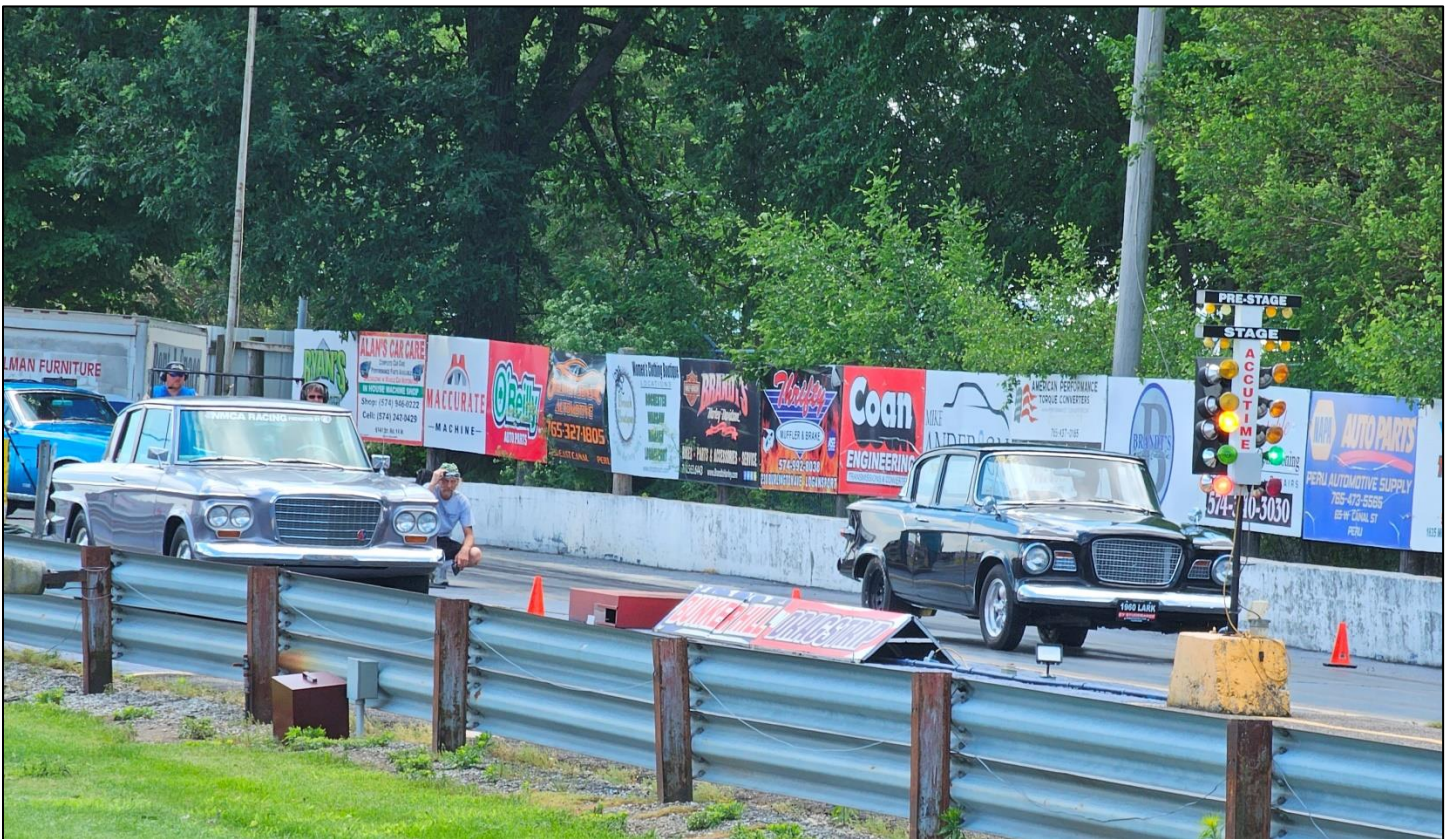
Nancy Bacon  
President, Indy Chapter

## Annual Studebaker Nationals held in Bunker Hill, Saturday, May 25

The Annual Studebaker National Drags were once again held in Bunker Hill, Indiana hosted by Richard and Rose Poe. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, however, member, Sue Kennedy, sent me photos for you to enjoy.







Photos provided by Sue Kennedy

## Wanted: Newsletter Editor

After twelve years as the *Brickyard Bulletins* editor I feel it's time to pass the keyboard on to someone fresh, starting January, 2025.

The newsletter can be printed monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly, whichever works for the new editor. It can be two pages or twelve, there's no magic number. The important thing is to keep club members aware of what's going on. Diane Elmore sends a great article each month and Sue Lustad from *Turning Wheels* sends a lot of information and useful articles each month that can be used as fillers, so you have help.

Please give this some serious thought. You don't need to be a pro, when I started I had no idea what I was doing. Contact me at 317-966-9817 or Nancy Bacon at 317-440-2786 if you're interested.

Becky Griffith, Editor

## **GT Hawk Turn Signal Indicators**

Turn signal indicators on the GT Hawks are not only placed in a poor location on the dash, but they blink so dimly that they cannot be seen during the day. I have tried various fixes to solve this problem and have finally come up with a good solution: Replace both light bulbs with #51

Bulbs that are rated for 7.5 volts. These are very bright in a 12- volt system, and since they stay on for a short time, they do not burn out from excessive heat. To avoid looking at your turn signal indicators to determine as to whether or not that they are working, install a Heavy-Duty signal flasher unit that “clicks” on and off.

*Source: Road Dust, newsletter of the North Puget Sound Chapter*

Note: [Be sure that the bulbs are well grounded.](#)

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**Dim Brake Lights –** Be sure that they are well grounded and if they continue to be dim or do not come on with a light pressure on the brake pedal, it’s time to change the stop light switch. A very simple job, and one that could save your life or that of one that you love.

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## **Light Reflection from Automatic Transmission Selector Light**

If your Studebaker has an automatic transmission, you can probably see the reflection of the gear selector light off the windshield at night. To cure this bright light, remove the bulb and spray it with green paint. After drying, install and check for brightness. If there is too much paint on the bulb, remove it with steel wool and start over, using less paint.

*Source: Ron Smith (Late) of the Tacoma Area Chapter*

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## **Is the oil Filter Protecting your engine?**

Whether the oil filter is protecting your engine or merely deceiving you onto false security can be told quickly by feeling the filter. If the engine has been driven enough so that the crankcase is warm to the touch, yet the filter feels cold, oil is not passing through it and the filter should be replace. If the filter feels as warm as the crankcase, then it is working. Because sludge accumulation may clog the filter in high mileage cars before the regular oil changing period.

*Source: the WASHINGTON DICTATOR*

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## **Hydrovac Power Brake Booster Servicing**

Shop manual calls for the hydrovac power brake booster unit to be serviced once per year

Or every 24,000 miles with one ounce of Bendix Power Brake Fluid (Vacuum Cylinder Oil),

Neatsfoot oil will do very well and it is available at your local shoe store. It is the leather seal on the vacuum piston that you are conditioning and lubricating. If not properly and regularly lubricated the brakes will tend to bind and not release completely.

If you are unable to find the mentioned oils, then use hydraulic jack oil.

Thanks to Pete Yuen

THE WHITE RIVER YACHT CLUB

6th Annual

# Classic

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## BOAT & CAR SHOW FESTIVAL



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**8/17/2024 Gates open 11 am**

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# Studebaker Chuck Wagon

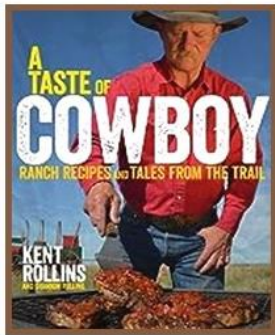
As we all know, a chuck wagon was the wagon that carried the cooking equipment and food to feed the cowboys who worked with cattle in the western portions of the United States and Canada. It was called a chuck wagon because “chuck” was a slang term for food during this time. In earlier times food items carried on the wagon included beans, salted meats, coffee, rice dried fruit, salt, pepper, sugar, various spices, and the ingredients for sourdough biscuits. In the late 1880s canned tomatoes, peaches and milk became available for the cooks to use.



Well, chuck wagons don't just exist in history books or in western movies. Today, an Oklahoma gentleman named Kent Rollins has a working chuck wagon...and it's a STUDEBAKER! Growing up, Kent learned to cook from a wagon by spending time with his uncle, who was a hunting guide in Gila Wilderness of New Mexico. This sparked his imagination and in 1992 he acquired an 1876 Studebaker that was still in good enough shape that he could start right away creating chuck wagon meals for people. His cooking reputation soon grew and he

made a good living serving food...cowboy style. But time, wear, and tear eventually took a toll on the wagon, so he was forced to launch a full restoration. This is how Kent relates that adventure:

“Well, restoring a chuck wagon isn't something that you can just drive up to the automotive repair shop or look up replacement parts on eBay. Taking the wagon apart, we had to make sure not to misplace any parts because even if we didn't need to use them now, we'd sure need to replace them later. There weren't any blueprints or measurements or any information available other than what was already holding the wagon together. Fortunately, we were able to replace the rotted wood and find colors that were true to the original Studebaker colors. Using *Rustoleum* Hunter Green and a good rag, we were able to apply the paint in such a way that the beautiful grain was visible all the way through. We rebuilt the chuck box that holds the food items and the boot where we keep our cooking pots and Dutch ovens. We attached antique looking fixtures and affixed our tools to the side of the wagon using leather straps.”



Because of Kent's growing popularity and his preservation of an historic way of life, in 1996, the governor of Oklahoma proclaimed Kent Rollins the state's Official Chuck Wagoner. Over the years, he has expanded his outreach and in addition to slinging hash, Kent has also become pretty good at slinging bull. He now travels across the United States to tell his tales. Kent's ability to not only cook but to transport folks to another time through vivid stories of cow camps and the cowboy life has made him a popular speaker as he travels across the country. He and his wife have even found time to write a cookbook.

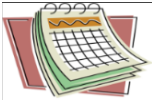
## *Unwritten Rules of Behavior Around a Chuck Wagon*

- **Riders approaching the campsite stayed downwind.** This prevented dust from blowing onto the food.
- **No horse could be tied to the chuck wagon.** This would eliminate any food contamination.
- **No scuffling around the chuck wagon while meals were being prepared.**
- **No cowboy could help himself to food without Cookie's permission**
- **Cowboys never used the cook's worktable as a dining table.** They sat on the ground and used their laps instead.
- **A cowboy never took the last piece of anything.** First, he made sure the rest of the group was finished eating.
- **No food was left on a plate.**
- **After a meal, cowboys always scraped their plates clean and put them in the “wreck pan “ for washing.**

# Upcoming Events

## Saturday, July 27 at 1:00 p.m. – Bacon's Annual Luau.

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Meat and drinks are provided. This is a rain or shine event. 1701 E. Lawrence Avenue, Indpls, 46227



## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m.** White River Yacht Club Classic Boat and Car Show for Riley Hospital. I have heard from several people that this is a real nice car show. See page 5 for details.



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

## Tech Tips

### Liquid Black Stove Polish Keeps Headers Looking Good

*By Jim and Karen McKeever  
San Joaquin Valley Chapter, SDC*

Here is an inexpensive way to keep cast iron exhaust headers looking nice under your hood: black stove polish. Black stove polish liquid is designed to restore and preserve cast iron and steel wood stoves and fireplaces. This makes it a suitable option for your exhaust headers. It is also water soluble and low odor.

It is best to start with a clean, non-rusted surface, so sand blasting is recommended. Then just brush or wipe on the liquid and let dry, preferably in a warm or sunny location.

Another coat or two is suggested. You might also want to give your headers a light scuffing in between coats.

After putting them back on your car, the heat from the engine should help the paint to cure even more. (If your wife will let you, you could even put them in your oven. Response from wife may be unpredictable!)

If you do get a scratch on the paint, (for instance I dropped the wrench on it,) you can touch it up before the cast iron rusts, and it should flow and blend right in.

I chose Imperial brand on Amazon, however there are other brands as well. I personally chose the liquid over the paste brands, so it gives me more options on how to apply the product. This procedure can also work on exhaust pipes as well as the master cylinder, or anything made of cast iron or steel that can get warm enough to dry completely.

*(Information in these tech tips is based on the writer's own research, experiences, and viewpoints. The information, and links to other websites, is to be viewed and/or used at your own risk. The writer makes no guarantees regarding the outcome of the use of the material, products, or resources in this article and is not responsible for any loss or damage incurred. Adjustments or modifications may be needed for your specific vehicle. Remember to use all standard safety equipment and precautions.)*

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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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