



# BRICKYARD BULLETIN



**VOL. 49, ISSUE 11, A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE INDY CHAPTER OF THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB, NOVEMBER, 2024**

The Indy Chapter had a good time touring Phil Schaefer's car collection and enjoyed brunch at Lincoln Square restaurant October 12th. Our next meeting is the annual pitch in lunch and election of officers at Mike Bakers Avanti Restoration in Greenfield, November 10th. This is always a well attended, fun, and delicious get together with the Avanti Club. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the day!

Its not too early to start planning next years club activities. If you have an idea for a club get together, a restaurant with room for a group of 25-40, a club house to have a pitch in at, let Mark Enlow know!

Many of our members are having health issues and I want you to all know how important you are to all of us. We become so much more than just a car club, true friends and family. Take care of yourselves and know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Look forward to seeing everyone at our next club meeting!

Nancy Bacon  
President, Indy Chapter

## Visit to Phil Schaefer's Garage October 12, 2024

Twenty-four members gathered on a Saturday morning at Phil Schaefer's garage to tour the grounds. Many cars and RVs were there to be seen. After our tour, we headed over to Lincoln Square for lunch. A big thanks to Phil for sharing his collection.



Several SDC members drove their Studebakers to the event.



Another SDC members Studebaker



## ODDS 'N' ENDS

### Antifreeze

At this time of the year, many people are thinking about antifreeze for their cars. Some of the thoughts going through their minds may be;

1 - Is it potent enough for the cold winter that is coming?

**Answer:** The strength of the antifreeze needs to be checked with a testing device, following the directions under which the device will register correctly.

Antifreeze is cheap compared to an engine replacement in the event that the antifreeze in the coolant was not of sufficient strength and the engine block froze and cracked. Do the check. You may consider having enough antifreeze in the system to register an extra 15 or 20 degrees colder than the coldest days of winter in the area in which you live.

2 – Is this the year/time that it should be drained and replaced with new antifreeze?

**Answer:** That depends on how old the antifreeze is, mainly, and that is determined by the type of antifreeze that is used.

General rule of thumb is to replace the coolant every 2 to 5 years or every 30,000 to 50,000 miles. However, it is crucial to consult your owner's manual or a certified mechanic.

3 - How do I know when it's time to change the coolant/antifreeze?

**Answer:** If the engine coolant or an antifreeze solution in your car looks like it has rust in it, or if it has changed color from the green or orange it originally was, that is a sign you have bad coolant.

Antifreeze that is used beyond their specific life can become acidic and cause damage to the engine and the cooling system, including the radiator. Another thing that can cause the radiator to deteriorate is the electrolysis within the cooling system. The dirtier that coolant is, the likeliness of an increase in electrolysis prevails. To minimize the electrolysis in the cooling system, the coolant should be as clean as possible and that the engine is well grounded with clean connections between the engine and the battery.

#### Coolant check for electrolysis ---

\*Remove the radiator cap to expose antifreeze in the radiator reservoir.

\*Set the multi meter to 20 volts D.C.

\*Place one probe on a grounded part of the engine.

\*Place the other probe into the antifreeze. (Do not let it touch any metal surface) \*If the voltmeter reads 0.50 volts or less, the antifreeze is "good". If the voltmeter reads above 0.50 volts the acidity of the antifreeze is at a damaging level and indicates metal is corroding. Fresh antifreeze might read less than 0.10 volts.

Some sources suggest 0.70 volts as the critical point while another source suggest 0.40 volts. It's better

to be on the safe side so I would choose 0.40 volts. Changing antifreeze is far easier to do than changing water pumps, or head gaskets. Good maintenance is good practice.

### 3 – What is DEX-COOL?

**Answer:** PEAK® DEX-COOL® Antifreeze + Coolant is a GM-approved ethylene glycol based premium coolant that can be used in all GM vehicles 1995 and newer.

#### **It has been reported that:**

Apparently, DEX-COOL isn't safe to use in cars that have/may have leaks of any sort in the cooling system. Any (including tiny pinhole) leaks in a system with DEX-COOL in it will eventually block it up. When it mixes with air the molecules get much larger (think a warm coolant slushie) in turn, causing blockage. A system that isn't air-free is the one that will have a massive amounts of issues with it. This is where that the whole DEX-COOL issue came up a few years back.

Is it OK to replace DEX-COOL with regular antifreeze?

When mixed, these two products will react forming a gel that can prevent your engine from cooling properly. It can even damage multiple components of your cooling system which then must be flushed or replaced which is expensive.

Difference between DEX-COOL and regular antifreeze

The easiest way to tell the difference between DEX-COOL and regular antifreeze is that DEX-COOL, usually orange/red, and regular antifreeze is green/blue. DEX-COOL is made up of combinations of different phosphates and silicates as well as an organic acid technology that helps minimize corrosion in aluminum engines. On the other hand, regular antifreeze is composed of water mixed with methanol and ethylene glycol and is designed to change color when rust or corrosion is present. Both products are used to keep your car's engine cool

**In conclusion: Don't mix DEX-COOL with ethylene Glycol based antifreezes.**

#### **Automotive Trivia ----- Thanks to Rock Auto Parts**

Older engines designed to use ethylene glycol, the classic "green" coolant / antifreeze, should be filled with 100% ethylene glycol when located in extremely cold regions such as Siberia.

**True or false?**

**Answer below:**

**Answer: B. False** (Ethylene glycol should be mixed with distilled water because an ethylene glycol and water mixture has a much lower freezing point than pure ethylene glycol does. When summer arrives, an ethylene glycol and water mixture also cool the engine more effectively than pure ethylene glycol.)

You can book room for the International Meet in 2025 See below.

Hi ARC Members,

The planning committee was notified that we are able to book our rooms now at the host hotel, the DoubleTree Hotel for the 2025 International Meet in Washington, PA.

Please click on the link below to receive the room rate of \$99.00 per night:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=PITMPDT&groupCode=CDTMSD&arrivaldate=2025-09-16&departuredate=2025-09-20&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>,

If you would rather call the hotel to make your reservations, please be sure to mention the event name of: Studebaker Meet SDC AOAI so that you will receive the discounted rate.

Please share this email with any ARC member I may have missed.

Thanks,

Jay

*John "Jay" Bradel III*

*VP Allegheny Region Chapter of SDC*

412-551-2354

[jay.bradel@markaloy.com](mailto:jay.bradel@markaloy.com)

Respectfully,

Susan Lusted



It's that time of year already.

I will be mailing the SDC Membership Renewal for 2025 in a few weeks.

Once again, a membership renewal form and stamped envelope to return to Treasurer Tom Flynn will be sent.

Renewals are due by January, 2025.

## Speaking of Time:



## When do the clocks fall back for 2024 time change?

Our clocks will fall back at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024.

Dave's  
Random  
Ramblings

**Oh No! Clocks go back  
November 3rd and I can't  
remember where  
I bought mine from!**



# Upcoming Events

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. - 15th Annual Thanksgiving luncheon** at Mike Baker's Avanti Restoration & Service shop 317-498-2288, 4193 E US40, Greenfield, IN, 46140. **RSVP [mikebaker@aoui.org](mailto:mikebaker@aoui.org) by November 6.** Bring a favorite side dish or dessert



## Mark Your Calendar



**Saturday, December 14 at 12:30 p.m. - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** at Green Street Station - 911 N. Green St. - Brownsburg, IN

We will have our own private room and be ordering off the menu. Once again, we will not be exchanging gifts. But bring your competitive spirit and join in a holiday game.

Sandy and Diane need a **headcount by December 9.** Their contact info is:  
SANDY – [bsfox@att.net](mailto:bsfox@att.net) or 317-439-4747  
DIANE – [delmore44@hotmail.com](mailto:delmore44@hotmail.com) or 317-386-8357



**September 16 – 20, 2025 - Pennsylvania, Washington County, 61st Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet** is hosted by the Allegheny Region Chapter.



**HOW TO TELL YOU'RE AN ADULT:**

- You gain 30 pounds overnight
- You'd rather sleep than go out
- Everything hurts
- Comfort before style
- You have a favorite spatula
- College students look like 12 year olds

## National Directors

President: Dennis Foust - [studeguy54@gmail.com](mailto:studeguy54@gmail.com)  
Vice President: Don Jones  
Secretary: Cindy Foust - [cfoust1966@gmail.com](mailto:cfoust1966@gmail.com)  
Treasurer: Jane Stinson - [jestinson@aol.com](mailto:jestinson@aol.com)  
Past President: Tom Curtis - [tomnancurtis@aol.com](mailto:tomnancurtis@aol.com)

## National Board of Directors

Crossroads Zone National Board Director: Bob Henning  
at [rhnn15090@aol.com](mailto:rhnn15090@aol.com)  
Crossroad Zone Coordinator: Dave Hamblin  
Regional Manager Indiana: Bob Henning

## National SDC Membership

Regular membership dues in the National Studebaker Club are \$37.00 for new members 1<sup>st</sup> 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](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.

Updated January, 2024

Indy Chapter SDC  
Becky Griffith, Editor  
1526 S. Hunter Rd  
Indianapolis, IN 46239

## Published by the Indy Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club

The Brickyard Bulletin is published monthly. The deadline for summations is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

We hereby give permission to other S.D.C. chapters to use information from the newsletter when proper credit is given. *“Reprinted or Reproduced from the Indy Chapter, Brickyard Bulletin.”*

## Indy Chapter Officers

**President:** Nancy Bacon, 1701E. Lawrence Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227 at [nancyjb1701@aol.com](mailto:nancyjb1701@aol.com) or 317-440-2786  
**V. President:** Larry Kennedy, 9350 Vandergriff Road, Indpls, 46239 [indyhudson@comcast.net](mailto:indyhudson@comcast.net) or 317-908-6401  
**Secretary:** Beth Doran 2717 E 75 N, Lebanon, IN 46052 at [doran68ba@hotmail.com](mailto:doran68ba@hotmail.com) or 765-891-2704  
**Treasurer:** Tom Flynn, 4531 S CR 500 E, Plainfield, IN 46168, at [tom\\_and\\_trudy@yahoo.com](mailto:tom_and_trudy@yahoo.com) or 317-837-5671  
**Activities:** Mark Enlow, 5875 Crestview Ave, Indpls 46220 [menlow@indyrr.com](mailto:menlow@indyrr.com) or 317-694-3885

## In addition

**Editor:** Becky Griffith, 1526 S. Hunter Rd., Indy, 46239, at [becinin@msn.com](mailto:becinin@msn.com) or 317-966-9817  
**Web Designer:** Jeff Westcott at [www.indychaptersdc.org](http://www.indychaptersdc.org)  
**Facebook:** Larry Hopkins at Studebakers in Indy  
or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/634984973222050/>

To:



November