



Greetings Studebaker Fans,

As Meet Chairman of the 21st International S.D.C. Meet I would like to thank each and every person who helped make the Springfield Meet such a success.

651 families was the final registration count. They represented 39 states and the District of Columbia plus three Canadian Provinces, Australia, and New Zealand.

The Swap Meet was a huge success. With over 100 spaces rented to 63 vendors it was one of the largest International Meet swap meets that I have ever attended. The free trolley ride to and from the swap meet was well received -- often to standing room only capacity. I received several comments from persons stating that they were able to find parts at this meet which they have been looking for a number of years.

The Silver Dollar City driving tour had a total of 388 persons. We did not get a count as to how many Studebakers were taken on the tour, but I did hear comments from residents along the tour route saying they didn't know there were that many Studebakers left.

Fun Night was attended by just under 600 persons. The Awards Banquet had 624 attending the meal portion and a large number were admitted after the dinner for the awards. Slides of all the vehicles entered in the Concours were shown with just over 200 total vehicles judged.

The Autocross, Model Car Show, and Literature Swaps were well attended by participants and spectators. The second annual Studebaker Watch Concours was very well received as well. My personal thanks to Chuck Naugle for all his efforts with the watch raffle and the watch concours.

My personal thanks to all the members of the Ozark Trails Chapter for two years of hard work. I am very proud to be a member of this fine chapter.

I look forward to see you all next year at Indy.

Larry G. Jones
Meet Chairman

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Springfield Meet A Big Success!

News reports have been coming in from many of the country's finest publications about the big week in Springfield, Missouri, last July 14-20th. We would like to share with you some of the comments from the national press interspersed with our daily report of the Meet.

SUNDAY, July 14th, was not a meet day, but was a travel day for many of us. We loaded up the Champ Pickup with boxes of goodies to sell at the literature swap meet and started off. We had interstate highways right to the headquarters, which turned out to be the world's largest Howard Johnsons Resort.

"Springfield is a city of 150,000 located in the heart of the Ozarks... The host motel was the Howard Johnson, but in much grander nature than depicted in the May issue of Turning Wheels. It is the largest Howard Johnsons built to date, with over 600 rooms, in 6 buildings, spread over 40 acres. It has everything to keep the family from getting bored!" Stuart Tritt in the Grand Canyon ECHO.

The registration desk clerk listed our advance reservations at a special convention rate which amounted to quite a bit over our six night stay.

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MONDAY, July 15th, saw your Board of Directors hard at work at 9 A.M. It's a minor miracle that they can run our club, which is now an operation involving well over \$100,000.00 a year, with only one meeting a year to discuss policies and make decisions. While the Board deliberated all day, the rest of the membership began to arrive and the parking lot started to look better and better.

"When we arrived at Ho-Jo's in Springfield, we thought we had hit Studebaker Heaven!! Studebakers and more Studebakers. We had a downpour of rain Monday evening, but the rest of the week was warm (hot?) but beautiful... Some of us journeyed to where Studebakers Restaurant was supposed to be, but to our disappointment, wouldn't be open for two months yet." Keith Rust in the Minnesota NORTH STAR WHEEL.

The Board meeting ended in late afternoon. The evening was spent walking around the parking lot, looking at the Studebakers and renewing many old acquaintances.



TUESDAY, July 16th, was the opening of the swap meet and the beginning of the free shuttle bus service. At meet headquarters the major business meetings took place - the Newsletter Editors Meeting at 2 P.M., the Chapter Presidents Meeting at 3:45 P.M., and the General Membership Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

"At the newsletter editors session, S.D.C. officials had several helpful hints... We both enjoyed attending both meetings [Editors and Chapter Presidents] and thought we learned a lot." Frank & Gene Sitarz in the Michigan WONDER-LAND CRUISER.



Left: Board of Directors

Right: Editors Meeting





Highlight of the Membership Meeting was the introduction of the new National Officers and the bidding for the 1987 International Meet site.

"Two bids were received for the 1987 International Meet... Shirley Zaner made a presentation for the Conestoga Chapter to host the 1987 International Meet in Estes Park, Colorado. Walt Bottjer withdrew the Keystone Chapter's bid. Mike Lenyo, President of the Michiana Chapter, announced that they plan to bid for the 1988 International Meet in South Bend, 25 years after the closing of Studebaker. The Indy Chapter discussed plans for the 1986 International Meet to be held July 14-18 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The Indianapolis 500 Motor Speedway will be the location for the concours with a track tour following judging. The swap meet will be inside and air conditioned. Everything but the concours will be located at the meet headquarters." Linda Costell in Western Lake Erie's THE DRIVERS' SEAT.



The Colorado members present suggested that S.D.C.'ers from other parts of the country consider taking their 1987 vacation in the Rocky Mountains before or after the 1987 International Meet. The headquarters is in the center of one of the most beautiful areas in the entire world, most of which is a part of Rocky Mountain National Park.

"Conestoga Chapter members extended "A Big Howdy Folks Welcome" to all S.D.C. members upon receiving the bid to host the 23rd International S.D.C. Meet in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado in 1987. Many Colorado banners, buttons, and information were handed out to the membership. Western Wheels Chapter and Conestoga members had the banners and balloons advertising Estes Park '87 on their motel room doors." Gerry Pieper and Larry & Mary Miller in the WESTERN OUTLOOK.



WEDNESDAY, July 17th, presented us with a choice of activities, all appealing in different ways.

"On Tuesday we spent much of the day at the Swap Meet spending money like crazy. Wednesday everyone went different directions. Some went to Silver Dollar City, some to the Swap Meet, and some spent the day shining, shining, shining." Roger Reiland in the Iowa HAWKEYE HEADLINER.

The S.D.C.'ers who are also parts vendors naturally went back to run the swap meet. It was held on grass under large trees in a fairground, a nice area with plenty of room to spread out.



Left: Membership Meeting

Right: Indoor Vendors





"The swap meet at the show was a treat in itself. Transportation to the fair grounds where the swap meet was held was provided by a trolley car mounted on a truck chassis. Reminded me of the trolley at Ida Grove. Various vendors at the motel also kept everyone buying." Ken Cohrs in the Nebraska HUSKER CHAPTER NEWSLETTER.

Not everyone left the headquarters area. The concours was the next day, and S.D.C.'ers with nice cars spent most of the day getting them cleaned up for showing.

"This is supposed to be a vacation? Up at dawn because we have to wash the car before the sun gets hot. That accomplished, took a break to go by vendors at Swap Meet. That afternoon an event took place that we listened to from over, under and inside our Avanti (needless to say, we were detailing the car for judging) — the Autocross. From those we talked with afterwards, it sounded like a fun event — racing against the clock



AUTOCROSS WINNERS AT MISSOURI '85

Class A - PREWAR

Alex Wiley, 1946 Champion, time 49/41

Class B - POSTWAR 6 CYLINDER

Dennis Mills, 1954 Champion, time 42/13

Class C - POSTWAR V-8

Lonnie Harmon, 1963 Cruiser, time 48/13

Class D - V-8 HAWKS & LARKS W/109" WHEELBASE

Ron Hall, 1953 Commander, time 41/20

Class E - AVANTI & AVANTI II

Jerry Schobert, 1963 Avanti, time 40/19

Class F - MODIFIED & TRUCKS

Dusty Taylor, 1958 1/2 ton, time 44/10

Class G - LADIES

Dianna Brinker, 1979 RX7 Mazda, time 42/61

Class H - ALL BRAND X

Dale Gillespie, 1969 Corvette, time 39/01

The Ozark Trails Chapter would like to thank Dusty Taylor, Art DeArmond, and the Vettesette Corvette Club for making the 1985 Autocross a success.

over a given tract. Even a Studebaker school bus participated." Jeraldine & Miller Walker in the Texas HEADLINER.

The Autocross was a very popular event both for participants and for spectators. It was interesting to listen to the sound of tires squealing as Studebakers accelerated off the starting line and took the corners as fast as they could without knocking over the pylons. The Springfield Corvette Club laid out the course and it worked fine for the cars, but the pylons were a little close together for the 1938 school bus.

The really big activity scheduled for Wednesday was a tour to Silver Dollar City, a combination amusement park and Ozark village. After a trip of about 30 miles through some scenic countryside we came to Silver Dollar City itself, where we were treated specially. It started in the parking lot where all the Studebakers were parked together, even those of us who arrived after the early morning Studebaker caravan. After we entered the park, we found that everything that was associated with Silver Dollar City was marked "S.D.C.," our favorite initials. They made some interesting photographs.

S.D.C.'ers were spread out all over the park until noon when we all converged on the picnic area for a nice picnic lunch. We took a lot of pictures of the crowd there because they were such a good-looking bunch. See for yourself.

There was so much to see and do that we hadn't seen it all when it was time to leave. On the way back to Springfield we stopped at "Stewart's Pit Bar-B-Q and Restaurant" in Reed Springs. Actually, it wasn't an accident, we had been looking for it because of an ad in the Meet Program. I told everybody it was our duty to support the advertisers, but the real reason is that I have a taste for good Bar-B-Q when I can find it. We weren't disappointed! It turned out that the restaurant was owned by one of the host chapter members, and we were treated royally. Put it on your list the next time you are in southwestern Missouri.

By evening the members had returned from Silver Dollar City, the Autocross, and the swap meet, and most came to the auction. It turned out to be very entertaining, and I don't think anyone accidentally purchased anything while waving to a friend.

"After registering and locating our camp site we were in business... That evening we attended the big Studebaker Auction. It was really a lot of fun and lasted well into the night! There was a huge assortment of Studebaker related articles for auction (even a few non-Studebaker items). Some sold super fast - some took a little more coaxing. But they went eventually. These auctions are a great time, and a fund raiser all wrapped into one." Mark Scherer in the Ohio BUCKEYE BULLETIN.

It did raise some funds, over \$1,800 for the S.D.C. national treasury. This type of fundraising is sure a lot more fun than a dues increase!

"The auction was full of surprises, with a little bit of everything imaginable being offered. Mike picked up several bargains in the way of car parts, and I did a little bidding on the miscellaneous items. One of the auctioneers came up with the idea of passing around several hubcaps for a freewill offering. He then turned around and auctioned off both the hubcaps and



money. I believe everybody put in a bid that time. By the way, the success of the auction has been one of the factors in holding down the cost of our national dues." Monica Elling in the Mississippi MISS OIL LEAK.

THURSDAY, July 18th, was the day of the big car show. It began with a meeting of the volunteer judges to discuss policy and set standards.

"We were told that there were over 200 cars entered in the Concours judging. It was a long day, however, I will say that the judging was well organized and, in the Avanti class, the judges were very knowledgeable. George Krem, who is putting on computer the 'running changes' for Avantis by serial numbers, was one of the six judges converging on each Avanti being judged." Miller & Jeraldine Walker in the Texas HEADLINER.



While our Champ pickup was being judged, Bob Palma noticed that our upper radiator hose was almost worn through. Denny Lockmon gave us his spare R1 upper hose when we found that the swap meet vendors were all sold out of them. We made it home with no hose problems, thanks to Bob and Denny.



"Ozark Trails Chapter, which hosted the meet, was comprised of the friendliest folks we have ever encountered. They were just delightful. Head Concours Judge and his committee did an extraordinary job, in that the car show was the best organized I have EVER been involved with... After a couple of years of speaking with him on the phone, I finally met John Hardgrove of Eldon, Missouri. He confirmed my belief that he is the most knowledgeable carburetor specialist



Left: Auction Right: Judging

I have ever encountered." Kevin Barnes in the Long Island SPOTLIGHT.

Concours day is always long and hot out in the sun, especially in the midwest. Afterward it is time to take a shower, eat a light supper and relax. Traditionally, S.D.C. meets have had a fun night that evening. Each year there is a debate over what should be done for "fun" and various things have been tried with various amounts of success. I thought this one proved successful, with some live entertainment, lots of nice door prizes, some light refreshments, some danceable music toward the end, and lots of Stude talk with old and new acquaintances.

"At fun night the 100% Granny Band played a saw, guitar, false teeth, fiddle, piano, kazoo, slide whistle, coffee cans, washboard, and wash tub. For a change the music was not loud enough. The DJ following the Granny Band was reasonable too." Doug Hughes in the California WHEELS AND DEALS.

Some previous years we have left early, but this time we were still there for the last dance. So were quite a few other S.D.C.'ers.

"Just days before our party left Tacoma [Clayton & Evelyn Hoebelheinrich and Gary & Mabel Jones] it was learned that Bill Page, from Australia, who many of you will remember from the '82 Sea-Tac International Meet, was over here again. He had admired one of that meet's memento plaques at Albrecht's house and wanted to purchase one. A quick decision was made, a plaque located and taken by our group to Springfield, where it was presented on Fun Night to a very appreciative Bill Page. Thanks to our TAC members who carried the ball, or should that be plaque?" Dwain & Kay Grindinger in the WASHINGTON DICTATOR.



MODEL CAR SHOW WINNERS AT MISSOURI '85

MODEL KIT CLASS

- 1st - Black 1953 Studebaker - Alfred Hadley
- 2nd - Blue 1953 Studebaker - Ron Paap
- 3rd - Burgandy Double Whammy - Ed James

MODEL KIT CLASS - AGE 16 & UNDER

- 1st - Packard Boattail - Larry Hadley
- 2nd - Gray Avanti - Brian Taylor
- 3rd - Gold Avanti - Shawn Day

PROMOTIONAL MODELS

- 1st - Blue Lark - Larry Hadley

CUSTOM BUILT MODELS

- 1st - Black Avanti - Dennis Satterwhite
- 2nd - Burgandy Double Whammy - Dennis Satterwhite
- 3rd - 1984 Red Avanti - Paul Regna

CUSTOM BUILT MODELS - AGE 16 & UNDER

- 1st - Blue Salty Dog - Brian Taylor
- 2nd - Flamed Lark Convertible - Larry Hadley
- 3rd - White Avanti - Larry Hadley

BEST DISPLAY

"Hawks of the World" - Mike Elling

Thanks to Brian Taylor and Jeff Ruth for their work on the Model Car Show. Thanks to the Hobby Dashery for judging of the models.



FRIDAY, July 19th, started earlier than we really wanted it to. We set up in the literature swap area just barely before the customers were admitted. Business was brisk all morning, but later in the day we had time to look over the Pocket Watch Concours and the Model Car Show. It seems that the entries in both are getting better every year. Not only are these two related areas of the Studebaker hobby, they are a good way for members who have come long distances by airplane to still be able to enter a Studebaker in the International Meet.

"At the literature swap, the author of the new book, Bob Bourke Designs for Studebaker, John Bridges, was autographing copies. Bourke, Studebaker designer, was also on hand to answer questions and talk about his long and varied career at Studebaker." Dennis Schrimpf in the August 15, 1985 OLD CARS WEEKLY.

A very popular booth was that of Ron Meyer of Arkansas, who created certificates for various



MISSOURI '85
POCKET WATCH CONCOURS WINNERS

Class A - Size 12

3rd - Amanda Carson
2nd - Bill Jordan
1st - Fred Gooch
Best of Show - Edna Maul

Class B - Sizes 16 & 18

3rd - Larry Good
2nd - Tucker Tutwiler
1st - Asa Hall
Best of Show - Chris Miller

Winner, Pocket Watch Raffle

Ralph Neely of Dallastown, Penna

I would like to thank the Ozark Trails Chapter and everyone else who helped to make the Watch Raffle and the Pocket Watch Concours a success.

Chuck Naugle, Chairman
Pocket Watch Concours
Studebaker Watch Raffle





purposes right before your eyes. I bought one of his "Studebaker Drivers Club - Last Place" ribbons for future use.

"The literature swap meet, model contest, and pocket watch concours were held on Friday followed by the banquet in the evening. The trophies were presented after a fine meal. Our group did not place in the judging but we cleaned up on the door prizes. One feature of the banquet we liked was the showing of a picture of each car on a large screen. It really emphasized the quantity of quality vehicles that were at Springfield. The Host Chapter was super. They provided thoughtful touches throughout the Meet, and were friendly and cordial. We enjoyed every day in Springfield and most appreciate all the effort the Ozark Trails Chapter made for us." Mike & Cheryl Emery in the Kansas KAW VALLEY WHEELS.

We have been treated to pictures of the winning cars at several of the past International Meets but this is the first time that every car entered was shown. As a non-winner I enjoyed seeing a picture of my pickup (with Bob Palma driving it), and I heard a lot of comments from others who liked seeing all the cars and trucks.

SATURDAY, July 20th, everything was over, but we still made one more trip through the parking lot, saying goodby to old friends and new, and reflecting over the past week in Springfield. We are going to let the national press have the last word.

"There were upwards of 600 registrations, which meant that, at any given time, over 1,200 Studebakerists were running loose in Springfield during the week. Estimates of Studebakers in attendance ran from 500 to 650. (Try to imagine 650 Studes in one place.) Hosts for the meet were the folks from the Ozark Trails Chapter, and a nicer bunch of people has yet to be found. They



were friendly, cooperative, accommodating, and well organized. The Ozarkers ran a hospitality room that was constantly stocked with coffee, soft drinks, cookies, popcorn, and air conditioning. Every time anyone needed help, a member of the host chapter was there to lend a hand. It was nothing short of amazing that a chapter of only 80 members could have pulled off such a feat. Our undying gratitude to the Ozark Trails Chapter." Jack Shiver in the New Mexico SUN SIGN.

"After an enjoyable time at the meet and a day at Silver Dollar City, we started home early Saturday morning. We had driven our newest car, a Volvo, since we didn't think our worn our '64 Wagonaire was up to the trip. Maybe we should have driven the Stude because less than a mile from the motel the Volvo stopped. Luckily, the Bucklands stopped to help. Within 5 minutes Jose had located the problem - a broken timing belt. He drove us back to the motel where we woke daughter Charlotte Ament and husband Frank. We then went to meet headquarters and found Larry Jones, meet chairman. He spent considerable time with us suggesting places to call for repairs. A new belt was found



but no one would work on the car until Monday morning. Our last call was to son Brian who is a Volvo expert. He assured me that Frank and I could install the belt. We had the car towed to the home of Dusty Taylor, a member of the meet committee, where a shady tree was available. With Frank doing the "strong arm" work we were able to get the belt on and timed correctly. We owe thanks to Larry Jones and Dusty Taylor and also to Jose Buckland who stayed with us until we decided how to make the repair." J. W. Haupt in the Kansas STUDEBAKER SPECIAL.

"We had some great times during the week, going out to eat, stopping by the hospitality room, attending the meetings, and laughing ourselves silly. I thought we were going to be 'decaffeinated' (thrown out of the restaurant) several times, but I guess the good people of Missouri just take it in stride." Frank Ambrogio in the Orlando GREASY PRINTS.

Proudly we viewed
Twas a sight to behold,
This collection of Studes
Much better than gold.
So many people
With one thought in mind,
Preservation of Studes,
They're one of a kind.

Trophy's were won
The judges were fair,
Twas a hell of a job,
With a lot of care.
So, ended the meet
We headed for home,
We'll always be glad
Our Studes still roam.

They helped us make friends
From near and far,
Hurray for Studebaker,
A wonderful car."

Bill Brown in Michiana HOME OF CHAMPIONS.

"We got to meet some more nice folks and make new friends and really hated to see it all end. But like last year and the ones before, we're sure looking forward to next years National!" Michael O'Connor in the North Carolina TARHEEL WHEEL.

"Next year's meet will be held in Indianapolis, and Estes Park, Colorado will be the location of the 1987 S.D.C. Meet." Ray Wyczalek in the Potomac COMMANDER.

"The International Meet is a good time to renew old friendships and make new ones. Everyone should make plans to attend Indy '86 next July." John & Karen Whittier in the NORTH TEXAS WHEEL.



Kurt Higgins, Arkansas
 #341, 1951 2R5 Pickup
 Alan A. Meeker, Iowa
 #615, 1952 Custom Pickup
 Jerry Bender, Illinois
 #79, 1953 2R-C2 1/2 ton Pickup
 Larry & Jeannie Skeens, West Virginia
 #45, 1956 2E 1/2 ton Pickup
 Dusty & Wanda Taylor, Missouri
 #6, 1958 Pickup
 Wayne Lillard, Missouri
 #407, 1962 Champ Pickup
 Pat & Larry Swanson, Illinois
 #123, 1963 Champ 3/4 ton Pickup



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB INC.
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
JULY 16, 1985

Meeting was called to order by President Stu Chapman.

Stu introduced Larry Jones, Springfield '85 Meet Chairman. Welcomed everyone and explained what the week had to offer.

President Stu Chapman thanked his Board and introduced each one.

Stu discussed the Land Contract deal the city of South Bend has on the Freeman-Spicer Building for the Studebaker Museum. Explained the new Board of Trustees that will replace; Discovery Hall Assoc., Studebaker Museum Inc., Century Center Board of Directors and the City of South Bend as the Museum governing body.

Skip was thanked for all his help as Vice President for advertising and handling the elections of Zone Coordinators and Regional Directors.

Colin Fort gave report on Treasurer's expenses and the budget. The club has at this time 10,100 members.

S.D.C. dues will stay at \$12.00 from July '85 to July '86.

Explained to club members insurance for S.D.C. events need only 30 days to apply. The insurance covers chapter meeting places. The policy has a one million dollar limit for S.D.C. any over the Chapter is to cover the charge.

New elected officers for 85/86:

President - Stu Chapman
Vice President - Phil Brown
Secretary - Cindy Brown
Treasurer - Colin Fort

Appointed or Elected offices:

Turning Wheels Editor - Larry Swanson
Technical Editor - Bob Palma
Membership Secretary - Sheldon Harrison
Chapter Chartering - Don Curtis
Printing - Good Printers, Chester Bradfield
Ad Editor, Corresponding Sec., Almanac Editor - Dick Quinn

Turning Wheels advertising for future International meet committees will be limited to 24 pages including cover.

Stu told members Gus Saros was at Board meeting and talked on what is happening with museum. A sign is on Indiana Toll Road advertising Studebaker Museum.

Talked on Restoration Fund and Fund Raising Committee which has \$300..

S.D.C. INC has chartered 2 new chapters this last year.

Eli Spicer was added to the Honorary List for 1 year.

The Board has appointed Gary Lindstrom as chairman of a judging committee to handle solutions in the future of S.D.C. judging. (Indy will be using 200 point system).

2 bids for '87 meet: Colorado, Estes Park, slide presentation.
Keystone Chapter, PA, withdrew there bid.

"COLORADO 87"

Coding System for a new roster is being worked on by Skip Lackie and Peter Crisitello. Peter was appointed chairman of the new roster

committee, and the new roster to have ready for the 22nd International.

Stu Chapman awarded George D. Krem, past President with a plaque for and outstanding job while serving as President of S.D.C. INC '82-'84.

National Auction all money goes into S.D.C. INC treasury.

Avanti Motors Corp. filed Bankruptcy. Is planning on moving to Detroit.

Michiana Chapter Mike Lenyo, informed the membership that Michiana Chapter would like to present a bid in Indy for the 24th International meet '88. Studebaker Coke Bottles on sale at \$1.00.

Indy Chapter talked on things to look forward to for the '86 International meet. Details will be in Turning Wheels.

Colin informed Chapter "NOT" to use the national tax I.D. number. Each chapter should file for own.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m..

Submitted by
Cindy Brown
S.D.C. Secretary

