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# 1991 INTER- NATIONAL MEET REPORT

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*Meet Chairman*

**OZARK MOUNTAIN FUN '91** was over two years in planning. The effort was rewarded with only a few minor hitches during the meet. It just seems that some little problems will always arise.

As the meet neared, preparations became more intense. It was important that all things be ready to accommodate our Studebaker friends. As the days turned to hours, excitement replaced the pressure of preparation and the smoothness of operational planning said this is going to be a great meet.

The first day of registration was June 23, Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. At this time, some of the vendors were already set up and open to sell their merchandise. Howard Johnson's was alive with Studebakers quietly motoring about the hotel parking area.

The Swap Meet area opened for set up at 1:00 p.m. also, and the vendors were ready to move in. The

Hospitality Room started providing coffee, tea, cookies, popcorn and soda at the same time. The effort of Ozark Trails to control the chigger population in the Swap Meet area was not very successful—I was even told all that we had done was to make the little critters hungry. Even with the critters, the Swap Meet was a popular place with many vendors saying sales at this meet were the best ever. Registration ran very smoothly with Dwayne Eldridge and crew doing an excellent job. The moving of the Concours classification to another area worked very well. To be commended are Howard Taylor and crew for the layout and operation of the Swap Meet; Cleo Taylor, Betty Pearce, Doris Jean Caldwell and crew for the operation of the Hospitality Room. The tone for the entire meet was set on Sunday as the ladies of Ozark Trails showed the whole of Studebaker what **HOSPITALITY** is all about. The supply of homemade

cookies and cake, as well as popcorn, coffee, tea, and cold soda seemed endless. The Hospitality our ladies showed here carried over into every part of the meet. The Hospitality Room was always crowded with people who needed some refreshment or wanted to purchase a meet item. One could also purchase custom T-shirts, as well as other custom meet items. Sometimes George Reitenour or Ron Hall were who you came to see and talk to about watches or racing an Avanti, whatever, this was the hub of activity all week. During the week, 140 pounds of popcorn was popped, 15,000 cookies were served as well as 12,000 cups of soda, 3,000 cups of coffee along with cakes, cinnamon rolls, tea, water and other goodies were served to make your day a little more pleasant. All these items were provided, at no cost, by Ozark Trails Chapter to all S.D.C., Antique and Avanti members and visitors.

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The first full day of the meet, Monday, was to start off fast with many Studebaker drivers getting an early start. The Swap Meet area grew all day with the arrival of more parts vendors. The Hospitality Room was still cranking out the goodies and Registration was keeping things in order. Our National Board held their meeting on Monday,

starting at 8:30 a.m., breaking for lunch at 12:00 noon, and back to work at 1:00 p.m. The days work ended at 6:15 p.m. with Terry Judd being elected President for 1991-92. The remaining officers are the same as last year. Monday evening was an open-to-all mixer, with free soda and popcorn. This was a good time to meet your old Studebaker friends as

well as enjoy the meeting of new Studebaker friends. During the evening you could also learn some Studebaker songs in a sing-along led by Betty Vigneaux and Veva Jenkins. Carthage, MO. I am told that many of these people will remember their tour to the Chapel forever. Tuesday evening was the General Membership Meeting. Those attending heard three Chapters bid for the 1994 meet; Western Lake Erie Chapter, the Michiana Chapter in South Bend, the North Star Chapter, Bloomington, Minnesota, with the North

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*Left: The first of 41 regular production model Golden Hawk 400s was brought to the meet by Bernie Powell of Grand Junction, Colorado. Right: Bernie's daughter kindly shows us the unique Golden Hawk 400's interior.*



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Star Chapter getting the nod for the 1994. The officers for 1991-92 were introduced.

Wednesday at 7:30 a.m., the caravan to Silver Dollar City left the parking lot. Expectations for a fun day were high and I hear everyone had a large time even though some got a little damp on the rides.



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As the caravan was leaving, the Auto-Cross was just getting started. The course was short and tight putting a premium on handling. There was a lot of talk here about a way to inspect the cars to be sure they were stock. The National Club Auction was held on Wednesday evening with many items sold to support the National Club Treasury.

Thursday, at first light, Studebaker drivers started lining up to have a photo of their Stude made for *Turning Wheels*. The judges breakfast and



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meeting started at 7:00 a.m. What a surprise to arrive at the Concours field at 8:45 a.m. and find most all of the entries already in place. Taking pictures three at a time worked very well. The judges did a good job on a hot day. Water for the judges was provided all day by a water-wagon—thanks to those gals for making the judges' day a little easier. There were 240 cars entered in the Concours with 213 of those entered being judged. As the heat of the day gave way to a somewhat cooler evening, Fun Night began. The Grandmothers and



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the Victory Men provided the first portion of entertainment. Then a break for a real live wedding where Norma Jordon Parache and Richard Grove of Oroville, California, tied the knot in front of 700 of Studebaker's finest people. After the wedding, recorded dance music with door prize drawings



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every 45 minutes added to the excitement of a real fun night. Raffle winners were Betty Vigneaux winning the quilt, Room Raffle was won by Marie Kohn from Denver, Colorado.; the Studebaker Watch was won by George Turpening in Toledo, Ohio.

The Model Car, Watch Show, Literature Swap and Sale were held on Friday morning. The only problem of the week came here when a model belonging to Dave Ridge's son was removed by someone other than the Ridges. The host committee expects this model to be returned to its rightful owner and soon. The Antiques and Avanti's took a tour to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield on Friday, where they were entertained by Mrs. Karen

Sweeney. Many of those who went on this tour said it was the highlight of their trip. After leaving the National Battlefield, they drove to the Bass Pro Shops. The Avanti Club had lunch and a meeting at Hemingways. The Antique Club had lunch and a meeting at the Sirloin Stockade just a few blocks away.

Friday evening at the Banquet, with memories of what Dennis had done to keep us jumping in Marlboro, it was our plan to keep this banquet calm, cool and collected—oh well, two out of three isn't bad! There were 700 plus of us who enjoyed a good meal, fellowship, some very nice trophies and other awards being given.

Saturday, the end of a wonderful week, long hours, many new friends and, to those who came, a great big heart felt THANKS! for being part of OZARK MOUNTAIN FUN '91. To those who worked a "SPECIAL THANK YOU" for making this an exciting meet.

Oh, by the way, they're not looking for me anymore! *✍*

**Coming in December . . .**

Following on pages 10 & 11, you will find Best of Division winners; and, on pages 12 through 37, you will see many of the vehicles that attended the meet.

Due to space limitations, the results of auxiliary activities, such as auto-cross, watch, model and publications judging results, will be printed in the December '91 issue of *TW*.



## Cover Vehicles

**Front Cover**

Our front cover features a general shot of the 1991 Concours show field at the International Meet in Springfield. The shot was taken from atop the adjacent shopping mall. Access to the roof was achieved by three gumshoe *Turning Wheels* editors. Photo courtesy of one of these nefarious characters.

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*An SDC undercover editor in action!*

**Back Cover**

A field of white . . . Shown on our back cover is a nicely restored 1922 Model EK Big Six fitted with a rare 1925-26 Knights-town child's hearse body. The hearse is owned by SDC member David Neitzel of Mooresville, Indiana. To complement the all white vehicle, SDC member Sandy White of Winfield, Kansas, kindly agreed to pose with David's Studebaker. Sporting blue-white jeans, an official white "Ozark Mountain Fun '91" T-shirt and natural platinum hair, Sandy made the perfect model for this photo. The photo was taken at the 1991 Springfield, Missouri, International SDC Meet by George Hamlin.

*SDC member, Sandy White, poses with David Neitzel's 1922 Model EK Big Six.*

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