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STUDE TRUCK TRIVIA & IMPORTANT MEETING STUFF, PRESIDENTS REPORT: BY: Ben Alspach

>>>The success of the summer hit movie "Oppenheimer" (about the development of the atomic bomb) has rekindled an interest in WW II and the extraordinary technological effort that went into creating the weapon that sealed the Allied victory. The "A-bomb" did finally bring Japan to its knees but was only the final blow in in an epic conflict that lasted almost four years and affected virtually every American citizen and involved almost all U. S. manufacturing concerns. Studebaker was not as big as GM, Ford or Chrysler but the crew in South Bend contributed mightily to the war effort by building many key products for the military including the all-terrain Weasel, large aircraft (bomber) engines and, of course, rugged, reliable AWD trucks.

In his August Regional Manager's Report, Jeff Wassilak notes that the last WW II Studebaker military truck was assembled on August 10th, 1945. Coincidently, this was just four days after the first A-bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and the day after the second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. The outcome of the war was almost a certainty by the summer of 1945 and the U.S. government was winding down military contracts. In all, Studebaker built over 200,000 military trucks for the war effort. I've read that in Russia (where many U.S. army vehicles were left behind to help rebuild the ravaged country) natives were so impressed by the durability and performance of Studebaker trucks that the name "Studebaker" was often used as a generic term for any tough, heavy-duty military hauler.

>>>Supercharged Studebaker trucks?! Well, at least a couple of prototypes. According to an article appearing in the July 15th issue of Old Cars, in late 1962 production orders were issued for two 1963 8E7 Series V8 supercharged Champ pick-ups. One of these R2 Avanti powered trucks was a white, ½ ton Champ built on the long 122" wheelbase with an automatic transmission and Twin-Traction. Records indicate this rig was shipped to Snider Auto Service, an authorized Studebaker dealer in Indianapolis. The second R2 truck, built on the shorter 112" frame, was a black 4-speed unit, also with Twin-Traction. Not surprisingly, this truck was sent to the Paxton Products Division of Studebaker Corp. Why would someone want an R2 powered Champ pickup? Might one of these trucks still survive? It would be interesting to have all the background info on this unusual Champ experiment!

+++IMPORTANT MEETING INFO—Our next chapter meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17th starting at 10:30am at the Jefferson Barracks/Sylvan Springs Park "Artillery Shelter" (300 Halsey Rd., 63125). In addition to our brief business meeting, we will also hold officer elections for the '23-'24 year. And, instead of our traditional auction, this year we'll try a "Put & Take" format. You donate a few items and, perhaps, might find something you want that was contributed by another member. So be sure to bring your extra, unwanted or oddball small parts, literature, manuals, promo items, tools, etc. and we'll put everything on display. If you find something you like, you can toss a buck or two toward the club treasury. This should go more quickly than an auction and might be more fun, too. FINALLY, sub sandwiches, chips and beverages will be provided by the chapter. However, we need a head count to get a rough idea of how many we'll be feeding. PLEASE RSVP to Ben by Thursday, September 14th so we can make sure there's enough food for everyone! Call me at 770-362-6734 or e-mail at: thealspachs@comcast.net. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 17th!!





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planar wheel suspension which insures the most surest footed cars...scientifically steadied ... the achievement of marvelously engineered restful rear seat and front seat ride - regardless against drifting and side slip, even when of wheelbase-motoring has ever known . . . rounding corners at high speeds . . .

MAKE US PROVE IT!

World's first cars with uncanny new independent World's easiest handling, most obedient, World's safest, swiftest, straight-line stopping

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new compound hydraulic brakes which are unexcelled by any car regardless of price ... MAKE US PROVE IT!

TAKE THE STUDEBAKER "THIRD DEGREE" **ROAD TEST!**









The ad above right appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on 12/10/1934.





And as though that were not achievement enough, Stude-baker's gifted engineers have also deviced a new type of hydraulic brakes... compound hydraulic brakes... that give these Champion cars the world's safest, swiftest, smoothest, straight-line stopping! You'll find that these new Studebakers are true Champi

appearance and appointments too. Their slim, silvery adiators and gull's wing fenders, air-curved tops and rear address and guis wing reners, an curve of the same ren-decks provide a beauty not approached by any other cars. Interiors are remarkably roomy—and upholstered, fitted and finished like \$2000 cars. Bodies are built like battleand instance tike above early induces are built the online-ships—not merely of steel but of steel reinforced by steel-ships—not and rigid they have stood up almost unscathed after terrific test plunges into rock quarries!

And these Champions are miracles of handling ease too-or nearly everything that requires physical effort in other ars is automatic in these Studebakers. cars is au

Studebaker never does things by halves. And you'll find these new Studebaker Champions the expression and em-bodiment of Studebaker workmanship and thoroughness.

Indeed, once you see and drive them, you'll find it im-ossible to mention these Studebakers in the same breath with purely price appeal cars that cost almost as much as he lowest priced of these Champions.

Get the proof for yourself. See what Studebaker has achieved in these 1935 masterpieces. Go out for a trial drive and ex-perience the sporting thrill of piloting a Champion — now!

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Studebaker started September 1934 with the same 8 greater St. Louis area Studebaker dealerships it had at the end of October. Studebaker had #1. Arthur R. Lindburg, Inc., Exclusive St. Louis Studebaker Distributor, Grand and Lindell, St. Louis, MO., #2.Hammond Motor Car Co. Granite City, IL, #3. Cookson Motor CO., East St. Louis, IL., #4. Bopp Broths., Webster Groves, MO., #5. KOERNER-SNIPEN, Inc., SOUTH SIDE Studebaker, 3456 South Grand, Blvd. St. Louis, MO., #6. T. H. Johnson Motor Co., Alton, IL. #7. The Moto-Rite, 5180 Delmar Blvd.-at Lake, St. Louis, MO.. And lastly #8. Endres Motor Sales, Belleville, IL. On 10/12/1934 #5. KOERNER-SNIPEN, Inc. 3456 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO., became new #5. Oscar Snipen, Inc., 3456 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO. The Studebaker factory was very stingy on marketing dollars during the end of the 1934

Studebakers for 1935 Have New Independent Front Wheel Springing

Compound Hydraulic Braking, New Hoods and Body Styles on Models Shown Here. Wholiy new 1935 Studebaker cars

are being shown in the St. Louis district by Arthur R. Lindberg, Inc., distributer and associate dealers.

A distinctive feature of the new Studebakers is the exclusive inde-

Studebakers is the exclusive inde-pendent front springing of the "planar" type. Another feature is compound hydraulic braking. Styling, from the newly designed front end to the air-streamed rear is new and really "different" with-out being extreme. The new springing, new braking system, careful balancing of engine and chassis and shock absorbers de-signed to go with the chassis, re-sult in what Studebaker engineers call the "miracle ride." call the "miracle ride." New Front Wheel Springing.

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The super-range is practically au-tomatic in operation. Only a quick release of pressure on the accelera-tor is necessary to throw in the device. When it goes into opera-tion the engine speed dereases 30 per cent while the speed of the car remains the same. A material sav-ing in fuel and motor wear results. The interiors of the new models have been refuned. The finest of muchat or cloth unholstery is used. Scales are of the deep-spring body-posture type and are unusually wide and comfortable. There is plenty of les room. Garnish mouldings and inferior hardware are in con-trast to unholstery and interior col-ors. Assist cords, arm rests, re-cesses for radio sets and clocks, glove compartments and other mo-toring adjuncts are found. An innovation is flush-mounting of radio speakers shove the wind-shields. Speakers so mounted pro-vide "car level reception" for both front and rear seat passengers. The 1935 Studebakers will be pro-duced in three groups, a complete assortment of body models being available in each group. The groups and their base factory prices are: the President, \$1245; the Command-er, \$595; the Dictator, \$695.

STUDEBAKER PLANS FOR 1935 BRIGHTER THAN EVER BEFORE.

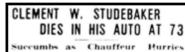
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Succumbs as Chauffeur Purries Toward Home: Son of One of Founders of Firm.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. Clement W. Studebaker, 73-yearold retired business man and son one of five brothers who founded the Studebaker Automobile Cor-poration of this city, died suddenin his automobile yesterday. Walter Stephenson, his chauffeur,

id his employer first complained of dizziness. The chauffeur turned machine toward home, but Mr. Studebaker succumbed shortly before reaching his residence Survivors include one daughter, Miss Louise Studebaker.

Studebaker Host to A. A. A. Men



This group of St. Louis A. A. A. garage men were entertained the Studebaker exhibit at the Century of Progress in Chicago. Arthur Louis distributor, made the arrangements,

Fourth of Car Sales By the 'Independents'

Studebaker Claims

Proposed Reorganization to Put It in Even Stronger Position. Lindburg Says.

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"There are more than 2000 Stude baker distributors and dealers the United States, 700 of them et more than five years standing and Studebaker is represented in map than 800 cities in foreign lands.

"There are 700,000 Studebake cars and trucks in operation

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Calendar year as no vehicle ads were placed at all for the rest of the 1934 model year from September on. The first 1935 car ad was placed on 12/10/1934 and is on the front page of this newsletter and the second 1935 ad was placed in 1/9/1935 and can be seen on page 3. Not only were the usual 6 areater St. Louis area Studebaker dealerships mentioned by the factory but other dealerships throughout the state were listed as well as Motorite on Delmar which sold Studebaker parts and service only for the very first time! I've always listed it here but it's the first time the Studebaker factory has acknowledged it's existence in ad's in the Post-Dispatch.

Many changes are obviously taking place as Studebaker is exiting receivership. Studebaker now has a working capital of \$5.75 million and 224 new dealers. On December of 1935 Studebaker was able to emerge from receivership and with the aid of Lehman Brothers full refinancing and reorganization would be achieved on March 9, 1935 less than 2 months from

FEATURE STORY CONTINUED:

Studebaker Cruiser At Fair Houses Eighty Passengers

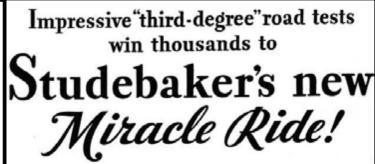
Arthur R. Lindburg, president of Arthur R. Lindburg, Inc., Studebaker distributors, made arrangements for entertaining this group at the World's Fair. They were all impressed with the unique exhibit of Studebaker's gigantic Land Cruiser, which is built to scale, but is many times larger than its prototype. This exhibit has been visited by tens of thousands. The size of the wheel pictures above gives you some idea of the enormous size of this Studebaker car. It is 80 feet long, 28 feet high, 30 feet wide: the steering wheel is 712 feet from rim The tires are 1212 feet to rim. The running boards are 21 high. feet long and 5 feet wide. The windshield wiper is a yard long.

In the interior there is a complete motion picture theater, with seating capacity for 80 persons. A special-ly staged Studebaker picture is shown during the hours the fair exhibit is open to the public. This group was entertained with a special showing in this theater of the thrilling sound film "Studebaker hampions. J. Linn and M. E. Jones of the Firestone Rubber Co accompanied the party. Others at-tending were R. E. Matthews of the Auto Club of Missouri; John Cramer, president; M. J. Nelson, secretary; Irving Shubert, vice-William Boeckstiegel. president: treasurer, all officers of the local A. A. A. Garages

now. Studebaker would be free once again to pursue their own future in the auto industry without anyone looking over their shoulders and micromanaging every move they made. They would soon hire Raymond Loewy to restyle all of their vehicles and one of their first new projects would be the third attempt at an entry level vehicle.

It would turn out that the third time would be the charm as the 1939 Champion would turn out to be one of Studebaker's right cars they came out with at the right time. From engineering to styling it proved to be a winner and it proved that an independent could successfully field an entry level car if it was packaged and priced right and the quality was

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that the car adjusts itself instantane-outly to road irregularities. John and bumps are literally swallowed in the super-structure-withoutany attention from the driver at all?

No brakes used in any car in the world, regardless of prior, are better brakes than these specially designed family with an easy foot pressure-and swifty, smoothy, dependably bring these new Studebakers to a stop-

Exclusive new Independent Planar Wheel Suspension deliver the world's most comfortable rear seat and front seat ride . . . New compound Hydraulic Brakes give you world's smoothest, swiftest, straight-line stopping.

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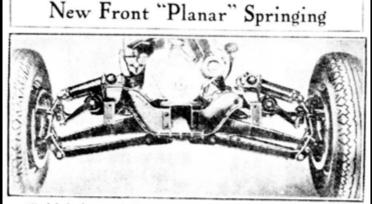
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Go for a miracle ride. Tell your nearby Studebaker dealer you want to give one of his new Champions a con-vincing "third degree" road test-now.

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Three great madels . . . such a Champinel Distance, \$655; Communitor, \$557; President, \$1245; Base priors at factory, Bampon, special

NEW 1935 Miracle Ride STUDEBAKER CHAMPIONS



Studebaker's new individual "planar" front suspension. A sinal transverse leaf spring, flexible throughout its span, is used for each wheel. Upper supporting arms take brake torane and other driving reections. Hudraulie shock absorbers are an integral part of the system

Studebaker Develops **New Spring Suspension** For Its Exclusive Use

Bystem Employed in Its Models for 1935 Designed to Give "Miracle Bide."

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SPEED WITH LESS FUEL IS FEATURED IN STUDEBAKERS

Quieter Operating Cars Exhib-ited With New Hydraulic Brakes.

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So things would slowly start getting better economically for Studebaker dealers in the St. Louis area from here on out. But it would not be quickly as the stock market wouldn't recover to it's pre-1929 crash level until November 23, 1954. But after WWII was over their was that brief sellers market and about 5 years of relatively good times. So for Studebaker dealers who could survive the depression and WWII, the future wasn't all bad.

There were some good times ahead.



A new type of front wheel suspension enables Studebaker to provide greater riding comfort in 1935 models. This is effected by means of a large transverse leaf This is effected by means of a large transverse leaf spring, anchored to the frame so that it may flex freely and yet permit each front wheel to react independently to road shocks. The Studebaker, as shown here, has also been improved in appearance by means of a narrowed radiator and lines flowing from it.

Tex Carleton Gets First of Type



Tex Carleton (at left), pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals wh play with the Chicago Cubs in 1935, and his new Studebaker Com-ier Eight regal sedan, the first car of this Studebaker line for 1935 ered in St. Louis. At the right is Arthur R. Lindburg, president withur R. Lindburg, Inc., the local Studebaker distributer

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One of the new 1935 Studebaker sedans, with independent planar wheel suspension, compound hydraw lic brakes, new radiator and body styling. These cars are being shown here this week.

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MINUTES FOR THE SUNDAY, JULY 9TH MEETING OF MO/IL GATEWAY SDC CLUB BY: Jeff Wassilak

The Missouri/Illinois Gateway Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club gathered at 12:45pm at the Wabash Frisco & Pacific Steam Railway in Wildwood. Afterward the group (except Joanna Krautmann) met at the Wildwood Pub & Grill in Wildwood, Missouri for the July meeting.

Members present: Ben Alspach, Don Hart, Gary Krautmann, Lewis Schucart, Jeff Wassilak, George Yoder, and Milt Yoder.

President Ben Alspach called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Ben reminded members the May Minutes were published in the July-August newsletter and asked for comments. None were received. Gary Krautmann made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Lew Schucart seconded. Vote taken and the motion passed.

Phil Hendrickson was not present for the Treasurer's Report. However, Ben reported the newsletter had \$5,767.60 in the checking account and we have 26 paid members. Gary Krautmann made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Don Hart seconded. Vote taken, and the motion passed.

Ben invited discussion regarding previous members who had not renewed this year. The topic concluded with Ben offering to contact them by telephone.

Ben said the last few newsletters were distributed by email with a link to the chapter web site. He had received some feedback that a small number of people in the distribution had not received the email. Lew suggested it be communicated to the group to check the email was being diverted to SPAM or Junk folder. Adding <u>newsletter@gatewaysdc.org</u> to Contact list or Trusted Sender (depending on terminology in your email) may ensure email delivered to In Box folder.

The President then asked Jeff Wassilak, Zone Coordinator, for any items. Jeff discussed compiling the Tribute to Cyndy and Charlie Schwab with assistance from Gary and Milt. He thought they were extraordinary members, and a written record should be kept in the chapter history. The format was used that could also be submitted to Peter Crisitello for the SDC Remembrance Project. He compiles them in 3-ring binders present at International Meets. A condensed version of the 2-page draft document was published in the newsletter. Members are requested to send their messages (or photos) to Jeff by email or voice message by mid-August.

Ben received an inquiry whether Cyndy's family may be interested in selling her'55 Speedster. No one has contact information. It was suggested a message could be sent to the family through the funeral home. Ben asked and Jeff agreed to try this.

Jeff Wassilak reported he had forwarded the obituary of Cyndy to Wally and Pam Kreutz, former members who moved to California to be closer to their 2 sons and families. Wally called Jeff June 25 to thank him. He said he could not find MO-IL and SDC Rosters. Jeff said he would forward the latest chapter roster. Wally reported he is presently in good health, but recently been hospitalized for kidney stones and appendicitis. He kept the '56 Power Hawk and sold the '56 Station Wagon and '62 Lark.

Don Hart talked about the AOAI International Meet June 13-17. He thanked all those who assisted. There were 65 registrations, 33 Avantis, 130 Silent Auction items.

Three upcoming car shows in the area copied from May Minutes:

- 1. Annual North St Louis County Veterans' Car Show on Sunday July 30th at the Missouri Veterans' Home on Lewis & Clark Bld. in St Louis, Missouri.
- 2. Gateway Orphan Car Show on Saturday, September 16th at Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon, Illinois.
- 3. Chain of Rocks Bridge (Community Assn.) Show Sunday, October 8th on the Chain of Rocks Bridge. Must register by July 1, 2023. Bridge access is from the Illinois side.

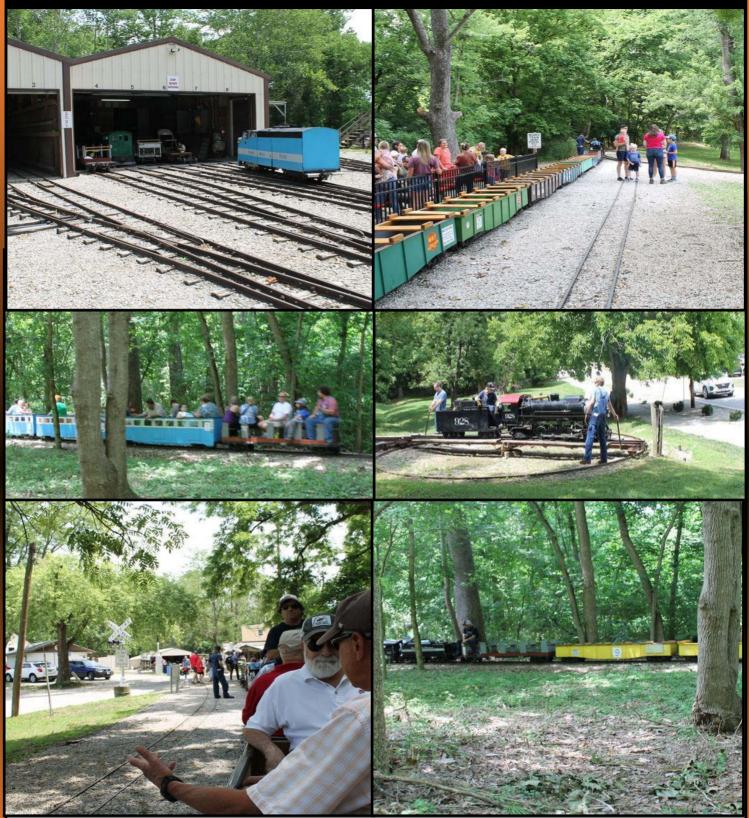
Next meet is Sunday September 17 at Sylvan Springs Park Artillery Shelter

Sunday November 12 Ben is hosting a meeting in Washington, Missouri.

There was a discussion on whether to have a holiday meeting in December or have a meeting in January. The consensus was due to December having many events January may have greater attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at about 4:00pm., Submitted by: Jeff Wassilak, Secretary Louetta Bushdiecker was not present.

WE ROAD THE WF & P STEAM RAILWAY AS PART OF OUR JULY 9TH CHAPTER MEETING!



As a kickoff to our July 9th meeting, eight Gateway Chapter members met at the Wabash, Frisco & Pacific miniature steam railroad station in Glencoe, MO. These tiny passenger excursion trains are pulled by scale models of real steam locomotives with a rail "gauge" of only 12". I However, despite their small size, these little locomotives are plenty powerful and quite heavy, weighing in at over 7,000 lbs. each. We enjoyed a run of about three miles (out and back) in a nice, shaded area of forest along the Meramec River. W,F & R crew members and maintenance folk were happy to talk about the little engines and we learned quite a bit about their operation and upkeep. Thanks to Gary Krautmann for organizing this fun and interesting activity.

Report #1

From Jeff Wassilak, Missouri Regional Manager, Studebaker Drivers Club, 9423 Trillium Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63126-2839. Telephone: 314-849-0591, Cell phone: 314-580-3753, Email: <u>cleanh2o@sbcglobal.net</u>.

Some Studebaker, Packard and Avanti history this month: July 1, 1933 Albert R. Erskine dies., July 4, 1903 Harold Churchill born., July 6, 1956 Agreement reached between Studebaker-Packard and Curtiss-Wright for three year management contract., July 7, 1907 Construction begins on Studebaker Administration Building., July 10, 1930 Studebaker offers "Free Wheeling" on automobiles., July 13, 1958 Last Packard built., July 14, 1986 Raymond Loewy dies., July 21, 1984 James Nance dies., July 22, 1904 First Studebaker gasoline powered car sold., July 23, 1926 First Studebaker President model introduced., July 27, 1956 James Nance resigns as President of Studebaker-Packard., July 28, 1969 Sherwood Egbert dies.

The Missouri June report has 3 NEW members (located in Springfield, Fairgrove, and Harrisonville) and 1 EXPIRED member (located in Moberly).

The Illinois June report has 2 NEW members (located in Elgin, and New Berlin) and 3 EXPIRED members (located in Romeoville, Lake Forest, and Grayslake).

For this and future months: I encourage your chapter to reach out and contact all NEW members in the Member Reports in your region. Also, why not contact RENEWED SDC members who are not current members of your chapter? Ask them about their interest in Studebaker, then invite them to upcoming local events. I believe telephone calls or voice mail messages are more effective than emails, which can be easily forgotten. Follow up an initial contact with a mailed newsletter and/or an email (with newsletter or calendar of upcoming events attached.) If their name is on the EXPIRED list, I suggest contacting them and asking why they did not renew. If you know them tell them they are missed and invite them to chapter events as a guest. Again follow up with a newsletter by mail. I believe cordial persistence (and don't let rejection stop you) can produce some positive responses. Best wishes, Jeff Wassilak

Report #2

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The Missouri July report has 1 NEW members (located in Saint Peters) and 4 EXPIRED members (located in Springfield, Kansas City, Washington, and Rogersville).

The Illinois July report has 2 NEW members (located in Dupo, and Sugar Grove) and 5 EXPIRED members (located in Aurora, Edwardsville, Peoria, Mattoon, and Waterloo). Note we are aware Carol Gipe, Edwardsville, has relocated and not renewed chapter dues membership for 2023.

In Case You Missed These: From Hemmings Daily Friday July 21, 2023, "Studebaker Museum's Brooks Stevens Exhibit Explores Automotive Creations of a Mid-Century Master" by Daniel Stroh

https://www.hemmings.com/stories/brooks-stevens/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=EDaily&utm_campaign=

From Hemmings Daily Sunday July 2, 2023, "Aunt Bee's Last Studebaker" by Bob Palma

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2023 MO/IL GATEWAY STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 12-16th, 2023. The 59th Studebaker International Meet, Manitowoc, Wisconsin. More information to come.

Saturday, 9/16/2023, 9 am to 1 pm, Orphan Car Show Display, Gateway Classic Cars, 1237 Central Park Drive, O'Fallon, Illinois, 62269. Vehicles from manufacturers who have discontinued doing business 1985 and older. Sponsored: Gateway AMC & Hudson clubs. Call 636-448-3878 with any questions.

Sunday, 9/17/2023, 10:30 AM Our Chapter Picnic and our next and September Chapter Meeting at Sylvan Springs Park near Jefferson Barracks – Artillery Shelter – 300 Halsey Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125. CHAPTER ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 2024 WILL ALSO BE HELD. instead of our traditional auction, this year we'll try a "Put & Take" format. You donate a few items and, perhaps, might find something you want that was contributed by another member. So be sure to bring your extra, unwanted or oddball small parts, literature, manuals, promo items, tools, etc. and we'll put everything on display. If you find something you like, you can toss a buck or two toward the club treasury. This should go more quickly than an auction and might be more fun, too. FINALLY, sub sandwiches, chips and beverages will be provided by the chapter. However, we need a head count to get a rough idea of how many we'll be feeding. PLEASE RSVP to Ben by Thursday, September 14th so we can make sure there's enough food for everyone! Call me at 770-362-6734 or e-mail at: thealspachs@comcast.net.

Sunday, 11/12/2023, Washington, MO The Gateway Chapter will meet at 1:30 at The 1869 Draft Room Tavern, 216 West Front St., Washington, MO 63090. Following lunch we will hold a short business meeting. Large parking lot next to the restaurant so drive your car! Contact: Ben Alspach, email: <u>thealspachs@comcast.net</u> or phone 770-362-6734. Club site <u>www.gatewaysdc.org</u> Upper Mississippi Valley Zone.

We will probably schedule a "Holiday party" in conjunction with our regular January 2024 meeting this season instead of in December. Details to be determined.

TREASURERS REPORT

BY: Phil Hendrickson

MO-IL Gateway Chapter SDC

August 2023 Treasurer's Report

There has only been one transaction since the last Treasurer's report, to deposit Michael Brunetto's 2023 dues.

As of 8/14/2023, The current checking account balance is: \$5,792.70

We currently have 27 paid members, with 7 members from 2022 that have not renewed their membership.

Dues can be mailed to:

<u>Phil Hendrickson, 1338 Pine</u> <u>Drive, Arnold, MO 63010</u>

Additional contact

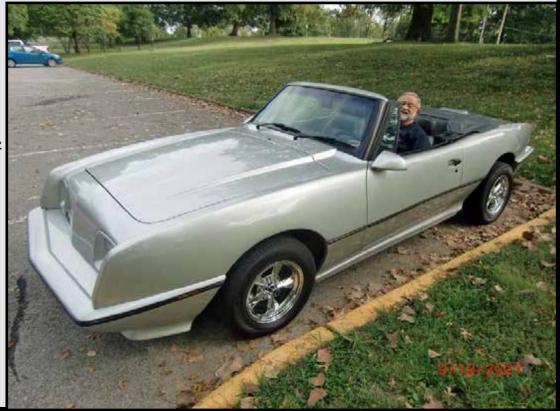
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Studebaker Fun Fact: >>>The insurance giant Allstate was founded by Sears, Roebuck & Co. in 1930. Allstate insurance policies were originally sold at Sears retail stores as well as through the popular Sears Roebuck mail-order catalogs. The VERY FIRST auto insurance claim ever paid by Allstate was for a damaged door handle on a Studebaker! FROM: Ben Alspach FOR SALE: 1954 Studebaker Conestoga Wagon, contact Jaclyn Clay at: 618-339-1888 or jaclay@vandals203.org







FOR SALE: 1949 Studebaker 2 ton dually flatbed truck with staked sides that lifts up and dumps. The odometer says 25,356. The carburetor has recently been rebuilt, the brakes are new and the truck runs well. Contact Ann Skelton at: <u>anna191174marie@hotmail.com</u> to make offer.



<u>FOR SALE</u>: 1952 Champion convertible, 327 Chevy engine, runs seats from a Chrysler New Yorker. Dad's first car since 1967 and have title. Went through brakes, body work done, needs paint. Call for pictures, price negotiable. Car in Marion, IL about 10 miles from Carbondale, IL. Contact Micah Thorn at (618) 713-3440 or <u>mthorntech@vahoo.com</u>.



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NEWSLETTER OF THE MO/IL GATEWAY CHAPTER OF THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

The MO/IL Gateway Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club is the officially chartered representative of the Studebaker Drivers Club for the Greater St. Louis Missouri and southern Illinois areas. We are dedicated to the preservation of Studebaker vehicles although ownership of one is not a requirement for chapter membership. Membership in the International Studebaker Drivers Club is also required and applications for both can be found in this newsletter. Both the MO/IL Gateway Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club and the International Studebaker Drivers Club sponsor meets, car shows, offer technical assistance, and help in locating parts and vehicles---along with great fellowship. The Steering Wheel bi-monthly newsletter is the official publication of the MO/IL Gateway Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club. Members may place classified ads in the Steering Wheel for free. Reprinting of any articles contained within is granted to any SDC related organization. Neither the club nor the editor is responsible for the accuracy of the classified ads. Ads will be placed as long as needed but notification to the editor once the item has been sold is requested. All submissions to the Steering Wheel are appreciated and will be included as space and relevance allow. The Steering Wheel goes to press on the 20th of the month prior to release of the following bi-monthly issue.



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