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BY: Ben Alspach

AVX #1 Lives in St. Louis Area

The AVX was designed in 1997 by Tom Kellogg to meet the request of AOAI Pennsylvania member Jim Bunting for an Avanti for the 21st century. Two years ago, Gateway Chapter member Lew Schucart acquired AVX #1 from former AOAI president Dale Sexton, its second owner. Bunting was the creator and first owner. AVX #1 has been adapted onto a 1993 Firebird chassis and drive train with added Paxton supercharger and fuel injection. AVX #1 has been rated at 455 HP on the chassis Dyno at the rear wheels, about 600 HP on the engine Dyno. It was designed to operate on regular fuel. Current mileage is 29,000.

Special features include: dual stainless exhaust with free flowing Borla mufflers, bigger anti-sway bars, stiff Koni shocks front and rear, under carriage suspension added for improved steering and stability, wider aluminum wheels made using Tom Kellogg's unique design by Boyd Coddington's shop in Los Angeles. Hub cap covers have AVX inscribed in the center with Boyd's name below. AVX #1 has won numerous awards, including, most recently, 1st place at the AOAI Milwaukee meet in June 2022, and again in 2023 at the AOAI international meet in St. Louis. The car came from Dale Sexton with seven notebooks of historical information and documentation, two of which contain sixty pages of design photographs and drawings by Tom Kellogg.

The outside mirrors are not original to the Firebird and must be manually adjusted. Due to a drain on the battery the security system has been disconnected and has affected the horn. Power door locks are not operational. Due to the size of the hood, it is best opened and closed by two people. Because the hood is electrically operated, two cables have been attached to the front latches to permit manual opening. This is beneficial if the battery is too low. Based on its Certificate of Origin, AVX 1 is registered as a 1997 Avanti. It was originally titled in Pennsylvania, and later in Arizona with Dale Sexton.

Background

In 1993, while working on a two passenger '63 Avanti project with Jim Bunting, original Avanti designer Tom Kellogg sent Jim a concept drawing of a modern Avanti with the note: "Let's do this one next." That concept drawing became the AVX "Kellogg Coupe". Jim discussed Tom's drawing with Bill Lang, nationally known hot rod builder in Pennsylvania whose bodywork and interiors are legendary. Based on conversations with Bill, Jim decided to build the car as a one-off. Once they decided to build the car, Tom did additional concept drawings based on a number of existing platforms, and chose the 1993 Pontiac Trans Am F-Body platform....a 101 inch wheel base compared to the original Avanti 108 inch wheelbase. Tom took all the design elements of the '63 Avanti – including wedge shape, forward rake, "coke bottle" effect and the asymmetrical hood – and moved them forward

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three decades to create the final design.

During the build Tom flew from California to Pennsylvania many times to work with Bill Lang and refine the body shape and flow lines. Bill Lang built the cantilever hood system because Tom wanted the hood and nose to be seamless. After the prototype was complete it was finished in black and sent to Chicago where molds and jigs were built. Tom designed the wheels and sat with the technicians at Boyd's Wheels to make sure they were exactly as he designed them. (The wheels carry Boyd Coddington's signature)

Performance was created by RaceKrafters in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, builders of high performance race cars. The AVX coupe is rated at 455 horsepower on the chassis Dyno, which translates to about 600 HP on the engine Dyno. The performance package for the GM 5.7 liter LT1 engine includes: Paxton supercharger (true to the R2 Avanti), Hi – Flow air intake, custom racing fuel injection, Borla cat-back high flow exhaust with 3-inch stainless tips. (nice exhaust note). The car has a double diamond 4 – point chassis brace to offset engine torque. The car is very fast.

The interior of the car is fitted with custom leather upholstery, console, doors, steering wheel; and wood grain trim. Special release mechanisms have been built for the hood and trunk. Reaction to the AVX was positive. Bunting decided to produce a limited number of cars. AVX #1 became the company show car and was first shown at the 1997 Avanti national meet in South Bend, Indiana where Tom introduced the car to the media. Just two other AVX cars were built: a convertible, based on a Camaro; and a Firebird-based T-top model.

This car has been exhibited at museums across the country including the Studebaker National Museum as part of a tribute to Tom Kellogg, and the America on Wheels museum in Allentown, PA. The Kellogg Coupe has been featured in 14 national car magazines, including Hot Rod, Collectible Automobile and AutoWeek. the SDC Turning Wheels, and the AOAI's Avanti Magazine. When delivered from Dale Sexton, I received a 30 page portfolio including Tom's concept drawings. Also included are a photo collection and all the original magazine articles.

Tom Kellogg was a design genius and a good guy. For the complete history of AVX cars, with many photos and drawings, see John Hull's book: Avanti: The Complete Story, Chapter 6; plus John Hull's second book, Avanti. Studebaker and Beyond.

Specifications

Story By Lew Schucart

Designer

Tom Kellogg. Tom was a member of Raymond Loewy's 1963 Avanti design team. Tom created the body styling for the '63 Studebaker Avanti and the AVX.

Platform Pontiac Firebird Trans-Am F-Series

Dimensions Wheel base: 101", Length: 180", Width: 77", Height: 51"



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Pesigned by Art Center College of Pesign graduate and instructor Tom Kellogg





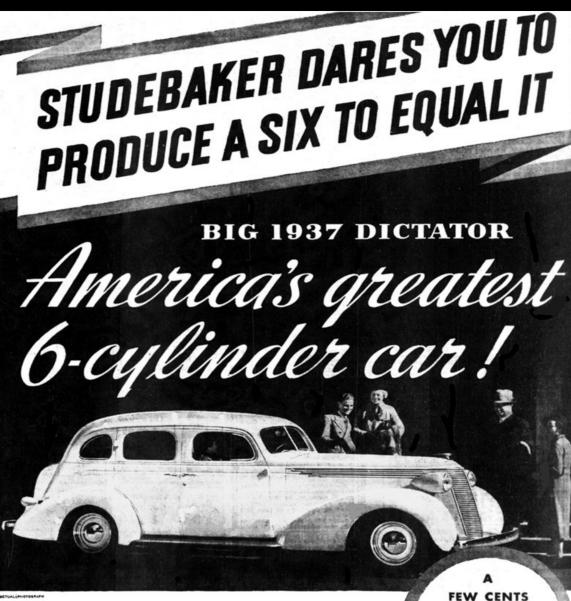




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Studebaker started March1937 with the same 10 greater St. Louis area Studebaker dealerships it had ended February with. Studebaker had #1. Arthur R. Lindburg, Inc., exclusive St. Louis Studebaker Distributor, Grand and Lindell, St. Louis, MO., #2. Reihl Motor Co., Webster Groves, MO., #3. OSCAR G. SNIPEN. Inc., 5180 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO. #4. Franke Motor Sales, 4811 Delmar, St. Louis, MO. #5. Leland -Kreid Motor, Alton, IL. #6. Endres Motor Sales, Belleville, IL., #7.Kasey Motor Co., Studebaker-Packard. 5626 Gravois Rd. St. Louis, MO. #8. Cookson Motor Co. 1131 St. Louis Ave., East St. Louis, IL., #9. Advance Motor Co., Madison IL., and #10. Ferguson Motor Sales, Ferguson, MO. On 3/21/1937 Advance Motor Co., Madison IL., becomes Don **Farrington Motor** Sales, Madison, IL. At the same location. No further changes were made regarding Studebaker's St. Louis dealers through the end of April 1937.

So the economic difficulties of the Great Depression were still leaving their mark on the



AND HOW STUDEBAKER'S LOW 1937 PRICES ARE SELLING IT!

W^E know we're going to step on a lot of toes with this sensational challenge. But we feel it's our duty to the public to make it.

We guarantee to convince you conclusively that this big superbly styled 1937 Studebaker Dictator is a better car than any higher priced six.

And more than that—we'll match this Dictator, even on a low cost basis, with any lower priced car because the Dictator's sounder. longer-lived construction plus its sensational Fram oil cleaner and gas-saving automatic overdrive will even up any apparent price difference!

Moreover, the roomy, powerful Dictator is the world's first six with the triple safety of a steel-reinforced-by-steel body, automatic hill holder and feather-touch hydraulic brakes: It's the world's only six with non-slam doors that close lightly, tightly and silently on rattleproof rotary latches. Its steering halves the effort of parking.

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Chart above shows Studebaker sales by years up to March first. Look how 1937 Studebaker sales are sustring above even record-breaking 1936. You buy # popular favoriee when you buy a Studebaker!

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The ad above appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on 3/7/1937.

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willing to invest large sums of money into a Studebaker dealership confident it was a sound investment with a solid and prosperous future.

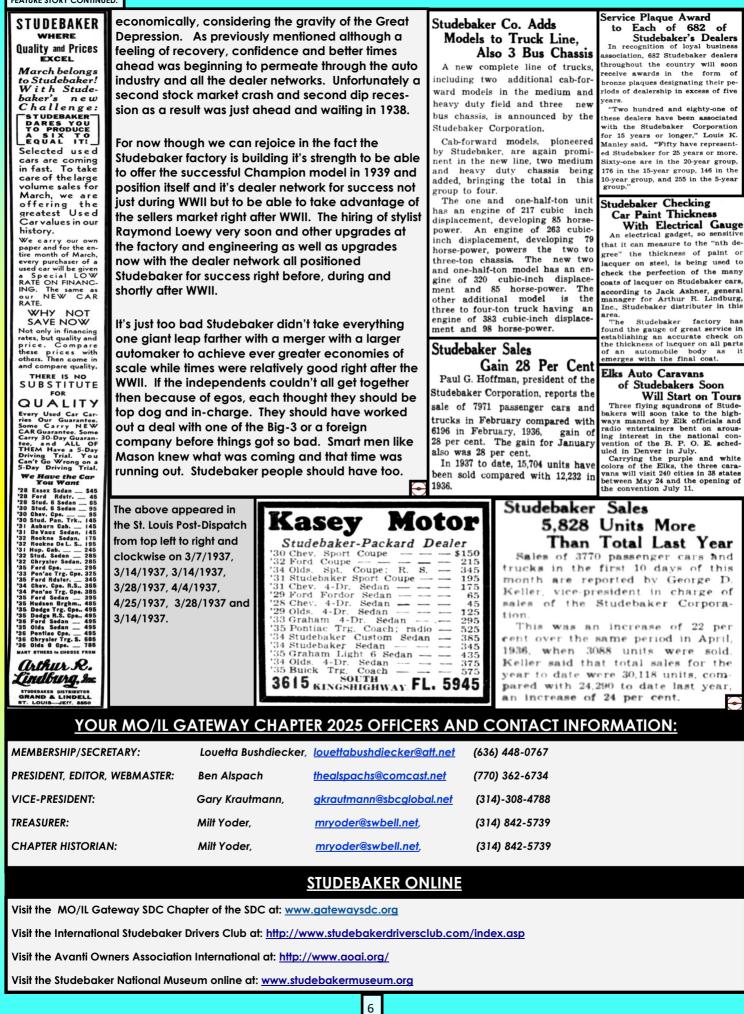
The Studebaker factory was suddenly backing and merchandizing in cars like it hadn't since before 1929 which had to be exciting and encouraging to dealers too. Since January 1937 Studebaker has been running about 9 quarter page ads every 2 months in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. That's a hair more than an ad a week and matches such high sales volume powerhouses such as Ford and Chevy.

Back in December. 1936 Studebaker announced in a small article in the Post-Dispatch that **Security Motors** Studebaker was being added on 3136 Locust Blvd., St. Louis, MO., but the dealership never appeared in any Studebaker ads nor was it ever mentioned again in and article. Aside from this one mis-step, everything has been going mostly pretty well for Studebaker dealers



The above ads rom top left to right and clockwise appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on 4/4/1937, 4/11/1937. 4/18/1937 and 4/25/1937.

FEATURE STORY CONTINUED:



MINUTES FOR THE SUNDAY, 1/10 /2024 MO/IL "GATEWAY' CHAPTER SDC MEETING BY: Louetta Bushdiecker

January 26, 2025

The Missouri/Illinois "Gateway" Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club gathered at 1:30pm at the Pasta House, 6214 South Lindberg, St. Louis, Mo 63123.

Members present: Ben Alspach, Don Hart, Jeff Wassilak, Peg Studebaker, Virgil Studebaker, George Yoder, Cynthia Yoder, Gary Herget, Milt Yoder, Gary Krautmann, Don Linder, Joe Bushdiecker, Mary Ann Bushdiecker, Louetta Bushdiecker, Lou Schucart and Nick Tosie.

Chapter President Ben Alspach called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Ben welcomed a new member Gary Herget to the club and mentioned he owned (and was working on!) a 1959 Studebaker Hawk.

Ben said the Minutes from the last meeting had been printed in the Newsletter for everyone to read and asked if there were any comments. There were none. Joe Bushdiecker made a motion the minutes be accepted. Milt Yoder seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Milt Yoder was introduced as the new Treasurer. Milt mentioned the 2025 club dues are now due and there would be no more membership cards handed out. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasure's report be accepted. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The President asked Jeff Wassilak, Missouri Regional Manager for his report. Jeff said he found vendor and car show reservation forms for the Annual Studebaker Indiana (Swap) Meet in South Bend in January Turning Wheels. It is scheduled for Friday June 6th through Saturday June 7th. The Sound Bend, formerly Michiana Chapter, is the host. Lodging option is the Avanti House I and II located near the National Studebaker Museum. Contact Don Linder for reservations.

Ben thanked the AOAI Club for sponsoring the Holiday Party, where a good time was had by all. Ben thanked Santa for his attendance and the games he had arranged.

Don Hart announced the 61st Studebaker International meet in Washington, Pennsylvania, on September 16—20, 2025 would be sponsored by the Studebaker Drivers Club, AOAI Club and the Antique Studebaker Drivers Club.

A discussion about if the Easter Car Show at Forest Park or the one at the Family Arena in St Charles, Missouri would be the one for the club to attend? The Horseless Carriage Club hosts the show at Forest Park. Authentic (factory specified) vehicles 25 years or older are allowed. Registration in advance is required to park with a club. A hot rod club hosts the show in St. Charles, in which all vehicles (factory, modified, no age limitation) are welcome. A club group can park together without registering by notifying host. Gary Krautmann said he and Don Hart have Contacts in the hot rod club if the chapter wishes to select the St, Charles show and reserve parking sports. Gary said he would confirm and report at the next meeting.

Ben mentioned an exhibition to feature vintage French cars at the Saint Louis Art Museum in Forest Park opening April 12, 2025. Gary and Ben are museum members. More information on the cost of tickets or discounts will be provided later.

Don Lindner discussed beer microbrewer Studebaker Brewing Company in South Bend and New Carlisle, Indiana. Several varieties are brewed. He had cans of Avanti American Amber for sale at cost.

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EVENTS: The next Studebaker Club meeting will be March 9, 2025 at 1:00pm at Rookies Bar and Grill, 3721 New Town Blvd, St. Charles, Missouri 63301.

> The Orphan Car Show sponsored by the Hudson Car Club will be Saturday, May 10, 2025 in O'Fallon, Illinois.

May 18, 2025 the Club meeting will be at 1:30pm at the 1869 Draft House, 216 Front Street, Washington, Missouri.

A place for the JULY meeting has NOT been arranged as of this time.



Louetta's 2-seat Thunderbird





EVENTS CONTINUED:

A place for the JULY meeting has NOT been arranged as of this time.

The Club's Picnic will be September 14, 2025 at 11:30am, at the Sylvan Springs Park at the Artillery Shelter, St Louis, Missouri.

Ben asked for questions or announcements. There were none. Upon request from Ben, Don Lindner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Bushdiecker seconded a vote was taken and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Submitted By,

Louetta Bushdiecker Secretary



GRAND OPENING—DeGrendele-McClintock, Inc., 304 South Kirkwood road, a long-established automobile sales organization, had its grand opening Friday night and yesterday as a newly authorized Studebaker sales and service deale rship.

MO/IL GATEWAY CHAPTER OF THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

<u>AVAILABLE LODGING IN SOUTH BEND.</u> Go to <u>avantihouse.com</u> the booking person is Cassadra (574) 993-9312) and she has a warm heart for Avanti and Studebaker people. If you have any trouble call me, Don Lindner, at 314-973-8686. We have 4.9 reviews out of 5 and Super Host status from Airbnb and are adjacent to and in the famous S. Bend Studebaker Museum corridor. There are two houses, 1/2 block apart, Avanti House 1 and Avanti House 2, (where I live 2/3rds of the time).

<u>AUTOMOTILE APPRAISAL SERVICE</u>,1164 Arbor Place Drive, St. Louis, MO 63088, Member International Society of Appraisers. The personal property specialists of antique, classic, sport, muscle, replica's, foreign cars-trucks. Call Carl T. Roedel Jr., (314) 821-4015, cell: (314) 808-7838, <u>autoappraisal7@sbcglobal.net</u>

<u>BEZ AUTO ALCHEMY</u> Classic car restoration services specializing in Avanti & Studebaker vehicles. Cell: (573)-318-8948, email: <u>bez-hawk@outlook.com</u>

STUDEBAKER/AVANTI MECHANIC: James Moore near Springfield, IL, Call: (708)-856-6932

<u>JIMS SALES & SERVICE</u>: All types of antique auto radio repair & service including upgrading to modern stereo, 455 North Gerdes street, Breese, IL, 62230, Call at: (618)-526-8492

<u>NEW PORT ENGINEERING</u>, custom replacements for vacuum wiper systems in classic cars and trucks, 2760 Newport Rd,, Washington MO 63090. phone: (636) 239-1698, <u>https://newportwipers.com/</u>

<u>ST. PETERS GARAGE, INC.</u>, 108 Main ST., ST. Peters, MO 63378, 636-278-3841, <u>http://www.stpetersgarage.com/</u>, Member Tony Stoverink said they did a great job on his Studebaker business coupe and worked well with supplier Studebaker International.

TAYLOR LOCK & KEY SERVICE: 512 W. Gallatin St., Vandalia, IL 624-71, Phone: (618)-283-0421, Cell: (618)-367-1913

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REGIONAL MANAGERS REPORTS 1 & 2

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 of January: January 1, 1962 Studebaker workforce began strike for 38 days., January 2, 1964 First Canadian built Studebaker destined for US sales rolls off assembly line in Hamilton., January 4, 1995 Brooke Stevens dies., January 7, 1927 Erskine automobile introduced., January 7, 1956 Packard Predictor show car debuts at Chicago auto show., January 10, 1921 Studebaker sells its horse drawn wagon business to Kentucky Wagon Manufacturing Company., January 15, 1904 Studebaker begins paying employees with checks., January 17, 1962 Sherwood Egbert arrested for picket line altercation., January 23, 1964 Studebaker acquires Guelph Stove Company., January 24, 1871 Albert R. Erskine born., January 31, 1942 Last Studebaker built before beginning war production.

The Missouri December report has No 0 NEW members and 2 EXPIRED members (located in Webb City and Saint Clair).

The Illinois November report has 3 NEW members (located in Freeport, Roodhouse, and Normal) and 5 EXPIRED members (located in Mundelein, Effingham, Marseilles, Marion and Salisbury).

From Hemmings Daily Thursday November 7 "The End of a Proud Line: 1958 Packard Sedan" by David LaChance. I missed this last month. Story link: https://www.hemmings.com/stories/the-end-of-a-proud-line-1958-packard-sedan/? uemlid=fa64fdcd0ca47f9cebc2c505714c3bdac7be7d66f967761ac315a5c42de9c619&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=e mail&utm_campaign=EDaily%20Recurring%202024-11-07&utm_term=eDaily%20Newsletter

From Hemmings Daily Tuesday December 10 "This all-original 1963 Studebaker Avanti has enjoyed a charmed life" by Bill Rothermel. Story link: https://www.hemmings.com/stories/this-all-original-1963-studebaker-avanti-has-enjoyed-a-charmed-life/?

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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

Some Studebaker, Packard and Avanti history this month of January: February 1, 1961: Sherwood Egbert became President of Studebaker-Packard., February 5, 1964 Studebaker named Car of the Year by "Track and Traffic" Canadian automobile magazine., February 9, 1799 John C, Studebaker (father of Studebaker brothers) born., February 12, 1902 Studebaker sells first car (electric) to F. W. Blees of Macon, Missouri., February 13, 1960 Studebaker engineer Delmar G. "Barney" Roos dies., February 14, 1911 Studebaker Corporation formed., February 15,1952 Last vehicle of Studebaker's first century built., February 16, 1852 H & C Studebaker Blacksmith and wagon shop opens for business., February 18, 1952 First vehicle of Studebaker's second century built. Centennial Celebration held., February 24, 1960 Studebaker opens assembly plant in Chile.

The Missouri January report has No 1 NEW member (located in Chesterfield) and 1 EXPIRED member (located in Webb City).

The new member is: Pat McLaughlin, 21 Forest Crest Drive, Chesterfield, MO. 63017. 314-517-4713, patmac@gmail.com.

The Illinois January report has 2 NEW members (located in O'Fallon, and Hawthorn Woods) and 0 (no) EXPIRED members.

Jeff & Christine Ryan, 1135 Rutherford Rdg., O'Fallon, ILL. 62269, 405-517-5875, <u>airops@hotmail.com</u>.

MORE PHOTOS OF THE ENGINE RESTORATION OF MY 1949 STUDEBAKER CHAMPION BUSINRSS COUPE.BY: Ben Alspach



Checking the crankshaft balance and "trueness".--Installing valve lifters & springs. New camshaft is already in place.



-The old Auto-Lite distributor needs a good going over!-

—-—A couple of the old pistons look a little rough!—



Installing crankshaft and main bearings.—A shiny, new piston with the rings installed.—Getting ready to install the new pistons.

2024 MO/IL GATEWAY STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our Sunday, March 9th, 1:30pm chapter meeting will meet at Rookie's Bar & Grill, 3721 Newtown Blvd, St. Charles, MO 63301. The restaurant is located in a small shopping center just north of 370 & Elm (Elm becomes Newtown north of the highway). Drive your Stude if you can---looking forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, May 10, 2025, 9:00 AM until Noon at Gateway Classic Cars, 1237 Central Park Drive, O'Fallon, IL. 62269. Welcome all makes that are no longer manufactured currently. Display only, no trophies and free including vehicles on display in the Gateway Classic Car showroom! Sponsored by the Gateway chapter of the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club.

Sunday, May 18th, 2025 Washington, The MO/IL Gateway Chapter will meet at 1:30pm at the 1869 Draft Room Tavern, 216 West Front St., Washington, MO. 63090. Lunch will be followed by a brief business meeting. Big parking lot next door so please drive your Stude! Contact: Ben Alspach, 770-362-6734.

Orphan Car Show in Branson, Missouri being September 6-7,

Sunday, September, 21th, 11:30 AM, Our Chapter Picnic and our September Chapter Meeting at Sylvan Springs Park near Jefferson Barracks – Artillery Shelter – 300 Halsey Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125. Chapter picnic/auction/September chapter meeting, Food, fun Studebakers, Avanti's and fellowship. For info, contact Ben Alspach @ 770-362-6734, Email: <u>thealspachs@comcast.net</u>, Chapter will provide sub lunches in a bag and can soda as in the past Just bring portable seating if desired and Stude parts/memorabilia for the auction.

TREASURERS REPORT

Hello.

Thanks to Phil Henderson for being our treasurer for the past years.

I have enclosed a picture of my 1947 Champion that I have owned since 1967 but not titled till 1968 when I had the money to do such. It still runs and drives. I do not put it on the road much these days as the small 9" brakes cannot compete with the braking systems of modern cars. Last year I had to replace the gas line that got a pin hole after over 75 years.

The only real upgrades I have done are adding turn signals and upgrading the gravel guards from rubber to stainless and

changing the painted hubcaps to the stainless ones I got the guards from a vendor at the 1981 National Meet in St Louis I had to pay an amazing \$25 for the pair, today they go for \$400 or more a pair.

I have talked about selling it several times but each time when I was preparing it for sale, I changed my mind. I just like the simplicity of it and the body lines. I had it repainted in the late 1980's.

We currently have \$6284.99 in the bank and I have \$75 to deposit. 26 members have renewed for 2025 and 4 have not renewed. I sent reminder emails to 6 that had not renewed and 2 of those have already renewed

Happy Studebakering!

Milt



BY: Milt Uoder

Milt's 1947 Studebaker Champion

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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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