



# Commanding Leader

### Calendar of Events

#### \* Designates CVC Event

\*January 12, 2014  
Sunday @ 2:00pm

The Greek Islands Restaurant  
9503C West Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23294  
(804) 290-0002

INFO: <http://greekislandsva.com/>

February 7-9, 2014

52nd Annual Festival of Rods & Customs

at Meadow Event Park

Farm Bureau Center

13111 Dawn Blvd

Doswell, VA 23047

(804) 266-1483

INFO: [www.asphaltangels.net](http://www.asphaltangels.net)

\*March 9, 2014

Sunday @ 2:00pm

\*\*\* Annual Meeting \*\*\*

Membership Dues Due

Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant

8000 West Broad Street

Richmond, VA 23294

(804) 217-WING

INFO: <http://www.quakersteakandlube.com/>

[www.quakersteakandlube.com/Richmond\\_VA/](http://www.quakersteakandlube.com/Richmond_VA/)

For a complete list of planned

CVC/SDC and other events,

go to: [http://](http://centralvirginiachapter.org/events.html)

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## CVC/SDC Meet ~ November 10th, 2013

CVC members went back in time to visit the site of the second permanent English settlement in America, Henricus, Virginia.

After viewing a short historical video, our guide took the group through a recreation of a native Powhatan village where an interpreter described how the Powhatan people lived in the early seventeenth century.

From the Powhatan village we moved on to the recreation of the English village. There we saw examples of the construction of the fortification and homes of the early English settlers.

An interpreter gave a demonstration of the woodworking tools and skills that would be common at Henricus when it was developed.

Our guide discussed the defenses, living conditions and the agricultural development of the settlement.

After the tour, the group went to Denny's in Chester, Virginia, for dinner.

The weather was perfect for the tour and the visit to Henricus was informative and enjoyed by all.



Representation of Powhatan Indian Village at Henricus



Representation of English settler construction at Henricus



Debbie & Jim Jett's  
1963 GT Hawk R-1



Darryl Terretta's  
1960 Hawk



Mike Welch's  
1941 Custom



Maze & Linwood Melton's  
1963 Avanti R-2



A 17th century carpenter Interpreter instructs Rocko on the use of the Draw Knife as Mike and Jake watch



(L-R) Debbie Jett, Our Henricus guide, Alexis & Darryl Terretta, Mike Welch with grandson's Rocko & Jake, Linwood Melton, Martin Pajka, Maze Melton, Marjorie & Fred Meiners

## Don Jones - Candidate for Studebaker Drivers Club Atlantic Zone Director

CVC member Don Jones is a candidate for the position of SDC Atlantic Zone Director. Below is a letter from Don to SDC members in the Atlantic Zone giving his positions and goals that he has for the club. Don's bio is on the following page.

### **DONALD L. JONES**

P. O. Box 229, Concord, VA 24568-0229 ♦ 434-609-7199 ♦ [keydetsdj@aol.com](mailto:keydetsdj@aol.com)

Dear SDC Atlantic Zone member,

I am writing you as candidate for the Atlantic Zone Director position on the Studebaker Drivers Club Board of Directors. In this position I will represent you as Director for the Atlantic Zone.

I believe a new era is dawning within SDC, and now is the time to help it grow and prosper. At the International Meet held in Colorado Springs CO this year, a new set of Bylaws was approved by the Board. One of the more important provisions of the bylaws was a limiting of the number of terms a Board Member could serve. That limit is now set at three consecutive two-year terms and then a new representative must be elected. This simply means there will now be regular change-over on the Board and new ideas as we move further into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

I believe we must now focus our efforts to deal with the following:

- Since 2011 we have lost over 1,000 members
- Since August 2012 to August 2013 we lost 600 members
- Our total membership now stands at 11,289 as of August 31, 2013.

I am sure there are many legitimate reasons for this, but I also believe we can reverse the trend by focusing our efforts on three specific areas:

1. New Member Growth
2. Retention
3. Reach back (meaning reaching out to those members of the past and urge them to rejoin the ranks of our more-dynamic club.

As Atlantic Zone Director, I believe it will be my responsibility to assist your chapter in this effort, and as your Zone Director I plan on doing just that.

I also believe that as Atlantic Zone Director, my responsibility is to represent your views and to communicate with you on a regular basis. I plan to do this by being readily available to you through either mail, email or by phone. As your Atlantic Zone Director, I also plan to write a column for your local chapter newsletter at least quarterly laying out the actions of the Board and also assisting your local chapter when asked to do so. I will also use the SDC Forum's AtlanticZone Talk page for blast emails.

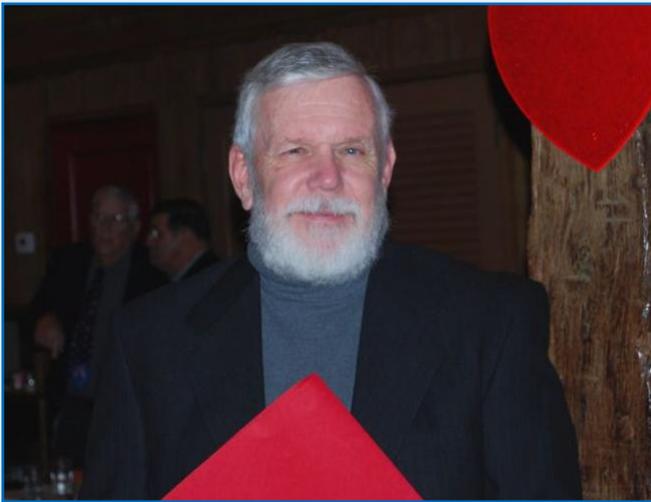
Voting this year will commence with the receipt of ballots in the January and February issues of Turning Wheels. This ballot will be the only document that will be eligible to be counted and it is designed to be mailed to the SDC VP. One exception is that you may also use the ballot that appears on the SDC website at [www.sdc.org](http://www.sdc.org). You can either submit this ballot via e-mail or print it off and mail it to Mimi Halgen, SDC Vice President, 9350 El Tejado Road, La Mesa CA. 91941-4480. If you wish to send by email please send it to [mimihalqren@hotmail.com](mailto:mimihalqren@hotmail.com).

In closing I ask for your vote and in return, if I am elected, I promise to represent you as my constituents.

Sincerely

Donald L. Jones

## Don Jones - Candidate for SDC Atlantic Zone Director Biography



Don joined SDC and Keystone Region Chapter in 1975 with the purchase of his first Studebaker, a 1956 Pickup. For a number of years, he moved about the country while remaining a member of SDC. In 1995 with the purchase of his first Avanti, that all changed, as Don became very active in Keystone Region Chapter while maintaining his SDC membership. In 1998 he was elected as Keystone's Vice President and served two years in that position. In 2000 he was elected as Keystone's President serving in that position for two years. Don also served as Keystone's Historian for 15 years.

After serving two years as the Keystone Region Chapter President, Don elected to run for the Avanti Owners Assoc National Board and was elected to that Board in 2002. He served three consecutive terms on that Board, choosing not to run again in 2008.

In 2009 Don ran for and was elected to the SDC position of Pennsylvania Regional Manager, a position he held for two consecutive two year terms. Due to his move to South Central Virginia, he chose not to run again in 2013.

Don played an integral role in Keystone's 2008 International Meet Committee serving as the Director of Public Relations, Concours Chairman, and as AOAI's Meet Chairman and Host for the event. In 2011 he again chaired the AOAI International event in Gettysburg serving as co-chair of the Atlantic Zone Meet held at the same time. He currently is Chairman of the AOAI 2014 meet being held in Dover DE, being held in conjunction with the SDC's 50th anniversary meet.

Don currently is a member of the SDC's International Meet Committee where he has played a role in returning International Meet Events to sound financial footing. He currently is a member of three local chapters including the Keystone Region, The Central Virginia Chapter and the Greater Virginia Chapter of the SDC.

In other classic and antique car related activities, Don served as Co-Vice Chair of the Exhibit Committee of the America On Wheels Museum. He also is active in the AACA where served three years as a local Region President in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania and currently serves as editor of the monthly publication Hub and Spoke, produced for the Lynchburg Region AACA.

He also served five years as Assistant Show Operations Manager and Operations Manager for the Concours d' Elegance of the Eastern US, one of the country's oldest Concours shows in the country.

Don is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute with a BA in History. Upon graduation he served his country as a Regular US Army Officer for six years, including a tour in Southeast Asia.

He entered the private sector in 1970 serving as a Territorial Manager managing 36 Service Stations for the Sun Oil Country. In mid-1972, Don began his own business as an Agent for the Nationwide Insurance Companies building agencies encompassing over 2500 policies. At the beginning of 1981 he opted to take his career into the ranks of Sales Management for Nationwide, serving in positions of increasing responsibility from local to national. Retiring in 1996, he took his career in a new direction accepting an assignment in Career Consulting and Marketing. In 2000, he and a business partner opened their own firm generating over \$1,000,000 in revenue in just three years.

They sold their firm to Mc Kinsey Scott Partners, Denver, Co., the country's leading Career Consulting and Marketing firm where he remained until 2006 as Vice President Regional Manager of their Northeast Office generating and managing revenue in excess of \$7,000,000.

Since 2006 until his move to South Central Virginia, Don was the operations Manager for an Antique and Classic Car Restoration Shop where he also managed an on-line parts business.

Don and his partner Diana now live in Appomattox County, Virginia, where he is an active volunteer at the Museum of the Confederacy and continues to pursue his love of history and preparing of articles on various national publications.

## Next Meet

January 12th, 2014, Sunday @ 2:00pm

### The Greek Islands Restaurant

9503C West Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23294  
(804) 290-0002

The first CVC meet of 2014 will be at The Greek Islands Restaurant in Richmond, Virginia.

The Greek Islands Restaurant specializes in homemade Greek and Italian cuisine.

See you there!

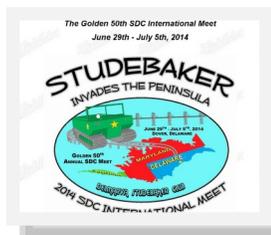
For additional information and to view their menu, go to: <http://greekislandsva.com/index.htm>

For driving instructions, go to <http://www.mapquest.com>



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**YORK SWAP MEET March 6-7-8, 2014**  
Info: <http://www.sdckeystoneregion.com/>

**50th Annual Studebaker Drivers Club  
International Meet June 30 - July 5, 2014**  
**Dover, Delaware**  
**HOST: Delmarva Chapter/SDC**  
Info: <http://www.sdcmeet.com/>



March 9th, 2014, Sunday @ 2:00PM

### Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant

**\*\*\* Annual Meeting \*\*\***  
8000 West Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23294  
(804) 217-WING

CVC/SDC will have our annual meeting in March at the Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant in Richmond, Virginia.

*At this meeting we will nominate and elect the chapter President, Vice-President and Treasurer for the coming year.*

*Chapter membership dues are also due in March for the coming year. You can pay them at the meet, on-line, or by mail to the Treasurer. To pay on-line go to:*  
<http://www.centralvirginiachapter.org/JoinCVC.html>

The group has met at Quaker Steak before and a good time was had by all. Our Studebakers always get a lot of attention when we are there.

Below are some pictures from our last meet at Quaker Steak.

For information and to view their menu, go to: [http://www.quakersteakandlube.com/Richmond\\_VA/](http://www.quakersteakandlube.com/Richmond_VA/)

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## Studebaker shuts down South Bend Automotive Operation 50 years ago

This past December 20th, 2013, was a significant anniversary for the Studebaker marque. With the completion of the Regal Red Lark Daytona 2 door hardtop, automobile production in the United States ended for Studebaker.

The closure of the South Bend plant was national news and was reported in all the print and television news. Obviously it did not impact the rest of the country like it did South Bend where the city and company had grown and prospered together for the prior 111 years.

I was 11 years old at that time and I still remember seeing the report on the evening news. It seemed strange to me at that time that a company would stop making automobiles since I had no concept or understanding of the economics that had taken the company to this point in their history.

1963 was the first year I really noticed Studebaker when I saw a new Avanti, turquoise and pumpkin, for the first time. It was the most exotic car I had ever seen. I didn't see another Avanti for 9 years, and that was an Avanti II.

It's sad that Studebaker is not around, but they had a good run. A lot of automobile manufactures didn't make it to their 20th anniversary, much less their 100th! 50 years after Studebaker stopped production, the big three are now beginning to celebrate 100th anniversaries.

It's good to see that this anniversary is celebrating the success of Studebaker, not its closure.

I guess it is too late to bail out Studebaker.



*The last Studebaker automobile produced in South Bend, December 20th, 1963*

Below are some links to articles and videos about the South Bend closure 50 years ago.

[http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/studebaker/collection\\_58b67f2c-5e98-11e3-ab32-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/studebaker/collection_58b67f2c-5e98-11e3-ab32-001a4bcf6878.html)

<http://www.thepeoplehistory.com/1963.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/24/automobiles/a-studebaker-event-in-south-bend-ind-focuses-on-revival.html?smid=tw-share&r=1>

<http://www.impomag.com/news/2013/12/studebaker-legacy-lives-50-years-after-closing>

<http://www.npr.org/2012/07/05/155916837/a-company-town-reinvents-itself-in-south-bend-ind>

[http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/studebaker/studebaker-legacy-lives-on-years-later/article\\_ebd9614a-5ec3-11e3-83b8-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/studebaker/studebaker-legacy-lives-on-years-later/article_ebd9614a-5ec3-11e3-83b8-001a4bcf6878.html)

<http://www.wndu.com/home/headlines/South-Bend-celebrates-Studebaker-legacy-50-years-after-it-closed-236837841.html>

<http://www.manufacturing.net/news/2013/12/studebaker-legacy-lives-50-years-after-closing>

## CVC Members Out-N-About

Field Day of the Past has become an extremely popular event in the Richmond area, and has been attended by CVC members over the years. The event this past September was no exception.

As an added treat for Studebaker fans, an excellent gathering of the "Studebaker Truck Farmers" attended.

Attending the event were Studebaker Trucker's John Weinrich (1948 M15H 1 1/2 ton), Brian Dahl (1957 3E14 Transtar 1 ton), Eric Branch (1950 2R5) and Jim Beadle (1953 2R5). Frank and Wade Drumheller and Gerald Hiter displayed Frank's 1960 Lark VI.

The draw of a Studebaker Truck gathering also brought a guest, and fellow Studebaker Truck owner, Frank Borowec from Germany.



*"Studebaker Corner" at Field Day of the Past*

*(Photos provided by Preston Young)*

## Photos and articles for Newsletter and Website

Do you have any photos of events you attended?

Is there an upcoming event you would like to promote?

Do you have any interesting information you would like to share?

If so, send them to the editor at

[jsjett@centralvirginiachapter.org](mailto:jsjett@centralvirginiachapter.org)



*Brian Dahl's 1957 3E14 Transtar 1 ton  
John Weinrich's 1948 M15A 1 1/2 ton*



*Jim Beadle's 1953 2R5, Frank Drumheller's 1960 Lark VI, Eric Branch's 1950 2R5,  
Brian Dahl's 1957 3E14 Transtar 1 ton, John Weinrich's 1948 M15H 1 1/2 ton*

## CVC/SDC apparel available

Polo Shirts, T-Shirts, hats and other items displaying the club logo are available to club members.

The Polo Shirts are available in White, Navy or Black in Men's and Women's style. T-shirts are available in white or black in Men's and Women's style.



Items can be ordered and paid for on the club website, go to:  
<http://centralvirginiachapter.org/MemberStore.html>

## Classified Ads

Approved Classified Ads are free to all CVC/SDC members and available to non-members for \$5 per ad. Ads will be on the website for 90 days and in 1 newsletter unless renewed.

### For Sale:



### 1955 Studebaker Commander Coupe

This beautiful 1955 Studebaker is in very good condition. Equipped with a V8 and "3-on-the-tree" manual transmission.

Contact Eddie Bunch  
Phone: 804-435-1998  
email: healey66@verizon.net

## Membership

You don't have to own a Studebaker to be a member of the club. If you do, or are just interested in Studebaker automobiles, we would love to have you as a member. You can join and pay membership dues online, or, print and mail the membership application. Membership in the Studebaker Drivers Club is required to join the Central Virginia Chapter.

Link to join CVC/SDC:  
<http://centralvirginiachapter.org/JoinCVC.html>

Link to join the Studebaker Drivers Club:  
<http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com/joinsdc.asp>

Visit our website at [www.centralvirginiachapter.org](http://www.centralvirginiachapter.org)



### 1962 Studebaker GT Hawk

This GT Hawk has been in the family since 1968. All original, last driven in the early 90's without issue. It has been parked in the garage since then. A project car for the enthusiast. \$6000.00

Contact Steven Scott  
email: steveneverton2@gmail.com

### Wanted:

#### Parts for GT Hawk

Trim for the back of the Bucket seats, chrome trim that goes over the wind lace at back panels.

Contact Jim Jett at 801-232-8501 or email [jsjett@va.freei.net](mailto:jsjett@va.freei.net)





# Central Virginia Chapter Studebaker Driver Club, Inc.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/PARTNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership number in Studebaker Driver's Club, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_. (Found on your membership card).  
This is a requirement for local membership.

Annual dues are \$15.00 per person/couple (Both husband and wife are voting members)  
Checks should be made payable to **"Central Virginia Chapter SDC"**

*Please list the model, year and series name of any Studebaker vehicles you own. (Ownership of a Studebaker is not a requirement for membership)*

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail with dues to :  
Betsy Young  
Treasurer CVC/SDC  
4336 Payne RD  
Columbia, VA 23038-2330