





# Commanding Leader

Calendar of Events

\* Designates CVC Event

July 4th, 2022

Monday @ 10:00am -3:00pm
Freedom Car and Bike Show
Downtown Culpeper, Virginia
All makes, models and years welcome!
Pre-Registration: \$20, \$30 Day of Event
INFO: Click HERE

July 9th, 2022
Saturday @ 9:00am-3:00pm
The Street Dreams Cruisers 7th Annual
Car and Truck show
Strosnider Chevrolet
5200 Oaklawn Blvd
Hopewell, VA 23860
All Makes, Year and Models are
Welcome.

Pre-registration: \$15, \$20 day of show INFO: Click <u>HERE</u> to Pre-register Registration: day of show begins at 9am and will end at 12:00 noon

\*July 10th, 2022
Sunday @ 2:00pm
Not the 4th of July Picnic
HOST: Jeanette Smith & Jim Jett
221 Fairway Dr
Louisa, VA 23093
RSVP Requested
INFO: Jim Jett - (804) 920-2129(c)
EMAIL: jsjet@centralvirginiachapter.org

August 6th, 2022
Saturday @ 8:00am-5:00pm
22nd Annual Southern Knights Cruisers
Veterans Car and Bike Show
Richard Bland College
11301 Johnson Rd
Petersburg, VA 23805
INFO: EMAIL: Wolf Man John JEN55chevys@aol.com
PHONE: Ricky Williams - 804-526-8865
EMAIL: uworime@comcast.net

September 18th, 2022
Sunday @ 11:00am-5:00pm
RCCs 3rd Annual Car Show
Chesterfield Technical Center
10101 Courthouse Road
Chesterfield, VA 23832
Registration: \$20, \$30 Day of Show
INFO: EMAIL:
president@rivercitycruizers.com
Click HERE for website

For more events in Central Virginia, go to the Car Club Council of Central Virginia website: http://carclubcouncil.com/

### CVC/SDC Meet ~ May 15th, 2022

The Central Virginia Chapter met in May at the Pickle Barrel Restaurant located in Manakin-Sabot, Virginia.

Arriving in their Studebakers were Lee Harrison, 1964 Lark Convertible, Mazie and Linwood Melton, 1963 Avanti R-2 and George Marshall, 1962 Hawk.

Attending sans Studebaker were Carl Bowmer, Betty and Linwood Crawford, Chris Mendl, Jeanette Smith and Jim Jett and Mike Welch.

We were pleased to have Polk Montague visit with his 1957 Studebaker Silver Hawk. The group enjoyed the opportunity to check out this fine Studebaker. Pictures of the 1957 Silver Hawk included later in the newsletter.











Mazie & Linwood Melton 1963 Avanti R-2



Lee Harrison 1964 Lark



George Marshall 1961 Hawk

#### **Next Meet**

July 10th, 2022 Sunday @ 2:00pm

## Not the 4th of July Picnic

**HOST: Jeanette Smith & Jim Jett** 221 Fairway Dr Louisa, VA 23093 (804) 920-2129

Join Jeanette and Jim at their home in Louisa, Virginia, for a July picnic, just not the 4th. If the weather is not cooperative, we will move inside.

It will be a catered event by Kickin' Ash BBQ of Powhatan, Virginia. Virginia.

attend so a head count can be given to the caterers.

Jim Jett: (804) 920-2129(c)

EMAIL: jsjett@centralvirginiachapter.org

Jeanette Smith: (410) 991-5000(c)

See you at the picnic!

For personal driving directions using MapQuest, click **HERE**.





September 10th, 2022 Saturday @ 2:00pm

## International Drive Your Studebaker

Day

880 W Roslyn Rd Colonial Heights, VA 23834 (804) 524-0020



Mark your calendar and plan to drive your Studebaker to the Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum in Colonial Heights,

We will have lunch at the Keystone Grill and then tour the Please RSVP by phone or email by July 6th if you think you may extensive collection of trucks and tractors. The collection includes Studebaker, and even some cars!

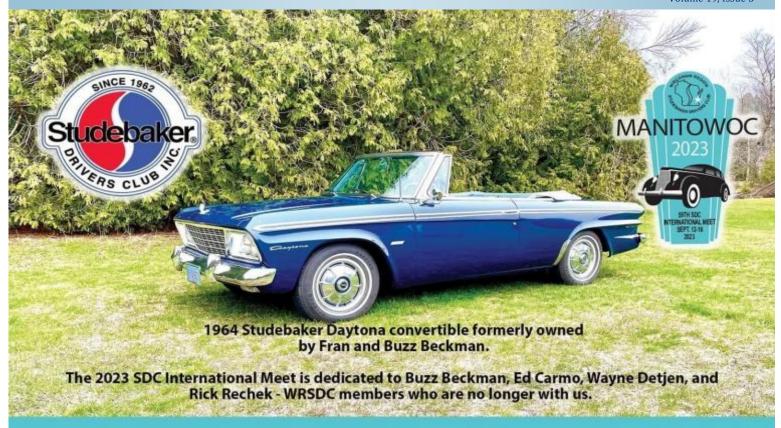
Click **HERE** to visit their website.



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Officers: Jim Jett. President Lee Harrison, Vice President George Marshall, Treasurer



# Visit scenic Manitowoc and Two Rivers, Wis. on September 12-16, 2023!

Northeast Wisconsin is a beautiful place in late summer - and the Wisconsin Region Studebaker Drivers Club will have a wide range of great activities planned for the 59th SDC International Meet, Stay tuned for more details! We'll see you there!



Enjoy the hospitality of our friendly community. Home of the Ice Cream Sundae

Two Rivers, Wis.

## 1957 Studebaker Silver Hawk at the CVC/SDC Meet $\sim$ May 15th, 2022





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### Studebaker Tech Tip

## **Cooling System Notes**

Written by Brian Curtis, Inland Northwest Chapter Member

Been running into a lot of cooling problems of late. Most are on newer model cars than what I would suspect as being in line for these problems.

You would expect to find, decent coolant in 2 to 5 year old cars, but this is not the case. We have seen many difficulties with the use of "Long-life coolants' where the corrosion and deterioration of the coolant have attributed to leaks in the cooling system. The intrusion of oxygen into the system creates a muck that plugs the passages and blocks up heater cores to the point of no heat complaints from customers.

Some have come for service, driving with the thermostat so badly plugged open that the engine temperature never gets to the operating range, causing all kinds of drivability concerns.

The new coolants are designed to work with the new cooling systems that are made up of several metals. Aluminium, cast iron and some weird alloys are used in the same engine and the coolants have to be able to perform in that environment. They do well as long as the integrity is maintained. Start a leak somewhere and the dam breaks open. . . .

A great deal of cooling system grief happens because of neglect. So many of our cars sit for great periods of time between runs. Contaminates settle in the lower portions of the cooling system such as the engine block passages and bottom of the radiator, promoting rot that takes out parts. How many cars have you seen with" freeze" plugs seeping and sieve-like after a session in the garage? . . . Nasty job, changing those babies.

Coolants have a number of additives put into them to combat the ravishes of. temperature and chemical reaction but these additives deteriorate and become neutral in time and need to be replaced. Even if your coolant looks clean, it may need to be replaced just for the additives. Also, test for the temperature protection and keep it in the -35 degrees F range which is approximately a 50/50 mix.

Cruising season is here and there is no better time than now to drain and refill your cooling system before a trip. Preventive maintenance is the key to a fun, comfortable tour.

Have a wonderful, trouble-free summer in your Studebaker, and we'll see you on the road.

Thanks, Brian

#### **B.S. Column** ('bout Studebakers')

#### **Specialized Tools** – Keep Your Eyes Peeled

By Jerry Blount, member of the Northwest Chapter, Oregon

Often when attending a swap meet you will see tables layered with various hand tools. So many that your eyes might pass over a unique tool that you might not have seen before.



Such a possibility is an "ANCO ALL PURPOSE WIPER ARM TOOL." No part number, but it does have a patent number. This tool was probably common in the 1940s through 1960s, when car wiper arms were pretty universal in design. Back then, service stations did a lot more than pump gas, so likely every service station mechanic had one of these tools to aid in selling and installing wiper arms.



Cars of the era of our Studebakers had wiper arms that pushed down over splined shafts. The spring tension designed into the arms helped lock them on. Additionally, a small stainless-steel finger snapped over the bottom of the splined shaft.

The wiper arm could certainly be removed with a flat bladed screwdriver, while holding against the spring pressure to disengage the stainless steel locking finger. Certainly, a two-handed operation. And, on reinstalling, you hope that it goes on the desired location on the splined shaft. If not, try, try again

This ANCO tool however, fits over the wiper arm end and holds against the spring pressure, allowing easy one-hand removal, and precise positioning when reinstalling.

Now...if you see one at a swap meet - buy it.





Lee Harrison attended his 50th class reunion at Virginia Military Institute, VMI, in Lynchburg, Virginia. Lee travelled to the reunion in his 1964 Studebaker Lark Daytona convertible.



Buzz Horne and his 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk participated in the Rock The Lot 4 "Veteran Edition". The event was held Saturday, May 28th, 2022, at Victorian Square on Hull Street Road, Midlothian, Virginia.

Jenette Smith and Jim Jett attended in his 1963 GT Hawk R-1 as spectators.

Jeanette Smith and Jim Jett participated with his 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk R-1 in the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Car and Bike Show located at 17520 Jefferson Highway, Montpelier, Virginia, held on Saturday, June 4th, 2022.



# 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 isjett@centralvirginiachapter.org

## CVC/SDC apparel available

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 styles. T-shirts are available in white or black in men's and women's styles.

CVC/SDC apparel and other items can be ordered and paid for on the Club website, go to:

http://centralvirginiachapter.org/ MemberStore.html





Page Custom Rods & Restorations in Oilville, Virginia, held their monthly Cruise-in on Wednesday, June 15th, 2022.

Betty and Linwood Crawford attended driving their 1957 Studebaker Silver Hawk. Also attending were Jeanette Smith and Jim Jett in his 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk R-1.

The attendance was good, and we were able to tour the shop and see what was in the works. There was a excellent 1955 Mercedes-Benz Gull Wing 300SL in the shop.

















Jeanette Smith and Jim Jett drove his 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk R-1 on Friday, June 24th, 2022, to the Village Vibe Cruise -in and Concert in Powhatan, Virginia. There were cool old cars and the music was provided by the Jangling Rhineharts.



The Michaux-St. James Foundation in Powhatan, Virginia, held a Cruise-in on Saturday, June 25th, 2022. Jeanette Smith and Jim Jett attended displaying his 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk R-1.

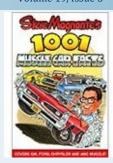
The Michaux-St. James Foundation officially incorporated in 1999 as a federally-recognized non-profit, charitable organization.



# Interesting Studebaker Muscle Car Facts

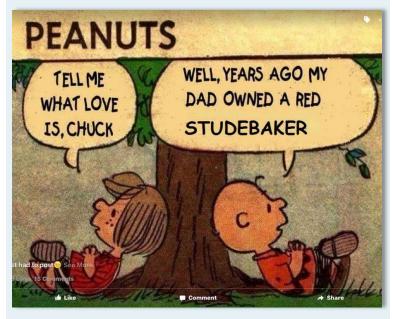
by Muscle Car DiY

Fact 960: Pioneering Studebaker speed seekers were surprised to discover that



1955–1956 Cadillac Eldorado dual-quad intake manifolds can be adapted to the 1951–1964 Studebaker V-8 with only a small amount of effort (attachment bolt holes need reaming and hand-cut gaskets are required). It is one of the few happy coincidences in the hot rod world. Going the other way, 1950s hot rodders discovered the sleek 1953 Starliner hardtop was a perfect home for the Cadillac OHV V-8. Hot Rod magazine depicted many Stude-i-lac engine swaps and was directly responsible for spurring the Golden Hawk factory muscle package of 1956.

## Studebaker in the Funny Pages

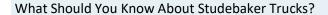




### 3 Interesting Facts About Studebaker Trucks

By Vintage Truck Magazine, Feb 18, 2021

The name Studebaker has become synonymous with high-quality vintage automobiles. From their founding in South Bend, Indiana, in 1852 to their last vehicle production in 1966, their name was as powerful as any other American car company. From 1929 until 1963, Studebaker trucks were cornerstones of the business, and they carry many nostalgic feelings in vintage enthusiasts today. Here is some more information about these trucks.



#### 1. The Champ Was a Pioneering Truck

The Studebaker Champ was a light-duty pickup manufactured between 1960 and 1964. This model debuted when the brand was losing popularity, a situation that obscured the fact the Champ was ahead of its competition. It was the first pickup with a sliding rear window, which would eventually become standard in virtually all pickups. The Champ was also the first truck to provide a driving and riding experience similar to a car; prior to that, pickups were largely utilitarian and bumpy. The car-like atmosphere was the result of cab based on the design of a sedan, with bench seats and aesthetically pleasing interiors.

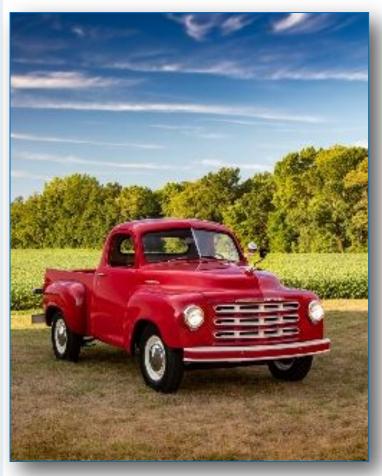
#### 2. Studebaker Built Many Models

The company manufactured far more than traditional pickups. Throughout their decades of production, they also built transport, diesel, cab-over-engine, postal, and fire engine trucks. This allowed them to expand into a wide variety of markets, helping propel the success of the company. One of the earlier models, the 1939 Champion was prized for its affordability and powerful engine. Despite the similar names, the Champion and Champ were two different models that were in production in different time periods.

3. Their Military Trucks Were Used in World War II In the 1940s, Studebaker manufactured 2.5-ton military trucks for five years. Like many other car and engine manufacturers, the United States needed as much help as possible to produce vehicles and planes for World War II. The Studebaker trucks could transport up to 5,000 lbs. over a wide variety of ground conditions. However, because of competition from rival automaker GMC®, many Studebaker military vehicles were exported to the Soviet Union for use in their military. exported to the Soviet Union for use in their military.







# COAL POWERED STUDEBAKER MILITARY TRUCK

Source: Bill Jackameit's Studebaker Page

https://billstudepage.homestead.com/files/coaltrk.htm



Steven Schultheis relates that his Grandfather, C. M. Schultheis, was an automotive engineer with Studebaker in the 1940's and 1950's. One of his projects was a coal powered 6X6 truck for the U.S. Army. The truck was used along the Alaskan Highway in the mid to late 1940's. These pictures were taken in South Bend in 1945. Steven indicates that the truck runs on coal, but he does not know if it has a steam engine, or if it uses a gasification process. Does anyone have additional information about this

unusual truck?



An e-mail from Bill Skizik SKIZIK777@aol.com indicates that the truck was not steam powered. Rather, it used coal gas as fuel for the engine. Bituminus coal was roasted in a chamber, and then the gasses were extracted into the engine.

Thanks to Steven and Bill for providing information and insight regarding this unique Studebaker vehicle.

#### 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:

ONE (1) New air filter for 289 R-2 V8, \$17.25.





TWO (2) Rebuilt 12-volt generators, \$125.00 each.





ONE (1) Rebuilt Stromberg Model WW 2 barrel carburetor, \$300.00





Contact Jim Jett, (804) 920-2129

EMAIL: jsjett@va.freei.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.

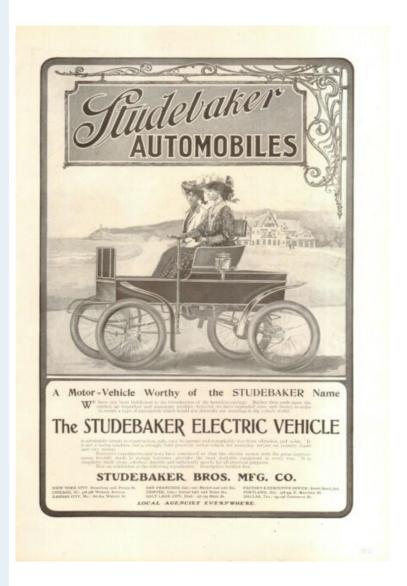
Link to join CVC/SDC:

http://centralvirginiachapter.org/JoinCVC.html

Link to join the Studebaker Drivers Club:

http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com/join.asp

# Studebaker was Electric before Electric was cool!





## Central Virginia Chapter Studebaker Driver Club, Inc.



## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME:		3
SPOUSE/PARTNER:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	ST:	ZIP:
TELEPHONE: () EMAIL:		
Membership number in Studebaker Driver's Club, Inc This is a requirement for local membership.		(Found on your membership card).
Annual dues are \$15.00 per person/couple (Both husband a Checks should be made payable to "Central Virginia Cha		mbers)
Please list the model, year and series name of any Studeba requirement for membership)	ıker vehicles you own. (	Ownership of a Studebaker is not a
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Please mail with dues to:

George Marshall Treasurer CVC/SDC 12302 Bailey Oak Pl Midlothian, VA 23112-6895