



*on The Civil War Trail to  
Appomattox Virginia!  
September 13, 2014*



# Commanding Leader

## Leonard Shepherd

1945 - 2014

On May 29th, 2014, Central Virginia Chapter lost one of its family with the passing of Leonard Shepherd.

Leonard grew up in a Studebaker family so he came by the interest naturally. Here's Leonard's recollection of his first Studebaker: *"I bought my first Studebaker in 1961 for \$75.00, when I was 16 years old. It was a two tone green Commander hardtop. Even though it was only 8 years old, it had some rust problems. I decided to do a frame off restoration and install a Chevy V8 and drivetrain, even though I had neither the skills or tools to do it. I removed the body from the frame and installed a Chevy rear end, but then the progress bogged down and the parts sat in our back yard for a couple of years. One day I came home from high school and my Mother had paid a junk man to haul it away. The only thing saved was the left front fender which had been replaced and was not rusty. I had put it in the tool shed, so it wasn't in the yard with the rest of the parts. I still have that fender".*

Leonard continued his Studebaker loyalty into adulthood and marriage. During this time he accumulated a collection of 5 Studebakers, but, his wife did not share his affection for the marque!

Gary Hearn, friend and fellow SDC member, remembers the story of Leonard's divorce: *"Leonard told me a Studebaker story several times that I hope I can accurately relay. At the time of his divorce he was forced to sell his Studebaker and went to pick up Wes one afternoon".*

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*Leonard Shepherd at the 2009 Atlantic Zone Meet in Harrisonburg, Virginia*



*Leonard with his first Studebaker, a 1953 Commander which he purchased in 1961 at the age of 16 for \$75*



*Shepherd family Studebakers, Leonard's mother's 1958 Silver Hawk with his 1953*

### Calendar of Events

#### \* Designates CVC Event

\*July 12, 2014

Saturday@12:00pm

Maymont Mansion & Carriage

Collection Tour

1700 Hampton Street

Richmond, VA 23220

INFO: Jim Jett (804) 232-8501

Email:

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

<http://www.centralvirginiachapter.org/>

[events.html](#)

July 26, 2014

Saturday@9:00am - 3:00pm

Virginia Street Rods

29th Annual Early Bird Car show

Victory Tabernacle Church

11700 Genito Rd

Midlothian, VA 23112

INFO: [www.virginiastreetrods.org](http://www.virginiastreetrods.org)

August 9, 2014

Saturday@8:00am - 4:00pm

15th Annual Southern Knights Cruisers

Car Show

Richard Bland College

Petersburg, VA 23805

INFO: Ricky Williams (804) 526-8865

Email: [uworime@comcast.net](mailto:uworime@comcast.net)

August 23, 2014

Saturday@9:00am - 4:00pm

10th Annual Paw-Paw Classic Car Show

River City Diner

11430 W Huguenot Rd

Midlothian, VA 23113

INFO: Jeff Malo (804) 272-0579

Email: [silentknightrecords@verizon.net](mailto:silentknightrecords@verizon.net)

August 23, 2014

Saturday@9:00am - 5:00pm

3rd Annual Kids Come First Car Show

Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant

8000 W Broad Street

Henrico, VA 23294

INFO: Dan McGrory

Email: [dan@teamabsoluteva.com](mailto:dan@teamabsoluteva.com)

[www.kidscomefirstcarshow.com](http://www.kidscomefirstcarshow.com)

September 13, 2014

Saturday@10:00am -- 4:00pm

3rd Annual Car & Motorcycle Show

Greenwood Baptist Church Scholarship

Fund

13637 Greenwood Church Rd

Ashland, VA 23005

INFO: Nancy Jackson 804) 852-4147

[www.gwoodbc.wordpress.com](http://www.gwoodbc.wordpress.com)

## Leonard Shepherd

1945 - 2014

*"When his ex-wife brought Wes to the door she saw Leonard had driven a Studebaker and immediately grilled him on where it came from and how he had afforded it. Leonard responded that it was the car that had no doors that she said was junk and he could have. Apparently it was in pieces when they were married and he put it back together and made it roadworthy".*

Interest in all things Studebaker was the favorite pass time of Leonard, and he was an avid collector of pictures, parts and Studebaker knowledge. He was a regular contributor to the Studebaker Forum where his absence has been noted since his health deteriorated.

Feeling that there was a need for a SDC chapter in the Greater Richmond area, he took it upon himself to find like minded people to form a chapter. This was done with the meeting of about 12 Studebaker drivers at the Bill's Barbeque on route 250 in March of 2003. There the club was formed and officers elected. Leonard was elected President at this meet. He worked for and obtained the charter recognizing the Central Virginia Chapter as an official part of the Studebaker Drivers Club.

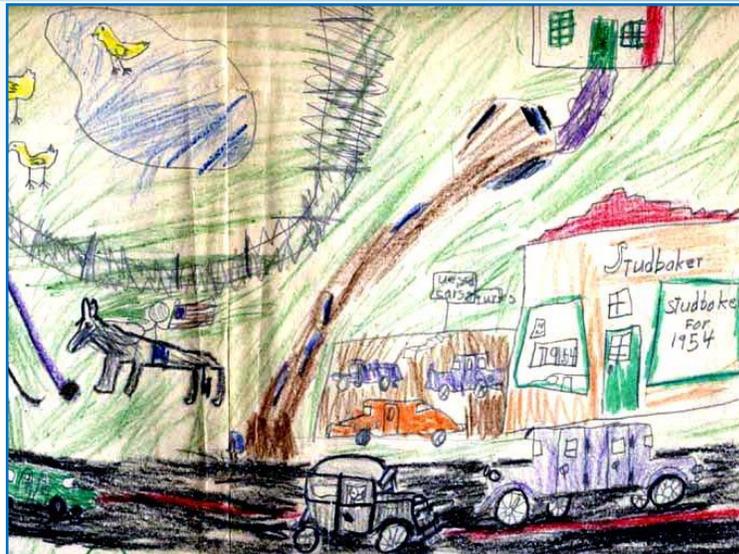
Leonard was President of CVC and Editor of the "Commanding Leader" newsletter from 2003 until March of 2011.

Due to his failing health as the result of a stroke he suffered at the end of 2010, Leonard stepped down from his leadership positions with the chapter in March of 2011.

SDC member and friend Frank Drumheller recalled the following about Leonard's effort to get a Richmond Chapter of SDC: *"I recall receiving a phone call one Saturday morning with the caller introducing himself as Leonard Shepherd. He told me he was a friend of Sam Miller. Sam had given him my name and phone number as I was serving as President of the Greater Virginia Chapter, SDC at the time. Leonard told me of his interest in Studebaker cars, as his personal transportation was a Studebaker. We talked for a few minutes about our common interest.*

*Leonard finally broached the subject of why he called. He expressed an interest in seeing a Studebaker Drivers Club chapter organized in the Richmond area. His main question was, "Do you think it has possibilities and would it interfere with the Greater Virginia Chapter's interests and activities?"*

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*Leonard's rendition at age 9 of the Studebaker Dealer with fresh 1954 models on the lot.*



*Leonard off to Ferrum College in the 1961 Lark Regal given to him by his Mother*



*Leonard at South Bend '83 with this 1955 Commander*

## Leonard Shepherd

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*"We discussed the failure of a former Richmond area SDC group, of which I knew little and couldn't help him as to why it failed. I did express to him that I thought the Richmond area was large enough to sustain an SDC group. We ended the conversation with me encouraging him to proceed with his idea and that I was sure the Greater Virginia Chapter would Support him.*

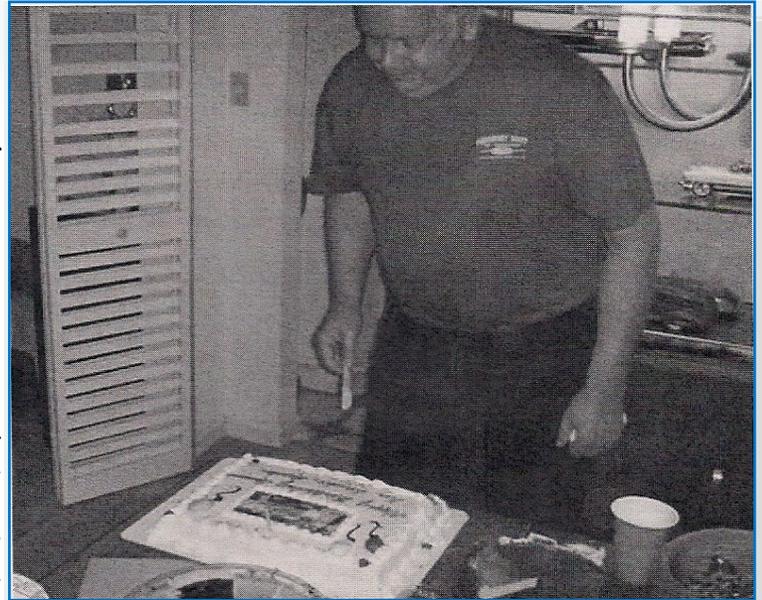
*I did not hear from nor had any contact with Leonard for several years. He called again and we discussed things that had occurred in our lives since we had first talked. He then told me in the intervening years since our first contact, he had put together a list of about a dozen names of Studebaker owners in the Richmond area, some of whom were members of the defunct chapter of the 80-90's. His next question was, "Would you meet with me to produce a joint letter and try to get these people to join us in a meeting to discuss the possibility of a Richmond Chapter?", (or to that effect). We then set a date for the two of us to sit down and work out the details of a first meeting.*

*We invited those on the list to meet with us at Bill's Bar-B-Que/gas station at Centerville, west of Richmond, on a Sunday afternoon in March. We agonized about how many people would show up. However, approximately a dozen or so folks came with about a half dozen Studebaker vehicles.*

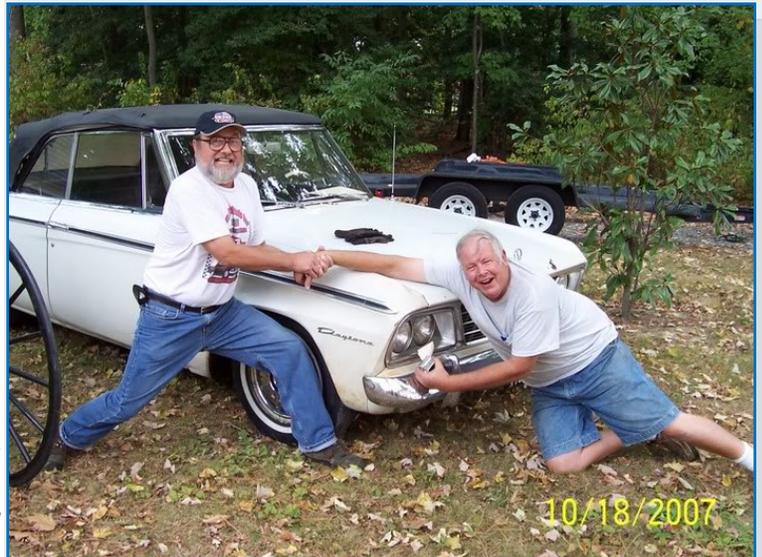
*A discussion led to the group agreeing to apply for a charter for the Central Virginia Chapter, SDC with Leonard elected as President. Other officers were elected also. The chapter is still going strong because of the work of Leonard Shepherd.*

*Leonard was always proud of his accomplishment as founder of the Central Virginia Chapter, SDC. It was a defining accomplishment for Leonard during the years of personal hardships".*

Leonard has been, and will continue to be missed by CVC and the rest of the Studebaker world.



Leonard cutting his birthday cake at a joint meet with GVC at Sam Miller's



Leonard holding on to the 1964 Daytona convertible when he sold it to Bob Palmer



Farewell Leonard!

## CVC/SDC Meet ~ May 4th, 2014

Aviation was the topic of the day for the May meet of CVC with a visit to the Virginia Aviation Museum.

On exhibit is a Grumman F-14D Tomcat Navy Air Superiority Fighter. CVC member Fred Meiner gave the group an informative insider story on this aircraft having worked with the program.

Inside the museum is a broad range of military and civilian aircraft from a DIY light aircraft and World War I combat planes to modern fighter jets.

Hands-on exhibits included getting behind the stick of a Piper Cub and taking the controls of the wind trainer.

From the museum we travelled to Carini Italian Restaurant where we had great Italian food and Studebaker fellowship.



(L-R) Debbie Jett with Granddaughters Julia & Jordan Jenkins, Betsy & Preston Young, Mike Welch with Grandsons Rocko and Jake, Martin Pajka, Marjorie & Fred Meiners, Maze & Linwood Melton beside the SR-71 Blackbird spy plane



View of part of the exhibit



Fred Meiner beside the Grumman F-14D Tomcat



Studebakers at Carini Italian Restaurant,

(L-R) Debbie & Jim Jett 1962 GT Hawk, Mike Welch 1941 Champion Custom, Maze & Linwood Melton 1963 Avanti R-2



## Next Meet

July 12th, 2014, Saturday @ 12:00pm

### Maymont Mansion & Carriage Collection Tour

1700 Hampton Street  
Richmond, VA 23220  
(804) 358-7166

Tour Fee: \$12.00 per person payable to club Treasurer before or at event

**RSVP to Jim Jett @ [jsjett@centralvirginiachapter.org](mailto:jsjett@centralvirginiachapter.org) by July 7 if possible to provide an estimated attendance to Maymont**

The Central Virginia Chapter will step back in time to the turn of the 20th century and view what transportation was like then and how the wealthy lived when we visit Maymont.

Maymont was the home of Major James and Sallie Dooley. The farm on the banks of the James River was purchased by Major Dooley in 1886 and by 1893, they were living in their new 12,000 square-foot, 33-room home, which they named "May Mont," a name which combines Mrs. Dooley's maiden name and the French word for hill.

Among historic house museums, the Maymont Mansion is rare in that no intervening families or adaptive conversions separate us from the original owner's 32-year occupancy.

The Carriage Collection at Maymont was established in 1975 through the support of Elisabeth Scott Bocock, daughter of Frederic R. Scott, one of Major Dooley's business associates. The primary purpose of the Maymont Carriage Collection is to interpret horse-drawn transportation typical of country estates in Virginia during the period that the Dooleys lived at Maymont.

The collection, which now totals more than 20 vehicles, includes some rare vehicles. Some examples are the park drag, bailey buggy, raffia governess cart, high-wheel sulky and landau.

The collection also includes some unique commercial and special-use vehicles that are housed in Shed Row, the work yard area behind the Carriage House. Examples include a horse-drawn hearse, several toy and children's vehicles, and a Thalimer delivery wagon used by the historic Richmond department store in the 1890s. Also located in Shed Row are the horse stalls, as well as two reproduction vehicles: a wagonette and a surrey. Also included in the collection are several light exercise carts, harness and other equipment.

The Carriage Tour will start at 12:00pm at the Carriage House and the Mansion tour will be at 1:00pm.

For more information about Maymont, visit their website: <http://maymont.org/>

After the Dooley Mansion tour, we will caravan our Studebakers across the "Nickel" Bridge (toll \$.35) up Westover Hills Boulevard to Forest Hill Avenue to have a late lunch at 2:30pm at:

O'Toole's Restaurant & Pub  
4800 Forest Hill Ave  
Richmond, VA 23225  
(804) 233-1781



O'Toole's Restaurant offers a comfortable family and neighborhood setting providing traditional Irish and multi-ethnic dishes.

To view their website, go to: <http://otoolesrestaurant.com>

A map of Maymont for the event is on the following page.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss this great Saturday afternoon event. See you there!



*The Ladies Parlor at Maymont*



*The Swan Bed at Maymont*

July 12th, 2014, Saturday @ 12:00pm

# Maymont Mansion & Carriage Collection Tour

1700 Hampton Street  
Richmond, VA 23220

## MAYMONT MAP





Saturday, September 13th, 2014 @ 11:00am

## International Drive Your Studebaker Day

### “Virginia Statewide Meet”

Appomattox Court House National Historic Park  
Museum of the Confederacy - Appomattox

in

### Appomattox, VA

Studebakers from all over Virginia will be on the Civil War Trail as we converge on the town of Appomattox, Virginia, for International Drive Your Studebaker Day.

This year the Central Virginia, Greater Virginia and Southwest Virginia Chapters will join to observe IDYSD.

All Studebakers will gather at the rear of Farmers Bank of Appomattox located at the corner of Old Courthouse Rd (St Rt. 24) and Confederate Blvd. (Business RT 460) at the west end of Appomattox by 11:00am. We will depart at that time and caravan to the Appomattox Court House National Historic Park. Have a late breakfast, early lunch, or bring a picnic.

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park is comprised of many original historic structures along with several reconstructed buildings on approximately 1,700 acres in rural southside Virginia. The village of Appomattox Court House was the site of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee, the event that signaled the end of four years of Civil War.

The McLean House three-story structure is furnished with mid-nineteenth century furnishings. The parlor of the house, where the surrender meeting took place, is furnished with a combination of original and reproduction items. Outbuildings are also open, including: slave quarters, exterior kitchen, and outhouse.

If you can't make the National Park, join us at the Museum at 2:30pm.

From the surrender site, we will move on to the Museum of the Confederacy - Appomattox around 2:30pm.

The Museum's newest site opened in Appomattox, Virginia, in March 2012. Using original artifacts and documents as well as audio and interactive displays, the visitor is led from the outbreak of war to the surrender of Robert E. Lee and his army at Appomattox. The exhibit continues into the years of reconstruction immediately after the war and beyond.

After the museum tour, our next stop at approximately 4:00pm will be Babcock House where we will have a buffet dinner and dine in fine Virginia style. The buffet will consist of 2 meats, crab cakes, 3 salads, 2 vegetables, rolls and beverages.

The Babcock House, built in 1884, is a bed and breakfast inn and restaurant located minutes from the surrender site.

Registration for this event is required and should be received by September 10, 2014. The event flyer and registration form is at the end of the newsletter, or, visit our website events page to print a copy. This is going to be a great event with Studebaker and History lovers coming from all parts of Virginia. After all “Virginia is for Lovers”.



*McLean House, Appomattox Court House  
Virginia, April, 1865,*



*The reconstructed house as it is today*



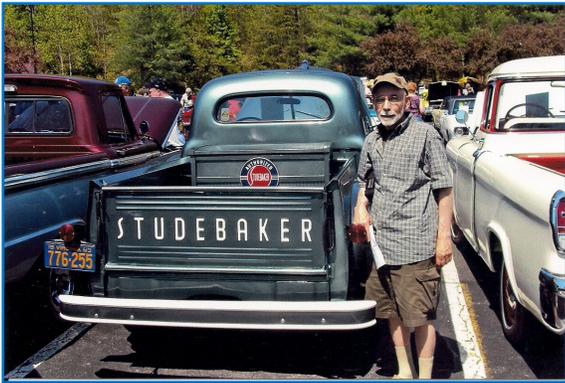
*Replicas of the tables used by Lee and Grant in  
the McLean house for the surrender documents*

## CVC Members Out-N-About

The 3rd Annual Piedmont Region AACA show held in Charlottesville, Virginia, on April 25, 2014, was attended by CVC members Fred Meiners, Jim Beadle and Preston Young.

Fred had his 1964 Studebaker Avanti R2 on display, and Jim brought his 1953 Studebaker 2R pickup.

Photos of the Studebakers in the AACA show are provided by Preston Young.



*Greater Virginia Chapter member Bill Jackameit by CVC member Jim Beadle's 1953 Studebaker 2R Pickup at the AACA show*



*CVC member Fred Meiner's 1964 Studebaker Avanti R2 at the AACA show*



*Wayne Seal's 1941 Studebaker Commander custom at the AACA show*



*Greater Virginia Chapter member Nelson Driver's 1962 Studebaker 7E 40E Transport at the AACA show*

The 1st Annual Orphan car Cruise-in at Extra Billy's located at 1110 Alverser Drive in Midlothian, Virginia was held on May 16, 2014.

Studebaker was represented by CVC members Jim Jett and Linwood Melton. Jim brought his 1962 Studebaker GT Hawk and Linwood brought his 1963 Studebaker Avanti R2.

Brian Dahl was also in attendance with his 1957 Studebaker 3E14 Transtar 1 ton pickup pulling his vintage travel trailer.



*Brian Dahl's 1957 Studebaker 3E14 Transtar 1 ton pickup at the Extra Billy's Orphan car Cruise-in*



*Brian Dahl's vintage travel trailer at the Extra Billy's Orphan car Cruise-in*

## 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:**

**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)



## 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)

## 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)



Classic Studebaker Dealer ad: The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia, September 8, 1912

## 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>



# 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

# JOIN THE STATEWIDE VIRGINIA CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2014 APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA



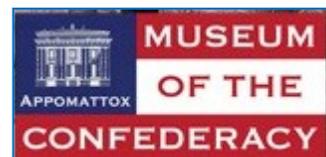
COME AND TOUR THE APPOMATTOX COURTHOUSE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK AND THE MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY AT APPOMATTOX FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET DINNER AT THE FAMOUS BABCOCK HOUSE.



HAVE A LATE BREAKFAST, EARLY LUNCH OR BRING A PICNIC AND GATHER AT THE REAR OF FARMERS BANK OF APPOMATTOX LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF OLD COURTHOUSE RD (ST RT. 24) AND CONFEDERATE BLVD. (BUSINESS RT 460) AT THE WEST END OF APPOMATTOX BY 11:00AM. WE WILL PROCEED AS A GROUP 4.7 MILES NORTH TO THE NATIONAL PARK FOR OUR VISIT. IF YOU MISS THE GROUP DEPARTURE, JOIN US AT THE PARK.



IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE NATIONAL PARK, JOIN US AT THE MUSEUM AT 2:30PM.



LEAVING THE PARK WE WILL PROCEED BACK TOWARDS APPOMATTOX TO THE MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY ARRIVING AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30PM FOR OUR TOUR AND VISIT.



AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00PM WE WILL PROCEED AS A GROUP TO THE BABCOCK HOUSE FOR A BUFFET DINNER CONSISTING OF 2 MEATS, CRAB CAKES, 3 SALADS, 2 VEGETABLES, ROLLS AND BEVERAGES.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

Please complete the reservation form below and return to:

VA IDYSD  
c/o Don Jones  
PO Box 229  
Concord, Virginia 24538

For additional information go to our website:  
<http://www.centralvirginiachapter.org/events.html>

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a Senior National Park Pass , the Appomattox CH NP is FREE, put "SP" in Total column.

IF YOU ARE A MUSEUM MEMBER admission to MoC is FREE, put "MM" in Total column.

APPOMATTOX COURTHOUSE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK .....  
MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY AT APPOMATTOX .....  
BABCOCK HOUSE BUFFET (INCLUDES TAX & TIP) .....  
TOTAL DUE .....

Quantity	Cost	Total
	\$5 per car	
	\$7 per person	
	\$25 per person	

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHAPTER SDC



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**\$200** Cash  
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Raffle Win-  
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The Wounded Warrior Project,

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With your help, we can make a  
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Vendor spaces  
available for \$25.  
Large booths.

Registration is from 8 AM—11 AM, judging to begin at 12 noon.

Pre-registration is \$15, if postmarked by July 1. Day of show registration \$20.

Make all checks payable to Virginia Street Rods, Inc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail to: Larry Balch, 15030 Happy Hill Road, Colonial Heights, Va. 23834 Phone: (804) 526-4318

**Waiver of Liability**

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, participants, & spectators by execution of this form, expressly release and discharge Virginia Street Rods, Inc. Early Bird Car Show— Victory Tabernacle Church and its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, servants, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of Virginia Street Rods, Inc. Early Bird Car Show – Victory Tabernacle Church from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her property. Further each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons, and bodies from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from conduct of entrants or any participants assisting or cooperating with the entrant and under the direction or control of the entrant. Virginia Street Rods, Inc. Early Bird Car Show – Victory Tabernacle Church is a showcase of the street rodding sport. Please do your part by observing all safety and traffic regulations, fire ordinances and maintain conduct befitting a representative of this sport.

NO alcoholic beverages please

!

Signature \_\_\_\_\_