Central Virginia Chapter



Commanding Leader

Calendar of Events
* Designates CVC Event

October 14, 2012 Sunday @ 1:00pm Greater Virginia Chapter Central Virginia Chapter Car and Truck Show Host: Nancy and Chester Bradfield 9219 Centerville Rd Bridgewater, VA 22812 INFO: Dale Early at pup5studes@yahoo.com

October 27, 2012 Saturday @ 5:00pm to 9:00pm 4th Annual Haunted Diner Halloween Car Show **River City Diner** The Shoppes at Bellgrade 11430 West Huguenot Rd Midlothian, VA Trophies for Top 10 Cars, costume awards. (Scariest, Best Celebrity, Funniest/Goofiest, Best Display, and more) Best in Show trophy. (Your Car needs to be part of the costume theme.) Spooky menu specials, 50/50 Raffle, oldies music with a macabre Halloween theme, FREE ice cream dessert for all car show participants. INFO: (804) 897-9518 http://www.rivercitydiner.com/ happenings.html

*November 11, 2012 Sunday @ 2:00pm Keystone Tractor Works Museum 880 W Roslvn Rd Colonial Heights, VA 23834-3547 (804) 524-0020 http:// www.keystonetractorworks.com/ \$8.00 Admission After museum visit: Sagebrush Steakhouse 204 Southgate Square Colonial Heights, VA, 23834 Phone: 804-520-8216 http:// www.sagebrushsteakhouse.com/ locations details.asp? storeNumber=533

For a complete list of planned CVC/SDC and other events, go to: <u>http://</u> <u>centralvirginiachapter.org/</u> <u>events.html</u>

CVC/SDC Meet ~ July 8th, 2012

CVC/SDC met on July 8th, 2012, at Topeka's Steakhouse on Parham Road in Richmond, Virginia.

The group had a great lunch and discussed club business and shared conversation of current events.

The weather was great, and Becky and Lee Harrison enjoyed the "top down" day in their 1964 Studebaker Lark Daytona convertible.







Becky and Lee Harrison enjoying summer top-down weather in their 1964 Studebaker Daytona Convertible

(L-R) Mike Welch, Martin Pajka, Jessica Jett (guest), Herman Gantt, Lee Harrison

Commanding Leader wins award

Central Virginia Chapter's newsletter won an award at the 48th Annual International Meet of the Studebaker Drivers Club held in South Bend, Indiania, July 29th though August 4th, 2012.

The Chapter Communications Committee awarded the "Commanding Leader" a First Place in the Quarterly Internet Newsletter Division.

The editor thanks the committee for the award and congratulates the chapter on the recognition.



CVC/SDC Meet ~ September 23rd, 2012

The September meet of the CVC/SCD was hosted again this year by Becky and Lee Harrison at their home in Amelia, Virginia.

We shared a great lunch and then toured Lee's garage. His 1962 GT Hawk restoration is progressing well, and he has started restoring his 1967 Avanti II.



Model A Ford rides courtesy of Custis Harrison



Becky and Lee Harrison's Lark Convertibles and their 62 GT Hawk

Lee's 1967 Avanti II currently under restoration

Lee's brother, Custis Harrison, provided rides in his Model A Ford. Mike Welch jumped in the rumble seat, however, Betsy Young chose the front passenger seat.

Thanks to Becky and Lee; a good time was had by all!



Debbie and Jim Jett's 1963 GT Hawk R-1 and Mike Welch's 1940 Studebaker Custom

Studebaker Sightings

Sighted by Jim Jett in St Charles, Missouri, at the JJ's Restaurant Cruise-in,

Saturday, August 11th, 2012: 1946 M5 pickup, 1953 Starlight Coupe and 1965 Cruiser. The 1965 Studebaker Cruiser is owned by Orville Bushdiecker, member of the Gateway Chapter/SDC.

Also sighted by Jim Jett, a 1981 Avanti II at the St Charles Missouri Moose Lodge "Wounded Warrior" Car show on Saturday, September 11th, 2012.



1946 Studebaker M5 Pickup Custom



1953 Studebaker Starlight Coupe



1965 Studebaker Cruiser



1981 Avanti II

Next Meet

October 14th, 2012, Sunday @ 1:00PM

Greater Virginia Chapter

Annual Car and Truck Show

Host: Nancy and Chester Bradfield

9119 Centerville Rd

Bridgewater, VA 22812

(804) 346-3000

The annual Greater Virginia Chapter Car and Truck Show will be held on Sunday, October 14th, 2012 at the home of Nancy and Chester Bradfield.

This is a joint meet with the Greater Virginia Chapter and is always a great gathering. There will be a pot luck lunch and you should bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

For additional information, contact Dale Early, Greater Virginia Chapter at pup5studes@yahoo.com

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



Keystone Tractor Works Museum

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

CVC/SDC will meet in November at the Keystone Tractor Works Museum on Sunday, November 11th, 2012 at 2:00PM. Admission to the museum is \$8.00.

For move information about the Keystone Tractor Works, go to http://www.keystonetractorworks.com/ .



After the visit to the museum, we will proceed to the Sagebrush Steakhouse for dinner. The restaurant is located at:

204 Southgate Square Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834 Phone: (804) 520-8216



To view their menu, go to

http://www.sagebrushsteakhouse.com/ourmenu.asp.

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





June 30 - July 6, 2013 in Colorado Springs, CO

http://www.sdcmeet.com/

Studebaker Drivers Club News

As many of you are aware, there was a procedural error made at the July, 2012, SDC International meet in South Bend regarding the election of the club president for the next year. This has been resolved, and below is correspondence from Carl Thomason, the new club president, informing members of the resolution.

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Subject: SDC PRESIDENCY

I want to thank Ed Reynolds for his excellently written email. It shows that his primary concern is for the Club. That must be our primary concern as well. As he states, personal differences now need to be put aside. Members are looking to us for leadership and they deserve our best efforts. We have work to do and must not let them down.

According to our By-laws, when the office of President is vacated, the Vice President automatically assumes that office. I am now willing to undertake those responsibilities.

Also, in accordance with our By-laws, I have appointed Mimi Halgren to be Vice President of SDC and she has accepted. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and will continue to be a positive addition to the officers and this Board. I have also asked her to form a By-laws Committee to work on the inconsistencies and areas that are unclear in our By-laws (i.e., election issues).

To let SDC members know that the question of the Presidency has now been resolved in accordance with our By-laws and that we are moving forward, I ask that the Director of each Zone forward this email, which includes Ed's statement and my comments, to their Zone Coordinators, requesting that they forward it to their Regional Managers with instructions to distribute the information to all Chapters in their respective regions. I will also post Ed's statement and my response on the Forum. This should ensure that the membership is aware of what is going on as quickly as possible without the delay of communicating the information in Turning Wheels.

In stepping aside, both presidential candidates involved in the undecided election have shown us that they want us to move past this negative time and work together for the benefit of the Studebaker Drivers Club

Carl Thomason SDC President

CVC members Out-N-About

Martin Pajka paid a visit to the Studebaker National Museum on May 18th, 2012. Below are a few of the images captured by Martin. More of his visit to the SNM can be viewed on our website at http://centralvirginiachapter.org/VideoGallery.html.

Thanks Martin for Sharing!



Bonneville speed record setting 1963 Studebaker Avanti R3

1956 Packard Predictor concept show car



Raymond Lowey's Avanti based concept cars



The last Studebaker built in South Bend, 1964 Studebaker Lark Daytona 2 Door Hardtop

The last Studebaker built, 1966 Studebaker Cruiser 4 door sedan

Studebaker in Richmond

The Richmond automobile business continued to grow in the early 20th century with more marques and dealerships coming on line. In 1909, Virginia Auto Company announced they had become a Studebaker agency.

VAC was a full service agency, offering automobile sales and service. They were a dealer for the Jenkins Emergency Wheel, manufactured in Richmond, Virginia. (see articles) B. A. Blenner also carried this accessory. Just an interesting bit of Richmond's automotive history.

Companies like free publicity, but, Virginia Auto Company vehicles were involved in two auto accidents in 1909 and 1910, not positive press. (see articles) Could they have been Studebakers?

The agencies showroom was located at 11 West Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. This location was close to the Jefferson Hotel, which, in keeping with the times, catered to the "automobile" crowd. (see ad) See you there for lunch?



Site of Virginia Auto Company Studebaker Agency today, 11 West Main Street, Richmond, Virginia

(The Jefferson Hotel is seen here in the background on the left) VIRGINIA AUTO COMPANY, 223 WEST Broad, has taken on the Studebaker line. Watch for display ad, later.

Announcement of Virginia Auto Company's Studebaker Agency The Times Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia, October 24, 1909

Important Announcement TO THE PEOPLE OF Richmond and Vicinity

An exceptional opportunity to purchase highgrade, dependable Automobiles of proven reliability from a well-known, responsible manufacturer, AT PRICES heretofore paid for medium-grade cars with little or no backing.

In order to introduce the **Studebaker Cars** in Richmond the well-known **Studebaker Company** have placed on sale, through their agent at 11 W. Main St., a number of their famous **Studebaker** Touring Cars, Roadsters and Suburbans.

For endurance, comfort, quietness, ease of control and absolute reliability these cars excel the highest priced foreign cars, and all the Studebaker reputation and responsibility stands squarely back of them.

Some of these cars, slightly used, were thoroughly overhauled and repainted at the factory, and are as good as new, and are fully guaranteed, and the prices are ridiculously low.

Here is a chance to get a high-grade. luxurious car at about one-half the price you would ordinarily pay. If you contemplate buying a car, *ect quick*. **Call or Telephone to-day**. These are real bargains and they will not last more than a day or two.

See these cars and ride in them $% \left({{{\rm{T}}_{{\rm{s}}}}_{{\rm{s}}}} \right)$ and satisfy yourself. Call at our agents.

Speedwell Garage) 11 West Main Street-Near Hotel Jefferson Phone Madison 5211

Automobile Agents in Virginia and North Carolina-Take advantage of this opportunity, and firing your prospective customers with you to see these cars. First come, first served.

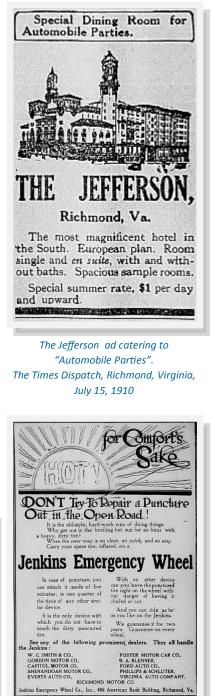
The Times Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia, July 15, 1910

COLLIDES WITH AUTO

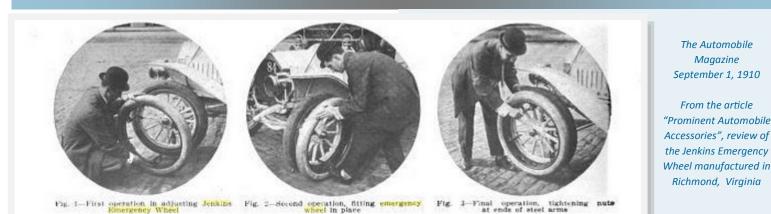
W. O. Knapp Caught Underneath Machine, but Not Injured.

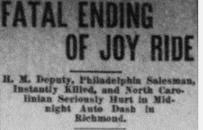
Clay Street car No. 216 and an automobile driven by W. O. Knapp, of the Virginia Auto Company, collided at Seventh and Grace Streets shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning, both street car and automobile being damaged. The automobile, according to Mr. Knapp, was knocked out into the street and turned upside down, and the chauffeur was caught underneath. He was not injured. The street car was damaged only in the fender.

News article reporting collision of a Virginia Auto Company owned automobile with a street car at 7th & Grace Streets, Richmond, Virginia The Times Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia, December 21, 1909 Continued next page



Jenkins Emergency Wheel ad showing Studebaker agencies B. A. Blenner and Virginia Auto Company as dealers The Times Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia March 24, 1908





R I C H M O N D, V A .-- Special ---As the result of a joy ride last night and this morning, H. M. Deputy, a traveling salesman of Philadelphia. Her dead at Bennett's undertaking establishment, J. S. Hollingsworth, a merchant of Farettaville, N. C., is in a dying condition at the Johnston-Willis Hospital, and Dr. R. H. Taibot, with a broken arm, is in the same hos-pital, though his condition is not so serious

while a broach arm, a in the nume have an equilation of the condition is not so serious. The injuries were due to a collision of two autos and the chauffeurs, E. S. Burrell and E. H. Jordan, are under arrest, charged with being suspected of murder. They were in the Police Court this morning, but Justice Crutchfield turned the case over to the county, authorities and Deputy Sheriff Traylor later took them to the County Court, where they will be given an early chance to apply for ball. L. G. Wendenburg represents Mr. Burrell and George E. Wise appears for Mr. Jordan. The accident occurred about 12:30 o'clock this morning on the Cary Street David

Earlier in the night Mr. Burrell. Who is from Charlotte, N. C., invited a few friends to take a ride with him, and when all were together the party was too large for his car, and it was decided to hire a second auto. It was gotten from the Virginia Auto Company, 11 West Main Street, Auto Company, 11 West Main Street, Auto Company, 11 West Main Street, Mr. Burrell drove his own car. In the car driven by Mr. Jordan were Messre, Deputy, Holilngworth, Talbott and J. W. Currie, of Fayette-ville, N. C. In the second were Messre, Burrell and Messre, L. G. Ross and J. R. McKessich. The party stopped at Rueger's though it appears as if Mr. Currie had not then joined them. The jour-ney was toward the Country Club and the accident occurred during the re-turn trip. Streck a Muddy Rond.

the accident occurred during the re-turn trip. Struck a Muddy Road. Mr. Jordan said this morning that the read was very muddy and near the belt line the other automobile, which was in the lead, slipped to-ward the ditch at the side of the road. Mr. Burrell turned it toward the middle of the highway and was cross-ing it diagonally when the second ma-chine ran into it. Messrs. Deputy. Hollingsworth and Taibott leaped and the exact manner in which Mr. Deputy received his fa-tal injuries does not seem precisely known.

known. The first auto continued on its way, and Mr. Burrell said this morning he had no idea anyone was hurt. The dead man and the injured man were placed in the second auto and brought to Richmond, and Policeman Farley saw the body of Mr. Denuty

He reported the matter and the ar-rests followed. He said this morning he did not think Mr. Burrell knew anything of anyone's being hurt. Mr. Burrell was much surprised when arrested at the Jefferson Hotel this morning at 4 o'clock. Mr. Jor-dan was arrested earlier. The arrests were made by Police-mon Farley and Paimer. Mr. Deputy represented the Lucas Paint Company, of Philadelphia, and had many friends in Richmond. From an examination last slight it seemed that his neck was broken. Dr. Taylor, however, began a thorough examina-tion at noon. The inquest will be held in the City Hall tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Shortly before noon Magistrate Puryear granted the men hall in the sum of \$500 each. Thomas Greeham went upon flarrell's bond, B. B. Larus upon that of Jerdan. The preliminary hearing will be held September 9th.

News article reporting collision of a Virginia Auto Company owned automobile resulting in fatalities in Henrico County, Virginia

> The Matthews Journal, Matthews Court House, Virginia, September 8, 1910

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 so they can be included in the newsletter and posted on the website.

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 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



Studebaker "Tech Talk"

Tech Tip "Disc Brake Systems" by Dave Thibeault, is reprinted with permission from "The Studegram", October 2012, Dennis Jolicoeur, Editor, Ocean Bay Chapter/SDC.

Tech Talk Disc Brake Systems By Dave Thibeault

The disc brake system used on Studebakers in 1963 to 1966 was an excellent braking system even by today's standards. But it did lack the simplicity of todays. When properly set up the Studebkaer brake system retracts the pads slightly to keep brake drag to a minimum. Other systems do not have this characteristic.

The only significant drawback to this brake system is the lack of a dual master cylinder like what was used on the drum brake cars. This is easily corrected on the Lark and Avanti models but is difficult to correct on the Hawk models. Dual master cylinder conversion kits are available for Lark and Avanti models.

Most of the problems and complaints that people have with these disc brakes are not the fault of the brake system, but instead are a result of neglect and improper repairs over the years. Rust is the most significant problem, both inside and outside of the system. The Dunlop Caliper cylinders are almost always rust pitted inside. This has been taken care of by the availability of stainless steel sleeved wheel cylinders for them. The piston inside also rusts and should be resurfaced where the seal sits to assure good sealing.

All parts should be cleaned completely before reassembly. There are pad guides that usually rust and are easily bent. Glass beading the caliper bridge assembly will clean up good but care must also be taken to see that the pistons are assembled correctly or the pad guide will be forced into the rotor when brakes are applied.

The bolts that hold all the brake parts together are special and you should not use regular bolts, they are all Grade 8 hardware. Even the bolts that hold the caliper adapter bracket to the spindle are Grade 8. The bolts that hold the caliper cylinders on are a Grade 8 bolt with a small head. These are a special bolt that is not readily available even on special order, so be careful when removing. The best way to remove these bolts is with a six point socket. This allows them to be used even when severely rusted.

The trouble spots that are most common when working on the front disc brakes are the shims and reversing the bridge tubes. It will save a lot of time if you are careful about maintaining the position of the shims that are under the caliper mounting bolt when you remove the caliper. If you should have the rotors turned, then you will have to go through the process of readjusting the caliper position with the shims to center it over the rotor. The procedure and specifications are in the shop manuals.

It is very common when assembling the calipers to reverse the bridge tubes. This usually results in the loss of brakes as the tube then rubs against the inside of the wheel and wears a hole in the tube. The bridge tubes run up the inside of the caliper not the outside.

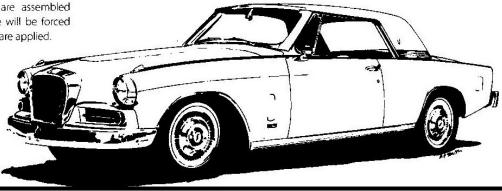
The rotors always seem to be turned when a brake job is done or as a result of a pulsating brake pedal that is caused by warped rotors.

 Never allow the wheels to be installed with an air wrench. This will warp the rotors.

- Torque the lug nuts evenly to 75 foot pounds using a torque wrench.
- Do not turn the rotors when replacing pads. If the mechanic insists because of rust, then have them glass bead blasted to remove the rust. The pads won't last as long but they cost \$28.00.
 A pair of new rotors costs \$400.00.
- If your rotors are warped try this. It works! Jack up the car and loosen your lug nuts, torque them to 75 foot pounds with a torque wrench. Drive the car normally for a week or more and do the same procedure. After about three times the warped rotors will be good again, or then they will have to be turned. But don't turn them without trying this first or they will just warp again.

There are a couple of things to look for on the brake boosters to help maintain the quality of the brake system. On the Lark and Avanti models check for brake fluid at the bottom of the brake booster. It can leak out the back of the master cylinder and this will in short time ruih your brake booster.

On the Hawk systems, remember that this booster needs to be lubricated. Remove the booster mounting bolts so the booster can be tilted up. On the back will be a little plug, add one ounce of Neatsfoot Oil and replace plug. Neatsfoot Oil is to soften the leather seals in the booster and is available at most sporting goods shops for softening baseball gloves, or can be had at shoe repair shop.



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 V8 and "3-on-the-tree" manual transmission.

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







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 804-232-8501 or email jsjett@va.freei.net

Be a Champion

Second in a series: Thicken The Skin By Bob Shaw, SDC member



We've all heard the inaccurate Studebaker stories. They have a Ford V/8 in them...Studebaker copied their V/8 from Cadillac...Avantis were made in Canada...you know them all. Then there's always some who get the models and years mixed up: "My dad once owned a 59 Golden Hawk."; "Grandpa had a 1950 Commando."

We die-hard Studebaker owners have heard these things time and again and because these stories and inaccuracies never seem to vanish, we are understandably tempted to respond rather harshly after the umpteenth time of hearing them. I say, GRIN AND BEAR IT!

Even if they claim to "know better" than you, always keep the conversation respectful and friendly. Eventually they will come to realize that that nice Studebaker guy was right. "Nice" being the descriptor that ultimately benefits your club somewhere down the road when that person considers buying a Studebaker.

To help you address some of the more prevalent Studebaker myths and misconceptions there is now a handy sheet you can download, print and keep in your car. Your chapter may have already printed some of these up for your use. Download the "Studebaker Myths & Misconceptions" sheet at http://www.northstarwheel.com/resources/studebakermyths.pdf.

Taking the "nice" road also applies when responding to negative comments about your (or a friend's) Studebaker you may overhear. I believe it is pretty much true that folks either love or hate the looks of a particular Studebaker. Heck, maybe that is true for most any marque.

The thing is, you cannot make anyone love your car or truck like you do. And you certainly cannot make people be diplomatic or respectful of your choice. But, you CAN make sure that, in spite of how that guy may think or speak, YOU can rise above their attitude and show that Studebaker owners are friendly and respectful. Sure, some times you may have to swallow hard and count to ten, but being a good ambassador for your chapter is well worth it in the long run.

Next time in Be A Champion: "Show interest in THEIR cars (even if you dislike them)."

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. <u>Membership in the Studebaker Drivers Club is required to join the Central Virginia Chapter</u>.

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

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



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 This is a requirement for local membership.	((Found on your membership card).
Annual dues are \$15.00 per person/couple (Both husband an Checks should be made payable to <u>"Central Virginia Cha</u>		nbers)
Please list the model, year and series name of any Studebak requirement for membership)	er vehicles you own. ((Ownership of a Studebaker is not a
1)		
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Please mail with dues to : Betsy Young Treasurer CVC/SDC		

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