



# Commanding Leader

## Calendar of Events

### \* Designates CVC Event

October 3, 2015  
Saturday @ 8:00am - 4:00pm  
"Biggest Car Show Roundup in Virginia"  
16th Annual Southern Knights Cruisers  
Veterans Car and Bike Show  
Richard Bland College  
Petersburg, VA 23805  
INFO: Ricky Williams ,  
Phone: (804) 526-8865  
or (804) 691-3754  
Email: uworime@comcast.net  
Website:  
[www.southernknightscruisers.com](http://www.southernknightscruisers.com)

October 11, 2015  
Greater Virginia Chapter  
Annual Car and Truck Show  
HOST: Nancy & Chester Bradfield  
9219 Centerville Rd  
Bridgewater, Virginia 22812  
INFO: John (Pat) Monroe,  
Phone: (540) 984-8256  
or (540) 333-3314  
There will be a pot luck lunch and you  
should bring a covered dish or dessert  
to share.

October 17, 2015  
Saturday @ 7:00am - 3:30pm  
Registration till Noon  
2nd Annual Beyond The Call of Duty  
Car, Truck & Bike Show  
The Mobility Super Center  
7450 Midlothian Turnpike  
Richmond, Va 23225  
INFO: Justin Spurlock  
Phone: (804) 514-5407  
Email: cntwtk@yahoo.com  
Facebook event page:  
[www.facebook.com/  
events/1418567691730651](https://www.facebook.com/events/1418567691730651)

\*November 14, 2015  
Saturday @ 2:00pm  
American Civil War Center at Tredegar  
500 Tredegar St  
Richmond, VA 23219  
Admission \$8 adult, \$6 62 and over,  
\$4 children  
After tour, dinner at  
Legend Brewing Company and Pub  
321 West 7th St  
Richmond, VA 23224

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

## CVC/SDC Meet ~ July 10th, 2015

CVC continued with the "Cruise-In Summer" for our July meet by attending the Friday night Cruise-In at the Chick-Fil-A at Virginia Commons on Brook Road in Glen Allen, Virginia.

The weather did not totally cooperate with our plans with rain starting as the gathering began. This put a "damper" on attendance.

However, unlike our planned June meet that was a total "wash-out", we did have some CVC members dodge the rain drops and attend. A special mention to Jim Beadle who weathered the storm and showed up for the June Meet.

We had three Studebakers and a Henry J attending with CVC members. Herman Gantt brought his 1953 Champion custom, Jim Jett drove his 1962 GT Hawk, and Marie and Dan Gori came with their 1951 Champion and a 1951 Henry J.

Dan's 51 Henry J is sitting on a Chevy S-10 platform, so, it has the classic look with updated performance.

Mike Welch was also in attendance less his Studebaker. Mike informed the group he and Debbie had purchased a home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where they would be relocating in August. We wish Debbie and Mike well in their new home and look forward to seeing them at our meets when they are in town.

The event started with rain, but, by the time we left, the sun was shining with a large bright rainbow in sky for our ride home.



1962 Studebaker GT Hawk, Jim Jett



1953 Studebaker Champion Custom, Herman Gantt



1951 Studebaker Champion, Marie & Dan Gori



1951 Henry J Hot Rod, Marie & Dan Gori

## CVC/SDC Meet ~ August 15th, 2015

To complete the "Cruise-In Summer", CVC attended the Orange County Cruisers Cruise-In in Orange, Virginia.

Although we had some clouds for our June and July meets, we ended our cruising summer as it began, with a bright sunny afternoon.

We had a good showing for our marque! Five CVC Studebakers were there for show and shine. Becky and Lee Harrison drove a 1962 Lark Daytona Convertible, Barb and Jim Beadle came in their 1953 Studebaker 2R pick-up, Frank Drumheller and Gerald Hiter arrived in Frank's 1960 Lark VIII, Margie and Fred Meiners arrived in their 1964 Avanti R-2 and Betsy and Preston Young cruised in with their 1965 Cruiser.

Former CVC member Ned MacBryde was there in his 1962 Lark Cruiser. Betty and Linwood Crawford were there driving a 2012 5.0 Mustang.

Also representing Studebaker were members of the Greater Virginia Chapter. Don FitzSimon was there in his 1956 Golden Hawk and Carl Rollison driving a 1963 GT Hawk.

A good time was had by all, and our Studebakers, as always, shined!



*1956 Golden Hawk, Don FitzSimons*



*1963 GT Hawk, Carl Rollison*



*Becky & Lee Harrison with their 1962 Lark Daytona convertible*



*1965 Studebaker Cruiser, Betsy & Preston Young*



*Jim Beadle with his 1953 Studebaker 2R pick-up*



*1960 Lark VIII, Frank Drumheller  
1962 Lark Cruiser, Ned MacBryde*

### **Commanding Leader**

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Preston Young, Vice-President  
Betsy Young, Treasurer



## International Drive Your Studebaker Day ~ September 12th, 2015

Central Virginia Chapter members were on the road to the home of Becky and Lee Harrison in Amelia, Virginia, for a cookout and garage tour.

The Studebakers in attendance were lined up for review and discussion by the group. After looking over the cars, the action moved to Lee's garage.

In the garage was a Mustang racing car that is raced by Lee along with his 1964 Daytona Convertible. Lee has several Studebakers waiting to become a "project" along with his Ford Falcons and Mercury Cougars.

A cookout followed the garage tour. Hamburgers were grilled by Becky and excellent side dishes with desserts were brought by those attending to share.

Studebaker conversation, good food and good company completed the day.



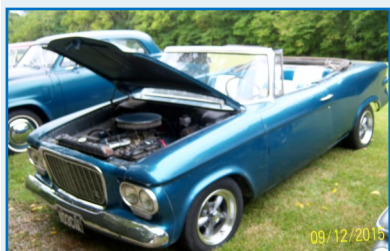
1962 GT Hawk, Marsha & Nelson Bolt  
(formerly owned by Gary Hearn)



1962 GT Hawk, Becky & Lee Harrison



1962 GT Hawk, Jim Jett



1961 Lark Daytona Convertible, Becky &  
Lee Harrison



1963 Lark Daytona Convertible, Becky & Lee Harrison



1962 Lark Daytona Convertible, Becky &  
Lee Harrison



The group tours Lee's garage where his  
1964 Daytona Convertible was being  
worked on



1967 Avanti II, Becky & Lee Harrison



The cookout after the garage tour (L-R)  
Dan Gori, Jim Beadle, Gary Hearn,  
Nelson Bolt, Becky Harrison, Betsy &  
Preston Young, Lee Harrison. In  
attendance but not pictured, Marie Gori,  
Marsha Bolt, Marjorie & Fred Meiners,  
Linwood Crawford, Jim Jett



Checking out Lee's Lark, (L-R) Fred Meiners, Jim  
Beadle, Linwood Crawford, Nelson Bolt, Gary  
Hearn, Lee Harrison, Dan Gori



1951 Champion, Marie & Dan Gori



## Next Meet

November 14th, 2015, Saturday @ 2:00pm

### American Civil War Center at Tredegar

500 Tredegar St  
Richmond, VA 23219



History will be the theme for the CVC November meet when the group visits the American Civil War Center at Tredegar.

The American Civil War Museum is home to one of the world's most comprehensive and important collections of artifacts, documents and historic sites related to the Civil War and its legacies. It includes The Museum of the Confederacy Collection, which comprises in excess of 100,000 items including Confederate military artifacts, domestic items, photographs, documents, and more.

Among the largest items in the collection are the Tredegar Iron Works site, and the White House of the Confederacy. Both are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and played significant roles in the Confederacy's military, industrial, political and social history.

For more information, visit their website: <https://acwm.org/>

After completing the tour of Tredegar, the group will caravan south of the James via the Mayo Bridge (14th Street) to have dinner at Legend Brewery Company and Pub located at 321 West 7th St, Richmond, Virginia.

Legend Brewery's Pub is a full service restaurant serving appetizers, sandwiches and entrees.

For additional information and to view their menu, go to: <http://legendbrewing.com/photosanddocs/docs/menu.pdf>

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



October 11th, 2015, Sunday @ 1:00PM

Greater Virginia Chapter

### Annual Car and Truck Show

Host: Nancy and Chester Bradfield  
9219 Centerville Rd  
Bridgewater, Virginia 22812

The annual Greater Virginia Chapter Car and Truck Show will be held on Sunday, October 11th, 2015, at the home of Nancy and Chester Bradfield.

There will be a pot luck lunch and you should bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

For additional information, contact John (Pat) Monroe, Greater Virginia Chapter, at 308 Helsley Rd, Edinburg, VA 22824, phone (540) 984-8256 or (540) 333-3314.

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



**YORK SWAP MEET March 10-11-12, 2016**  
Info: <http://www.sdckeystoneregion.com/>

**WIN THIS 1955 STUDEBAKER!**  
You can purchase tickets for the 2016 Raffle Car, a 1955 Studebaker President Coupe!



**52nd Annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet**  
June 26 - July 2, 2016  
Warwick, Rhode Island  
Info: <http://www.sdcmeet.com/>



## Studebaker Sightings

Sighted by Jim Jett at the Friday Cruise-In at River City Diner in Midlothian, Virginia; 1972 Avanti II.

The Silver paint with matching interior was in excellent original condition. The Chevy V8 was clean and detailed. It has the knock-off spinner wires which really dresses the car up.

The Avanti attracted a lot of attention.



## Studebaker Tech Tip

### Erratic Steering

By Pete Yuen

There are two reasons for erratic steering on a car, the first being caused by a driver who had been partying too much, or, it may be a problem of mechanical nature. The first problem could be solved with a police officer. We will look at the other cause, mechanical in nature.

Erratic steering on our Studes if it is equipped with a Center Pin steering system as used in the GT's, Hawks, Larks and basically the Studebakers with the independent front suspension from 1950 through the rest of the years of production, can be caused if the bolt (Keeper) which binds and locks the bell crank on to the center pin is loose or insufficiently tightened. **The bolt on the bell crank should not be replaced with another bolt of the same size unless it has the same strength, Grade 8.** The original bolt has the 6 of 8 strikes or marks radiating to the



outer edges of the hexagon head. This denotes or identifies a bolt with a tensile strength of approximately 180,000 pounds per square inch. The Grade 5 bolts that are most commonly used on cars has 3 strikes on the head. It's rated strength is 120,000 PSI. The bolts without strikes on the heads are Grade 2 bolts and have a tensile strength of 64,000 PSI.

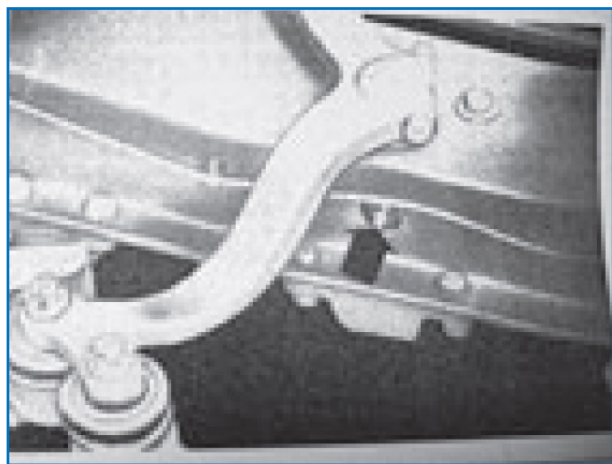
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## Studebaker Tech Tip (continued)

Excessive wear on the center pin and/or the bearings or bushings can cause the car to steer improperly also. If the center pins were well lubricated, especially in the '62 and earlier models that had needle bearings, they would last thousands and thousands of miles. The '63 and later models of Studebakers used bushings in the center pin assembly. These assemblies are considered inferior to the ones used in the preceding models. The assemblies are interchangeable; part numbers 155437 and 154212.

Much of the premature wearing of the pin is due to the assembly being overlooked or ignored when the car gets a lube job. If you are handy around the car, you could do the lubrication yourself.

The grease fitting is located in the middle of the front cross member of the frame and found on the engine (inboard) side of the member.



The arrow points to the grease fitting. Picture is taken from the engine compartment after the engine was taken out.

## Information about Antique Registration for Your Studebaker from The Car Club Council of Central Virginia

Many of Virginia's car hobbyists own vehicles that are registered as antiques. Unfortunately there are people who have vehicles registered as antiques that are not obeying the laws. The Car Club Council of Central Virginia wants

everyone to understand the following information about antique vehicle registration.

### The Law

- ◆ Vehicles 25 or more years old may be registered as antiques – they do not have to be
- ◆ Antique registration restricts the use of the vehicle
- ◆ Vehicles registered as antiques CANNOT be used as commercial vehicles and CANNOT haul cargo
- ◆ Vehicles registered as antiques CANNOT be used as daily drivers (you cannot drive the vehicle to and from work)
- ◆ Antique vehicles can be driven to shows and other events and can be used for occasional pleasure driving
- ◆ Antiques do not have to have an annual safety inspection BUT all vehicles must comply with all equipment laws (do not register a vehicle as an antique to keep from making needed repairs to the vehicle – vehicles must comply as to the date of manufacture)
- ◆ You may be ticketed and fined for violating the antique vehicle registration law

### Insurance

- ◆ Your antique vehicle must be insured – driving without insurance carries a penalty of jail time and a fine
- ◆ You should purchase insurance from a company that insures antique/special vehicles
- ◆ Many insurance companies have restrictions on antiques – such as mileage limits and the vehicle must be kept in a locked enclosed garage on your property
- ◆ Insurance for antiques is lower and has better coverage than for vehicles registered as daily drivers

### Equipment

- ◆ All antique vehicles must be in proper working order to be driven on the road
- ◆ Lights, horn, brakes, steering, suspension, tires, etc – must all be in the same condition as required to pass state inspection
- ◆ You may be ticketed and fined if your antique vehicle has defective equipment or is unsafe to drive. You are also subject to having your antique plates revoked for 5 years. Unsafe vehicles may be towed/impounded.

Need More Info? Need to Report a Violation? Email photos of the violation with license plate and the locality where the violation occurred to [fredfann@hotmail.com](mailto:fredfann@hotmail.com) and the violations will be forwarded to the State Police for investigation.



## CVC Members Out-N-About

As part of Dogwood Dell's summer events, a 50's style "sock hop" was held in Byrd Park, Friday, August 21st, 2015.

Performing tunes from the 50's and 60's were Cyrus McCormick and the Reapers. The crowd was "a rocking and a rolling" and dancing in the park.

Vintage automobile owners were invited to bring their cars and display them at the event. Jim Jett and his daughter Jessica attended this event and displayed his 1962 Studebaker GT Hawk.



*Cyrus McCormick and the Reapers performing at Dogwood Dell*

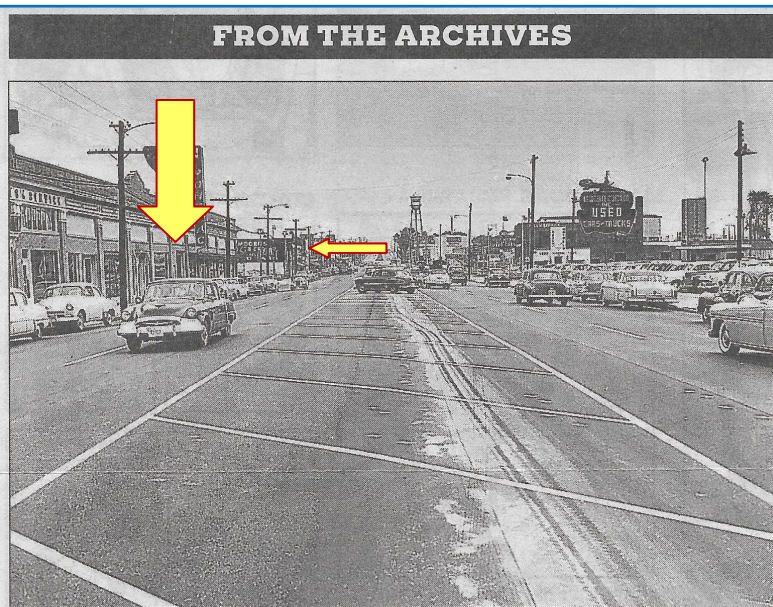


*Jim Jett 's 1962 GT Hawk on display at Dogwood Dell*



*Jim Jett and daughter Jessica "at the Hop!"*

## Studebaker Flash-from-the-Past



TIMES-DISPATCH

This September 1955 image shows center-of-street parking spaces on the Boulevard in Richmond. The Public Works Department considered them a safety hazard and cut the number of spaces by half. The city manager would not allow officials to fully remove center-strip spaces.

Preston Young found this Richmond Times Dispatch archive photo in the August 27th, 2015 newspaper.

The picture is looking north on The Boulevard in Richmond taken in September 1955. You can see a "new" 1955 Studebaker four door sedan driving south.

Also in the picture, though difficult to see, is Moore Motor Car Company. Moore Motor Car Company was a Packard Dealership. Below is a picture of Mr. Moore with a 1955 Packard Request by the Jefferson Davis Monument on Monument Avenue in Richmond.



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## CVC Members Out-N-About

### Field Day of the Past

Field Day of the Past for 2015 was held September 18th through September 20th and once again Studebakers were there as part of the exhibition.

CVC members attending this year on Saturday were Frank Drumheller, Jim Jett and Darryl Terretta. Preston Young was the only Studebaker there on Sunday. Frank brought his 1960 Studebaker Lark VIII, Jim came in his 1962 GT Hawk and Preston arrived in his 1965 Cruiser.

Other Studebakers present were a 1960 Champ owned by Brian Dahl and a 1950 2R owned by Kim and Eric Branch.

Gary Hearn was there running an exhibit as he has done for years.

The show takes place the third full weekend in September and draws approximately 40,000 people annually. Field Day operates as a not-for-profit organization and contributes to many local charities, organizations, and non-profits, including the Massey Cancer Center, Boy Scouts of America, American Heart Association, several hospices, the Goochland Christmas Mother, area rescue squads and fire departments, Habitat for Humanity, area churches, Goochland Fellowship and Family Services and many others.



*1965 Studebaker Cruiser, Preston Young*



*The Studebaker group at Field Day of the Past*



*1960 Studebaker Lark VIII, Frank Drumheller*



*1960 Studebaker Champ, Brian Dahl*



*1950 Studebaker 2R, Kim and Eric Branch*



*1962 Studebaker GT Hawk, Jim Jett*



## CVC Members Out-N-About

Marie Hill, wife of the late Roger Hill and former CVC members, invited the group to view Roger's collection on Saturday, September 26th, 2015.

We arrived at 2:00pm with an occasional drizzle of rain where member Fred Meiners was there as our guide.

We were shown the main collection of Roger's vintage automobiles in his gallery. We then took a look at his 1955 fully restored Thunderbird along with a "new" 2003 Thunderbird with only a little over 5000 miles.

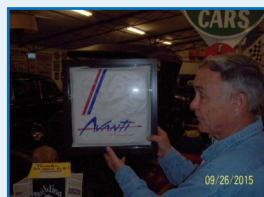
From Marie's home, the group then went to the restoration shop where other cars in Roger's collection are in various stages of restoration.

One of the current vehicles under restoration is a rare 1960 Edsel Convertible.

Thanks to Marie for inviting the group to see Roger's impressive collection.



*Roger Hill with his 1964 Studebaker Avanti*



*Fred shows the group his original Avanti seat cushion presented during the Avanti Air Lift*



*(L-R) Marjorie Meiners, Marie Hill, Betsy Young*



*1942 Packard  
(This car is for sale)*



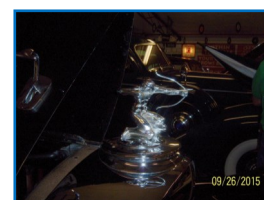
*Early production 1955 Ford Thunderbird built in 1954  
(This car is for sale)*



*The "Gallery" containing Roger Hill's collection of vintage cars*



*Roger's 1964 Studebaker Avanti*



*1932 Pierce Arrow, built under Studebaker ownership*



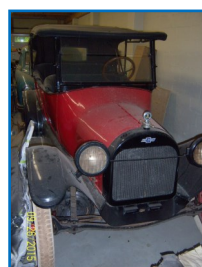
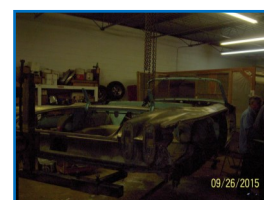
*1958 Edsel Pacer*



*1955 Ford Thunderbird*



*Rare 1960 Edsel Convertible under restoration*



*1917 Chevrolet*



## CVC Members Studebaker Acquisitions

Linwood Crawford has acquired a "new" 1955 Studebaker Commander 2 door sedan.

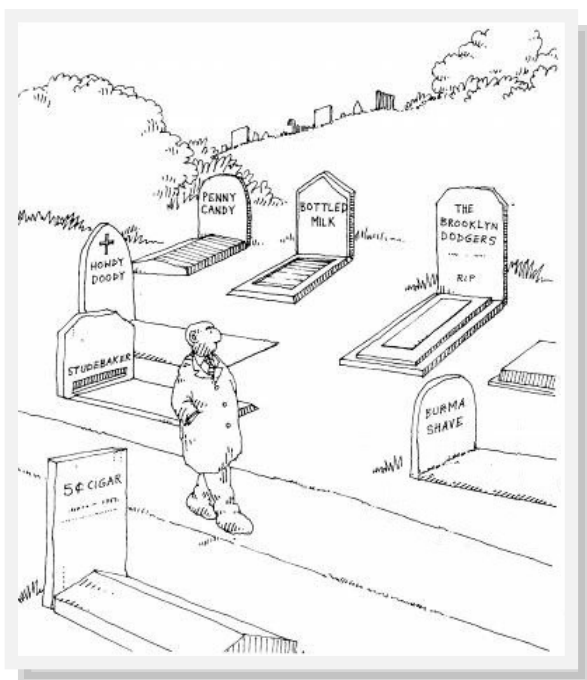
The car is equipped with a V8 and overdrive. Note the Euro-Style rear view mirrors mounted on the fenders.

Linwood, good luck with your new Studebaker!



## Studebaker in the Funny Pages

The item below titled "Retail Graveyard" is a tribute to icons of the past. Studebaker makes the list of good things now lost.

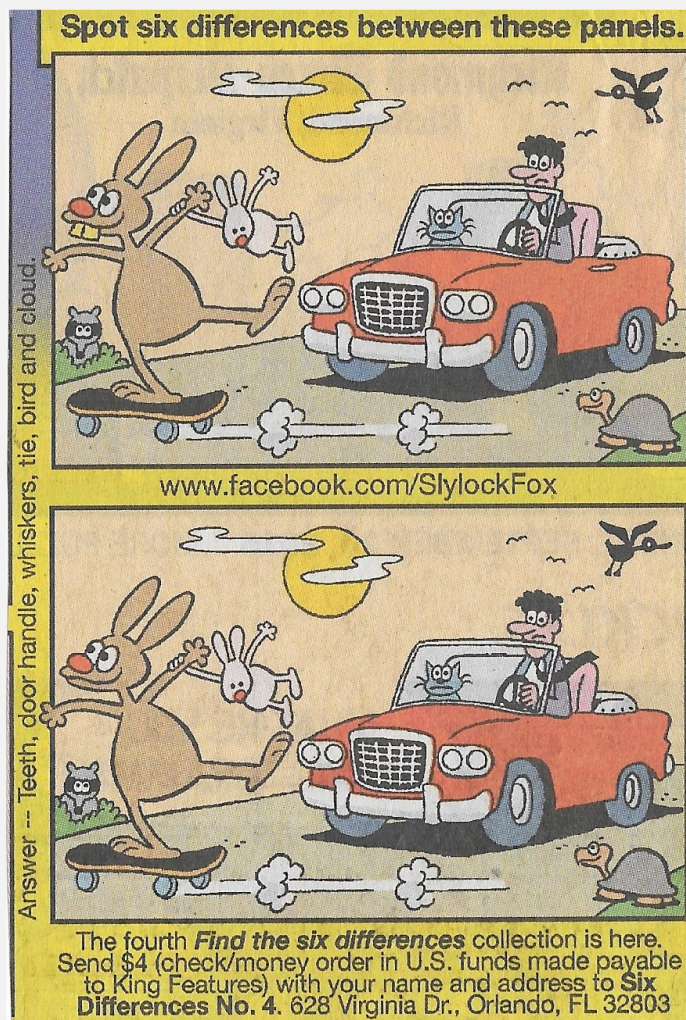


## Studebaker in the Funny Pages

The item below is provided by Preston Young from The Richmond Times Dispatch of Sunday, September 27th, 2015.

The automobile pictured is obviously a Studebaker Lark Convertible!

Can you identify the six differences?





## 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:

#### 1941 Studebaker Champion Street Rod

Red with gray cloth interior. digital gauges. bucket seats. Vintage air and heat. 350 Chevy engine 350 trans. 8 inch Ford rear. New Mustang 2 front end with new rack. Great driver has been to many Studebaker shows and other shows on east coast. Asking \$27,500.00. Call Mike at cell (804) 310-2537.



## 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>

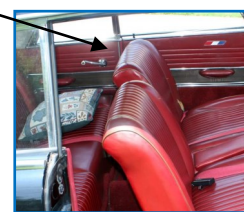
Visit our website at [www.centralvirginiachapter.org](http://www.centralvirginiachapter.org)

### 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](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)

## 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