



Don Jones Bio

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

They sold their firm to Mc Kinsey Scott Partners, Denver, Co., the country's leading Career Consulting and Marketing firm where he remained until 2006 as Vice President Regional Manager of their Northeast Office generating and managing revenue in excess of \$7,000,00.

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

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