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**April Meeting at Bob Kapteyn's
Photo by Rolf Snobeck**

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Thanks to the Kapteyn's for hosting our April Meeting. As always, everyone had a great time touring the "hidden treasures" at Joliet Studebaker Service. I tried to keep the business meeting short, as promised, so everyone could visit. The core of this club, both locally and nationally, is in the friendships made. The cars are really the side show; I look forward each month to visiting with the friends I've made.

A special thanks to Dick Quinn for giving us an update on a status of the Studebaker National Museum at our April meeting. It looks like the museum will have a new home by the end of 2005. When the fund drive kicks in again, please contribute as you can.

As discussed, we will be moving ahead with scheduling and really planning the 2006 Zone Meet. You should all see substantial progress made in the next few months. When the basic outline is put together, we'll be asking for help with people running specific programs. Don't be afraid to put your hand up when you see something that you're naturally good at. A challenge is good too.

Our next "Meeting" will actually be the Lilac Parade in Lombard on May 16th. No regular meeting. We had an awesome turnout last year, and the parade committee is expecting great things from us. Let's try for 40 cars this year, we had 29 last. We will have a chapter picnic afterwards in the Lombard Common Park. Read more about the parade and picnic elsewhere in this issue.

Scott Stastny is planning on having a Studebaker convoy to the Swap Meet in South Bend, leaving about 7:00 a.m. from the Lincoln Oasis on I-94 on Saturday, May 1st???. Check with Scott for the specifics.

Let's keep our thoughts and prayers on our friends here in our club. Wayne, Mark, and Roger are having or have had problems they are working through. Let's remember them and any of our other friends that need our thoughts or help.

See you at the parade.

Vspj

Treatise of a Technical Nature

By George Martens, via theHawkeye Headliner, Big Band Bob Ray, Editor, from the Brickyard Bulletin, Indy chapter

Here is one of those little things we often don't think about until it's too late, and we're out [of luck] on the road. Most all of our cars since 1934 have one of these things. Everyone of us with an Oil Gauge has one of these little rubber hoses from the Engine to the Firewall - usually, with fabric braiding on it. It carries the oil [pressure] from the engine to the gauge on the dash. Heat and age weaken it, and when it let's go, your oil can ALL be GONE in a Very Short Time! We all know that No Oil MEANS a NO GOOD ENGINE! These hoses are not high priced and should be replaced every few years, just to be on the safe side.

All these hoses are NOT the same size, so you need to check out which one you need when ordering. When you GET that new hose, also get a PLUG of the same size as the Engine End, and put it in your car's tool kit or glove box, so that IF the hose breaks while you're on the road, you can Plug the Line, and refill your sump, and the only problem will be no oil pressure indication on the gauge until you get a new hose.

Many of the originals were afixed to the engine with a head bolt bracket. I would NOT remove the head bolt, and would try to get it hooked up another way, like a small nut and bolt or rivet to the old bracket, if you have enough of it left. One really good thing is that these hoses are available from most Studebaker vendors.

Editor's note, the old Sienna Red '65 Commander spent the last 5 years or so of it's life with a coil of small copper tubing, with compression fittings on each end, which worked FINE for a "driver," though Judges probably wouldn't think it was too "stock."

BLACKHAWK CHAPTER SCHEDULE

Our Activity Director is Scott Stastny. His work number, for "urgent" communications, is 630-293-7750, but would appreciate it if you'd leave a message at his home [630-231-7744] with suggestions for activities or to offer YOUR place for an event or meeting. OR, you can call our new Assistant Activities Director, Al Benning, who can be reached at 630-530-7150.

April 30-May1, 2004 Michiana and SASCO Swaps in South Bend, talk to Scott if you're going, so we can caravan.

May 2, Grayslake AACA car show and swap meet at Lake Co. Fairgrounds "Featuring: Orphans, A to Z"

NOTE: our MAY MEETING will be at the Parade/Picnic: May 16th Lilac Festival parade - - and PotLuck PICNIC. Assemble at 11am at the high school, after leaving our Food at the Lombard Commons Park, where my dear wife will "superintend" everything whilst we "parade", we're NOT going to do the "Chicken" thing this year, as we had plenty of food without it, and that cost will go to rent the pavilion. There is a barbeque pit and shelter. Restrooms are nearby. However, there is no refrigeration, so you'll need to bring coolers, if necessary. We had 31 cars last year, shooting for 40 [in 3 groups] this year - "should" be Much earlier in the parade. [SEE ROLF'S ARTICLE ON THE PARADE LATER IN THIS ISSUE.]

NOTE CHANGE IN DATE: [thnx to Jim Niklaus for pointing out our error] May 29, Calvary Church car show on Rte 59, south of Fox Valley Mall. 8am to 3:30 pm

June 1st, regular meeting, Mr. Beef & Pizza 8:00 P.M. Elmhurst Rd. North of Algonquin Rd. & I 90

June 6-12, International SDC meet, Charlotte, NC. Details in TW - - let Scott know if you're planning to drive, so a caravan can be formed <http://www.ncsdc.com/International/2004International.htm>

June 19th, Special Olympics Car Show, West Chicago, call Scott for more info.

June 25-26, 2004 Just noted in the Brickyard Bulletin [Indy chapter] that the SUMMER Pure Stock Musclegar Drags will be this weekend in Stanton, Michigan - Bob Palma seems to be the front man for Studebaker coordination, so to speak: 317-852-8806 bobcaripalma@hotmail.com

June 26-27, 2004, Rock River Valley chapter has invited area chapters to join in two day Dubuque, Iowa tour, they've reserved a block of 50 rooms at the Jullian Inn, 1-800-798-7098, at 65.94 total price each - - included will be antiques, cars, old houses, cars, caves, cars, gambling, cars, gardens, cars, farm toy museum, and cars, so there'll be something for everyone! THIS Tour is for EVERYONE - - there's something for EVERYONE: Antiques, Gardens, Caves, Old Houses, Gambling[!?!?] ...and Studebakers! [Packards, Avantis and Pierces] (check out www.Dubuquechamber.com/visitors) Thanks to the RRVC and Jack Willis for organizing this fete. Jack's correct phone number is 815-389-2640 - evidently it was printed wrong in TW, per Jay Crites.

June 20, Fathers Day Oakbrook Center Classis Car show [and shopping!]

July 6th regular meeting, AT THE MANLY'S in Mt. Prospect ["Necessary" map next month]

Sunday, August 1st, Illinois Railway Museum show will be site of our regular August meeting

Sunday, August 8th, Galt Airport show [more info next month]

Saturday evening, August 14th, Lombard Cruise Night, with us "featured"

August 7-8, Wings & Wheels, Antique Classic & Custom: Autos, Cycles & Aircraft, at Bloomington, IL Airport

August 27-28, 2004 Zone Meet, Western Wisconsin [Badger Wheel Chapter] Park Inn and Conf Ctr [715-723-2281 for \$69/room, refer to Studebaker Club by 7/25/04], 1009 W. Park Ave, Chippewa Falls, WI [just north of Eau Claire, WI] (about 350 miles from Chgo) www.studebakerclubs.com/bwc or bwcstude@yahoo.com Arrive by 3 Friday for driving tours of Leinenkugel's Brewery and Irving Park Outdoor Zoo, then back to the hotel for a REAL Wisconsin Tailgate Party. Nearby: Outlet stores of Mason Shoes and Presto [electric appliances and pressure cookers] - - CAMPERS: O'Neil Creek RV Park & Campground, 715-723-6581, www.oneilcreek.com

OR, if you're going to be in southwestern Michigan, the new Pierce-Arrow Building at the Gilmore/AACA Red Barns museum in Hickory Corners [just n.e. of Kalamazoo] will also be going on August 27th-29th.

Spring/Summer, 2005, Dick Quinn has promised us a "Visit to the Quinn Garage" in Mokena - details later.

2005 Zone Meet, Kansas City, Missouri, Heart of America chapter sponsoring

2005 SDC International Meet, Spokane, Washington

2006 Zone Meet, [let's get at it...][if you have any special "interests, talents or skills", please let Rolf/Scott know, so you and put them to use most effectively - - THANKS!]

2006 SDC International Meet, Omaha, NE

WANT AD's You know the drill, we just print them, it's up to you to exercise "due diligence" - you know, that stuff they're all talking about on TV lately!!!

Joe Riemer, of the Wisconsin Region chapter, handed me this ad in So. Bend: He's selling his '63 GT Hawk, R1 [JTS1259] Powershift trans, white with red int., 64k miles, older restoration, "has some warts", asking \$5,500. Pardeeville, WI 608-429-9505

Jay Crites sent me a note that there's a '62 Lark 2door, 46k orig. miles, \$3,500 in Central NY, 315-853-6347

Also from Jay, '49 Stude, does not run, [\$500??], 262-767-0648 between 9am-2pm - also a 5x14 trailer frame with new tires, 847-670-8941

Eric DeRosa sent this in: 49 Stude 3/4T PU, 2R-10, last run in '73, sitting outside the past 10 years, Champion 6, 4spd, very complete, but would need a lot of work. Lady is looking for \$500 or best offer, make her an offer. Located in Burlington, WI, 262-767-0648. Adam and Eric looked it over pretty good, so call him to ask about it [lady wants it GONE] ejderosa@yahoo.com 847-680-9269

Noble Glauzell sent this in: Dave Tippet in Galena has a '60 V8, stick convertible, that he has to MOVE - stored in barn that he's sold, and is moving. FREE![and from the sounds of it, probably worth every penny!] FIRST to show up with trailer and muscle to get it loaded will get it WITH TITLE - - CALL before you GO 815-777-9296

Uncle Wayne Smida has decided to part with his NEW truck: '85 F150 XLT, 4WD, ext'd cab, topper, cruise, AM-FM, all new front brakes, driveable: \$1,500 630-963-1128

NOW, since MY address is listed in the various listings, I get some "interesting" mail: YOU could become the proud owner of 10.9 acres on Rte.59 in Barrington, with GARAGES for 16 CARS [all with baseboard heat] heck, there's even a HOUSE with 4 bedrooms, 3 fireplaces, and two full kitchens. Loretta or Margaret at Coldwell/Banker in Barrington would be glad to show it to you 847-382-3600 Oh, the price is \$1,275,000, but hasn't sold in about 7 months on the market.

From the Brickyard Bulletin, via the Hawkeye Headliner, Ed George, SR has a 60 Lark Convertible, V8 3spd manual, rust free, for sale - - EdGeorgeSr@aol.com or 708-331-9323 - -for more details/pricing

Jay Crites has given us these listings: '59 Lark, 2dr HT, from Nebraska, Dave 262-662-0617 - sez he's listing it in Kenny's Klunkers, Old Cars Weekly; '48 Stude 1-Ton PU, all original, does not run, no price listed, in AZ paper, 623-388-9385.

Scott Stastny sent the following ads: '53 Commander "C" rear axle, complete: drum to drum. \$75 [630]293-7750; Also, '58 Golden Hawk hood and "scoop", a little surface rust, but the corners are good \$300; '63 Hawk doors - have rust, but the guts are all there [\$30 each]; Coupe doors with NO guts, but very solid doors, left and right, \$125 each.

Joe Ammer, bought his '63 GT Hawk that used to live in the White Fence Farm museum at the '85 Auburn fall auction. He paid \$10,500 then for the 289 4bbl, automatic, twin traction, radio and heater- equipped 8,400 mile car. It was and IS in excellent condition. Age and health are making him interested in selling the car, so call 630-851-4391 or JA32005@aol.com if interested in a fine vehicle.

Have seen this ad several places, but Bob Peak was the first to send it to me: and SDC member wants to get one of these cars: 2-4-door Station Wagons: 54 or 55, '56 Pinehurst, '57 Parkview, '58 Provincial or 59-66 Lark-types. Must be in solid #2 or better condition, turnkey, minor cosmetics needed is OK. Auto Trans a MUST. Paul Parla, P O Box 1033, Montrose, CA 91021... 818-957-8626

A fellow by the name of Jim, who was at a meeting at Mark's a couple of years ago, has a '63 GT Hawk, and wants to use it as a 2nd daily driver, so wants to convert to Chevy 350 power and a 400 turbo trans - - he needs motor and trans mounts to do so, and will sell his 289V8 with auto trans. It was re-built 40k miles ago, and has a total of 132k miles. The trans was recently rebuilt. Jim can be called [before 11pm please] at 630-297-0367 [thanx to Chuck Galauner for sending this info on.]

The RON HALL COLLECTION: Got a nice email from Luanne Hall, stating that she is planning to move in the spring, and can't MOVE all of the stuff we hauled from West Chicago to eastern Michigan back in '94 or whatever. She has everything from taillight lenses to alternators to radiators; motors, drive trains, carb's and intake manifolds; rocker arm assemblies, and exhaust manifolds. Please call for a complete list 248-625-1953 [6-10pm, EST] or stude1953@aol.com.

The South Georgia chapter is Restoring a '51 Dump Truck, and needs the following to finish it: Door glass, window channels, windlace, floor mat, rubber grommet for gas filler tube, rubber foot pedal pads, headliner, and 8.25x20 tires. Call Neil Thornton at 912-375-7986 if you can help.

1964 DAYTONA HARDTOP. One of the last hardtops made by Studebaker. This like-new California car is an unrestored 3-owner 50K original. 259, Auto, PS, PB, Bordeaux Red by Scott Stastny/Deluxe Auto Works, 200 Watt Kenwood Audio System with 10 disc CD in trunk (no holes cut to install), Electronic ignition, Original wheels and covers. 10K Firm. Ask for video. Photo at studebakerclubs.com/memberprofiles/Don_Shannon 800-439-3827 or 708-670-3946. dshannon@televideo.com

Jerry Miers has a good working AM radio for '62 GT Hawk, with FM converter.... will swap for labor to install new radio. Send email to Studenut@hotmail.com or call 630-231-0174

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Rolf Snobeck at 7:46 p.m. at Kapteyn's Joliet Studebaker Service. Minutes of the March Meeting were approved on a motion by Chuck Galauner and seconded by Scott Stastny.

A round of applause was given the Kapteyn's as a thank you for hosting the meeting this month. Thanks, too, to Rob and Diane [Matthisen] Kapteyn, for assisting with the food and tours for the evening, and to Jean and Paul Reppa for the platter of sandwiches they brought.

Treasurer Doug Kay was unable to attend due to vacationing in Hawaii. Rolf Snobeck reported an approximate balance of \$2,300, and also related that he had inadvertently run the check book through the laundry, giving a new meaning to the term "laundered money". Report was accepted and passed.

Membership Director Noble Glauzell reported a membership of 94.

Editor Dave Reid distributed copies of "The Studebaker Story" pamphlet by Fred K. Fox which had been sent to Dave by Richard Dormois. Dave suggested keeping them in our Studebakers and giving them to interested parties at car shows and cruise nights. Dave also presented gifts on behalf of the Black Hawk Chapter to Nobel Glauzell and Tony LaForti for their service to the Club in the preceding two years.

There was no Secretaries Report as Mark vanDeventer was in the UK on a job interview. We wish him well and hope for positive results.

Activities Director Scott Stastny reviewed upcoming events; specifically the next event and Meeting will be the Lilac Parade and Pot-Lick Picnic on May 16th. Ed and Linda Manly offered to host the July Meeting at their home. Jack Willis reviewed a driving tour which is to be held in June.

Old Business: It was reported that the manufacture of new flags and banners in time for Spring Swap Meet was doubtful. It was therefore decided to not try to get them in time for the Swap Meet and not to have a booth there to sell them. These flags and banners are to be sold to help raise funds for the upcoming Zone Meet.

New Business: The 2006 Zone Meet was reviewed. It was decided that the date of the Meet should be no closer than one month to the International Meet, and that a date can be selected by the Board prior to the next meeting in order to get things moving.

Several sites for the 2006 Zone Meet will be reviewed and rated by a consistent method so that the best overall site is selected. The Board will make the final decision.

Dick Quinn gave an update on the status of the new Studebaker National Museum. The architectural plans are underway. It is anticipated that the building will be substantially complete by late summer 2005, and then the artifacts can be moved in. Most of the money needed for construction is in place. Additional funds will be needed to complete the displays and cover the cost for operations.

President Snobeck offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Reid; meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Rolf Snobeck

Attendance: from memory and Rolf's photos, due to the fact that the editor [drat his hide] couldn't find the sign up sheet when he went to look for it][if you were there and aren't listed, please let me know, and I'll revise the list, and we can correct the minutes at the picnic]

Attendees: Guests: Dick Stewart, Orman's son, Members: Clarence & Ivan Clark, Hugh Edfors, Noble Glauzell, Roger & Celia Gorski, Frank Guadagno, Ken Holste, Bob & Marie Kapteyn, Rob & Diane Matthisen Kapteyn, Orman Koenig, Tony LaForti, Greg Lentini, Ed & Linda Manly, Mel Miller, Bill Mitchell, Mike Nikkel, Dave Peterson, Rich Presson,, Dick Quinn, Dave Reid, Glen Reints, Paul & Jean Reppa, Bob Schmidt, Wayne Smida, Rolf Snobeck, Scott Stastny, Roscoe & Mary Stelford, Jack Willis [and RRVC buddy, didn't catch his name.]

ONCE AGAIN, WE HAD A VERY NICE TURN-OUT AT THE KAPTEYN'S IN JOLIET FOR OUR APRIL MEETING. [GOTTA TALK TO THAT NEW PREZ ABOUT STARTING THE MEETING BEFORE 8PM, AS I WOUND UP BEING LATE!] [OR ELSE, I GUESS I'D BEST JUST GET MY ACT TOGETHER, AND BE MORE PROMPT!!!]

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S NEARLY TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES - - BUT, PLEASE WAIT UNTIL YOU GET YOUR NEW ROSTER AND MEMBERSHIP FORM, EITHER AT THE PARADE OR IN THE MAIL, AS WE NEED TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS OF YOUR INFO AND CARS. I'VE COPYWRITTEN THE ROSTER, AND WILL NOT SEND IT VIA EMAIL - - IT'S ONLY FOR OUR USE [I'LL INCLUDE IT WITH THE SDC JUDGES' COPIES, BUT TO NO ONE ELSE OUTSIDE THE CHAPTER]. ONCE THE NEW YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP FORMS COME FLOODING BACK IN, I'LL PRINT A LIST OF MEMBERS AND THEIR CARS IN AN UPCOMING STARLINER, SO THAT YOU'LL HAVE THAT INFO, ALSO, BUT WITHOUT "CONTACT" INFO IN THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

THANKS TO ROLF FOR ALL HIS INPUT THIS ISSUE, INCLUDING THE COVER PHOTOS, AND TO MARK FOR CONTINUING TO WORK ON UPGRADING THE QUALITY AND EASE OF PRODUCTION ISSUES. THE SMITHS WENT TO THE MID-TENNESSEE SHOW AND BROUGHT BACK A STORY AND PIX-DON'T THINK IT'LL FIT THIS TIME, BUT WE'LL GET IT IN A FUTURE ISSUE. THANKS, ALSO TO THOSE WHO GAVE US SOME NEW ADS. [IF YOU HAVE ONE THAT'S OUT OF DATE, LET ME KNOW!].

PLEASE DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE IT TO THE LILAC PARADE AND PICNIC/ MAY MEETING. PLEASE CALL SCOTT STASTNY RIGHT AWAY TO LET HIM KNOW THAT YOU'RE COMING [AND WHAT YOU'RE DRIVING], SO HE CAN LET LOMBARD KNOW, FOR JUDGING AND POSITIONING. IF YOU CAN'T BRING A STUDEBAKER, COME ANYWAY - - LAST YEAR THE MANLY'S AND REPPA'S WERE ABLE TO RIDE IN THE PARADE, EVEN THO' THEIR CARS WERE "IN PROCESS", SO WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE SEATING AVAILABLE.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATES OF THE DUBUQUE TOUR, AND GET YOURSELVES SIGNED UP FOR THAT, AS WELL. JACK WILLIS' TOURS ARE ALWAYS A GOOD TIME [ASK ANYBODY WHO'S BEEN ON ONE!], AND I'M SURE THIS WON'T BE ANY DIFFERENT, AND IT HAS PLENTY OF NON-"CAR" STUFF, FOR THE LADIES.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO DO THIS YEAR, SO LET'S "GET AT IT". HAVE A GOOD DRIVING SEASON!

HEY! KEEP THAT GREASY SIDE DOWN!
DAVE

Bonus Tech Tip

From Greasy Prints, Orlando Chapter, Dean Gessner, Editor

Removing Undercoating

By Calvin Lowell, Jacksonville, FL

Question: How do I remove the old undercoating, so I can fix the rusty floor?

Answer: I soak rags in mineral spirits and let it soak on the undercoating material, and it comes up easier. I use the red-handled one piece gasket scraper from the autoparts store [NOT the one with blades]. I only use heat on underneath and vertical surfaces. For loose residue, use a copper pot scrubber from the grocery store, which rinses easily in mineral spirits, then just use rags and mineral spirits to clean up. Clean up the residue with "409" and final wash paint prep solvent of POR-15's Marine Clean before using POR-15. I'd recommend using two coats of that, in DIFFERENT Colors, so you are sure you're getting full coverage.

P.S.: Do NOT allow any sweat to drip into the POR-15, or it will cure in the can. Use throw-away [NOT foam] brushes, and work out of an old coffee cup, with only an inch or so of the POR at a time.

Good Luck - the job is NOT fun, but necessary!

Yup, They can STILL be Found!

the Distributor of the Tri-State Chapter, Gary Grebner, Editor

An Unbelievable Car!

by Malcolm Berry

Little did we know, but there was an unbelievable Studebaker in storage in Xenia Ohio. In fact, it's been there for 14 years.

This car was recently for sale on eBay. Here are the details. The Seller's grandfather purchased the 1951 Studebaker Champion new on May 29, 1951. He was a retired employee of the Studebaker Corporation. He didn't need the car himself, but bought it for one of his sons.



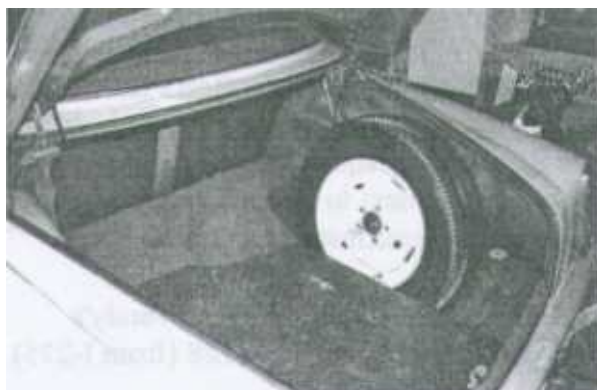
Club member Phil Harris with the seller of the '51 Stude

The Seller's father was a foreman on the final line at the Studebaker Corporation in South Bend Indiana. While the car was being built, he followed its assembly and provided input as it moved through the plant and onto the final line. As a result, the car was top of the line from the beginning.

Seat covers were installed as well as one of the early backup lights. Due to a family disagreement, the car was parked in a garage for years and rarely driven. A grandson purchased the car from the family estate 14 years ago. He trailered the car from South Bend, Indiana to Xenia, Ohio, storing it in his garage for 14 years.



The speedometer reads 251 actual miles. Forty-five of those miles were added when the car was driven from Xenia to Waynesville, Ohio to change the hoses, brake lines, and replace other rubber parts.



At the time of purchase, the car still had the original "break in" oil in it. The car's undercoating is completely intact as well as the paint. Except for the battery, a fuel pump, spark plugs and several other parts that needed to be replaced, the car continues to exist in its original state at the time of production. Replacement tires have been purchased. However, the original tires and tubes (no wear shown) were also included in the recent sale.

The new owners live in Washington State and will have the car transported to their home. They had owned a car exactly like the Champion many years ago and had always hoped to buy another one. It was recently purchased on eBay for \$21,100--sight unseen, except for a picture!



Phil Harris heard about the car. Malcolm Berry and Phil were privileged to actually see it. It is hard to imagine a car that old being in such exceptional condition after all these years.

An unbelievable car indeed and it was right under our noses for 14 years and no one knew about it.

LITTLE KNOWN OR FORGOTTEN FACTS ABOUT STUDEBAKER

Thanks to The Western Outlook, Marilyn Scott, Editor

In 1927 when stock car meant stock car, Studebaker entered the 75-mile race at the new Atlantic City Speedway on Labor Day for six cylinder cars. They entered two roadsters and finished first and second at an average speed of 86 mph beating Buick, Chrysler, Hudson, Nash and a Star. Later the same year, the AAA contest board made a new classification for six cylinder cars costing \$2,000 or less. It was to be a 75 mile race at Charlotte, North Carolina. Studebaker entered three Commanders which all qualified at better than 85 mph. The other entrants, Buick, Chrysler, Hudson and Nash all withdrew, saying their engines could not maintain that speed for the full distance. The three Commanders then raced alone, being the only entrants, and all three finished at better than 88.5 mph.

The Studebaker Commander six engine had the longest run of any six-cylinder engine, over 30 years.

In 1964 Avanti ran 92 plus mph in one mile from a standing start and ran 168 plus mph in a flying mile. Both runs were made in two directions and are averaged. In all Studebaker record events, the AAA had strict supervision. In the 1920's and 1930's when a company entered a speed or endurance event, the AAA came to the factory and picked cars off the assembly line, saying, "These are the cars you will race." There could be no cheating.

In 1964, Avanti averaged 170.8 mph for all distances from 1 km to 10 miles.

Studebaker held the Indianapolis stock car record in the 500-mile race for 15 years from 1933-1948.

Studebaker built thousands of trucks during WWII, invented the Diesel (Editors note: Not to sure about that one!) and built thousands of engines for B-17 Flying Fortresses.

In the late 1920's, three President Straight Eights were driven on the Atlantic City Speedway continuously, 24 hours a day for 30,000 miles at over 60 mph.

Three Commander Sixes were driven for 25,000 miles at over 60 mph. These records still stand today. Only one attempt has been made to break them, it failed. But at least the Auburn Automobile Company had faith enough in their cars to try. All runs were made under AAA supervision, the cars being picked off the assembly line.

Until this year, Studebaker was the only company to build a station wagon with a sliding roof panel in the rear, a very good idea, but costly. (GM recently copied this concept on their 2004 GMC Envoy SUV).

Studebaker self-adjusting brakes adjust when moving forward instead of reverse, as in most other cars.

The first radio-telephone was achieved in a 1919 Studebaker Roadster.

Studebaker discovered Molybdenum in their laboratories and first used it in their engines.

In the 1930's the Big Six Commanders were referred to as the "Bootleggers" being popular with those lawbreakers of prohibition days. The big luxury cars could outrun anything on the road at the time, very handy if the following car was the police.

Except for Lark models, Studebaker used heavier metal than other American cars, (except for Lincoln and some Thunderbirds). Studebaker used 18-gauge metal, and others used 20 gauge.

Parade and Pot-Luck Picnic Plans

By: Rolf Snobeck

The Black Hawk Chapter will be participating in the Lombard Lilac Parade on Sunday, May 16th, 2004. The parade will go RAIN OR SHINE.

We must report to the SOUTH parking lot of Glenbard East High School, located on Main Street. Please see the accompanying map for directions.

The Picnic will be at the Lombard Common Park, which is located at the northwest corner of Maple Street at Edgewood near the end of the Parade Route. There is a Picnic canopy where we can congregate, and washroom facilities in the Park near our location. There are playing fields and such for the kids.

Schedule as follows:

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| 11:30 am to 12:30 pm: | Bring foods to the <i>Lombard Common Park</i> . Please bring coolers for perishable foods. |
| 11:30 am to Noon: | Arrive at site (Glenbard East) |
| 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm: | Cars are judged |
| 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm: | Parade |
| 3:00 pm to 7:45 pm: | Picnic at Lombard Common Park |
| 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm: | Clean up and sign out of facility. |

At the conclusion of the parade, proceed eastbound on Maple to Edgewood, then north on Edgewood one block to the Park. There is parking along the west side of Edgewood.

Please let Scott Stastny know as soon as possible if you are coming so he can turn in the list of cars to the Village for judging.

If you have questions on Parade Day, call me on my cell phone at 630-514-1867.

Be sure to come and have fun!



Picnic Grounds and canopy



Parking along Edgewood Road



Playground for the kids

Map of the parade route from Glenbard East High School to the Lombard Commons Park

