



# North Star Wheel

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Chapter Newsletter

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## ***President's Notepad. . . .***

As we roll along toward the end of 2004 and another Holiday Season I want to wish all of our fine club members an enjoyable holiday.

On a sad note we have heard that one of our oldest members Lawrence Burke of Elk River passed away on December 5th. Lawrence was so well known in the Studebaker world his passing is a big loss. Let our prayers be with him and for his family.

Upcoming elections are scheduled for the Annual Meeting on January 10th. The current slate of Officer nominees are: for President-Jerry Pearson, for Vice President-Jim Ringquist, for Treasurer-Joan Lemke or Steve Remick and for Secretary-Fern Gieselman. There is still time to throw your hat in the ring so if interested let me hear from you.

In last months newsletter you may recall the 1965 Commander that was offered for free. This car was donated to the club and the donor hopes that it or its parts would be useful to other Studebakers. Tom Stochl accepted the car and has plans to resurrect it and get it back on the road.

Well that's all for now. Have a Merry Christmas!

**Jerry Pearson, [stude.one@usfamily.net](mailto:stude.one@usfamily.net)**

## ***November North Star Minutes***

Twenty-seven members were present at the November meeting at the Old Country Buffet in Maplewood. New members were introduced and welcomed.

Joan Lemke stated she had gotten a letter from the State indicating that our tax number is being put into dormancy, as it has not been used for some time. It is not needed for sales of clothing. In the event that it is needed it can be reactivated.

Jerry Pearson indicated he would like someone to run for Zone Manager coordinating the Upper Mississippi Valley chapters. Nominations are being accepted until November 10.

We got bids for club shirts. Denim shirts run \$22 to \$25 with emblem. T-shirts are \$8 to \$9 with logo on front and \$11 to \$12 with printing on front and back. Arlan Vollan is getting more prices that should be better.

Remember to sign up for the Christmas Party at Lord Fletchers in Minnetonka on December 4, and the Annual Banquet January 5, at Oakland Golf Course in Stillwater. A flyer will be coming in the newsletter.

Maynard Lemke gave details and asked us to sign up for our February club event. We will see The Lovely Liebowitz Sisters at Plymouth Playhouse on February 13, at 2:00. Other events for the

year include the 7th Annual Poker Run July 23rd and the Mystery Cruise August 6th. We need someone to plan this event. We also need someone to volunteer to help with the Fall Picnic September 24th. A complete listing of club events and dates will be in the newsletter.

Jerry Pearson announced that he has made arrangements with Deluxe Check to use its parking lot for Saturday night cruises. This is located just south of 694 on Victoria in Shoreview. He plans to get other clubs involved. This will run from May 7 to October 8.

Arlan Vollan gave an update on some ill members. He also reported on the "Drive for Kids" that benefits after school programs to keep kids off the streets and out of gangs. \$9,600 was raised.

The Phantoms of Red Ring are chartering a bus for a tour to Kansas City. There are 12 seats available. If anyone is interested, contact Arlan Vollan. More complete information will be available elsewhere in the newsletter.

There was more discussion on the possibility of holding the 2008 Zone Meet here i.e. locating a facility with ample parking, rooms and banquet facilities.

It was announced that things are rolling along for the Studebaker Museum. Todd Langenfeld gave a lengthy overview regarding missing funds of SDC and steps that are being taken to investigate and recover same. Fern Gieselman was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Betty Grimley made a motion to adjourn, Harry second.

**Respectfully, Fern Gieselman, Secretary**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JAN 15**

**ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING &**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**OAK GLEN GOLF COURSE**

**STILLWATER, MN**

**FEB 13**

**CHAPTER ACTIVITY AT**

**PLYMOUTH PLAYHOUSE**

**PLYMOUTH, MN**

## Message from Ed Skomoroh..

Dear SDC Members-

First on behalf of the SDC's International Meet Committee I want to say thank you to all the members and friends who supported us since 2001 when we initiated the new IM Policy.

This is to advise you that the SDC IMC and myself have resigned from our volunteer positions. For many months now the SDC IMC and I have been disappointed by the actions of a few SDC board members and the fact that several SDC Board Members have chosen to micro manage our activities. We also feel that the current leadership has not shown support of the IMC. For your information early in the week of October 18th, Stu Chapman advised the board of his resignation. Stu comes with many SDC credentials, as do all the committee members. Stu joined SDC in 1977 and was National Director from 1982 - 1984. He served as SDC President from 1984 - 1986. Stu became IM Chair in 1987 and remained in that capacity until 2001 when I took over as SDC IMC Chair.

Later in the same week Brian Millette announced his resignation as Treasurer of the IMC. Brian served as past President from 96 - 98 and SDC Treasurer since 1998 and will continue in this role. On Saturday October 23rd. Denny Lockmon delivered his resignation and mine to the SDC Board in Mesa Arizona. Denny has been a member of SDC since 1971 and has been regional Manager and Zone Coordinator. He has served as Vice President for the national under three presidents. He has been on the IMC for around 12 years. I became a SDC member in 1989 and took on the role of IMC Chair in 2001.

RMI will continue to serve as the SDC Hospitality firm. I must say that the IMC and myself have certainly enjoyed the challenges that we were faced in developing the new IM Policy and hopefully some of the changes we incorporated will continue to prove useful for future meets.

**Ed Skomoroh, Former SDC IMC Chair**

## Welcome New Members. . . .

Scott Miller  
19747 Skyview Circle, Hutchinson, MN 55350  
1962 GT Hawk  
1964 Daytona 4 Door  
1966 Cruiser 4 Door

Michael Clasen  
2658 Chippewa Ave, N. St. Paul, MN 55109  
1961 Hawk

**Current Membership Count: 128**

## Missed, but not forgotten. . . .

Member Orrin Bye of Albert Lea, MN called to say that two additional North Star Club Members received awards at the Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet in August:

Best of Division - 1961 Lark Regal - Tom Ramaekers  
1st Place Division - 1955 V8 Commander - Orrin Bye

## DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

### SDC NATIONAL OFFICERS

President: Colin Fort  
Vice President: Linda Sinclair  
Secretary: Jan Lochmon  
Treasurer: Brian Millette

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# North Star Chapter

Annual Banquet - January 15, 2005

Social Hour 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Dinner at 2:00 PM

Meeting and Election of Officers to Follow



**Directions - Take Highway 36 East to Manning (Cty Rd 15). Go north on County Road 15 and go 3 miles north to railroad tracks. Just after the RR tracks take a right (east) onto Cty RD 64. Oak Glen is 1.5 miles east.**

**Reservations - Send Check to address below. Check payable to James Ringquist.**

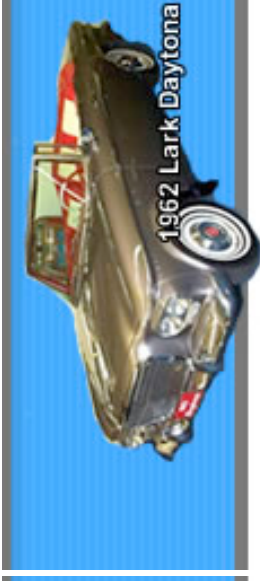
**JIM & ANDY RINGQUIST  
2863 30th St. SE  
BUFFALO, MN. 55313  
763-682-5423**

**Meal will be Buffet -- ROAST TURKEY; BAKED HAM; GARLIC MASHED POTATO; VEGETABLE OF THE DAY; CAESAR SALAD; ROLLS AND BUTTER; CASH BAR.**

**COST IS \$20.00 INCLUSIVE OF TAX AND TIP.**

**# OF PERSONS ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) x \$20.00 = TOTAL COST  
( \_\_\_\_\_ )**





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**Welcome to the official Web site of The Studebaker Drivers Club** – more than 13,000 members who share a passion for all things Studebaker, and especially enjoy sharing time, knowledge, fun and memories with their fellow members. Most SDC members also belong to one of more than 100 chartered local SDC chapters in most US States and Canadian Provinces. There are also affiliated Studebaker clubs around the world.

Whether you are a long-time Studebaker owner or a young person who has just discovered the magical appeal of these amazing cars and trucks, we invite you to browse these pages for information and links to the very extensive Studebaker world. You can find, contact and join your local SDC chapter. You can check out upcoming Studebaker events – from local cruise-ins to judged shows. And, of course, you can learn about the SDC, Studebaker history **and the great benefits of becoming a member of The Studebaker Drivers Club.**

**Are you a joiner? [CLICK HERE to go to the Polling Page!](#)**



## Make plans to go!

41st Annual

International Meet

**Spokane 2005**

Spokane, WA, August

15 - 19, 2005

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Welcome. You are visitor number: 21048

# Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Director Report. . . .

As your elected Director I have represented our Zone at two meetings this year of the SDC Board of Directors. I am writing now to bring everyone up to date on the actions of the SDC Board. But first I have to say that the Badger Wheels Chapter hosted a great Zone Meet in August at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Pat and I saw lots of nice Studebakers there and spoke to many old friends. We also met some new friends that we hope to see again at future meets. It was a meet that we will long remember as one of the best ever.

Be sure to mark June 10-12th on your calendar when the Heart of America Chapter will host our 2005 Zone Meet in Independence, Missouri. The Zone Meets are moved from one part of the zone to another so that everyone will have an opportunity to drive to one not too far from home. This one is combined with the annual All Missouri Meet, so it should have a large turnout. I encourage you to attend if you possibly can, I guarantee you will have a good time and make many new friends.

Speaking of driving, a number of our zone members drove their Studebakers to the 2004 International Meet at Charlotte, North Carolina, this past June. The meet activities were reported in the October *Turning Wheels*, so I won't repeat them here. As your Director I attended the Board Meeting which lasted all day Monday. Some of the highlights were:

A. The new philanthropic foundation previously approved by the Board and set up by Colin Fort has been given charity tax status by the IRS (under IRC 501 (c)3). This allows anyone who makes a contribution of money or a Studebaker vehicle or other Studebaker artifact to receive an income tax deduction for it. This Foundation for charitable giving is not connected with the Studebaker National Museum, which has its own 501 (c)3 rating. One of the first projects the new Foundation will investigate is to set up a scholarship fund.

B. A new SDC web master was appointed, Bob Shaw from our Zone. I had the pleasure of meeting Bob at the Chippewa Falls Zone Meet. He has some great ideas for new features on line. If you are not already a regular visitor to the SDC web site, go to [www.studebakerdriversclub.com](http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com) on the internet. The retiring web master was also from our zone, Mark van Deventer. Mark deserves our thanks for his many years of volunteer service to SDC.

C. An investigation is being commenced into the conduct of our former membership director. Updates on its findings will be reported in *Turning Wheels*.

D. Committees were set up to review the SDC Bylaws and the status of the SDC Club Store. I was appointed to both committees, so feel free to contact me about either subject. The current SDC Bylaws are to be printed as soon as practical in *Turning Wheels*. If you have any comments or suggestions on the Bylaws after reading them, please send them to me at [StudePubs@AOL.com](mailto:StudePubs@AOL.com).

E. New officers were elected: Colin Fort is the new president, Linda Sinclair (from our Zone) is the new Vice President, Jan Lockmon was reelected Secretary, and Brian Millette (from our Zone) was reelected Treasurer.

In August I made a motion by mail ballot which the Board passed which states that SDC chapters may bid to host future International Meets with or without the use of a meet hospitality firm, at the chapter's option.

In October I attended a special midyear SDC Board Meeting held at the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet in Mesa, Arizona. Minutes of the Arizona Board meeting will be published in a future *Turning Wheels*, so I will only report on the highlights:

A. The entire International Meet Committee retired and a new Committee Chairman was appointed to form a new IM Committee.

B. A representative from McPherson College gave a presentation about establishing a scholarship in auto restoration for the new Foundation to consider.

C. The Club Storekeeper job will be put up for competitive bids for next year. If you have any comments or suggestions, please email them to me.

D. A high quality Studebaker calendar will be produced for the year 2006 at no cost to SDC. Watch *Turning Wheels* for information on how you might be able to get your Studebaker pictured on one of the twelve months.

Finally, some especially good news to report. The first wall is already standing for the new home of the Studebaker National Museum in South Bend. I have enclosed a photograph of the work in progress which I hope could be passed around at your Chapter Christmas Party. I can remember when they first started planning for a Studebaker Museum in the early 1970's. After thirty years of temporary locations, a new permanent building is actually being built from the ground up. The Studebaker National Museum is in the midst of a fundraising drive and is soliciting contributions from SDC members or SDC Chapters. Be sure to stop by and look at the construction progress the next time you are in Indiana. There should be a grand opening celebration in about a year.

Pat and I wish you all a happy holiday season, and I thank you again for letting me be your representative on the SDC Board. Please feel free to contact me about any SDC issue at [StudePubs@AOL.com](mailto:StudePubs@AOL.com).

**Larry Swanson**

## ***New Studebaker Forum. . . . .***

If you haven't visited the new SDC web site yet check it out. Need help on a technical or general question about your Studebaker? Visit and ASK the Studebaker Forum page:

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***Season's Greetings to all and Happy New Year too!***

## ***FOR SALE, WANTED AND OTHER NOTICES. . . . .***

**FOR SALE** - Letter from Leo McKenna of Winona, MN: I have a 1955 Studebaker President Speedster 2 Door Hardtop. It is one of about 2,450 made in California. serial 7161840 and was bought in California by some celebrity; so the story goes. It has complete body, no engine or tranny. Horribly rusted frame. Body in intact but rusty. Nice stainless side and roof trim, complete dash with tach. Also has power steering pump (Saginaw? pump and bracket). Rear window and one quarter window are only glass not broken. I am asking \$700 for it; less gas allowance if someone buys it. My first attempt to sell it. Thank you for your consideration. Leo McKenna, 1179 W 10th St., Winona, MN 55987 (ends 4/05)

**FOR SALE** - 1949-53 Stude 3/4 ton truck for sale. Likely only for parts. \$450. EZ trailer job. Henry Votel 651-464-8112 eves. (ends 4/05)

**FOR SALE** - 1950 Stude Regular Coupe & parts car package for restor. \$3,000. OBO Ted Kroulik. Stephens, Mn. 218-478-2277 (ends 12/04)

**FOR SALE** - 2 Yellow valve covers for Stude V8 \$50 OBO, 2 "Studebaker" V8 valve covers for Chevy S.B. V8 Offer?, 1 Used aluminum master cylinder for 1951 Stude \$25 OBO, 1 Used master cylinder for 1952 w/hill holder \$40 OBO, 2 Used stainless steel fender covers \$65 OBO, 1 Tail lamp glass for 1952 \$75. Studybaker Bob, 651-731-6832 (ends 12/04)

**FOR SALE** - 1934 Studebaker fordor. Body is straight and grille is perfect. Somebody did work on it, so it's in primer, that's getting faded. Dash is good. Son moved to DesMoines and has no room for it there, so he told me to sell it. He'd like to get 1500, which is what he paid 10 years ago. I simply don't have the time to do it. Warren Sjoberg, 320-983-2138 (ends 12/04)

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***Got Studebaker stuff to sell or you want. . . .Tell the Members!***

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