



North Star Wheel

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Chapter Newsletter

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President's Notepad. . . .

Almost 30± Studebakers showed for our Annual Orphan Car Show at Rogers, MN on Labor Day. Weather was great and everyone enjoyed themselves.

I must mention that many attended the Badger Wheels Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet on August 27-28. That was a great event too with I'll bet 100+ Studebakers showing up. many congrats to the Badger Wheels SDC for a very well organized event!

Coming up is the North Star Chapter Fall Picnic on Saturday, Sept 25th. Plan to attend.

Heads up notice to all interested that Club Elections are coming up in January. Especially the office of President. After serving the past two years I feel that a new "captain" will benefit the club. So if you have an inkling give me a ring or let any other club officer know. Don't be bashful. Start campaigning now. Bring your Studebaker out to the picnic.

Jerry Pearson, stude.one@usfamily.net

Studebaker day in Annandale

July 17, 2004. What a beautiful day for a old fashioned Studebaker picnic, cruise and car show. Ed and Jean opened their homestead for a great potluck picnic and get together. 15 Studebakers showed up complete with drivers and passengers. We had plenty of time before, during and after our picnic for good fellowship and car talk.

Then we were off for our cruise from their home to Annandale, we cruised around town and then we were off to our car show at the Minnesota Pioneer Park, just outside of Annandale. Our 15 Studebakers grew to 19 at the park, plus a few other cruisers. What a great setting for a old fashioned car show. There are lots of building to visit and displays to see. I almost forget the most important thing, good old-fashioned BROWN'S ice cream cones and root beer floats.

Neal James [one of our members] had a super great display of 17 miniature steam engines that he made. What a craftsman he is, some of his engines were so small you could hold two of them in your hand. These engines run on different things, gas, ice water, hot water, and on body heat. This was worth the price of admission for the spectators or the trip for us cruisers.

Ed and Jean are thinking about having this as an annual event. The pioneer park put this in their brochure of main events of 2004. I want to thank Ed and Jean for opening there home for our club, and arranging the cruise and car show. This is what gets our cars out in the public eye. What more could you ask for, great place to enjoy, good food, outstanding fellowship, and an excellent place to show off our Studebakers. This is one of the most enjoyable of our events, and it's on the front page of their local paper. Way to go Ed and Jean.

Maynard and Joan Lemke

Zone Meet Awards to

Thanks to all the North Star Members who attended the Zone Meet in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. A special thank You to all who helped Judge the vehicles. The Following Members received recognition.

Marv Roberts, 1949 Champion Convertible, first place.
Harry Grimley, 1970 Avanti II, First Place
Steve Remick, 1955 Commander, First Place
Todd Langenfeld, 1958 Packard Hawk, Best of Division
James Rock, 1953 Commander, First Place
Gary Ottman, 1962 G T Hawk, Second Place

Arlan Vollan

Welcome New Members.

John & Todd Block
Marine on St. Croix, MN
1951 Champion Deluxe 4 Door

Current Membership Count: 123

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP 25

**NORTH STAR FALL PICNIC
PLYMOUTH, MN**

OCT 7

**CHAPTER MEETING
OCB IN MAPLE GROVE, MN**

OCT 10

**RED WING FALL COLOR CRUISE
RED WING, MN**

View from the Zone Meet. . .

The North Star Chapter had 35 total people at the meet, including members and families. Everyone I talked to said the event was great, with the exception of the Tailgate Party where they ran out of some of the food. This was not caused by poor planning on the part of the Badger Club or the Park Inn but rather the large number of attendees who thought they were to important to pre-register so an adequate amount of food could be prepared to feed everyone there. Remember always pre-register so events such as this can be a satisfying experience for all there.

Our club members won 5 1st place trophies and 1 Best In Class. I believe we only had 6 cars judged so this is excellent. There were rumors heard that it was disappointing to some that there were so few cars from the North Star Chapter. Next Zone Meet lets try to get more cars out if it's close by.

Arlan Vollan did a great job getting together volunteer judges and Buzz Beckman did great educating the new judges in a short time. From my viewpoint the judging was the most stringent I've ever been thru and the comments required on the judging sheet now lets everyone know exactly why points were taken off so problems can be corrected.

Comments by Jim Rock

Articles/Flyers for Newsletter

Times change and the way things are easiest done changes too. I have not personally received an actual "typewriter" written letter for years; a majority of folks today have a computer to key/print things. The Club newsletter is all computer text and graphics and has been for some time. For future text articles send text and pics by email; not printed out on paper because it must be rekeyed for publication and that is no longer practical under my service as newsletter guy. If you do not have digital photos; regular photos will still be accepted; just mention you are US mailing pictures in your email. Printed Event Flyers were used in the past because many were handed out at Club meetings or events. Today the flyer/event items travel by email and print so effective now all flyers must be in Acrobat pdf format sent by email. For pdf flyers contact Member Bob Shaw at 651-735-4656 or email: rrshaw@comcast.net. Bob is a professional graphics person and has volunteered to prepare pdf flyers for club events. Handwritten notes on for sale/wanted item will still be accepted; but of course emails are much easier. Thank you for all contributions and help with the newsletter

Henry Votel, Newsletter Guy

Monthly Newsletter access at NorthStarWheel.com

In order to preserve "privileges" for membership the email version of the monthly club newsletter will initially be available only by accessing the URL link in your email notice; for those receiving email notices. Current newsletters will not be available to the public at the web site until the following months edition has been published. No effect on you if you receive the print version of the newsletter by US mail.

2004 NORTH STAR WHEEL CHAPTER EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sep 25, 2004	Plymouth, MN	Chapter Meeting & North Star Fall Picnic	Details to follow. Hosts: Dean Elstad & Sandy Bergeron
Oct 7, 2004	Maple Grove, MN	6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Meeting	Chapter Meeting and Buffet Dinner. Old Country Buffet, Maple Grove 194 & Weaver Lake Rd
Nov 4, 2004	White Bear, MN	6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Meeting	Chapter Meeting and Buffet Dinner. Old Country Buffet, White Bear 694 & White Bear Ave
Dec 4, 2004		Chapter Meeting & Annual Christmas Party	Details to follow: Jim Ringquist, 763-682-5423. See Flyer.
Jan 10, 2005		Annual Meeting & Chapter Banquet	Details to follow: Jim Ringquist, 763-682-5423.

Find information on lots of other fun Minnesota Region Car Shows at:

<http://www.autoswalk.com/eventsshows.html>

North Star Chapter SDC Fall Picnic

Saturday, Sept 25th

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eat at noon, meeting to follow

Carlson Companies Pavilion

14440 Cheshire (across from 301 Carlson Parkway building, corner of Cheshire Pkwy and Carlson Pkwy)

Bring something to grill and something to share, plates, utensils, cups & chairs. Club provides beverages.

Head to I-394 and I-494 area of Minnetonka.

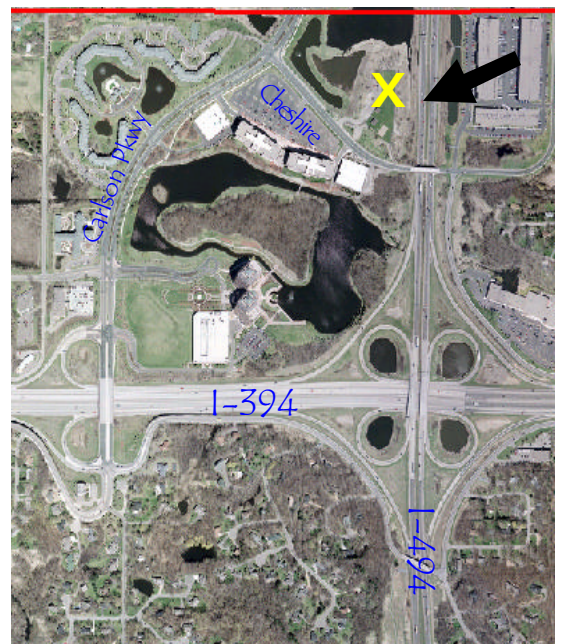
From westbound I-394, exit for I-494 & Carlson Pkwy, (get in far right lane just past Ridgedale).

Continue in exit lane west to Carlson Pkwy, head north to Cheshire.

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Continue in exit lane west to Carlson Pkwy, head north to Cheshire.

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*Put your heart
behind the wheel!*



Saint Paul to Red Wing Fall Color Cruise

Sunday, October 10, 2004 / 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This lovely, historic route features great natural beauty, charming villages and towns, dining, parks, galleries and antique shops. Rated by AAA as one of the top 5 drives in the US for fall color touring.

SATURDAY NITE--Free showing of American Graffiti

6:00 p.m./Mounds Theatre, St. Paul: Register early and attend a free movie at the newly-restored 1920s movie theatre.

SUNDAY--START

8:00 — 11:30 a.m./Indian Mounds Park, St. Paul: Free coffee, donuts, t-shirts, curbside car show and giveaways.

THE ROUTE

On the road: Follow the Great River Road from St. Paul to Wabasha to Red Wing. **Great shopping, eateries and roadside attractions.**

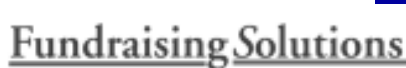
FINISH

Noon to 5 p.m./Red Wing: Curbside car show, entertainment, free food and beverages plus the **Red Wing Fall Festival of Arts!**

✓ **Free dash plaques to first 100 registrants!**

✓ **“Curb-side” auto shows at start and finish!**

✓ **Appearances by Mick “Barney Fife” Kieffer and his Mayberry squad car!**



Registration

Proceeds benefit Bolder Options and The Portage for Youth programs for at risk kids.

To participate in **Drive for Kids 2004**, complete and mail the form below with your payment or visit **ww.DriveForKids2004.com** to register online. Make checks payable to “Drive for Kids.”

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check enclosed Charge my credit card

Credit Card: _____

Expires: ____/____ Signature _____

Individual Driver--\$45 (\$50 after 10/3/04)
(1 vehicle, includes all passengers/1 free t-shirt) No. ____ of passengers

Club/Business--\$250 per organization
(\$275 after 10/3/04)
____ No. of vehicles (up to 6, 1 free t-shirt per vehicle)

Total \$ _____

Mail to: Drive for Kids / c/o The Portage for Youth / 965 Fremont Avenue / Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106

**Studebaker story from Mille Lacs Messenger
Forwarded to North Star Wheel by our Member Andy Ringquist
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To the Studebaker family Louie Richards of rural Isle is Mr. Studebaker and his family follows suit
-- Diane Gibas Prime Time Staff Writer

Louie Richards bought his first Studebaker in 1953 from the Chevy Garage in Isle. It was a used 1950. Donna Tramm owned it previously, Richards said. A man named Ledin owned the Chevy garage at the time. He told me to take it home. I had it there about a week, and he came out here and asked if I wanted the thing. I told him I'd been hunting. He said OK, and I bought the car, Richards said. The Richards second Studebaker was a 1959 Lark. We bought it in Mora. It was our first new car, Louie's wife Joyce said. Today the Richards don't have the first two Studebakers they bought, but they have plenty. Make it an even hundred, he said when asked how many he has. There may be a few



more, but that's easier. They tconvertibles, trucks, pickups, station wagons, two-door sedans, four-door sedans and a zip van. They even have a Packard and a Javelin. I think I m the biggest collector in Minnesota, Louie said. Not all of his cars are for show. He has some he uses for parts. The Richards belong to the Northland Wheels, a local car club out of Duluth. Last falls car show was the 30th show Louie and Joyce participated in and they have hosted two shows in Mora. The Richards son, Brad, daughter Lila and son-in-law Bruce Bandow and their grandchildren, Luke and Alecia Bandow, are also Studebaker fans and collectors. Luke received a Studebaker pickup for graduation. When I saw Luke got a Studebaker, I knew I'd get one too, Alecia said. She thought she would get a pickup too, but when she graduated she received an Avanti. It was the fastest production car of its kind,Alecia said. The speedometer goes up to 160. It has an all fiberglass body. It was Studebaker's answer to the Corvette. There were 809 1964 Avantis built, and only 281 of the R-2 super charged model, the car that Alecia has. Alecia has started her own collection. She now has 11 cars. The most recent one she got is a 1952 Champion she purchased at a show in Red Wing. She beat me to it. Otherwise, I would have got it, Bandow said. Alecia has gotten into the collection business so deep she has to start doing her own restoration work. Her Dad and Grandpa have too many of their own cars to work on, so she will take care of her cars. Studebaker started in business making wheel barrows for miners. Then they started making carriages, wagons for the pioneers and chuck wagons for the cowboys, before the company started building cars, Joyce said, . Abraham Lincoln's funeral carriage is in the Studebaker museum in South Bend, IN. In 1952 the company celebrated their 100th anniversary, but in 1964, they discontinued production at the South Bend plant. In 1965 and 1966 Studebakers were produced in Ontario, Canada. But 1966 was the last year they were built. The plant in Canada used GM motors in the cars built there. Louie Richards oldest car is from 1947. Studebaker was years ahead of its time, Richards said. The Wagonaires had a sliding roof that is new againto a different breed of car. They also had a hill holder clutch, Bandow said. It would allow the driver to not roll backward on a hill when they took their foot off the brake to start up again, he explained. The heaters on the Studebakers would blow the heat all the way through the car along the floor and into the trunk. In 1963 they put disc brakes in Studebakers, and in the 60s they had transistorized (electronic) ignitions. The Richards family takes their Studebakers to car shows. They drive the cars to each show. When you have a collector plate you can only drive the car to and from a scheduled event, Joyce said. If they want to get the cars on the road they have to drive them to a show. The Richards live on a dirt road so they always have to clean the cars when they get to a show. This June they took four cars to the Onamia Days Auto Show and came home with three trophies. We went to California with one Studebaker and came home with two, Alecia said of a trip with her Grandparents. We had a lot of fun going out West. The Richards have traveled all over the country with their cars. They have gone to international collectors shows, but this year they will not attend the event in Charleston, NC because Louie recently had surgery. Louie's favorite car is a 66 Daytona. He has taken it to Portland and Ontario to car shows and he likes the 65 Daytona Wagonaire. Wagonaires were made with a sliding roof. The Richards have pictures of the Studebaker plant in Indiana. It shows the grounds of the plant with a driving track. Studebaker tested their cars before they gave them to the public. They never had any recalls, Richards said. Richards has a few Larks and a 1958 Packard that was built the year Studebaker bought out Packard. I bought it from a guy in Grand Rapids. He told me it wouldn't go in reverse, so don't park where you have to back up. I'm smart enough to know when a car won't go in reverse, it's low on transmission fluid, Louie said. I drove around and got to a service station. I put three pints of transmission fluid in the car, and it went into reverse. The Richards hobby has brought them into the age of technology. They recently bought a Wagonaire over eBay. Restoring, showing and collecting Studebakers, and memorabilia that goes along with the cars, keeps Richards and his whole family busy. Working on the cars together keeps all three generations of the family close. Though Studebakers are no longer made, Avanti still makes cars at a plant in Georgia and has begun to produce an SUV with a starting price of \$75,000. It looks like a Hummer and offers engines with a V8 or a V10. It's not a collector item yet, but when it is, the Richards will probably add one to their collection.

photo1 BY diane gibas The Richards clan includes son Brad, son-in-law Bruce Bandow, wife Joyce, granddaughter Alecia and Louie with his back to the camera, showing off his favorite shirt that reads, Love is ... Studebakers and grand kids. -- Mille Lacs Messenger News Dept.

photo2 BY diane gibas Joyce and Louie in her Studebaker Lark convertible.



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FOR SALE - Hawk wheel covers (4) @ \$30 each or all 4 for \$100. '56? Packard wheel covers (4) @ \$30 each or all 4 for \$100. 2 Lark hood ornaments, \$10 ea. Misc. Lark mechanical parts, distr cap, volt reg, 4 push button dr handles, 2 Lark instrument panel clusters. 1 Packard spotlight \$20. Full width rear wheel splash flap rubber for wagon. Dusty Dustin 763-425-8165 (ends 11/04)

FOR SALE - 1950 2 door Champ Coupe for restore, '50 4 door Champion for extra parts. Asking \$1,000 Greg 320-3596-9833 (ends 11/04)

FOR SALE - 1949 Champion Conertible, V*, new tires, 100,000K, nice co \$12,000 OBO, Wayzata, MN Barb Rutten 952-404-1439 (ends 11/04)

WANTED - Front fenders for '55 Truck. Bill Wielenski 320-632-8664 (ends 11/04)

WANTED - For 1958 Lark VIII 2 door wagon: fenders, hood, left fender chrome trim, 4 barrel manifold and 4 speed trans. Ken M. Sanver 763-493-8460 (ends 11/04)

FOR SALE - 1963 Lark Parts car. \$75 OBO Lots of good parts; some not so good, Jeff Hopman 701-277-3640 (eves), 701-451-3737(days)

FOR SALE - 1948 Studebaker Champion Convertible. 6 cylinder stick. Grey/Red interior/Black top. A restored beauty \$19,500. Tower, MN Ron Rosa 218-753-4400 or 651-270-9006. (ends 9/04)

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 9/14)

FOR SALE - NORS Set of 4 1950-51 Champion Hubcaps. Richard Quinn reproductions and never installed. John Tomschin, 763-545-6634 (ends 9/14)

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