



# North Star Wheel

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Chapter Newsletter

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## Picnic Report. . . .

We would like to thank all the members who attended our 4th Annual Studebaker Picnic. We had 12 beautiful cars & trucks attend and the day was gorgeous, sunny but not too warm.

As usual members brought excellent side dishes to the pot luck and there was more than we could eat. At 12:45 after our lunch we drove in a convoy to Annandale and toured the beautiful historic main street which has been restored as it was back in 1904 and viewed some of grand old homes built at the turn of the century.

From Annandale we drove to the Minnesota Pioneer Park. This is a historic park depicting a village with stores and shops as they were in the early 1900's. We parked our Studebakers amongst these buildings until 3 pm. and were pleased with the spectator attendance from the community.

One of the highlights of the event was having member John and



Mary Block from Marine on St. Croix haul their familys 1895 Studebaker buggy to this event. Thanks John.

Also thanks goes out to Neal James for his second showing at this event of his award winning miniature stationary hand built engines.

The local newspaper the Annandale Advocate was on hand and their editor did a wonderful story with pictures on the event in the weekly newspaper. The Pioneer Park Board was pleased with the attendees the event drew and would like us to consider coming back next June.

Ed & Jean Skomoroh

## South Bend visit . . . .

South bend Indiana, May 5, 2005. Plant 80, constructed in 1942 to



build engines for the B 17. 1945 converted to Studebaker truck assembly plant. In 1961 Studebaker built the Hawk at this plant. 1963 & 64 Avantis were built at this plant.

Used today by AM General to build HUMVEEs for the Army.

Arlan Vollan

## Mystery Cruise Coming Up. . . .

The group will meet Saturday, August 6th at 10:30 am at Denny's in Rogers, MN, Why 94 and Cty. Rd. 101. Please RSVP to Gene Bauer so they know whom to expect. The cruise will end up in Little Falls, renowned home of Charles Lindberg. A visit is planned to his boyhood home and museum. This sounds like it will be a great time and I am sorry that I will miss it. Hope to hear that a great number of Studebakers attend. Call Gene Bauer to RSVP at: 763-295-8778.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY 23RD**

**7TH ANNUAL POKER RUN**

**AUGUST 6TH**

**MYSTERY CRUISE AND LUNCHEON**

**AUGUST 7TH**

**NORTH LAND WHEELS 34TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP - DULUTH, MN**

**AUGUST 15TH**

**SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET**

**AUGUST 20TH**

**NSC MINNE-NATIONAL - ST. PAUL**

**SEPT 3RD**

**ORPHAN CAR SHOW & BOARD MEETING**

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## Poker Run. . . .

As is tradition, details are in the dealers' hand. The Poker Run  
meets July 23rd at Maynard & Joan Lemkes Plymouth, MN home.  
Social hour from 10-11:00 am. Depart about 11:00 am.

## Chapter Fall Picnic. . . .

Plan on attending the club Annual Chapter Picnic on Saturday,  
Sept. 24, Jim and Cheryl Rock have volunteered to take over  
the picnic. Details will be forthcoming, If you have any questions  
please call them: 651 436 2215.

## Member Passing. . . .

Todd Langenfeld advised that North Star Chapter Member Ray  
Kohler of Centerville, Mn, (Not to be confused with Fred Koehler of  
Wi), passed away in his sleep on June. You may remember Ray as  
the fellow who owns the nice red 1953 Stude Champion. Ray joined  
the North Star Chapter about 3 years ago happy to own his  
Studebaker and be involved in Club activities. He will be missed.

## Old Ads. . . .

Via email from Larry Swanson, SDC Board Member. Here's a hard to  
find 1962 Studebaker Lark fleet ad for your enjoyment! From Ed  
Meyer, MO/IL Gateway Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club.



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APRIL 1962

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# ORPHAN CAR SHOW

## Ellingson Car Museum

20950 Rogers Dr, Rogers MN (north side I-94, east of Hwy 101)

**1975 and older - American & Foreign**

Some "Orphan" Marquee's: Studebaker, Hudson, Packard, Frazer, Tucker, Rambler, Nash, Metropolitan, Edsel, Auburn, DeSoto, MG, Rockne, Stutz, Graham, LaSalle, Hupmobile, Kaiser, Franklin, Essex, Terraplane, AMC, Cord, Reo, MGA, Kissel, Darrin, Avanti, DeLorean, Bricklin, Sunbeam, Morris Minor, Crosley, Jensen Healy, Messerschmitt, Austin Healey, Willys and more!  
*This year we are featuring Pierce Arrow's!*

### Saturday - September 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Trophy Plaques to best "42" vehicles

(21 Orphans and 21 "Still Made" Vehicles) – 11 more trophies this year!!!!!!!

**Voting by entrants - Two classes: Orphans and "Still Made"!**

*Sponsored by:* The Studebaker Drivers Club, North Star Chapter & Ellingson Car Museum

[www.northstarwheel.com](http://www.northstarwheel.com)

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**Entry: \$7 for car, driver & one passenger day of show.**

**\$2 for spectators, (over 65 & under 12 free)**

**Gates open at 8 a.m.**

For information: 651 635-0161 or 763 560-9191 *after 6 p.m.*

Registration Form – Please fill this out before you arrive!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Features: \_\_\_\_\_

# North Star Chapter Minne-National Coming Up. . . .

Saturday, August 20th is scheduled for the North Star Chapter Minne-National. Meet in Downtown St. Paul on Kellogg Boulevard at 5:30 pm to group up. We'll get set up and be part of the Downtown St. Paul Car Show that evening. For details contact Jerry Pearson at 651-635-0161(h) or 651-343-1730(cell). See you there.

## **BACK IN TIME: THROUGH THE YEARS - PEOPLE AND EVENTS**

### **By Kathleen Stiso Mullins**

The Studebaker family entertained members of the Pan-American Congress in 1899 at Tippecanoe Place despite a recent fire in the home. In the latter part of the 19th century, wealth was measured by ostentation. It was during those years that Clement Studebaker decided to build a new family home.

In 1886, Studebaker spent much of his time studying plans and materials and working with Henry Ives Cobb, one of Chicago's most successful architects. Cobb's work was strongly influenced by Henry Hobson Richardson, and Cobb's design style is often referred to as "Richardson Romanesque."

The intention of Richardson and his followers was to create a mood of security, permanence and stability in their architectural designs. This is apparent when looking at the strong line of Tippecanoe Place -- the mansion that was the home of the Clement Studebaker family.

The site selected for the home was the 600 block of West Washington, the oldest and most elegant residential area in the city. Ground was broken in the spring of 1886. Granite boulders from St. Joseph County were selected for the walls to help create the sense of indestructibility and defiance, so common in the Romanesque style.

The 40 rooms in the home were heated by an elaborate central heating system of gravity-fed hot water, fired by coal and wood. Twenty individual fireplaces also were used to warm the rooms. Tippecanoe Place was originally gas-lit and electrified later than many other homes in the city. The hydraulically operated elevator, installed when the home was built, was one of the first in Indiana. A two-story stone carriage house built behind the mansion was used by the South Bend Art Center from 1947 until it was destroyed by fire in 1962. Beyond the carriage house stood large conservatories where a full-time gardener and several helpers raised plants and flowers for the home.

On Oct. 27, 1888, the "largest party of the season" was held at Tippecanoe Place. More than 200 guests were invited to the Studebakers' new home.

By February 1889, the family was fully moved into Tippecanoe Place, and a major social affair at the home was planned for Oct. 18, 1889, during the Pan-American Congress. But disaster struck on the morning of Oct. 9. Early on that morning Mrs. Studebaker was awakened by a servant who smelled burning wood and paint. The house was rapidly engulfed in flames and smoke. Mrs. Studebaker ran quickly to collect her grandson George Jr. from his nursery. She rushed through the flames and thick smoke, with her grandchild in her arms, until she found her way to the great doors in the front of the home.

THROUGH THE YEARS is a Michiana history column coordinated by Travis Childs from the Northern Indiana Center for History. For more information about the column, visit [www.centerforhistory.org](http://www.centerforhistory.org).

Clement Studebaker and George Jr.'s parents were out of town at the time of the fire. The servants and guests in the house at the time all escaped. After the fire, the stone walls remained intact, as did portions of the interior. Everything else was heavily damaged by water and smoke. Workmen immediately began cleaning up the debris and drying out the interior. A large canvas was stretched over the top floor to replace the burned-out roof. Ten days later, the Studebakers went ahead with their party, entertaining 150 members of the Pan-American Congress in the lower level of their burned-out home. And Mr. Studebaker immediately started developing plans for rebuilding.

Members of the Studebaker family continued to live in Tippecanoe Place until 1933 when bankruptcy forced the last Studebakers who lived in the house, George Jr. and his wife, to seek more modest living quarters.

In 1935, the home was considered for use as an "Old Peoples' Home"; in 1938 there was talk of demolishing the structure and erecting in its place a gymnasium and auditorium. In 1940, the Sisters of the Resurrection considered purchasing the home for a boarding school and convent. E.M. Morris finally purchased the building in 1941 and presented it to the City of South Bend for use as a school for handicapped children. During World War II, the house was turned over to the Red Cross for use as its headquarters. Then, in 1947, it became the E.M. Morris School for Crippled Children. For more than 23 years the school occupied Tippecanoe Place, which was next used for a short time by the South Bend School Corp.

In the early 1970s, the title to the home was returned to the heirs of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, who in turn presented it to Southhold Restorations. Southhold maintained and rented the home for weddings, receptions, parties and meetings for five years. It was sold in 1979 to Continental Restaurant Systems.

In May 1980, after a \$2.5 million renovation, Tippecanoe Place opened as a restaurant. Since 1888, Tippecanoe Place has been a focal point in our community. It has been a place for elegant social affairs and a home for social concerns. Today, the home, and the West Washington National Historic District in which the home stands, provides an opportunity to step back into the past.

Kathleen Stiso Mullins is a former executive director of the Northern Indiana Center for History in South Bend.

## *North Star Minutes. . . .*

### **North Star Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club**

#### **Board Meeting – July 9, 2005**

Members Present: Jerry Pearson, Jim Ringquist, Joan Lemke, Fern Gieselman, Jim Rock, Maynard Lemke

There was discussion regarding our donation to the Studebaker National Museum in South Bend, Indiana as that is now a reality. We have \$5000 in a CD designated for that purpose which will come due in two years. Discussion ensued regarding presenting the money at the International Meet in Spokane Washington or waiting until the CD is due and presenting it at the Zone Meet in South Bend in 2007. M-Maynard/S-Jim to present the money in the CD at the International Meet. All in favor. After further discussion regarding the \$1000 earned from the 1999 Zone Meet hosted by our club, there was an amended motion. M-Maynard/S-Joan to donate \$7000 which is the \$5000 CD plus interest and the \$1000 from the zone meet. Carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

M-Maynard/S-Jim to donate \$300 each year to Food Shelf. Discussion followed regarding previous Food Shelf donations, past and upcoming donation for Ride for Kids and its significance when applying for a non-profit status for our club. All in favor.

M-Maynard/S-Joan to host the 2008 Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet in Minnesota. Maynard and Jim Rock have been researching possible sites to see if it feasible to host this event. All in favor. Several members have expressed interest in being part of the planning committee – Ed Skomoroh, Bob Shaw, Jim Ringquist and Steve Remick.

Maynard presented information on the activity calendar for 2006. Jim and Andy Ringquist have offered to host the annual Get the Cars out. Maynard requested input regarding changing the annual picnic from September to August so it does not not conflict with the International Meet in Omaha.

There was discussion regarding cost of newsletter including printing and postage and whether there should be a dues increase. There was no action taken.

There was discussion regarding a request to include the Northland Wheel activity calendar with ours. It was decided that the two calendars should be kept separate.

All decisions will be presented at the general membership meeting approval.

**Meeting Adjourned.**  
**Fern Gieselman, Secretary**

#### **Membership Meeting – July 9, 2005**

Recommendations from the July 9, 2005 Board Meeting were presented at the Membership Meeting.

M-Maynard/S-Jim to donate \$7000 to the Studebaker National Museum at the International Meet in Washington. Approved

M-Cheryl/S-Jim to donate \$300 each year to the Food Shelf. This shall be done in March during the annual Food Shelf Campaign. Approved.

M-Betty/S-Joan to host the 2008 Zone Meet. The date is yet to be decided pending date and site of the International Meet. Approved.

Maynard presented additions/changes to the 2006 calendar. Ringquists will host the 2006 Get the Cars Out. The annual fall picnic will be changed from September to August.

**Meeting Adjourned.**  
**Fern Gieselman, Secretary**

## *North Star Chapter History. . . . .*

I was the only person who took my test from last month's newsletter. Listed Studebaker Dealerships in Minnesota were: Burke's Studebaker in Anoka, Randolph Light Inc. of Minneapolis and Rauschnot's Studebaker of St. Paul.

The extra credit story was that in 1969 when I purchased my first 1957 Golden Hawk I went to Rauschnot's to get information on how to restore the vehicle because it had a bad clutch and numerous floor rust throughs. At that time I was told by Rauschnot that it wouldn't be worth the money to fix this vehicle because Studebaker parts would just be harder and harder to get over the years. On his advice I sent the car to the junkyard.

This months history: What's in a Name?

The "Studebaker" family first arrived in America on September 1, 1736. The ship's purser spelled their name Slottenbecker. In 1739, one of the original brothers spelled the last name Stdenbecker. In 1751 the same brother spelled the name Stdonbecker. In 1790, all the relatives of the original 3 brothers lived in Pennsylvania. The various spellings of the family name were Studibaker, Studibecker, Studbecker, Studebecker and Studebeker

In 1804 Adam moved to Ohio and purchased land there using the spelling Studebaker. The rest of the family adopted the Studebaker spelling when Clem and the boys became successful at building wagons and buggies.

This information per Dr. Richard Studebaker of the Studebaker Family National Association.

**Jim Rock**  
**Chapter Historian**



# Swap Meet & Car Show

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 am - 4 pm

PROCTOR/Duluth/So. St. Louis Co. Fairgrounds  
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 U.S. Hwy 2 intersects Boundary Ave. in Proctor

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 Children under 12 FREE with adult  
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**F** Buy  
**l** Sell  
**e** Swap  
**a** Cars  
**M** Parts  
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# The Great Race & Old #9

Early news from the Great Race from Don and Helen Albrecht.



Dennis Barfield is the owner and driver of old #9, Bill Schaffer is his Navigator.

1916 Studebaker racer at the end of the great race resting in Tacoma Wash. The race started in Washington D.C. in front of the White House and ended for Old number 9 at Walla Walla Washington when the over drive transmission went ka-put.

#9 was trailered there to Tacoma (How ever # 9 did make it over the finish line under its own power, with the tranny grinding.)



Received courtesy of Larry Swanson.





# North Star Wheel

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

FOR SALE - 1957 Studebaker President Classic, Blue/green & turquoise, 289 V/8, 4 bbl., 3-speed with overdrive, 34,000 miles, Can be seen in Buffalo, MN. Call Keith, 763-222-3366. (ends 10/05)

FOR SALE - 1953 Studebaker, 2DHT, Street Rod LT1, Good Title, Good Condition, PIX Available. \$9,500, Contact David Swanson, Cell: 612-281-5687, email: dvdswns@aol.com or dswanson@bismn.com (ends 10/05)

FOR SALE - 1953 Studebaker Commander Coupe V8. Less than 200 miles on engine overhaul by master Studebaker mechanic (Lawrence Burke). Body solid throughout. California car. Original paint. Minor dents on trunk lid. New exhaust and battery. Needs new interior. \$9000. Contact John Becker. 612-721-2768 beckercom@aol.com (ends 10/05)

FOR SALE - a) Two complete rear end assemblies. One for 1955 Commander sedan, and the other for 1960 Lark convertible 6 cyl. \$80.00 for the pair. b) One 1955 Commander radiator @ \$25.00. c) One 1960 Lark radiator @ \$25.00. d) Four 1960 Lark rims and tires. \$32.00 for the four. Contact Jim Ringquist 763-682-5423. (ends 10/05)

FOR SALE- '63 Avanti R2, nice; '51 Champion convertible, restorable; '63 Wagonaire station wagon, restorable; '63 Super lark 2dr, restorable. Call for prices and more info, all cars located in Western Wisconsin for easy pickup. Jim Bielicki 612-871-4483 (ends 9/05)

FOR SALE - 1960 lark with a parts car. \$800 Tom Donahue, 612 799 8017 cell, 952 472 4456. (ends 9/05)

FOR SALE - 1952 Starlite Coupe. Zumbro Falls, MN Pretty much all there but kinda rough. Wrap around windows very good. Been kept inside. Donald Roberson, 507-753-2510. Best Offer. Newsletter Guy Henry Votel has seen this car. If you want to hear what i know give me a call at 651-426-1610 days. (ends 9/05)

FOR SALE - 1950 2 Dr Sedan. Has title. All there and running condition recently. A good project car. Rust in usual places. Located in Rochester, MN \$750 OBO Randy Lane 507-280-7644(shop), 507-288-2383(home). Newsletter Guy Henry Votel has seen this car. If you want to hear what i know give me a call at 651-426-1610 days. (ends 9/05)

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

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