



# NorthStarWheel

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Chapter Newsletter

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

Greetings from the Pres. The Orphan show is over. 25 Orphans and 30 still mades had a free car wash and everyone got rather wet. Jan Rasset and I tried to do a quick vote tally, but not quick enough. Most folks crowded under the tent as the rain started. Some went inside Ellingson's. Everyone received their awards but two Studebakers. If we missed you let us know and I will get you an award .

September is still busy. Coming up in September is our Fall Picnic at Carlson Park in Plymouth. Then in October we have our first Old Country Buffet Meeting in Maplewood on the 6th at 7:00 pm. The Kids Fun Run to Red Wing MN is October 8th .

Noted cars at the Show: Jan and Mike Rasset showed their new 57 President, (formerly Kieth & Karen Rust's previously the Millette's). Then the 1938 Diamond T flat bed of Kellie & Don Tylers; what a nice Truck. Maybe w should have a "Put the cars away Day" with an oil change get together? Steve might have enough oil for us"

Well that's all folks. Hope your Studebakers have dried out by now.

**Jerry Pearson, stude.one**

## *Museum Opening Ceremonies*

I am writing to update you on the progress of the construction of the new Studebaker National Museum building.

Construction is complete—only a few items on the "punch list" remain. The building exterior blends beautifully with the exterior of the Center for History and the red awnings really make it "pop"! The Bullet Nose Gallery—the glassed wall area facing Chapin Street is spectacular! Similarly exciting is the majestic staircase that includes a landing from which to observe an authentic "car drop", reminiscent of actual Studebaker production.

The generously proportioned Atrium features the "Studebakery Café", video/orientation alcove, information center, benches, etc. with liberal usable space for receptions, lectures, and other events. The dramatic skylight offers stunning ambiance for daytime events and the large mosaic Lazy S logo is quite dramatic. Hydraulic lifts in the Lower Level cleverly hold vehicles in "double-decker" fashion, visible to the public.

Our staff and the professional museum design and fabrication firms have developed dazzling yet functional exhibits and interpretive pavilions. The interactive exhibits are both fun and educational, especially the "Build Your Own Car" kiosk!

The History in the Making Capital Campaign is moving along. We continue to secure leadership gifts from the community, and the campaign to the Studebaker Drivers Club is successful as well. We need a minimum of \$700,000 to reach our goal of \$3.9 million but we intend to work to exceed our goal to build the endowment.

The "public" appeal is just in its early stages; we hope to raise \$300,000 through brick sales, custom merchandise sales, and special event revenue.

The State of Indiana has approved our renovation plans for the former Jelly's Bar building into an Archive Center/Research Library. This federally funded project will be completed in the summer of 2006. This is yet another way the Studebaker building project will enhance the Historic District in general, and protect the investments made in the Center for History and the Studebaker Museum in particular.

Opening Ceremonies are planned for October 28, 29, and 30, 2005. We really hope you attend all or part of the weekend events. Watch for information in Turning Wheels and the Museum News(wrapped around the Museum Store catalog).

**Becky Bonham, for the Studebaker Museum**

## *Jean & Ed are going. . . .*

Becky Bonham who heads up the museum has been keeping me up to date on the progress and I just received this today. I am personally very excited to know that the official opening is right around the corner. It would be great if a large group of the North Star Chapter could be present for this event. Jean and I plan on going and attending the Black Tie Dinner. I understand it will be a very special formal event. A great way to may a contribution. If you are interested give me a call about details.

**Ed Skomoroh**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SEP 24TH**  
**FALL PICNIC, CARLSON PARK**  
**PLYMOUTH, MN**

**OCT 6TH**  
**CHAPTER MEETING**  
**OLD COUNTRY BUFFET**  
**MAPLEWOOD, MN**

**OCT 8TH**  
**RIDE FOR KIDS**  
**ST. PAUL, MN**

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[http://studebakerdriversclub.com/ev\\_MN.asp](http://studebakerdriversclub.com/ev_MN.asp)

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**138 Members, 80 Members have email addresses.  
24 receive paperless newsletter version.**

## *Make Plans for Omaha. . . .*

The first SDC International Meet I attended was 2001 in Red Wing. I'd bought my 1960 Hawk not too long before and had just joined the SDC and the North Star Chapter. So, I registered for "display only" and, upon luring my wife on the pretense of a Treasure Island Casino run, we drove the Hawk down to see what all the hullabaloo was about.

Well, of course, it was an amazing experience even if it was for one brief day. Every year since then, I've longed to attend another International Meet but, alas, work and other obligations kept getting in the way. Anyway, it was with great anticipation that I found myself in a position to attend the 2005 Meet in Spokane!

Sure, it would only be for a couple of days and I'd have to leave the Hawk behind in Woodbury in favor of a NWA 737 (as it turned out with air conditioning, tray table and overhead light problems!). But, I got there and had a wonderful time. The cars, trucks and people were terrific and most impressive the atmosphere was exciting.

Next year, the SDC International Meet is just down the road in Omaha, September 2006. Everyone in the North Star Chapter should start making plans right now to clear your calendar, schedule a few days vacation, or even get your "sick days" story straight so you can attend. Omaha's central US location ensures you'll see more Studebakers than you can imagine, vendors from both coasts, cool tours, and a whole community of nice folks.

I really hope there's a huge North Star Chapter contingent in Omaha next year and I plan to be among you. I especially hope those with "driver" Studebakers choose to go. The concours judging is just one part of the Meet and your Studebaker, whatever its cosmetic condition, I can guarantee you it will be equally admired and appreciated. So, make plans for Omaha next year. Anyone up for a caravan? Let's see...we could run down I-35...naw, let's travel the two-lane... Give me a ring at 651-735-4656 or rrrshaw@comcast.net

## **Bob Shaw, Member**

## *Hello? . . . .*

Usually I don't answer phone calls even if I am sitting next to a phone. I hate phones, and I hate talking to telemarketers. In a moment of weakness a couple of weeks ago, I picked up the phone and said, Hello. A familiar voice answered and said this is John. Hey, I only know one John, it was Colorado John Lidberg, what a great surprise. John gave Jean and I an update. He is settled in his beautiful new home. (we got a picture of it in the mail several days later). He has been touring the countryside getting familiar with car events and the local Studebaker Chapter. He indicated that he is going to offer his services but does not want to take on any chairperson role. Boy I am sure his new local chapter doesn't realize that they have just picked up a member who has an unlimited knowledge when it comes to shows and events. I envy them, their gain and our loss. John also mentioned that he is working on his Studebaker Rod, it needs some front end work, but nothing major. Heck John will tackle anything so nothing is major to him. He says Barb and he are enjoying their new home, but I think his heart is still here in Minnesota. John's new address and phone number is in the latest Roster. Why not make contact, I know he would like to hear from the North Star Chapter members.

## **Ed Skomoroh**



THE

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**North Land Wheels Meeting Schedule, 2005**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at Proctor Blackwoods Restaurant**, U.S. Highway 2 and Boundary Avenue. Scheduled time is 1:00 pm but if you arrive like 12:30 you can order from their Sunday breakfast menu.

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm will be our excursion to McGregor, MN and the Fireside Inn buffet.** The Chapter foots the bill for the buffet in exchange for helping prepare mailings for our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet and Car Show. Once dinner and the work is done we'll move to Ron's Antique Shop in McGregor for a tour and a little shopping.

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, We will tour to Grand Rapids, MN** to meet and visit with some of our Western Minnesota members. Destination will be, member Pat Casey's Heritage Tire Store in Grand Rapids. 1100 Pokegama Ave. South. Phone number: 218-326-0042. Lunch arrangements and other activities will be forth-coming in a later edition.

**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at The Upper Deck Restaurant**, 1415 N. 46<sup>th</sup> St. Superior, Wisconsin. (that's actually at the airport, next to the fairgrounds & across from Menard's on South Tower Ave.) Dinner at 6:00 pm with meeting to follow.

**(Chapter meetings for the rest of 2005 will be held at Upper Deck Restaurant)**

**Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:00pm** - Work meeting, stuffing envelopes for car show

**Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm** - Final preparations for swap meet & car show

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet & Car Show @ Proctor Fairgrounds**

**Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm** - Reports on swap meet & car show

**Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 6:00pm**

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm**

**No November meeting...**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm**  
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*Jim Van Dell from the Northland Wheel Chapter sends along a picture of the new fuel gauge that will be in 2006 vehicles. . . . .*





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NOTICE - Old Salvage yard at Delano is being closed. Discounting off Old Classic Cars. Call Greg: 763-972-6969 Wednesdays PM and Saturdays. Yard is not open daily so access by appointment. Worth a trip. Selling complete cars cheap. (ends Jan/Feb 06)

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