



# North Star Wheel

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Chapter Newsletter

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## From the back of the Champ. . . .

Spring is slowly making its way here at this year. We had a fantastic meeting at the Blacksmith on April 8th. Lots of fun stuff with the Show and Tell theme, from Henry Votel's mystery piece to Ed Skomoroh sharing the pictures and times he spent with the famous industrial designer Brooks Stevens. Great time. Don't miss the next Chapter Meeting!



The next chapter event is at Get the Cars (and Trucks) Out. The location has changed to the Carlson Companies Park, 12:00 Noon, 14400 Cheshire Parkway, Minnetonka. It's the place we've held the September picnic at the last few years. See the enclosed map or check the web page. Bring your lawn chairs, something to share and something to grill. Chapter provides beverages. Drive your Studebaker or anything else to kick off the collector vehicle season. Hope you can join us.

We would love to see you and your Studebaker (or other classic cars) and all your friends, relatives and coworkers at the Memorial Day Car Show in Hugo on Monday, May 28th. Spread the word about the show. The committee again is focusing activities around Memorial Day and it will be a wonderful time. Besides membership dues, this is one of the two fund raisers the club does each year. If you haven't heard, it's \$10 per vehicle and from a donation by the Blacksmith Lounge spectators will enter free! I hope you can make it and also volunteer some time assisting that day.

Then right around the corner is the SDC International Meet hosted by the new Studebaker Museum in South Bend. The car show on Thursday and vendors are out at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, just south of town. We will have a table in one of the buildings there to promote our 2008 UMW Zone meet. Similar to Omaha, if you can spare a shift or two helping tend the table, it will be greatly appreciated. There was always a fun group hanging around our table. Check last month's newsletter for the different caravans rolling to South Bend.

As you drive your Studebaker and attend meets, street shows or just stop for snacks this summer, don't be shy in talking up our great national club and local chapter. There is great support offered by our many members and one doesn't have to own a vehicle to participate or belong. It is really fun to chat with folks because you usually hear "my grandpa had Studebakers, never drove anything else. I wish we'd have kept that old truck.. Maynard Lemke has put together another fun filled year of events: the poker run, the picnic at Skomoroh's and Pioneer Museum in Annandale and all the other car shows you know and love. Take Care. Call or email if you have any questions or comments.

Dean Elstad, President  
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Fern Gieselmann  
Secretary

Dean presented a proposed budget for the Orphan Car Show. It is proposed to charge \$1.00 for spectators which will go to Operation Up-Link for calling cards for deployed military personnel. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 24th, 7:00 pm at Lunds in Plymouth.

Jim Rock, Chapter Historian, indicates he has some excess club memorabilia. He will bring to the Chapter Meeting so members can take if they would like some. Dean presented a report on newsletter and membership. We now have 160 members. The newsletter is now being processed by the postal service at a fair savings to the club and a lot less work for the editor. Each newsletter costs .71 vs. .97 previously, saving about \$20 an issue.

Joan Lemke gave the Treasurers' Report. She also indicated that a memorial check for \$50 still has not been cashed so it has been added back into the account. Joan presented a thank you letter from Northpoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc for the \$203 Food Shelf donation, percentage of Car Show profits. She also presented a thank you letter for the donation for trophies for the International Meet. Jim Ringquist discussed merchandise sales at International Meet. We need volunteers.

Donation for Ride for Kids was brought up but tabled until the July Board Meeting. Jim Ringquist reported that the Annual Christmas part will again be at Lord Fleichers in Minnetonka. The date is December 8th..

Due to cancellation of previous site, Maynard checked on the availability of Carlson Park for Get the Cars Out. M-Rock/S-Maynard to hold this event at Carlson Park on May 12th. Carried. M-Joan/S-Maynard to donate \$150 to Pioneer Park in Annandale. The club parades to Pioneer Park after a club picnic at Skomoroh's June 30. All club cars and members enter the park free of charge. Carried.

The following recommendations were made by the board. M-Rock/S-Ringquist to move agenda item Zone Meet to top of agenda. Carried. M-Rock/S-Lemke to transfer funds in following amounts from club treasury to Zone Meet Account: \$500 for 144 ceramic cups, up to \$200 for logo design change, \$75 to print raffie tickets. Total \$775. Carried. M-Rock/S-Maynard to allow Zone Meet Chairs (Ed & Jean Skomoroh) the use of the Hospitality Suite as their quarters during the zone meet. Carried.

attendance for first agenda item.

North Star Chapter Board Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2007. Kelly Inn, Plymouth, MN. Board members present: Dean Elstad, Maynard & Joan Lemke, Jim Rock, Jim Ringquist, Fern Gieselmann. Guests present: Cheryl Rock, Andy Ringquist, Jim Gieselmann. Zone Meet Committee members Jean and Skomoroh, Keith & Karen Rust in

## North Star Minutes. . . .



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### INTERNET LINKS TO CHAPTER RESOURCES

**Chapter Web Site:** [www.northstarwheel.com](http://www.northstarwheel.com)

**Newsletter Archive:** [www.northstarwheel.com/newsletter.html](http://www.northstarwheel.com/newsletter.html)

**Chapter Activity Schedule at SDC Web Page :** <http://www.northstarwheel.com/events.html>

**Chapter Roster :** <http://www.northstarwheel.com/NSCRoster.html>

**Bylaws:** [www.northstarwheel.com/bylaws.html](http://www.northstarwheel.com/bylaws.html)

**Membership Application:** [www.northstarwheel.com/join.html](http://www.northstarwheel.com/join.html)

160 Members, 97 Members have email addresses. 29 receive the electronic newsletter version.

## Welcome these New Members.

Submitted by Keith Rust

This months Member Spotlight is on Bill Wahl. In his younger years, Bill's first Studebaker was a 1942 President. Then there was a 1947 Commander 4 door, a 1951 Commander Startlight Coupe and a 1960 Lark Station Wagon 4 door with a V/8. Studebaker came back into Bill's life when in 1982 he joined the North Star Studebaker Club and purchased a 1941 President 4 door, then a 1953 Commander Startliner. Next he purchased a 1964 Avant! w/4-speed and a 1963 T-Cab ? 1 pickup. Bill wintered in Tucson, Arizona for 12 years and had a 1961 Lark Cruiser to drive there. He now has only his 1964 Avant! Bill held the office of Treasurer/Membership in this Chapter for 1985 and 1986 and was voted in as President in 1987 and 1988. He has lived in the St. Anthony area for 28 years. Bill has three daughters (Jody, Mary, & Linda) and 3 sons (George, Tom, & John). Bill retired from Twin City Testing as a Geotechnical Engineer in 1987 and was a limited partner in Soil Engineering Testing as Vice-President in 1988. Bill also was the 'W' in MRW Studebaker Parts for quite a few years. Bill turns 79 years young this summer. We salute Bill for his many contributions to our club. Thanks Bill..

Dick & Suzanne Riley, Rochester, MN  
 1965 Daytona Sports Sedan

## Caravans to South Bend. . .

Going to South Bend for the International and thinking you might want to caravan with other chapter Members? Thinking about organizing a caravan and wanting to invite others along? Traveling in your car along with a group in a caravan is a lot of fun!

Let the Newsletter Guy know if you are organizing a caravan and I will add details about your plans and contact info in the newsletter.

### On a "LARK" Caravan - Departs Sunday, Jun 17th

Plans are to leave early on Sunday, June 17th; arrive in South Bend late Sunday, June 17th. First night in a hotel/motel would be Sunday Night June 17th in South Bend. Caravan departs South Bend mid day Thursday, June 21st after Concur; probably early afternoon. May drive straight back Thursday or on Friday, June 22nd. Plan to be at Back to the 50's on Saturday morning, June 23rd. Arrive back in Twin Cities later on Saturday, June 23rd.

Exact details will be firmed up. Contact Maynard Lemke, 763-478-5307 or Jim Ringquist, 763-682-5423 to make your spot on this caravan.

**Big "COMMANDER" Caravan, Departs Sunday, Jun 17th**  
 Plans are to leave on Sunday, June 17th; Some interstate traveling expected; but lots of State Highways. First night in a hotel/motel would be Sunday Night June 17th in South Bend. Caravan departs South Bend mid day Thursday, June 21st after Concur; probably early afternoon. May drive straight back Thursday or on Friday, June 22nd. Plan to be at Back to the 50's on that Friday Night.

This caravan may wander some and be open to sidetrips of interest. Contact Henry Votel, 651-426-1610 or Bob Shaw, 651-735-4656 to make your spot on this caravan. Exact details will be firmed up.

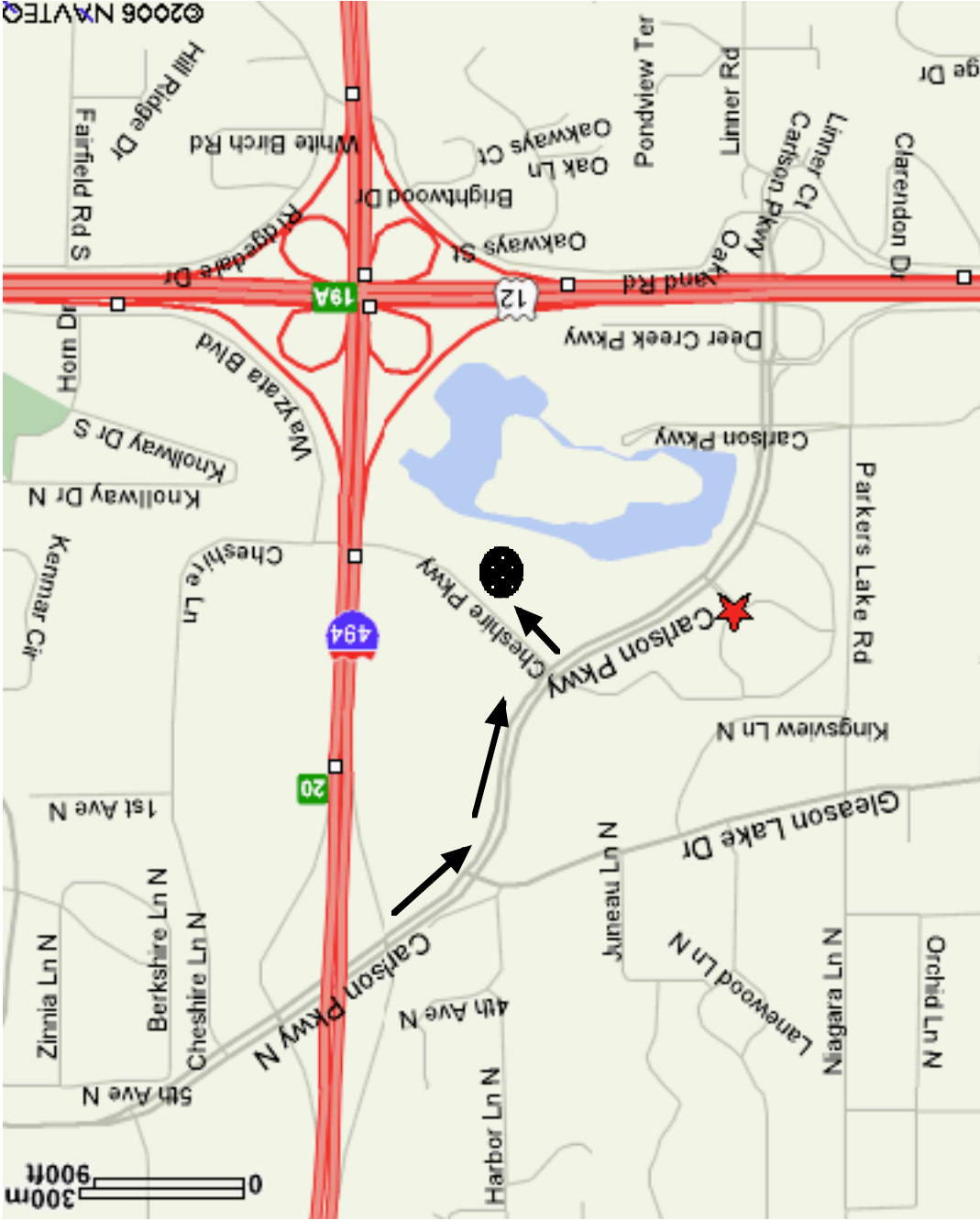
Get registered and make your hotel reservations wherever you can in South Bend. Lodging locations are at: [www.sdcmeet.com](http://www.sdcmeet.com)

# North Star Chapter Get the Cars Out Saturday, May 12, 2007 at Carlson Park, Minnetonka, MN

Bring something to BBQ and something to share. Start time 12 Noon. Don't forget your lawn chairs and beverages. Hosts: Joan & Maynard Lemke, 763-478-5307.

Directions to Carlson park, club picnic site: From either south or north 494 take exit 20 off interstate 494, go west 4 blocks to Cheshire pky. [ stop light ] go left on Cheshire pky. 1 block to the park, on the left. Watch for lazy S signs and look for Studabakers.

14440 Cheshire Parkway, Minnetonka, MN 55305



and report back to him. Ed suggested using some wood plaques he has from a previous show for the 2008 Zone Meet or some other future meet.

Maynard presented a list of possible activities for Friday night, Saturday, and Saturday night. Some possibilities are a pizza party, Friday night, a boat tour on Lake Minnetonka Friday night or Saturday afternoon, a bus tour to Albertville Outlet Mall & Ellingson Museum & Cabalas, the playhouse theatre in Kelly Inn - Best Western Motel.

Maynard asked if we should have entertainment for Saturday night, and if so, we should reserve that entertainment now. Was decided we should have the entertainment during the social hour and 2 hour into the meal. A band some had listened to prior was suggested but needed to find out availability and cost.

Registration will go live on the web site in September, 2007. Was decided the hospitality room should be open early Saturday morning. Club member Ed Bauer will be our photographer—must find out if he can do Power Point at the banquet.

The length of time we need the banquet room is 3 or 4 hours. Our table at the South Bend International Meet for advertising our 2008 Zone Meet will be at the fairgrounds but don't have the exact building specified.

The Board approved for Ed & Jean to use the tree room the Club is given by Kelly's Best Western. April 7th—Club meeting at the Blacksmitth Lounge at one p.m., come early for lunch. May 12th GET THE CARS OUT!!!! Moved from Ketelsen's to Carlson Companies Park, 14400 Cheshire Lane, Minnetonka (where the September picnic has been held).

Next Zone Committee Meeting July 14, 2007 @10:00 a.m. at Dean Elstad's residence before the President's Picnic at noon.

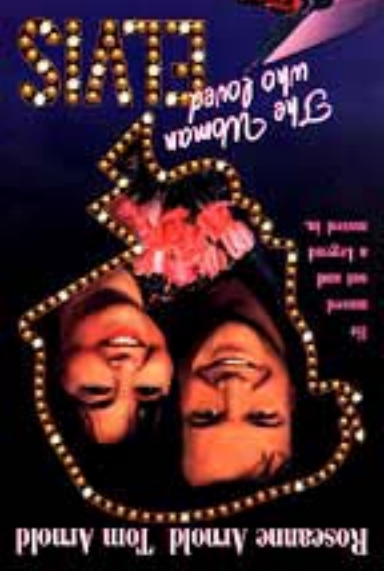
**Keith Rust**  
Zone Meet Secretary.

## Movie Review . . . .

At the last Chapter Meeting Jim Ringquist offered a copy of his private home recording of "The Woman who loved Elvis" starring Roseanne Barr & Tom Arnold. A yellow 1950 Studebaker Starlight Coupe plays a prominent role in this show which is humorous at times and then kind of rolls along in that typical Roseanne special containers. (Zone Meet fund advanced \$500 - approved at Board meeting later.) Ed asked the Board's approval for advanced funds for the logo design change for reworking the Studebaker wheel. (Zone Meet fund advanced up to \$200 - approved at Board meeting later.) Ed asked the Board's approval for advanced funds for printing 1,000 \$2 raffle tickets. (Zone Meet fund advanced \$75 - approved at Board meeting later.)

Therefore a grand total of \$775.00 was advanced to the Zone Meet fund (approved at the Board meeting following the Zone Meet Committee meeting).

Ed asked the Board to review the registration form for the 2008 Zone Meet to approve or suggest changes for the cost of each item listed



**Happy Birthday to Shirley Van Dell who recently turned 84! and is well now after her fall last year.**

## North Star Minutes . . . .

North Star Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club Meeting, Blacksmitth Lounge - Hugo, MN, April 7, 2007. Members present: Jack Weyrens, Pete Sanders, Keith Rust, Ed & Jean Skomoroh, Cork Fallink, Gene Bauer, Ed Bauer, Jim & Fern Gieselmann, Tony Berbig, Harry Grimley, Henry Votel, Jim & Cheryl Rock, Maynard & Joan Lemke, Jim & Andy Ringquist, Dean Elstad.

Jim Rock brought some excess historical items for members to pass out. He also asked for members to sign up for working at the Memorial Day Car Show. Please call him if you can help 651-436-2215.

Henry Votel reported that George Reus, proprietor of the Blacksmitth Lounge encouraged us not to charge a spectator fee which was to be used for our donation to Operation Uplink. Happily the committee is accepting a \$250 donation from the Blacksmitth Lounge which will in turn be given to Operation Uplink. Operation Uplink is a program that gives telephone calling cards to our deployed military. Thank you George!

Dean brought up advertising for our car shows in EMC Publications Program for Back to the 50's. The committee will look into it for our Labor Day Car Show.

Bob Shaw showed us designs for the winners' plaques and dash plaques for the Memorial Day Car Show. He reported there will be an onsite vendor that will photograph your car and put on a t-shirt for \$12.00. \$2.00 will go to our club.

Next meeting and "Get the Cars Out" will be at Carlson Company Picnic Grounds on May 12. There will be a Zone Meet Committee meeting before the picnic at 10:00 and all interested parties may attend.

After the meeting several members participated in a "Show and Tell" Session. Ed Skomoroh shared many pictures and a lot of information about Brook Stevens which drew a lot of interest from those present. Thank you to all members that shared.

**Fern Gieselmann, Secretary**  
Respectfully submitted

## Zone Meet Minutes . . . .

(Held previous to the North Star Chapter Board Meeting) Kelly Inn -Best Western Motel, April 03, 2007. Those present: Chairman Ed Skomoroh, Jean Skomoroh, Karen & Keith Rust, North Star Chapter Board members present: Dean Elstad, Joan & Maynard Lemke, Fern Gieselmann, Jim Ringquist, Jim Rock. Guests: Jim Gieselmann, Andy Ringquist, & Cheryl Rock.

Ed asked the Board's approval for advanced funds to purchase 144 mugs @ \$3.04—includes 3 color printing, screen set, shipping, & special containers. (Zone Meet fund advanced \$500 - approved at Board meeting later.) Ed asked the Board's approval for advanced funds for the logo design change for reworking the Studebaker wheel. (Zone Meet fund advanced up to \$200 - approved at Board meeting later.) Ed asked the Board's approval for advanced funds for printing 1,000 \$2 raffle tickets. (Zone Meet fund advanced \$75 - approved at Board meeting later.)

# Skomoro's Old Fashioned Studebaker Picnic

Saturday June 30, 2007. Agenda for the day-- Arrive at 10: AM at Jean & Ed's, get acquainted and browse the cars. Get your picture taken free in front of the Studebaker Homestead.

11:30 am - 1:00 PM Bring your picnic lunch, blankets and or chairs. We have a covered garage if the weather should be inclement. Barbecues are available if you have something you need to cook. We are providing beverages of your choice, hard or soft. Rolls, butter, relish dishes, plates, utensils etc.

1:00 PM. We drive to the Minnesota Pioneer Park (4 miles) Our classic cars will be displayed among the early pioneer main street village for public viewing until 3 PM.

FEATURE ATTRACTION  
Member Harry Grimley has arranged to have on display one of the original controversial Pan Motor Cars. This unique automobile was manufactured in St. Cloud Minnesota from 1917 to 1919. If you have never seen this car, don't miss out on this opportunity and attend this fun event.

Directions to Jean & Ed's From HWY 55 go west through Buffalo and Maple Lake. Continue west on 55 from stop light in Maple Lake approximately 4 miles and turn right (north) on County RD #6 (before Lamp! Auction) Proceed north 3/4 of a mile and take first right turn onto 70th. St. Proceed past Whispering Pines Golf Club. Make a sharp right turn onto Ireland Ave.; we are the first home on the left, 6828 Ireland Ave. 320 274 7155

From 1 94 go south at the Clearwater Junction on HWY 24 for approximately 10 miles, watch for Whispering Pines Golf Course Sign and turn left (south) onto County RD 6 and drive 2 miles. Turn left on 70th St. and follow directions above. See you here!

## Remember...

The Pancake Breakfast at Pioneer Park in Annandale on Sunday, April 22 from 8:30 till 1:00. Mention you are with the Northstar Chapter and get a \$1 Off. details are in last months newsletter.

Ed and Jean Skomoro

## 2007 Zone Meet Details...

"Reflecting Times Past" Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet. Rockford, Illinois. Hosted by Rock River Valley Chapter SDC September 14 - 16, 2007. Host Hotel: The Clock Tower Inn of Rockford Tel: 815-398-6000 Rate: \$79.00 plus tax [you need to mention SDC to get this rate]. Get reservation in ASAP as they have added an enclosed water park and have raised rates since this was set up. If our block fills up, you will have to pay their new higher rate.

Friday, September 14: During the day: On your own tours of Rockford's finest places (List provided). Evening: Dinner at Lensing's Historic Auto Museum \$15 includes the meal and entry into the museum.

Saturday, September 15: Morning: Concours judging - entry fees listed below. Ladies bus trip to Tinker Swiss Cottage, a stop for lunch, and then some Shopping. \$7.00 covers the Cottage and transportation, lunch cost will be extra. Afternoon: After judging, a tour to the Hannrick Auto Collection of top dollar autos and a collection of auto related neon signs. A bus will be available but we hope you will want to drive and show off your Studebaker. Evening: Banquet and awards program at the Clock Tower Inn Sunday, September 16: Morning: Driving tour to Burlington, Wisconsin to the AMC Test Track.

For more information call: Jack Willis at 815-389-2640 or 815-601-2640, email to jwillis3767@cs.com Or Dave Neiber at 815-623-5787. Questions about car display and judging call Pete Bell at 815-262-9895. e-mail to bettyncat1205@aol.com

WEB SITE for Upper Mississippi Valley Zone site at [www.bigsgdc.com/mvz](http://www.bigsgdc.com/mvz)

# 21st Annual CAR SHOW

## SWAP, CRAFT & FLEA MARKET

All Makes — All Models  
**JUNE 10, 2007**

Spooner, Wisconsin — County Fairgrounds  
— Event held regardless of weather —

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**  
6:30 a.m. — Gates open for Vendors • 7:00 a.m. Show Cars  
Vending space free with general admission. Limited indoor space available.  
7:00-1:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (NO FOOD VENDORS)  
7:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Show Car Registration — \$5.00 includes driver  
11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Serving brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, pop, etc.  
2:30 p.m. — Trophies awarded (must be present for awards)

**65 TROPHIES — BEST OF SHOW — PEOPLE'S CHOICE**  
— OVER 200 DASH PLAQUES —

**General Admission: \$3.00** (Under 12 free with adult)  
**CAR CORRAL** (\$2.00 Per Car + \$3.00 General Admission) • No "for sale" cars in the swap area.  
Portions of show proceeds are donated to Washburn Co. Food Pantry,  
Spooner HS Graduating Senior Scholarship, Washburn Co. Graduating 4-H Scholarship.

### — CAR CLASSES —

**STUDEBAKER CLASSES**  
Coups, Hardtops, Convertibles, & All Cars  
1935 & Older  
Coups, Hardtops, Convertibles, Hawks & Avantis  
2 & 4 Door Sedans & Wagons  
All Trucks  
W. 1900-1964  
U. 1953 & Up  
V. 1936-1966



Classes have been updated in an effort to make every vehicle competitive.

**For Information Contact:**  
CAR SHOW: Fred Koehler, N528 170th St, Elmwood, WI 54740; 1-715-639-5114  
CRAFT, SWAP, FLEA MARKET: Cecil or Shirley Scribner 1-715-635-3740

Starting in the 1960s, he began collecting spare parts, signs and manuals from the remaining Studebaker dealers. Using a complete run of corporate newsletters he had collected, Quinn tracked down former employees and gathered photos and other items.

"He's preserved a lot of information that would have been lost otherwise," said Fred Fox, a Delhi, Calif., Studebaker author and expert.

"Today, Quinn owns six Studebakers. The red 1951 President coupe that he spent 15 years restoring (Quinn has a picture of it over his fireplace) is in the National Studebaker Museum in South Bend.

"When I was growing up, most of my friends were car guys," Quinn said. "I think all of them had either a Ford or Chevy. You always want to be a little different. I just always liked the styling of it."

Quinn's closets are jammed full of Studebaker repair manuals, his garages are stuffed with rare parts and albums bulge with his collection of about 15,000 Studebaker publicity photos. On an end table is "probably the largest collection" of bronze Studebaker medallions around.

"I don't think you're going to find a collection equal to that anywhere," said Andy Beckman, the archivist at the National Studebaker Museum. Beckman, who describes Quinn as a "noted Studebaker scholar," sometimes forwards callers looking for information on pre-war models to the Mokena man.

"He still has a schoolteacher demeanor, but under that gruff exterior is a very kind-hearted person," Beckman said.

One of Quinn's cars was totaled and many of his parts were destroyed in a garage fire five years ago. Quinn has taken steps to make sure that his photo archives, which include flammable nitrate negatives, don't create a similar problem.

Not surprisingly, Quinn's home decor isn't exactly modern. The televisions are in wood cabinets, an eight-track player sits next to the garage and the magazine on the coffee table is a May 11, 1942 issue of Life. Quinn, who was Mokena's mayor from 1981 to 1983 and helped launch the town's historical society, assembled his collection on a teacher's salary.

"I wasn't living very high on the hog, and I had to be very careful about what I bought," said Quinn, who never married and has no children. "(Until 1988) I always lived in an apartment. When I first came out here, I just had a room."

Quinn said a major benefit of being a Studeophile is the friends he has made all over the country. "I could literally get in my car today and travel from here to Seattle, Washington and never stop in a hotel — just stay with friends along the way," he said. "Studebaker people are very nice people."

*Steve Schmaderke may be reached at schmaderke@dailyouthtown.com or (708) 653-5966.*



Chicago, Ill., Wednesday, December, 28, 2005

When Minnesota resident Henry Votel recently found an unidentified ornament in a box of old Studebaker parts, he got answers from someone 450 miles away.

Mokena resident Richard Quinn, a retired history teacher and a former mayor of the village, saw a photo of the object on an Internet discussion group and quickly identified it as a badge mounted on the headlight support bar of a 1928 Commander GB.

Impressive? Yes, but nothing extraordinary for Quinn, who auto experts say has the world's largest private collection of Studebaker memorabilia — all crammed into his modest three-bedroom home.

He is the guru of Studebakers," said Votel, 55, of Forest Lake, Minn., who owns 10 Studebakers. "He's a very knowledgeable man. To have somebody ID that in a few hours, that was exceptional."

Quinn fields about two dozen calls a week on Studebaker trivia, answers e-mailed questions, edits a fan publication, writes a column for another and contributes to still others.

Quinn, 65, was bitten by the "Studeophile" bug as a 19-year-old in Peoria when his older brother Pat bought a Studebaker. Transfixed by its looks, Quinn went out and got himself a 1940 model.

"I looked at it and said, 'Man, that's a nice-looking car,'" Quinn said, adding that he has since bought and sold the car three times. "That was my first one, and they seemed to follow me home after that."

The Studebaker Manufacturing Co., formed in 1868, grew from a blacksmith shop in South Bend, Ind., to become the biggest wagon manufacturer in the world — and the only one to successfully make the change from horse-drawn to gasoline-powered vehicles.

By 1915, Studebaker was America's third-largest automaker, but bad decisions made during the Depression sent the company into bankruptcy.

It recovered to make 240,000 vehicles in 1950 (its peak production year), but it gradually lost too much ground to the Big Three automakers. The last Studebaker rolled off the assembly line in 1966.

But Studebaker cars and trucks — especially the curvy 1950s models — retained a cult following. Film critic Roger Ebert, Ralph Nader and former President George H. W. Bush are among the famous figures who've owned Studebakers, Quinn said.

# 2007 NORTH STAR WHEEL CHAPTER EVENT SCHEDULE

**Date/Place:** **Event/Time:** **Details:**

<b>May 6, 2007</b>	St. Paul, MN State Fairgrounds	20th Annual Spring Extravaganza Car Show & Swap. Featuring two Studebaker Classes. 8 am Gates Open	At Minnesota State Fair Grounds. See info at: <a href="http://www.gopherstatedebuck.org">www.gopherstatedebuck.org</a> Hotline: 651-770-8096
<b>May 12, 2007</b>	Minnetonka, MN	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> and Annual Get the Cars Out! 12:00 Noon for grilling & socializing. Meeting follows.	Meet at Carlson ark, 14440 Cheshire Parkway, Minnetonka, MN. Bring something to share and something to grill. Chapter provides the beverages. Sun tan lotion and sun blocker suggested.
<b>May 27, 2007</b>	Grand Rapids, MN	Northland Wheels Chapter Tour & Pot Luck Barbecue	Hosts: Pat Casey's Heritage Tire Store, 1100 Pokegama Ave. S. in Grand Rapids, MN Ph: 218-999-0042 <b>NOTE CHANGE IN DATE TO THE 27TH</b>
<b>May 28, 2007</b>	Hugo, MN	<b>33rd Annual Memorial Day Car Show</b>	At the Blacksmith Lounge on Highway 61, two miles north of Hugo, MN. Flyer will be in Newsletter.
<b>Jun 10, 2007</b>	Spooner, WI	21st Annual Car Show & Swap sponsored by Badger Wheel SDC Gates Open 7 am	County Fairgrounds in Spooner. Info: Ernie Loga, 715-832-7305
<b>Jun 17, 2007</b>	Red Wing, MN	Phantoms Groovy Fathers Day Car Show Downtown Red Wing, Runs 10 am till 3 pm	Fathers Days Car Show. Free Show. Trophies & Entertainment. Info 651-388-1800, fathersday@phantoms.info
<b>Jun 17, 2007</b>	South Bend, IN	<b>SDC International Meet</b>	See Turning Wheels for Events and Information
<b>Jun 22, 2007</b>	St. Paul, MN State Fairgrounds	34th Annual Back to the 50's	Minnesota State Fairgrounds.
<b>Jun 22, 2007</b>	St. Paul, MN State Fairgrounds	34th Annual MSRA Back to the Fifties	Minnesota State Fair Grounds. 11,000+ street rods, classics & customers in 2006. 3 Days of Fun. Info at: <a href="http://www.msra.com">www.msra.com</a> Early Registrations due by April 29th.
<b>Jun 30, 2007</b>	Annandale, MN	Studebaker Day at Pioneer Park	Hosts Ed & Jean Skomoroh, Details 320-274-7155. Flyer will be in newsletter.
<b>Jul 14, 2007</b>	Brooklyn Park, MN	<b>Chapter Meeting &amp; Presidents Picnic</b> Starts 12 Noon	Picnic BBQ, Bring something to grille and share. Hosts: Dean & Sandy. 7964 Mississippi Lane, Brooklyn Park, MN. Info: 763-560-9191
<b>Jul 28, 2007</b>	Plymouth, MN	Lemke's 9th Annual Poker Run 10-11 am Social Hour, Lunch at ??	Hosts: Maynard and Joan Lemke, 3885 Lawndale Lane N., Plymouth, 763-478-5307. Lunch at ??? m-jlemke@msn.com
<b>Aug 1, 2007</b>	Plymouth, MN	North Star Board Meeting. 7 pm in the Lunds Community Room	Lunds Store, 3455 Viksbury Lane, Plymouth, MN 55447. 2008 Zone Meet Committee meets prior at 6 pm. All Members Invited to attend. EXACT DATE WILL BE DETERMINED LATER.
<b>Aug 4, 2007</b>		August 4th or 11th Open for any Club Member with an event or idea for a get together	Open to your suggestions. Contact Activities Director Maynard Lemke 763-478-5307 or Pres. Dean Elstad 763-560-9191.

**The full 2007 Chapter Event Schedule is at: [www.northstarwheel.com](http://www.northstarwheel.com) To assure your comfort remember to bring your own lawn chairs to outdoor events.**

**Get the Cars Out  
on May 12th at  
Carlson Park in  
Minnertonka, Mn**



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

FOR SALE - 1927 (EU) Dictator, 4 Door Sedan. Solid and 90% Complete. New Tires and Liners. \$4,000. Glenn Olson at 218-384-4806. Member Harry Grimley @ 320-656-9442 who has seen the car if you are curious. (ends Jul)

FOR SALE - Very Rare 1945 Studebaker 1 1/2 ton truck. 6 new tires. Body is solid, has title. The motor and tranny are out of the truck, but are included. \$1,500. 1958 Packard 4 door parts car, rusty with title. \$350.00. 1958 Studebaker Champion 4 door, 6 cylinder, 3 speed overdrive. Runs, but rusty. No Title. \$350.00 Mike, 763-675-3406 jfrasser@buffalo.k12.mn.us (End Jul)

1957 Silver Hawk, 6 cyl. Parting out Complete Car. Call with your needs. Fred Koehler 715-639-5114 (Ends Jul)

WANTED - 1964 Super Lark R2 Daytona Convertible. Top Dollar for the right car. Also seeking 1 1959-60 2 Door Lark. Call Tony 952-955-2848, 763-226-0707(cell), (ends Jul)

FOR SALE - 1962 GT Hawk with AT, PS, PB, air conditioning (rebuild compressor is on the car, but has not been run), rebuilt V8, mostly new black paint, rechromed back bumper, trunk overlay polished and painted as original, new seat covers from Phantom (black and white). Needs AC recharged and carpet. This is a southern car. Asking \$10,500, but might entertain partial trade of 1963 2 door or 4 door Lark in drivable condition and cash. Hawk fan shroud in very good condition \$60. Call Scott: 320-234-3649 or 320-864-4648 (work) or: wdoff@hutchtel.net (ends Jul)

FOR SALE - Beautiful 1949 Business Coupe Street Rod, 327 SBC, auto trans, PB, AC, Drive anywhere. \$14,000 but open to negotiation. Deliver to MN for \$300. John Lidberg 719-637-3624 in Colorado or just call to say Hi! (ends Jun)

FOR SALE - 1951 Landcruiser, 48,000± miles. Western car. All restored, except interior is in very good condition. Drives like a dream. Need the room. Will take \$15,000 from a North Star Member. Jerry Pearson, 651-635-0161, studeone@msn.com (ends Jun)

FOR SALE - 1960 Stude Champ ("stepside" short box) parts truck. Solid frame, plenty of decent sheet metal - including usable rear fenders, right fender with a spare tire indent - ok chrome, and other parts. Stored in St. Louis Park, MN. \$500 obo. Tim Eiler 612.327.1553 or tim.eiler@bizineer.com (ends Jun)

FOR SALE - 1949 2R15-21 one-ton truck. Restorable - this is my grandfather's farm truck and I want it to go to a good home, if at all possible! I just don't have the time to do the job. Engine runs, trans is great, and truck moves. Frame is in excellent, straight condition. Sheet metal in poor to fair condition - usual rust and "farm truck fresh" dents and tears. Brakes will need redone, but have many parts. Rims are in great condition (tires hold, as well). Wood grain box side extenders for box available for pattern and parts at no additional charge. Stored in SW MN. \$700 obo. Tim Eiler 612.327.1553 or tim.eiler@bizineer.com (ends Jun)

FOR SALE - Member Bob Parker reports an R2, early '50's Truck in parts: cab, front end, doors, seats, dash, etc generally good condition; surface rust. No frame or running gear. Contact Old Farmer Alvin Veith's at 651-923-4949. Says \$500 OBO, (ends Jun)

FOR SALE - 1963 Cruiser 4-door. 53k miles. Engine: 289 V8, automatic. Runs good. New tires. Price \$3,500.00 Some of your members may know of this car. I purchased it on 7/15/06 at Oscar Bren's estate sale in Clear Lake, SD. I drove the car home that day, in over 100 degree heat, without any difficulty. My father and I have done several things to the car to make it an even more dependable driver. I put new radial tires on it to replace the bias ply tires. This car could easily be driven in the Twin Cities. Mark Sell, 701-297-4858. dmarksell@hotmail.com (ends Jun)

FOR SALE - 1957 President Regal Sedan, 289, 4 bbl, Automatic, Dual Exhaust, All interior & outside trim good. \$350. Complete or will part out. 1958 1 Ton Transtar, Duallys, 245 Engine, 4 Speed, Good Grille, hood, bumper, right fender, dash w/instr. Many more parts and good title. \$350. Complete or will part out. 1958 Silver Hawk, 289, 4 bbl, Automatic, TT. Absolutely complete car. Body rusty. Restorable or super parts car. Good Title \$2,000. Fred Koehler 715-639-5114, Elmwood, WI. (ends May)

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