

NATIONAL MEET WINNERS '74

BEST OF SHOW AWARDS - photos on cover

Primary Division, Prewar - Bill Carmack,
1927 GBJ Roadster

Primary Division, Postwar - Elmer
Sweppenheiser, 1963 Avanti

Special Division - Harvey Gates,
1925 Studebaker Racer

Packard Division - Bud Brouillette,
1937 One Twenty Convertible Coupe

Classes 1-3, no entries.

Class 4A - E Series 6-cylinder cars
1913-1928

Class 4B - Commander, Dictator 6-cylin-
der cars 1928-1930

Class 5 - Erskine, Studebaker (models
50-56), Rockne 6 1927-1933



4A Senior - James Silvey, 1922 Special 6
Roadster



4A 1st - Roger Tyyska, 1927 Commander



4A 2nd - William John Welage - 1922
Special 6 Touring



4A 3rd - Bill Melett - 1927 EL Touring



4B 1st - Charles E. Waddups - 1929
Commander Sedan



5 Senior - Earlin J. Stitt - 1927
Erskine 50 Coupe



5 1st - Ronald N. Glass - 1932 55 Sedan
(tie)



5 1st - Don Kappus - 1932 55 Convertible
Sedan (tie)



Featured above is a composite photograph of the concours at the 10th National Meet in South Bend taken by SDCer Robin Sherwood. At the left is the swap meet (notice Jim White's Studebaker school bus); center and right are the many cars parked by classes. The empty spaces belong to the ones being judged in the drive thru lanes, visible at the top of the photo. There were over 500 cars on the field, making it impossible to picture every one in this special issue, but we have managed to bring you every car that was judged - a total of 273 - plus a few extras. We are either going to have to have smaller meets, or print smaller pictures!

Preparation for the meet began last year by the hosts, the Michiana Chapter. Some of their labors have been reported on pages 28 and 29 along with photos of some of the activities they provided us. It was a lot of work just running the registrations, as 750 registrations showed that over 1500 members and their families attended, plus members of the two other clubs (Avanti and Packard) plus any who just came for the car show and didn't sign in.

The meet began on Thursday with tours of various points of interest in South Bend on a Studebaker bus. The first item of official



business was a Seminar for Editors presented by Larry Swanson, national Editor. Guest speaker Bob Palma and Larry spoke to over fifty present and future editors of state SDC publications. An unexpected highlight was the introduction of Len Elliott from New Zealand who told us some very interesting facts about Studebaker meets in his country. Other overseas visitors to the meet included Ron Sanders of England and Mr. & Mrs. John Grant from Australia. We hope they enjoyed meeting us as much as we enjoyed meeting them!

The editors seminar was followed by a panel discussion attended by over 400, a very large turnout for the first day of the meet since many do not arrive until Friday night or Saturday. Photo on page 28.

The 1974 SDC Board of Directors Meeting began shortly after 8, and, indicative of the growth of the club and the amount of business to be conducted, lasted until 1:40 A.M. Minutes were printed in the September Bulletin, pages 9 and 10.

Friday began with a parade through downtown South Bend. We were welcomed to the city and then Mr. & Mrs. Anno McGraw presented their 1941 Commander Skyway to the city for the Studebaker Vehicle Collection.



Friday noon Standard Surplus and Avanti Parts sponsored a luncheon for SDC national and regional officers. After the officers meeting we proceeded to the yearly General Business Meeting, where the new officers were introduced and campaigning for 1975 officers began. Awards were presented to zone and regional officers and chapters who have been outstanding in their support of SDC in their areas.

With all the business taken care of, a new event was held - an all literature swap meet. It proved to be a rousing success, with wall-to-wall people for over two hours. It looks as if it will become a permanent item on future agendas from the enthusiastic acceptance of the first one.





THE LITERATURE SWAP MEET



Friday evening over 200 members drove to the 100 Center Complex for wine-tasting and shopping in all the little shops. Many others could be found in the motel parking lots preparing for the judging the next day.

Saturday proved to be a beautiful day for a car show, being sunny and warm. In fact, several of us even developed some sunburn while viewing the Studes and wheeling-and-dealing at the parts swap. I wonder if anyone was able to actually view all of the 500 cars individually? It was hard to know where to begin.

The evening awards banquet was highlighted by the arrival of the head table guests in about eight of the nicest Studebakers driven right onto the floor among the

diners. It was pretty dark in there for pictures but we will try to bring you one to give you an idea of how it looked. It was something that we have never seen before and it worked very well.



Incidentally, the banquet had been sold out in advance, but the meet committee arranged to have it transferred to a larger room which allowed over a hundred more SDCers to attend. This cost them quite a lot of unexpected extra money and they wound up losing money on the banquet instead of making money as they would have if they had left in in the smaller area (which had been indicated by the pre-registrations). Fortunately, the meet as a

whole came out in the black, but it shows once again the importance of registering early to allow the hosts to make plans.

M.C. Bob Aker introduced the new President Karl Haas and other luminaries at the head table. Outgoing President Ken Holste presented special awards to Dick Quinn and to Pat and Larry Swanson. Then Larry presented Simoniz Car Care packages to the volunteers who help mail Turning Wheels - Ron Cohoon, Ron Hall, George D. Krem, and Bill Mitchell, and to Eleanor Blume for her contributions in cover design. Certificates were presented to contributors to Turning Wheels over the past year: Question & Answer columnists Fred Fox, Keith Kichefski, Bob Palma, and Dick Quinn; artists Ron Meyer, Glen Oosting, Dixon Singiser, Bob Dudeck, and John Bonecutter; and Studebaker Showcase writer Dave Lange.

Publication Committee Chairwoman Eleanor Blume was not present, so Larry Swanson had the honor to present the Golden Hawk Award to Herb Keller. We hope to have a special story about this award in a future issue.

The evening culminated when Chief Judge George Hamlin presented the concours awards. His judges and tabulation committee had finished the totals that the 860 members present were so anxiously awaiting. Since the winners are identifying with their photos

we have not repeated them here.

Sunday morning featured a tour to the old Studebaker Proving Grounds, now owned and operated by the Bendix Automotive Development Center. An article from the Bendix newsletter is reprinted on page 22. Highlight of the day for the 375 Studebakers present was the opportunity to drive around the track.



Finally it was over and we all turned our Studebakers for home, wondering if we should have purchased one more part while we were in South Bend. Meet Chairman Dave Lange and his Committee could finally sit down after being busy for four solid days.

As great as all the activities were, once again the nicest part of the entire meet was meeting the other SDCers - the nicest group of people you will find anywhere! See you next summer at "Texas in 75!"