Seen at the 53rd SDC International Meet

Left: Richard Volkmer’s 1954 Commander Starliner at the Studebaker National Museum.

Below: meet co-chair, Bob Henning.

Right: Three vehicles seen at the car show.

Studebakers lining up ready for the parade.

photo by John Cosby

photos by Don Cuddihee

photo by Richard Volkmer
Above and Below: Two of the vehicles in the car coral at the fairgrounds.

Right: Awards presentation included the slideshow on the jumbotron.

Lower Right: About 500 people gathered at the Palais Royale Ballroom for Members’ Night, which included dinner, Studebaker band concert, and presentations.
Vehicle Judging at South Bend 2017

This year’s International in South Bend saw another return home for Studebaker. There was a good variety to see and it is amazing just how many owners can keep up with their fifty-plus-year-old vehicles.

It is nice to see our hobby when it is a family affair. Dad and two sons all involved with different cars that accent their difference in age group personalities. Husbands and wives who both get excited as their name is called for a trophy. Families who tell us the Studebaker name will live on as the kids want to tell about the family car they brought to the event and the one they left at home for the next outing.

With the rain pouring down on Thursday there was still a steady stream of cars wanting to see the inside of the pig barn. Side by side and end to end, three rows of cars slowly made their way in and to their surprise, once inside they found it empty of pigs and mostly dry but still very cold. They did find several friendly judges waiting to point out the major and minor points of the 162 vehicles presented to them for scrutiny.

There were convertibles where the driver had not yet frozen at the wheel, and plenty of bullet noses that pierced through the streaming sheets of rain. All the cars glistened as the rain drops bubbled on their paint giving a warm glow that was much needed with all the liquid sunshine that was outside.

We saw some nice restorations and modifications throughout the judging process. From the 1917 Studebaker ED to the 1966 Wagonaire and on up to 1989 Avanti Sport Convertible, the representation was great.

Unique creations were presented, such as the 1927 House Car to the 1950 C-Cab that was a combination of ’48 Champion, ’50 Commander, ’53 Commander, ’55 President, ’58 Hawk, and other parts. I wonder if Johnny Cash had anything to do with this one?

Fathers, sons, friends and families gathered together to show their personalities in their Studebaker creations. From all original to heavily modified, they were a marvelous sight.

Much appreciation goes out to those who brought their Studebakers out for all to see, whether it was to be judged or not. Remember, be it a coupe, Lark, Dictator, Hawk, Commander, truck or Avanti, they will always bring joy to those who view them as they are part of the most unique collections of orphans out there.

Much appreciation goes out to the wonderful, knowledgeable judges who braved the cold, the rain and the short staffing all through the two days of examination of our stunning Studebakers. THANK YOU!

Drive through judging was done inside the large swine barn.
About the Covers

Front Cover
This photo was taken in downtown South Bend on Friday night. Alan Meekers truck is on the right. Photo by John Cosby.

Inside Front Cover
Some of the Studebakers seen driving on the streets of South Bend during the convention. These cars were likely returning from a driving tour. The host hotel is seen in the background. Photos by John Cosby.

Inside Back Cover
On Friday night in downtown South Bend. Studebakers were everywhere. A few of them are shown here. Photos by Don Cuddihee.

Back Cover
This photo was taken at the memorial honoring the location of the original Studebaker blacksmith shop, at the corner of Michigan and E. Jefferson Boulevard, in downtown South Bend. The rose mist Lark is Eric Derosa’s R2. Photo by Eric Derosa.

Building 84 Tour
by Don Cuddihee, Lavin Cuddihee and Rich Volkmer

The three of us hopped into Rich’s ’54 Starliner at the hotel and headed for our scheduled tour of Building 84, not knowing what to really expect. We were truly amazed by what the City of South Bend is accomplishing these days with the remaining old Studebaker buildings! Entering the companion building first, we encountered the stunning display of a two-seater convertible and the beautiful red ’53 Starliner enroute to Building 84 next door. The high-tech future for these old places was already well in focus and happening.

Building 84 itself first provided a ride upstairs in the freight elevator that once carried so many new Studebakers up and down the various production floors, but little did we know or anticipate that it had ferried upstairs an entire car show of resplendent Studebaker cars and trucks of all vintages that very day, awaiting our arrival on the 6th floor.

They stretched out for a good hour or two of touring and admiring, then a very knowledgeable docent gave us a presentation on the original role of that floor, sewing up interior fitments for Studebakers and backdropped by a mural photo of the floor in its heyday. With 800 sewing machines at work, we learned that fellow South Bend manufacturer Singer Sewing Machine Company counted Studebaker among its best customers!
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Above left: President Tom Curtis presents Nita Ketchum an Award recognizing her service as SDC Secretary for many years.

Above right: Don Cox, former SDC Vice-President is thanked for his service to SDC.

Upper right: Paul Damnes, former Director representing the International Zone.

Center right: Andy Beckman received the Minnie Barnes Award for service to SDC and making a difference in the community.

Lower right: Duane Miller at right received the Harry Barnes Award in appreciation for his dedication to “Always give more than you promise”.

Below left: Susan Thomason presents an appreciation award to TW Editor Ann Turner.

Below right: John Nemeth of the Michiana Chapter receives an award in recognition of his dedication to the Studebaker Drivers Club.
2017 Newsletter Competition Awards

2017 Newsletter Competition Awards - No Juniors In Print Divisions

by Larry Metz

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Who, What, Why – The Studebaker Band
by Glenn Shull, Studebaker Band Director

Many of the large manufacturers at the turn of the twentieth century had opportunities for their employees to participate in bands, choirs, and other recreational activities. Studebaker was no exception. Longtime member Larry Swanson said there was a Studebaker employee band dating back in 1900 and 1910 and were disbanded sometime prior to World War II.

According to Andy Beckman, archivist at the Studebaker National Museum, Studebaker had choruses that performed up until the 1960s. Contests and festivals were held that included competition with company groups from other factories. These activities were held to boost morale of employees.

The band that performs at the SDC International Meets is a “throw-back” to these early bands and serves much of the same purpose. The group entertains for Meet functions, adding another dimension to the festivities. Like the factory employees, the present band adds an enjoyable activity for our SDC musician members.

The location and dates for the Meet present different challenges in organizing the band each year. One of the smallest bands was in 2016 in Warwick, Rhode Island where we had nine players. This meant that instead of the usual “Concert in the Park” type concert, we played Dixieland and Polkas. The largest band that I recall was in Rapid City, South Dakota in 1999 where we had a lot of help from the local New Horizons Band.

Local and area help is encouraged each year to fill out our instrumentation. This is not unprecedented, as Studebaker enlisted professional musicians for various performances, including a radio show. In 1929 there was a group called “Studebaker Champions” led by Jean Goldkette. This group included such noted musicians as Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Bix Beiderbecke, Russ Morgan, Frank Trumbauer, Pee Wee Hunt, Charlie Spivak and Glenn Miller, to name a few.

We try to perform much of the styles of music that would have been performed by the factory bands. We include marches, overtures, show tunes, featured soloists, and music that means something to the area where the meet is held. How could we not play “Back Home In Indiana” when we are in South Bend, and the “1899 Studebaker March” every year.

From the late 1990s there have been over 120 SDC members who have participated in the band. From that number we have about 15 to 20 who play regularly. John Cosby is the only active charter member of the present band, and has played in the band every year since 1992. Larry Swanson, also a charter member, had played every year but had to miss this year.

Most of our members play in community bands in their home town and several are present and past school and community band directors. Directors of the band have been Brad Kuchan, Larry Swanson and Glenn Shull.
Distribution of Registration Funds
53rd International Meet, South Bend 2017
submitted by Don Jones, prepared by Jane Stinson

The International Meet reconciliation is not complete, as we are still waiting for the invoice from the St. Joseph 4-H Fairgrounds to close out the expense portion of the meet.

In the meantime, some have asked what types of expense the registration funds cover. Since that portion of the meet is unaffected by the fairground invoice, this chart has been prepared to show the distribution of the registration funds. South Bend is such a large meet, we have more profit than a normal smaller meet but the extra funds help to cover losses at previous meets.

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Answers To The South Bend Tribune’s Studebaker Quiz

The South Bend Tribune on May 5th published a 20 question quiz on Studebaker automotive history. Readers were invited to take the quiz and mail their answers to the Studebaker National Museum by May 15. Studebaker Museum officials reviewed all the submissions received and only one entry had correct answers for all 20 questions. The winner is Ronald Hoff of Cumberland, MD, who wins a $100 gift card for the Museum.

Here are the answers to the quiz questions:

1. Henry, Clement, John, Peter and Jacob.
2. A blacksmith shop.
3. Raymond Loewy.
4. 1902.
5. Albert R. Erskine.
7. Tippecanoe Place.
8. The M29 Weasel.
9. Packard Corp.
10. “First by far with a post-war car”.
12. 1920.
14. The B17 Flying Fortress.
15. The Avanti.
17. 3rd.
18. 1939.
19. The Rockne, named after famed Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne.

May 6 - Awards Ceremony: The weather was sunny but cold and breezy, as the awards were presented for judged vehicles. The slideshow was displayed on the big mobile screen provided by Monster Message. The screen had also shown vintage Studebaker advertising and promotion videos during the car show.