

# The Starliner

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## Un-Scheduled Mid-Term Election Results Announced

It would appear that there's been a *Coup de Grace* at the Black Hawk Chapter!

### YOUR NEW SLC OFFICERS

Illinois Region



From left: Terry Dahms, Regional Director; Jim Flammang, Starliner editor; Pat Siple, secretary; Ron Cohoon, membership secretary; Ken Holste, treasurer.

National



Three of our national SLC officers. From left: Ken Holste, president; Linda McKeown, secretary; Dick Stewart, treasurer.



All [Ex?-] President Rolf Snobeck could say was: "What Happened?!!!"



These Two are among "Those of Interest" In the Case... She looks Familiar??

The Black Hawk Chapter is the officially chartered representative of the Studebaker Drivers Club for the Northern Illinois area. The Studebaker Drivers Club is dedicated to the preservation of the Studebaker name and Studebaker related vehicles produced by the company during its period in the transportation field. A sincere interest in this cause is the only requirement for membership. Vehicle ownership is not a requirement. The Black Hawk Chapter fully supports the parent Studebaker Drivers Club, and requires membership therein. The SDC provides the membership with yearly national meetings, a monthly publication [Turning Wheels], technical assistance, historical data, assistance in parts and vehicle locating, and a membership roster on a national level. The Black Hawk Chapter provides the same services on a local level, in addition to monthly activities including 10 issues of the Starliner, dinner meetings, picnics, driving events, and fellowship and technical sessions.

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Monthly chapter meetings are *usually* held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, at locations which change monthly. Please see the chapter calendar for the current meeting location. If there is any question regarding directions, call the editor, activities director or president at the numbers listed above.

For membership information, see the applications printed on the back page, and/or call the Chapter President or Membership Director, or call or write to Kris Wheeler at Kustom Registration Information, PO Box 1743, Maple Grove, MN 55311 or at 763-420-7829 or fax at 763-420-7849. The deadline for submission of articles, ads, etc., for the Starliner, is the 15th of the month. We publish as of the 20th, so please try to get your material to the editor sooner, if possible!! - All submissions are appreciated, and will be included as space and relevance allows.

**STUDE-TORIAL** - - Some SAY my Sense of Humor is WARPED?? They're probably RIGHT!

I've been sitting on the clipping from the "Early 1973" Starliner photos for several months... Hope you got a CHUCKLE out of it - Thanks to Bill Pienta [people] and Ed Manly [cars] for the pics, and to Ted Harbit, by way of the Indy Chapter's newsletter, for his story. Oh, YES, I nearly forgot to say "**April Fool's**"... our Officership REMAINS the SAME!

Have a good month! - - lets get those cars out and warmed up!

/dave/

## **The Prez Sez**

March 25, 2007

Well it looks like the warm weather is finally upon us. Time to start getting our Studebaker's out of wraps after a long winter and ready for touring this Spring and Summer.

We are planning on having a Dust-Off Tour in April, but the destination still needs to be determined and the driving route planned. Linda Sinclair is working on a route and will announce that very soon. A sign-up sheet was begun at the Spring Brunch this morning, if you were not there; contact either Linda or myself so we can get you on the list.

As I mentioned in the last Prez Sez we will once again in the Lombard Lilac Parade this May. We are doing the Potluck Picnic afterwards at the Lombard Log Cabin. Please come out for the parade and picnic, it will be a lot of fun. We had a sign up sheet at the Spring Brunch and will again at the April Meeting. If you missed the sign up sheet at the Brunch or will not be at our April meeting, please let Linda or myself know if you plan on attending.

The annual Spring Brunch went off very well this morning. Thanks again to Jay Crites for pulling together a great event at the Itasca Country Club. For those that were not aware, Jay had made arrangements late last year for our "regular" Spring Brunch location at the Café Allyce in Elk Grove. Upon double checking last Tuesday that all was well for our event, he was told that would not be able to host us. Jay jumped in and made other arrangements the same day so "the show would go on". Jay thanks again, everything turned out great.

See you at the next meeting at Kapteyn's Joliet Studebaker Service. Bob's building is a treasure trove for the Studebaker enthusiast. If you have never been there make a point to get there for our next meeting.

Rolf

## **PARADE AND PICNIC PLANS**

By: Rolf Snobeck

Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> is the day if the Lombard Lilac Parade. The Black Hawk Chapter will be in the parade, and afterwards, we will have a chapter picnic at the Lombard Log Cabin in Four Seasons Park at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street in Lombard.

Bring the kids, the wife, and the grand parents; let's get everyone out! We have use of the Cabin from 11:30 am until 5:30 pm. There are complete kitchen and restroom facilities inside. Outside there are picnic tables, Barbeque cookeries, playgrounds, sand volleyball court, basketball courts, soccer field, and a fishing pond. Parking immediately around the cable holds 35 cars; let's fill it with Studebakers. An adjacent lot can hold 100+ cars, a great place for the Brand "x"s.

We will have more information next month with the specific time of the parade and such, but now is the time to mark your calendar. Let's hope for nice weather. We are planning to have lots of fun, so bring the whole family.

## BLACKHAWK CHAPTER SCHEDULE

[note that the Address of Mr Beef and Pizza, our "regular" spot, is 1796 S Elmhurst Rd, Mt. Prospect, 847-228-1210] Linda Sinclair (847) 698-7626 and Bill Mitchell(847) 635-6785 are our Activities Director and Assistant, so call them to offer your place or other suggestions, for upcoming meetings. Call them for any event below which doesn't have someone else listed as the "contact".

### SPRING IS IN THE AIR !! ENJOY THESE BLACKHAWK CHAPTER EVENTS

#### TUESDAY APR 03 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING JOLIET STUDEBAKER 6:00pm

Just in time to prepare your car for National meet in South Bend, Bob Kapteyn is opening his warehouse doors to all chapter members. After a short business

meeting and refreshments, prepare to be amazed at his thousands of Stude parts. Please call Bob in advance 815-722-7262 and he will have your wants

and needs ready upon your arrival. Bob says come on down anytime from 6pm on. Since his seating capacity is limited, please bring along a folding chair

should you need to take a break. His warehouse is located at 112 Bissell Street in Joliet. You can reach it by taking I80 to exit 134(Briggs St) north to route 30 (Cass St.) and head west to Bissell. Check Mapquest for more specifics.

#### SUNDAY APR 22 THE INFAMOUS DUST-OFF TOUR 11:00am

Get your motors runnin....headin toward the highway....born to be wild....with the wind in our hair and the breeze through the fenders we'll be testing fate from a long and snowy winter's nap. Fill your tanks and meet at the MacDonalds on the northeast corner of Rte 64 (North Ave.) and Smith Rd. (a.k.a. Kautz Rd.) in St. Charles. This location is directly across the street from the Pheasant Run Resort. There is a WalMart behind the Mac's and their parking lots blend, so there will be plenty of room for us to park together. We'll hand out directions and maps there and start our tour at 11:30am, sharp!! Our cruise will take us through historic Elgin and we'll make a stop there to shop at several antique stores. We'll then continue on through some beautiful country areas including North Barrington, where we can snub our noses at all the beautiful people who are too poor to own a Studebaker!! Our journey ends in Long Grove, where you can enjoy a late lunch at the Village Tavern and explore this quaint town. If you need more info, please call Linda Sinclair at 561-704-6523.

#### TUESDAY MAY 01 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MR. BEEF AND PIZZA 8pm

Mr. Beef and Pizza is our usual regular monthly meeting place. It is located at 1796 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect. If you need help with directions, please call there at 847-228-1210. Our meeting this month will feature a guest speaker recalling the days of old when South Michigan Avenue was called Motor Row. The meeting officially starts at 8pm, but do come earlier and enjoy their food and drinks.

#### SUNDAY MAY 20 LILAC DAY PARADE AND PICNIC LOMBARD 11:30am

Once again we will be participating in Lombard's annual Lilac Day Parade. The parade will go RAIN OR SHINE. Please report to the SOUTH parking lot of Glenbard East High School, located on Main St. in Lombard. Here's the schedule: 11:30am to noon: Arrive at high school 12:30pm to 1:00pm: Cars are judged 1:30pm to 3:00pm: Parade After the parade: Pot luck picnic at the Lombard Log Cabin located in the Four Seasons Park at 16th Street and Main Street. We'll caravan there. We have the cabin till 5:30pm. There's full kitchen and restroom facilities, picnic tables, BBQ grills, volleyball and basketball courts, playground and even a fishing pond!! The club will supply the paper goods and Linda Sinclair will call you for your pot luck item.

If you need more info, please call Rolf Snobeck at 630-514-1867.

May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Studebaker Indiana Swap Meet [and Show on Saturday] at St. Joe County Fairgrounds, and at SASCO, South Bend, IN. Call Dave Reid, if you're planning on going, maybe we can ride-share or caravan... 312-735-3285

6/17-23/2007 SDC Meet in South Bend, sponsored by the NEW Studebaker National Museum [a FIRST!] Phil & Cindy Brown, Chairmen, Holiday Inn-City-Center 888-222-2024, utilizing these venues: St Joe Co. Fairgrounds; Century Center, and the museum...574-235-9714 or [www.studebakermuseum.org](http://www.studebakermuseum.org)

8/5/07,[Sunday], Regular meeting, but AT Vintage Transportation Extravaganza at the Illinois Railway Museum, just east of Union, IL Please use the Application, printed later in this issue, and we will see you right behind the Station, in our usual SPOT! Park carefully, as we need to fit over 50 cars into the area!! [Studebakers, Avantis, Packards and Pierce Arrows]...maybe a few "others"! - we had 51 cars this past year! - - MINIMAL COST, and you get to ride EVERYTHING!...well, mostly! We usually Call our Meeting about 1pm - - more info as it gets closer!

9/14-16/2007 Zone Meet, Rockford, RRVC Third weekend of September [Clock Tower Inn Resort] Jack Willis: 815-389-2640! GET your Reservations NOW, before the bolock of \$79 rooms runs out, and you get hit for over \$200, or have to find somewhere else - the Friday night event is going to be GREAT, there's a tour for the ladies on Saturday, including Shopping, and another Museum for the guys after the concours.

2008 SDC Meet, sponsored by Keystone Region, in SE Pa.[More INFO will Follow!]

7/12-18/2009 SDC Meet will be Hawkeye Downs Speedway and Clarion Hotel and Conv. Ctr., Cedar Rapids, IA 52043 Alan Meeker of long white truck fame is the meet spokesman.319-366-8671.

October, 2010 SDC meet will be in Phoenix area. Larry Vahe of Scottsdale is meet spokesman. [602-494-6081] Thanks to Richard Dormois for the updates to the SDC Meet schedule.

February meeting attendance: Rolf Snobeck, Chris Brauer, Hugh Edfors, Ron Smith, Stan Smith, Bill & Roger Gorski, Wayne Smida, Bill Mitchell, Mike DeLapp, Noble Glaudell, Dave Reid, Guest: Steve Kolish.

Minutes of the March 6, 2007 Meeting at Mr Beef & Pizza.

President Rolf Snobeck called the meeting to order at 8pm. Joining member Tom Burke introduced himself. He just got a 56k mile '61 Lark Regal VI.. It's a black 4-door with a very good body.

Bill Mitchell moved to approve the printed minutes, second by Dave Reid, passed... Treasurer's report: 1785.21 in regular account, and zone meet account remains static.

We have 94 members.

Bill Mitchell reported on upcoming activities, and urged that we get rooms for the June International Meet in South Bend.

Old Business: membership voted a \$50 honorarium for Wayne Smida's friend who helped with the Zone Meet entertainment. Mike DeLapp said that he's gotten no response to his questions about classifying his car for judging.

New Business... it was mentioned that the new Bass Pro Shop in Portage, IN has a nice R5 truck at the front door.

Motion by Reid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brauer to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Attendance: Dave Reid, Don Juday, Carl Meyer, Mike DeLapp, Tom Burke, Steve & Luke Jaffe, Hugh Adam, Ed & Linda Manly, Bill Mitchell, Bill Pienta, Dave Peterson, Roger Gorski, Jerry Malecki, Jay Crites, Mike Burke, Gary Garmisa, Wayne Smida, Noble Glaudell, Hugh Edfors, Chuck Galauner, Bob Markert, Chris Brauer.

Auction Results by Dave Reid

There comes a time every year, after the Arizona Auctions, when it becomes Necessary to Report the results of same! Bill Mitchell, Larry Swanson and Linda Sinclair seem to Spend a LOT of time at those events, but none of them sent me any results, so I'll have to Digest the Reports from Old Cars Weekly, which, IF you don't get it, you really Should: 877-300-0243!

Anyway, here are the Studebaker Results, in somewhat chronological order...

1/25/07 OCW: 1/1/07 Luther Toy Auction, St. Paul, MN Diecast 1959 Dinky Stude Hawk, 1/43rd \$50, #2 cond. Painted tin: Distler 1952 Packard 2 dr convert, 1/25th, NIB [new in box] \$275 , #1 cond.

1923 Keystone Packard Coal Truck, repainted \$300, #3 cond.

Pictured Top Seller sure looks to me like a Studebaker R vintage "Donald Duck's Go Power" Marx gasoline tanker semi, which sold for \$1,550

2/1/07 OCW:1/5-7/07 Kruse-Rupp, Ft Lauderdale: 1950 2d Business Cpe Mod, 350-cid, Auto, A/C \$24k, #2 cond.

1962 GT Hawk, V8, Auto, A/C \$23.5k, #3

2/8/07 OCW, Russo & Steele, Scottsdale sold NO Studes! OR Packards

2/15/07 OCW: RM Biltmore Resort, Phoenix, 1-19-07: 1931 President 4Seasons 2d Rdstr, R/S, w/ trunk, Smts, \$122.5k, #1 cond. [NO kidding!]

Silver, Ft.McDowell, Fountain Hills, AZ 1/19-21-07...

1952 Commander 4dr sed lead sled, \$3.4k, #4 cond.

'54 Champion Regal Starliner 2dr HT, \$19k, #3 cond.

2/22/07 OCW: Barrett-Jackson, Scottsdale, Az, 1/16-21/07: 1947 M1[5!] Pickup, 1/2T, \$76k, #2 cond.

1951 Champion Starlight 2dr coupe, 6cyl, 3spd, \$15.4k, #2 cond

1957 Golden Hawk, 2dr HT, 289cid, 275 hp, auto, \$51k, #3 cond.

1959 Lark 2dr StaWgn, mod, 6cyl, auto, \$9k, #3 cond.

3/1/07 OCW: Kruse Scottsdale: 1/26-27-07 had NO Studes or Packards, but did sell a 1927 Pierce-Arrow 4dr Station Wagon with sidemounts in #3 condition, for \$52.5k

...and a 1936 Pierce 1601 4dr , also with sidemounts, for \$15.3k, also in #3 condition AND, the 3/22/07 OCW had these results: Potter-King auction, Atlantic City, NJ2/22-24/07: 1960 LarkVIII convert, A/C w/ skirts: \$28.5k, #2 cond.

RM Ft. Lauderdale, FL 2/9-11-07: 1957 Silver Hawk w/ 289 [??!] V-8/Auto, \$9,750 in #3 cond.

1961 Hawk, 289cid, 200 hp, 4spd, \$19.5k, #3

OK, folks, that's all I've got - hope you enjoyed it!

/d/

**WANT AD's** You know the drill, we just print them, it's up to you to exercise "due diligence" - you know, that stuff they're all talking about on TV !!! Hey, folks, just so you KNOW, the Editor just VERIFIED EVERY one of these AD's. and they're ALL STILL VALID!! [only took me about 6 hours!] [you'll notice that several of the ads are "enhanced", with more information!]

Pete Yuen, Editor of the BC Coastal chapter's newsletter sent a note saying that he's LOOKING for a NOS Tail light rim for his '51 Champion, part #293778X2,

email: [tuumest@shaw.ca](mailto:tuumest@shaw.ca) or 604-327-3143

From Steve Kolish: Alex Wasleff, who was already a member of the Avanti club when [SK] joined in 1979, has passed away, and [SK] has his Dark Green Metallic '87 Avanti with 93k miles at his place - - asking \$10k or best closest offer... call Steve at 847-966-8046.

Jay Crites sent me this ad: 1951 Champion parts car. good glass, some body damage, bad uph, good trunk/hood, OD, less than 50k miles, 2 door \$150, 920-361-2728, 20 miles west of OshKosh, WI, Don Rosner, W580 Cumberland Ave, Berlin, WI 54923 [has front end loader for loading] Clarence Clark sent info on... '55 4dr champion, 3spd OD, Overall good body condition, but poor brightwork, didn't see engine compartment, interior looked good thru closed windows, lt. Green and white. Asking \$4,950 815-342-5909 Ron Larson, 2554 N. 42nd Rd, Sheridan, IL, 60551 [Now in AZ, but this phone # works there, back mid-April]

New Member Paul Thomann (1963 Lark Wagonaire) sent this in: I can offer large format photography of your automobile (4x5, 5x7 or 8x10) as long as it is a Studebaker, Packard or Pierce Arrow for only \$150 plus expenses for the film and the processing. This would involve shooting either in Black and White (for that period look) or transparency (like a slide except much larger). Prints can be made off of the transparency by going to a Ilfochrome print (it used to be called Cibachrome). The advantage of doing it this way is that the prints look much better and the process is archival (more than 10 years without any fading). Yours, Paul Thomann [pthomann@csc.com](mailto:pthomann@csc.com) Cell 773 517-0981

Mike Kearney has two cars for sale: '63 Lark 2dr, 6cyl, 3spd, 74k miles, rebuilt engine, new clutchg, starter, alternator, master cylinder, many other new parts. Cream with blue interior. Older repaint, good interior Solid car, good rubber, some rust on fenders \$3,200... AND '63 Lark Wagonaire, 8 cyl, OD, 59,500 miles, solid drivetrain, recent dual exhaust, good tires, project car \$1,700 Both cars in Elgin Mike Kearney 847-695-9561

Ken Libert has decided that one or the other of his cars has to go, and whichever goes first will be the one: we ran an ad here some time ago for his red Olds Convertible... the other choice is his Very Nice '58 Golden Hawk, Auto, PB, PS, PW, TT, tinted glass, Arizona car, \$22,500 [Call him about either car] 708-422-3691 or [libertoaklawn@aol.com](mailto:libertoaklawn@aol.com)

From Heart of America: Misc **parts for '61 Lark VI coupe**, head, block, trans, crank, cam, etc., also '63 Lark seats. If there is anything you need, email [kkad0711@aol.com](mailto:kkad0711@aol.com) or call 816-718-9584. Pics avail. On request

Roscoe Stelford has discovered a new/better Rust Remover: "Ultra One Rust Remover", and is selling it: Non-Acid Product, NO fumes, no gloves required, reusable product, cleans up with water, biodegradable, easy to use. Does not affect rubber, gaskets, seals, decals or stickers, plastics, most paints... Dissolves RUST only! [www.weremoverust.com](http://www.weremoverust.com) code RCS15... Call 847-464-5119 for a brochure, or write to him at 15N119 Reinking Rd, Hampshire, IL 60140, or email at [stelfordsinc@aol.com](mailto:stelfordsinc@aol.com)

Ed Costell [WLEC] is selling a **1939 Commander 4dr**, 6cyl, 3spd OD, less than 6500 miles on rebuilt engine, incl rblt carb, dist, fuel pump, starter, gen,

wiper motor, shocks, drive shaft, fuel gage and sending unit. New rad. Core, cooling fan, battery, wiring harness and chrome plating. Also avail: dozens of NOS and used parts incl engine and a reconditioned radio. It needs int. work and upholstery plus TLC. Asking price reduced to \$6,295. Sylvania, OH .....(419) 882-1147:Home; (419) 304-7752:Cell

Jay Crites has the following **left over from his restoration: for GT Hawk**, set of 4 new floor frame to body supports: HALF PRICE! \$120 + shipping [made by Classic Ent.] 847-437-1587

My Bridgeport "neighbor" Bob wants to sell his **'50 2-door [black]** Champion. He has \$1800 in it. Call him, talk about it, and make an offer: 312-326-1199 [I've seen it parked here and there around the neighborhood for at least the last 10 years]...02/07 he sez it's mostly apart, but has new floors, trunk floor, etc, and that the price is negotiable

Stan Smith wants to sell his **'61 Lark VI**, 3-spd, 4-door, Desert Sand, NO rust, 100,000 miles on odo, but about half of that while it was being towed back and forth to Miami from DesPlaines for many years.. Purchased from original owner, who bought it new in Miami. \$2,500(firm) 630-898-5374 [stansmith@sctsconsulting.com](mailto:stansmith@sctsconsulting.com)

Paul Scachnitowski. [Skikruse87@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Skikruse87@sbcglobal.net) 708-485-8310 has the following **tools he will LOAN** to those who need to use them: Drum Puller, also has specialty alignment, front end, coil spring, brake tools, and axle puller for 50's to '70's cars, which he worked on in the '60's and '70's. Also has [to sell and share the income with the club...] a space saver spare that fits Studebaker, a NOS 3 case 6-volt battery, and a universal bumper trailer hitch, that would fit the curved bumpers of Stude's.

#### **PLEASE LET YOUR EDITOR KNOW IF YOUR AD IS NO LONGER NEEDED**

Ken Holste has a **'64 Daytona 4-dr sedan** that he's had for years. 100k miles, dk green, fair green vinyl interior, sitting long time, trans seals may be leaking, V8/Auto, radio, heater \$4,000 or offer [looks good in photo] 708-385-2190.

Frank Lillig wrote: It's time to pass on the Avanti, so here goes: **Studebaker Avanti: '63 R1**, PW, Am/Fm, Auto, powerful, solid, good interior, needs paint and detailing. Asking \$10,900. Contact Greg Lentini 815-942-8121 (Now at Scott's 630-293-7750)

Scott Stastny says to reduce the prices on the following items which are still available: '57-61 **Coupe doors** with NO guts, but very solid doors, left and right, \$100 each. Call 630-293-7750

**1964 DAYTONA HARDTOP**. One of the last hardtops made by Studebaker. This like-new California car is an unrestored 3-owner 50K original. 259, Auto, PS, PB, Bordeaux Red by Scott Stastny/Deluxe Auto Works, 200 Watt Kenwood Audio System with 10 disc CD in trunk (no holes cut to install), Electronic ignition, Original wheels and covers. 10K Firm. Ask for video. Photo at [studebakerclubs.com/memberprofiles/DonShannon](http://studebakerclubs.com/memberprofiles/DonShannon) 800-439-3827 or 708-670-3946. [dshannon@televideo.com](mailto:dshannon@televideo.com)

Lloyd Richardson of Machesney Pk has 4 Stude's listed: '57 Pres Broadmoor Wagon, '60 Champ V8/OD shortbed, '64 Commander 4dr, 6 auto, '65 Cruiser AZ car 815-633-4552 evening's best

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## Ted Harbit's Comments on the "50 Fastest Muscle Cars" Event

Hello Everyone.

Got home a couple hours ago from these drags. To refresh memories or if you haven't heard, there is the Buick Horsepower Nationals this week starting yesterday (Wednesday) through this Saturday at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

For the first time they were inviting the Top Fifty Fastest Muscle Cars from a list back in 1984 when they took road tests by various magazines and listed the fastest fifty cars tested. Trouble is, they didn't take any test that magazines did on Studebakers! AND this quote is taken directly from the Buick Horsepower website:

"However, these editors many years later admitted that back then there was fierce competition among the magazines of the day to see who could turn in the best times, and they freely admitted that they got some of the ETs claimed with a slight ROLLING START and that back then, it really was no big deal how they got their magazine's reported ETs."

When I heard about this, I got in touch with the organizer and asked if just those type/make cars from 1984 were invited. I was told they would open it up to other muscle cars that were not on the list. He asked what I had. When I told him two Studebakers (referring to George Krem's '64 R 3 Challenger and my '63 R 2 Super Lark) I could tell he was not overly enthused about us coming. He said IF you can produce a magazine test back in the mid sixties that proved these were muscle cars they would consider it.

I immediately called George and in about a minute he had in his hands on a copy of the June, 1963 Hot Rod Magazine with a test on an R 3 Avanti. George made a copy of the article and sent it to the organizer.

When the organizer got the copy (stating the Avanti ran 13.7 @ 107 mph and the authors were complaining that they could not get any traction and thought it was a low 13 second car with 110 mph capabilities) he got in touch with me and said he was going to have to get one of those cars and to bring our two on down.

They were expecting between 100 and 500 cars to show up. Fred, my racing buddy for the past 40+ years, and I went down yesterday morning and arrived at 9:00 and was really surprised that we were the only two muscle cars there. There were some hopped up Buicks for their big meet but not even very many of those. We sat around for about an hour and finally another muscle car showed up, a Buick Stage One.

We were supposed to run from 10:00 until noon. About 10:30 I ran the Buick with the R 3 and Fred made a solo run with the R 2. Being the first run and the cars not really warm yet, we took it easy. The R 3 beat the Buick with a 13.29 @ 105.76. Fred ran 13.86 @ 103.44 (he really took it easy).

The weather was pretty good and we had about a 5 mph tail wind so I thought it would be easy to get the R 3 in the 12's. WRONG! The best I could get was a 13.06 @ 108.37. Traction was a real problem but the R 3 didn't feel like it was pulling like it should in high gear. The next run I watched the boost gauge and it was dropping off about 1 1/2 pounds more than normal. I decided I would put the new belts on the next morning (this morning and see what it would do).

Fred was still taking it easy with the R2 so about 2:00 pm we decided we might as well go home and there were only about 7 or 8 muscle cars at the most there! Can't believe this.

We decided to make one more run (since no more cars there than this we could run all afternoon if we wanted) and I told Fred if he happen to get a good bite to see what it would do. Well, you don't have to tell Fred to "get on it". He got a good bite (1.94 sixty foot time and his others had only been around 2.26) and with the tail wind ran 12.76 @ 108.73!

He came back to try again and his 60' time went back to 2.26 and he missed third gear. Came back for another and 60' was another 2.26 and missed second gear. He came back and was sick as he thought he broke the transmission.

We came home last night thinking there might be more show up today but when we got there, there weren't any more muscle cars but were a few more big hp Buicks.

I told Fred to go out and run the R 2 and see if it would go in all four gears. He was really easy with it (ran about 13.6 and 102) but it did shift and I think it's ok but he didn't want to run it any more while it was shifting ok and wasn't any reason to anyway since he had the best muscle car time of the meet.

I wanted to get the R 3 in the 12's but today there was about a 10 mph head wind most of the time. I ran it about 10:30 and it went 13.13 @ 108.39 so went back to the pits and put a new set of belts on, put some Gasgacinch (sticky stuff) on the pulley and belts and waited to see if the wind would die down some. About an hour later I noticed the wind signs I had on the truck were not blowing as much so ran back up to the staging lanes to try it again. Naturally by this time the wind had picked up again. Made the run shifting at 6000 and I noticed the boost was back to normal. The sixty foot time was the best I had gotten in the two days at 2.07 and it went 12.86 @ 109.46 against the wind. Now we are happy.

Dan Jenson and Bob Boden (from the Stanton, Michigan, Pure Stock Race fame) had been hired to check the legality of any cars that went what they thought was to be "too fast".

About noon, they told us they needed to P & G one of the cars sometime that afternoon since they were the fastest ones there. Later when I saw them I asked if they had a preference or wanted to check both of them. They were planning to leave a short time later so after remembering they had already certified the R 2 at Stanton and no one had ever seen the R 3 with a valve cover off they would "pump" it (meaning to use the P & G checker to check the cubic inches).

I pulled the valve cover and loosened the rocker shaft so we could slide the intake and exhaust rockers off the push rods on one cylinder, pulled the plug (we did number 3 cylinder since it was the easiest to get to) and Dan hooked up the P & G while Bob held the ? tube with the piston in it. I was to turn the engine over five times with the starter and this shot the piston up the tube. The temperature of the engine also plays a part in this. The tube registered 300 cu. in. and with temperature of the engine at 100 degrees it came out to exactly 304.5 cu. in. I don't think they always come out that accurate but it did this time.

Put everything back together and come home. I really doubt we will get much coverage if any since it was such a wash out as far as the number of cars. I never did hear for sure how many but couldn't have been more than about 10 if that unless there were some we never saw. There were more of the high powered Buicks coming in all the time so I hope they get a good turn out for their sake. I hope they continue this but I have my doubts.

I thought this could get some good PR for the Studes and feel I'm doing my part since it cost \$120 to enter the two cars with no pay out. At the Goodguys about three weeks ago it was \$150 to enter the two and a couple weeks ago \$95 per car to enter the Martin, Michigan, FAST race so I sure hope the cars get a little coverage. Hemming's Muscle Machines had a photographer there (Roy Query) and he was with us a lot so if Hemming's needs some filler, maybe we will get something.

Thanks to John Kerns and Dale McPhearson for showing up and Bob Palma for his offering to be on standby any time we might need something. All in all, Fred and I had a ball. Just wish they could have had a bunch of cars there.

Ted

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Chuck & June Reynolds Avanti



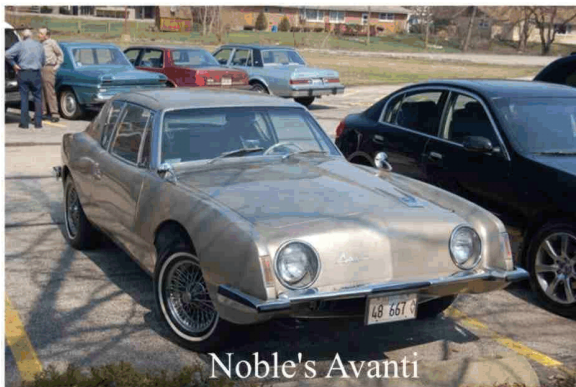
Hugh Edfors by his 2002 Avanti



Rolf's Plate Says it ALL



The Reppa's Pretty '53



Noble's Avanti



The Goldspiel's '66

**AND these folks drove their cars:  
Goldspiels, Snobeck, Reppa, Glauddell & Reynolds**

**Thanks to Jay Crites for pulling off a MIRACLE**

**Photos on this page by Ed Manly, the rest thanks to Bill Pienta**





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Janis & Dennis Orszykowski



Nancy & Don Juday



Steve & Andrea Goldspiel, Hugh & Cynthia Adam



Ruth, Brianna & Carl Meyer



Linda & Ed Manly &  
Chuck Galauner HAWKing 50-50 tickets



Gary & Fran Garmisa & his sister Gail Peck  
(Linda Sinclair making sure EVERYbody signed  
up for the Spring Dust-Off Tour on April 22nd)



Jean & Paul Reppa



Mike Burke, Johnny & Gail Gercken, Jerry Malecki



Vera & Glen Reints



Chuck & June Reynolds, who just got her fella a '56 Golden Hawk [that makes 7 Stude's], Dave & Kathy Reid



Bev Crites & Carol Malecki... their husbands were at the door, checking folks in



Pat & Bob Markert, Wayne Smida



Mike & Renee DeLapp, who had to leave early, left their 50-50 tickets with Chuck, and they WON (and gave their loot to the chapter)... saying 'bye' to Da Prez, Rolf Snobeck



Treasurer Mike Burke checking the numbers with Brunch Organizer Jay Crites



Robert B and Bob Kapteyn



Kathy Galauner, Noble Glauddell, Steve Jaffe



Glen Reints listening to Hugh Edfors, Jack Willis [silent for the moment!?!?], new member Dave Neiber... Jane Burke and Roger & Bill Gorski must have been in the rest room...!

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