

The Strato-Vue



1962 Studebaker Champ Pickup

Roger and Jean Odom

Reflecting the Rock River Valley



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**REMEMBER
YOUR DUES ARE NOW DUE!!**

RRVC SDC MEETINGS

1st Mon. of each month
unless it falls on a holiday
then it will be the 2nd Mon.
5:30 to eat!! 7:00 for Meeting

Meeting Location -
The Stockholm Inn
2420 Charles Street
Rockford, IL

Saturday March 19 1:00 Hawks View Restaurant

Sign up for this party by letting Jack Willis know if you are going to attend.
Jack's Phone number is 815 - 389 - 2640 or e-mail to jwillis3767@cs.com
\$13 for corned beef buffet (tax and tip included)
You will also have the choice to order off the menu if you prefer.

The Hawks View Restaurant is located at
11189 Forest Hill Road in Machesney Park, IL
(That's just east of N. 2nd Street - Route 251)



The Presidents Message



Spring is on the way. I looked at the Wagonaire and it has a low tire; and due to no heat in my building, I have not done anything about it. The '53 is in a nice warm garage.

April 30th is the first event other than Black Sheep Coffees that I can think about now. Things that need to be done before that is to fix the tire and make sure I get a current insurance card and a fire extinguisher.

Some clubs do check to see if you have both of these items before going on a tour and it is important. Depending on your insurance company, these cards come out about every 3 months and we get them when it is not a easy time to put them into the car. I understand that the police can have a car towed if you do not have one which would be a real pain. Probably even worse, if you somehow end up without coverage when you need it. If you have done some work on your car or have not updated your coverage you may want to increase the amount of the stated value coverage. It is much easier to have a value set before you need it than after.

We have some events starting early this year; the Cruise Nights start May 5th at Hawk's View Restaurant. This first cruise at Hawk's View is a fund raising event for Vets Roll. Vets Roll is an organization that send WW2 vets to Washington DC,

April 30th we will have a day outing to Oregon Ill. We will see a sculpture maker maybe a boat ride and much more eating at Maxson Manor [more information on page 14]. We will be joined by the Big 6 chapter from Iowa and Blackhawk Chapter from Chicago. As of this writing it is still in the planning stage, so watch for details through e-mail and at the club meeting.

Dave and Donna are setting up a Spring Tour for May 27 - 29. Again watch for more information in your e-mail and at the club meetings.

PLEASE REMEMBER - YOUR DUES ARE NOW DUE. THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID TO OUR TREASURER, PETE BELL. Payment can be made to Pete at the meeting or mail your check to him at 2200 Maddens Drive, Sterling, IL 61081.

I want to welcome our new club members from Elgin, IL - John & Ellen Reading. They are the owners of a 1955 Packard Caribbean.

Jack

Club Cars



This issue's feature story is Roger and Jean Odom's -

1962 STUDEBAKER CHAMP - BROTHER'S PRIDE

Upon arriving home after his tour of duty in Viet Nam, my oldest brother Travis, relocated to Ohio in 1971. Once there he started his own construction business and began to get his life in order. During this time he met a man who owned a 1962 Studebaker Champ pickup. He bartered some of his carpentry skills to purchase the truck in 1972. It was love at first sight and so it began, a 29 year long love affair between a man and his machine. Travis got married and had two beautiful daughters who eventually learned to drive the Champ. The Champ was used for business and fun.

In 1981, Travis, his family and the Champ relocated to Tucson, Arizona. Once there, the Champ received a '69 Camaro front clip. By front clip, I mean the front framework, suspension, motor mounts, etc. from the Camaro which allowed Travis to equip the Champ with power steering and brakes, as well as support needed to install the small block 350 engine. Even though everything in front of the firewall is Camaro, Travis retained the Studebaker look with the fenders, hood and grill from the original truck. The pickup continued to be used for business, school and fun for many years. Travis dreamed of making the Champ into a hot rod someday but never really had the time or the money. In 2000 he was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer, and after a vicious fight lost his life in February of 2001. He was 49 years old. At that point the



The Champ the way it looked when Roger brought her home from Arizona.

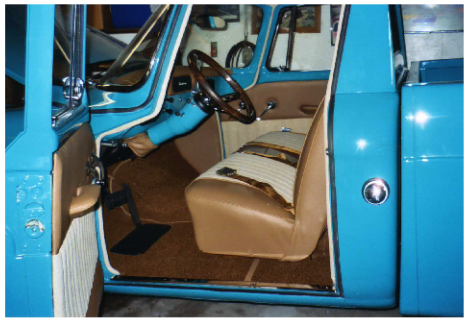
Champ had not been running for several years and needed much love. I purchased the Champ from my nieces and dragged her to my home in Illinois on a rented car dolly pulled by my minivan. It was a 33 hour long drive but we both made it home safely.

After a year of rest in my garage, the Champ was calling out to me every time I entered. My brother Mike (a professional body man for 28 years) and I decided to resurrect her. So in March of 2002 it began. The Champ was going to get a facelift and continue to supply fun for the family. After disassembly, Mike and I decided a simple facelift was out of the question due to safety issues. One issue was rust had eaten the cab so severely, you could see more road than floor. So what had started out as a simple facelift, became a full blown restoration. In order to keep a very long restoration story short, I will tell you that everything and I do mean everything from the ground up has been repaired, replaced or remanufactured. After many hours and many years of blood, sweat and tears, the Champ was resurrected!

She now sports a mild built small block Chevy engine with a TH350 automatic transmission and a 12 bolt posi rear end, new chrome and paint on the exterior, and a new hickory wood floor in the bed. She also sports a new custom interior with tilt wheel and Pioneer tunes.



The Champ's cab is all painted and the Camaro front clip is in place. The 350 small block has been rebuilt and the truck is starting to take shape.



These pictures show the finished product of Roger and Mike's work. The hickory wood bed was a challenge to assemble. The interior includes all the original switches and gauges. Back in '62, Roger's Champ came with an optional padded dash and sliding back window for \$38. Roger made sure these options were included in the restoration.



The '62 Champ how it looks today. Roger's restoration resulted in a beautiful and safe vehicle for Roger and his family.

After completing the Champ project and realizing it was filled with Travis' spirit, Mike and I have named her "Brother's Pride". Once again she is brand new and standing tall, ready to take on the task of supplying the family with many more years of fun.

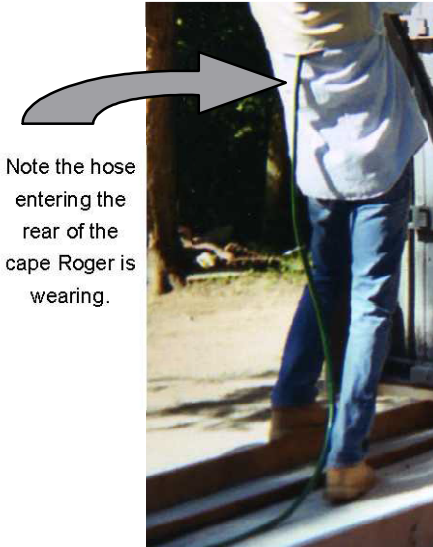
by Roger Odom

Ingenuity the Mother of Inventions

Sandblasting is one of the worst jobs in the restoration of our classics. Roger solved part of the problem with his hood and cape used to protect vital body parts (In this case I am talking about Roger's body not the Champ's body). It was hot under the head covering Roger was using and Roger's glasses fogged up so bad he couldn't see what he was doing.



Roger under his hood and cape sandblasting the underside of the Champ's pickup bed.



Note the hose entering the rear of the cape Roger is wearing.

Roger's solution was to add a garden hose connected to a vacuum exhaust that brought in fresh air under the mask. The end of the hose was attached to a hard hat that Roger wore under the cape and the fresh air was enough to keep his glasses from fogging up and perspiration from running down his forehead. Just another of the many ingenious ways a car restorer uses to get a job done.

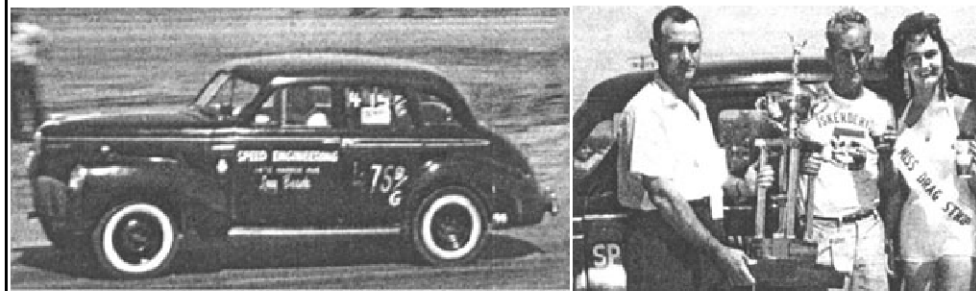
by Dennis O

7 Studebaker & the Gasser Wars

In the late '50s, street legal hot rods by the thousands participated in organized drag races across the country. There were three major classes: Gas, Modified Production, and Modified Sports. As the drivers got more serious and their ingenuity flourished, the cars became "street legal" racers in appearance only. The cars had headlights, taillights, and interiors, but they were full-on race cars, with huge engines, wide racing slicks, raised front suspensions, etc. etc. The drivers quickly discovered that the smaller, lighter cars were the fastest, and the classic Gasser was born.

It has long been debated about how the "Gasser Wars" began. One of the most convincing arguments on its start comes from Ed Iskenderian, an early cam grinder, that ran an ad in a July 1958 issue of Drag News. In the ad it stated, "The 'King' Gets Dethroned. Sunday, July 6, was a rough day for self-proclaimed royalty at the 6th Annual Southern California Championship held at Pomona, as the heralded 'King of the Blowers' ended a brief one week reign and blew a 2 car-length decision to Junior Thompson. In racking up his decisive win Thompson registered a Top Time of 108.50 mph and an E.T. of 12.50 sec. Thompson really goes on gas with his supercharged Chevy V8."

Back in the early '50s Junior (JR) Thompson started racing cars at the old Santa Ana Airport outside Los Angeles in Orange County, California. He started his racing career with a 1940 flathead Ford, quickly moving through a 1949 Ford and a 1955 Chevy before his successful years with an old black 1941 Studebaker. The car had a small block Chevy bored to 292 cu in. with a McCulloch supercharger over two 4-barrel carbs; Isky Cam and Engineering Kit." Over the next three and half years, the car changed, making improvements in its performance culminating with a 116 mph run at 11.90 second elapsed time. With this little '41 Studebaker, JR won Little Eliminator at the



The '41 Studebaker winning at the 1958 Nationals in Oklahoma City at the start of the Gasser Wars. JR Thompson accepting the Little Eliminator trophy

Studebaker & the Gasser Wars

1958 NHRA National in Oklahoma City. This race was the beginning of the famous Gasser matches which included such well-known names - Tim Woods, K.S. Pittman, George Montgomery and others.

The cam manufacturers began sponsoring cars and touting their accomplishments in ads, and the "Gasser Wars" were in full swing. The Gasser Wars were a memorable time. To keep the excitement, there were "Open Challenges" published in local drag magazines.

Because these cars resembled street vehicles, they had a huge fan base, and their short wheelbases and wildly overpowered engines made them exciting to watch. Thousands of spectators flocked to events where the top Gassers in the country would face off in grudge matches. Then, by the early '70s the popularity of the Gassers began to wane.

In reminiscing, JR Thompson said "We took the Studie to a scrap yard in L.A. soon after I realized the 4-door sedan was too heavy to compete against the lighter Willys, which other Gasser greats were starting to use." The car's body wound up at a wrecking yard in Los Angeles where it was used as "yard art", until it just disappeared and just memories remained.

But then what goes around comes around again and the "Old Black Studebaker" was meticulously re-created by Sonny Messner. Sonny purchased a running Studebaker and as JR remembers it - "Sonny had me busy for months asking questions, getting details and old photos for a full restoration". Messner completed this recreation just in time for the 2008 NHRA Hot Rod Reunion at Bakersfield, Calif. Is this the original car? Doubtful, but it's a dream that could be.



The car's interior has an original dashboard and Studebaker steering wheel. Note the customized tranny cover - a hand cut thin gauge sheet metal with Phillips screws holding the pieces together. That is a big greasy hand print on the side - don't think the cover would pass NHRA regs today!!



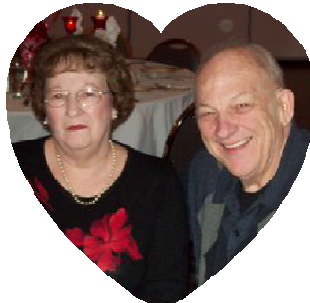
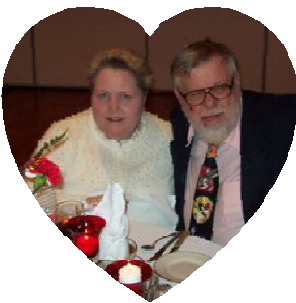
The '41 Stude how it looks today after Sonny Messner's restoration.

by Dennis O

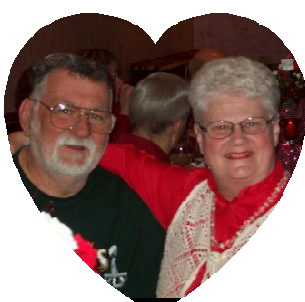
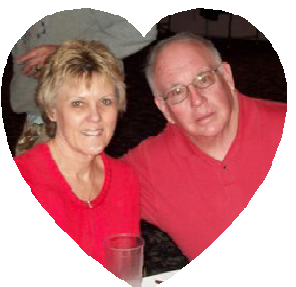
Valentine Party



We gathered at Hawk's View Restaurant on Saturday February 12th to celebrate with each of our special valentines. A variety of good food was enjoyed along with the wonderful music and singing by Mike McIntyre.



Some of the members attending the Valentine Party include (from top left clockwise) - Linda and Chuck Wilkinson, Chuck Smith and Mia, Van and Jack Willis, Mary and Roscoe Stelford, Fran and Kathy Tremain, Andy and Sherry Aranda, Frank and Marsha Drabek, Donna and Dave Neiber, Babs and Gail Dunlap



Valentine Party



Flower arrangements graced the tables for the Valentine Party.

The party consisted of good fellowship and of course conversations on cars/repairs plus anything pertaining to Studebakers.

Special thanks to Mary Hagemann for arranging the party, Janice Givens for arranging the flowers and Ralph Stambaugh for arranging the entertainment.

by Mary Stelford



Some of the couples danced to the romantic Valentine Day music. Here Lesley and Ralph Stambaugh (left) and Marsha and Frank Drabek (right) enjoy the music.



Classics and Chrome 2011

Classics and Chrome

The Classics and Chrome Car Show is the largest indoor car show in Northern Illinois and has become one of Rockford's signature events. Since its inception in 2001, Classics and Chrome has featured more than 1,000 vehicles, raised more than \$500,000 for Keith Country Day School, given away \$400,000 in raffle prizes and entertained more than 40,000 spectators.

This year, the show will be BIGGER than ever. Located at the old Menard's building in Machesney Park, this automotive-haven will display more than 120 vehicles including pre and post-war classics, sports cars, muscle cars, hot-rod and custom cars, exotic and race cars, specialty cars and motorcycles.

It is still not too late to submit a car for consideration for the 2011 Classics and Chrome Show. If your car is accepted into the show, there is NO ENTRY FEE. Deadline for car entries has been extended to March 31, 2011.

The show will be held at the old Menard's building located at 10253 North 2nd St., Machesney Park on April 16 (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and April 17 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Show tickets can be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$6 apiece and children under 10 are free.

Car Cruises

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Entertainment at many of these car cruises will be provided by Hits DJ Service.

Plan on taking your ride to one of the many car cruises planned during the upcoming summer. Here is a list of some of the popular cruise spots in the Rock Valley Area. While these dates are planned, make sure you check for the latest information before heading out for the cruise. The cruises are planned for 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ROSCOE CENTER

Roscoe Center Shopping Mall
Elevator Rd. just east of Hwy. 251
Roscoe, IL
2nd Thursday of the month
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13



Sophia's Restaurant
5467 Bridge Street
Roscoe, IL
4th Thursday of the month
May 26
June 23
July 28
August 25
September 22



The Hawk's View Restaurant
11189 Forest Hills Road
Machesney Park, IL
1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursday of the month
May 5 and 19
June 2 and 16
July 7 and 21
August 4 and 18
September 1, 15 and 29



Marco's Drive-In
615 N. Blackhawk
Rockton, IL
3rd Tuesday of the month
May 17
June 21
July 19
August 16
September 20



McDonald's at North Town Mall
930 W. Riverside Blvd.
Rockford, IL
Wednesdays from May through September
Starting on May 4 and ending on September 28



NAPA Stores - Watch for dates for cruises planned for NAPA stores -
4201 Durand Ave., Racine, WI
1201 Woodman Rd., Janesville, WI
and at
NAPA's Rockford Hub Warehouse
1670 North Rock Ct., Rockford, IL

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Mississippi Valley Zone Meet



Aug 19-20 2011 Ames IA

Sponsored by the Iowa Hawkeye Chapter SDC

Quality Inn and Suites Starlite Village Conference Center

2601 E. 13th St. Ames, Iowa 515-232-9260 amesqualityinn.com

The Iowa Hawkeye Chapter invites you to join us in Ames, Iowa for the 2011 Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet, at the Quality Inn and Suites Convention Center. This hotel offers luxurious rooms, spacious paved parking and an indoor poolside gathering area. The Iowa Hawkeye Chapter plans to offer a cruise, seminars, judging of vehicles, vending, a silent auction, a Saturday afternoon drive through the area and the Saturday evening awards banquet. We are hoping to provide Studebaker entertainment and fun for all ages, men, women, and children. Attend this Zone Meet to visit with your Studebaker friends and meet new ones to share your Studebaker stories.

Ames is a very easy city to travel through. Our host hotel is located right off of Interstate 35 on a not too busy street. Access to and from the hotel should be comfortable. The large parking area should allow us to park our Studebakers with room to spare. Space is also available to park your trailers if you bring your vehicles by this method. The Quality Inn room rate will be \$89.95 per night for this event. Reservations can now be made by calling 515-232-9260. Mention you are with the "Studebaker Car Club". Registration for this meet will be available at a later date.

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2011 Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet. For further information contact Tony and Sue Urich by phone 641-923-3042 or by e-mail: tsurich@peconet.net



MALCOLM EATON ENTERPRISES 17TH ANNUAL PORK CHOP DINNER AND CAR SHOW

Sunday, May 22, 2011 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises, 570 W. Lamm Road, Freeport.

Pork chop dinner (11 am to 3 pm) served via dine-in, drive-thru or delivery while classic cars from all eras are on display.



Studebaker in January

The Studebakes, hosted by Janice Givens met January 22, at the Hoffman House in Rockford. We ordered lunch and played games after our meal. The restaurant is known for prime rib, some were tempted by that while others enjoyed the salad bar, sandwiches and salads. After lunch we played games and ate chocolates. Everyone was a winner and chose a prize. What a jolly group! One prize was donated by Babs Dunlap, it was a Red Hat pin and was won by Mary Ellen Carlson.

On a personal note, I would like to say the companionship is appreciated and enjoyable. This is a friendly, and fun group. So if you haven't attended in awhile and you like to have fun come to the next Red Hat gathering. We can't wait to see you.

by Janice Givens

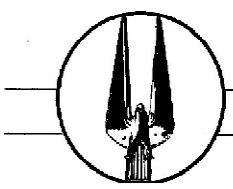


In the Red Hats group photo are from left Mary Ellen Carlson, Lesley Stambaugh, Betty Smith, Donna Neiber, Jill Kunzelman, Janice Givens, Mary Hagemann and Babs Dunlap.

Studebaker Drivers Club Day Trip - April 30

We will leave Sophia's Restaurant in Roscoe, IL at 9:15 and go to Meridian Rd then travel south to South Main Rd. Those from Rockford can join us at a rest stop just south of this intersection. We will then go to Maxson Manor in Oregon IL. At 10:45 we will go to Mount Morris to see a sculpture artist. We will return to Maxson Manor for a meal \$10-\$12 or so. If we get 20 that want to go on a boat ride for \$12 we will do this. If not we will do some other good stuff.

Those coming from other chapters can join us at Maxson or along the way. Contact Jack Willis for information - Jack Willis (815) 389-2640 or email at jwillis3767@cs.com



Service Bulletin

MAY 1961 NO. 361

SOUTH BEND 27, INDIANA



BRAKE PEDAL SHAFT END PLAY - 1961 Lark LHC Models with Flightomatic Transmission

Plain washer, Part No. 532035, is now used at each end, rather than one end, of the brake pedal shaft on the 1961 models when equipped with Flightomatic transmission.

The additional washer reduces pedal shaft end play and entered production with approximate car Serial Numbers 61S-24202 and 61V-19554.

To reduce brake pedal shaft end play on models built prior to the above serial numbers, install an additional Plain Washer, Part No. 532035, between the bracket bushing and the "hair pin" type lock on the opposite end of the shaft from the presently installed washer.

OIL BEING FORCED OUT OF OIL FILLER TUBE ASSEMBLY - 1961 V8 Engines

We have encountered a few instances of oil being forced out the oil filler tube of the 1961 V8 engines. In checking for the cause of this condition, we find that the small steel stamped type baffle may have been left out of the oil filler pipe.

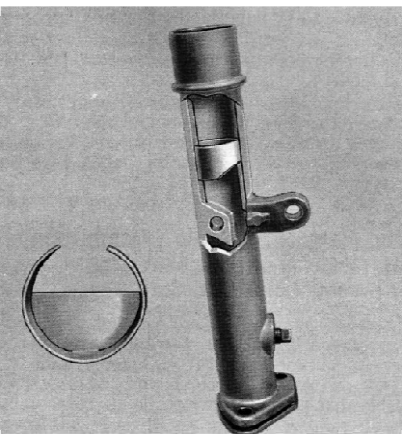


Figure 1

Removing the filler tube cap and looking down into the filler tube will readily determine if the steel baffle is in the tube. Fig. 1 shows the steel baffle in its correctly installed position. The cast-in front web in the filler tube serves as a guide and the rear web in the tube acts as a stop for the steel baffle.

If oil is being force out of the oil filler tube on the 1961 V8 model engine, examine the filler tube to make certain the steel type baffle is in the filler tube. If the baffle is not in the filler tube, install Baffle, Part No. 1551494, in its correct position in the tube as shown in Fig. 1.

There are several conditions that may cause oil loss from the oil filler tube. Therefore, if the condition exists in an engine that has a baffle correctly installed in the filler tube, the cause of the problem must be found and corrected.

ENGINE DIESELING

An engine may occasionally continue to run for a short time after the ignition switch is turned off. This is a dieseling condition that can occur if sufficient amounts of fuel mixture enter the combustion chambers after the ignition switch is turned off.

Our tests indicate that the dieseling condition will not occur if the engine idle is adjusted to the proper rpm and that the accelerator linkage is sufficiently free to allow the throttle to return to its fully close position.

When you encounter a dieseling condition, check the following items:

1. Adjust the engine idle to 550 rpm with the engine at normal operation temperature. Dieseling can occur above 600 rpm.
2. Make certain accelerator linkage is free so that the throttle always returns to the fully closed position.
3. Make certain the engine is properly tuned including correctly set ignition timing and correctly adjusted valves.

Studebaker News from 50 Years Ago

March/April 1961

S-P Purchases Concern

Studebaker-Packard Corp. has acquired Chemical Compounds, Inc., of St. Joseph, Mo. S-P purchased the chemical concern's stock for cash and will make additional payments from future earnings. Chemical Compounds processes and distributes additives for motor oil/fuel. Chemical Compounds is the sixth firm acquired by S-P.

S-P Stock Proposal

Studebaker-Packard Corp. has asked shareholder approval to increase its stock issue for possible use in "one or more major acquisitions." Clarence Francis, chairman, and Sherwood H. Egbert, president, revealed S-P was engaged in preliminary talks with several companies. They said the talks had only been "exploratory" and declined to reveal the companies involved.

STUDEBAKER READY

Speaking for Studebaker, we are prepared to assume our share of responsibility for meeting increased governmental and defense requirements. It will not be an unfamiliar project, for Studebaker has been a transportation supplier for defense needs since the Civil War. Studebaker's military production during World War II totaled \$1,200,000,000.

By assisting in solving the production problems of the Pentagon, the automobile industry, in fulfilling defense contracts, also will be aiding in relieving the current unemployment situation. Most important is the fact that this impetus, in solving two problems, will be economical and will save tax dollars for all of us.

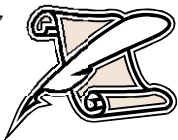
Bereavement

Sad news to report that Ken Holste of Blue Island, Illinois passed away February 15, 2011. Ken was a lifetime member of the SDC and ASC and was the only person to have served as President of both organizations. His Studebaker connection went back to the 1930s as his uncle owned a dealership in southern Illinois and his dad worked for many years as a mechanic in dealerships in the Chicago area. Ken had a number of Studebakers over the years including a '53 Commander that he purchased new and still owned. He also owned a '37 Coupe Express, a '41 President as well as others. Ken was a veteran of WWII and worked most of his life at Sears Roebuck Co.

Ken was the beloved husband of the late Jeanne M. nee Garrett and the late Gayle D. nee Reuss, loving father of Alison Bortoli and Beth (Jack) Martin, cherished grandfather of Andrea, Stephen, Jack and Kenny. Interment was at Oak Hill Cemetery.



Richard Quinn



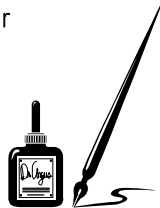
EDITOR'S NOTE -

One of the members of the club recently sent me their birth dates and anniversary date to add to the Birthday and Anniversary remembrances that are published in the newsletter. It got me to thinking about how many members are actually remembered in this column. Well it is about half. I have 102 birthdays and 40 anniversary dates for a membership (with spouses) of about 200. So I would hope that those that haven't seen their name in print and wonder why they are not being remembered - it is because I don't know about it. I would be glad to include your important dates - you can give me a call, send an e-mail or drop me a note in the mail. All my contact information is on page 1 of this newsletter.

Note the new location for the Classics and Chrome show this year. The old Menard's building in Machesney Park on Route 2 is the new location. It isn't too late to get your car considered for a showing, so get your application in now. The new venue is larger, so there is a better chance for your car to be shown. To register your car go to their web site

<http://www.classicsandchrome.com/register/>

Dennis



January 2011 Meeting

On January 3, 2011 the RRVC SDC met at the Stockholm Inn for their monthly meeting. There were 50 members present and President Jack Willis opened the meeting at 7 PM. Linda Wilkinson read the minutes of the December meeting. Pete Bell read the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

Dennis Orczykowski gave a report on the newsletter. The Strato-Vue expenses are running over a \$100 a month. Dennis has been working on a way for members to get the newsletter off e-mail. The software that Dennis uses to do the newsletter is too large to fit into an e-mail. Dennis has found a way to drop the newsletter into a drop box and members can go to the drop box to read the newsletter and then to print it. There was an active discussion about getting the newsletter off the internet. It was discussed that dues would remain the same if member got the newsletter off the internet. The members that would like to get the newsletter as a hard copy the way we have always gotten could pay \$3.00 a year more in dues. Dennis will have a sign up sheet and members can get hold of him if they would like to get the newsletter off the internet. Thank You Dennis for all of your hard work as you do a wonderful job with the newsletter.

Jack informed members that have pictures that could be used for the website to send the pictures to Jerry Johnson. Jerry does the pictures for the website and every month he does two cars of members. In January there were pictures of Frank and Marsha's car and Chuck and Linda's car. Jerry does a great job with the pictures. Jerry will get hold of members and let them know when their car will be featured.

New Business:

The Valentine's Day Party will be at the Hawk's View Restaurant and Mary will be collecting money at the February meeting. The party will be on February 12 at 6 PM. Mary will have the meal

choices and the prices at the February meeting.

The St Patrick's Day Party will also be at the Hawk's View Restaurant. There will be a corn beef buffet or you can order off the menu.

The Studebakers will meet on January 22, at the Hoffman House for lunch and games. The lunch is set for 11:30 and all women are welcome!

Mary thanked everyone for their cards and sympathy in her mother-in-law's passing.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wilkinson

February 2011 Meeting

On February 7, 2011 the RRVC SDC met at the Stockholm Inn for their monthly meeting. There were 38 members present and President Jack Willis opened the meeting at 7 PM. Linda Wilkinson read the minutes of the January meeting. Pete Bell read the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

Valentine's Party is at the Hawk's View on Feb. 12 at 5:30 PM. Please use the south side entrance to get in. Mary is collecting money tonight for the dinners; there are several entrees to choose from. The St. Pat's Day dinner will also be at Hawk's View on March 13.

The Malcolm Eaton Car show was discussed and Jack moved to donate \$75 for a trophy. Marsha seconded and the motion passed.

Jack will talk to Dennis about the drop box for e-mail.

New Business:

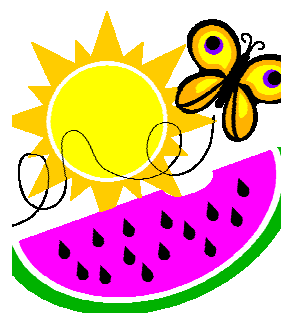
Dave Neiber talked about the spring trip to La Crosse Wisconsin May 20-22. There is a museum and many more attractions.

The Chicago Chapter would like to have a one day trip on April 30, to Maxson Manor in Oregon, Ill.

Hawk's View will sponsor a benefit for Vet's Roll and the Classics and Chrome show will be in April.

A trophy was displayed by Jim Lyga as trophy was not to have a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place setting on the trophy. Best of Division was to have a bigger trophy. Stickers to also be considered for placing on trophy for the place setting.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Wilkinson

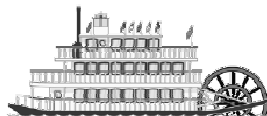


Spring Tour

MAY 27 TO 29

LA CROSSE, WI

Dave and Donna Neiber are planning a fun filled spring tour, so mark your calendars and don't miss out. The highlight of the trip will be a tour to Elmer's Museum. This museum has classic cars from the early 1900's to great muscle cars. It boasts the largest collection of peddle cars and is the home of over 400 dolls. Other plans being made include a paddle-wheel boat ride on the Mississippi and great eating. Motel accommodations are still incomplete but expect to pay about \$84 a night for the motel.



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- Studebakers and the Gasser Wars historical data - Gordy Buetsch
- Valentine Party story - Mary Stelford
- Valentine Party pictures - Lesley Stambaugh and Roscoe Stelford
- Ken Holste remembrance and picture - Richard Quinn
- Spring Tour - Dave and Donna Neiber
- Service Bulletin - Roscoe Stelford
- Studebaker News from 50 years ago - taken from Automotive Industries Magazine archives collection of Roscoe Stelford

STRATO-VUE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday Mornings (8:30)** Black Sheep Mtg-Sophia's, 5467 Bridge St., Roscoe, IL
- March 19** St. Patrick's Day Party - See page 2 for details
- April 16 & 17** Classics & Chrome Show - See page 10 for details
- April 30** SDC Day Trip - See page 14 for details
- May 6 & 7** South Bend Swap Meet - St. Joseph Co. Fairgrounds
- May 22** Malcolm Eaton Car Show - See page 13 for details
- May 27 to 29** Spring Tour to La Crosse, WI - See page 17 for details
- May 4** Start of the summer car cruises - See pages 11 & 12
- June 19 to 25** 47th International Meet, Springfield, Missouri
- August 19 to 20** UMW Zone Meet, Ames, Iowa-See page 13 for info
- September 10** Drive Your Studebaker Day
- Sept 14 to 16, 2012** UMW Zone Meet, Clock Tower, Rockford, IL

Happy Birthday to:

- March** 3 - Janis Orczykowski 11 - Bob Givens 13 - Marsha Drabek
22 - Dan Blakesley 23 - Van Willis 26 - Nancy Holter

- April** 6 - Tim Kehoe 7 - Sue Brackin 7 - Vicky Phillips
14 - Sharon Stevens 15 - Jack Willis 16 - Helga Brady 27 - Elvira Powell
27 - Lesley Stambaugh 28 - George Carlson 28 - Linda Wilkinson

Happy Anniversary to:

- March** 5 - Dave & Kitty Swaim 8 - Chuck & Linda Wilkon
- April** 6 - Frank & Marsha Drabek 15 - John & Joan Donovan
17 - Kevin & Shar Nousianen 23 - Andy & Sherry Aranda 24 - Pete & Betty Bell

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Note that the Strato-Vue Market Place is a free advertising feature for all members. You can place any car or car related ad for free. The ad can be for sale, trade or items wanted. All ads will be included as space permits and will be run for three issues of the newsletter. All ads can be renewed by contacting the editor. Send your ads to the editor, address on page 1.

FOR SALE - Duane & Lynda Miller are selling custom designed fabric by the yard. It is 100% cotton and 42" wide. All of the photos used were taken from period Studebaker Corp. advertising. Fabric cost is \$20 per yard plus shipping & handling from Eldridge, Iowa. Miller Signs, 1808 S. 11th Ave., Eldridge, IA. You can email us at dulymiller@netins.net



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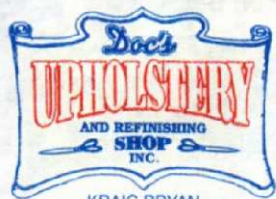


FOR SALE - Completely restored 1953 2R5 chassis. From a 64,000 mile Colorado truck. Overhauled Champion truck engine, new clutch, has O.D. trans. Was stored in a heated shop since 1990 - not driven since then. Too much to list here but very interesting history. Will sell for cost of parts involved. Engine is set up to run ! Chassis is in Iowa City, Iowa. Contact Ben at benmar@mchsi.com, and he will send you complete info by return email.

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