

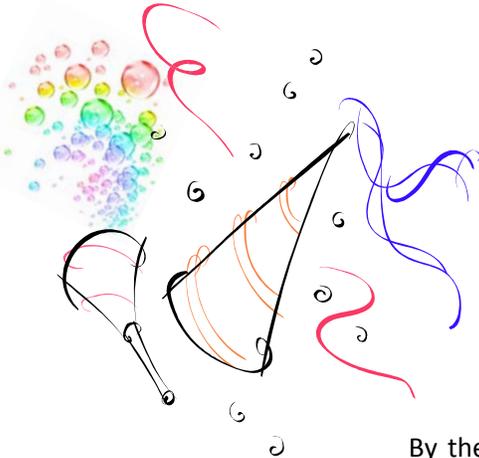
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Happy, Happy New Year!



By the time you get this issue of the **FLYING HUBCAPS**, Christmas will be history, and I hope you all had a great one. With most folks it is always a time to get together and renew our love for each other, recall the good times and the bad since the last get-together. Studebaker stories will abound, many of which we have told or heard before, but they always bring back a few laughs and pleasant reminiscences.

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Let's have a big turnout for the January meeting which will be at Buddy Freddys in Plant City. This is the first meeting that far east in awhile, so do your best to be there, as we'll undoubtedly see some friends from that area who haven't been able to get to the meetings in Pinellas and West Pasco counties.

As we face the New Year, don't forget the March meeting which will be at "Old Town" in Kissimmee. Check the dates, places and times in another section of this issue.

Our chapter had good representation at the State meet in Deland on October 30-31. It was a great show, and as a result of getting to know Frank Ambrogio better, we now exchange our chapter newsletters, which should give me some additional information to include in our letters from time to time.

Remember, we publish want ads at no charge, and we have begun to build that section with each new issue. If you are looking for a part or a car, or have something to sell, just let us know and we'll help you put together an ad for the next issue.

Sincerely,

Wilber G. Van Scoik



The Tour After (After the State Meet)

Nine Studebakers and twenty-one people took to the road to tour the Volusia County countryside. Our caravan wandered through the back roads at a leisurely pace never exceeding 45 MPH. Our lead car, a 1921 Studebaker Tourer was piloted by the tour's organizer, John Meinelt.

Besides the Tourer, three Avantis, one GT Hawk, two Golden Hawks, one 41 Commander Skyway, and one Lark made the approximately two hour trip without incident. We drove down many very picturesque roads that seemed to escape the development that has engulfed almost every area of the State over the past half century.

Many onlookers waved to us as we passed by, and several other drivers waited for us to pass so as not to interrupt our caravan. A few times the group was split due to a signal light not being as cooperative, but we were able to regroup each time.

Our travels took us to Stone Island, a beautiful setting with little bridges and huge trees where we ended at our first stop at Green Springs Park in DeBary. Gazing at the springs, it was easy to see how the area got its name as the water was as green as could be. We then continued on through more of the same pleasant scenery before arriving at our destination, the Swamp House Grill overlooking the beautiful and historic St. Johns River in DeBary, Florida.

The people touring in our group were Rusty & Karen DeFazio, Martha Cade, Pam DeSantis, Steve & Lark James, Steve Gutman, Larry & Lynn Carte, John, Pat, & Johnny Meinelt, Alberto & Olga Sanchez de Fuentes, Tom & Karen Pinnel, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, and Anita & Me. After lunch and a few good-byes, we departed for home. Thanks to John & Pat for a wonderful tour.

A short video of the tour is posted on my YouTube channel at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa77pvbw4hs>

Submitted by—Frank Ambrogio



Studebakers Finish First and Second in the Mexican Road Race

Nuevo Laredo, October 29th-The perfect way of Swedish Stig Blomqvist, World Rally Champion 1984, came to an end today in Nuevo Laredo, upon reaching the final goal as the new champion of La Carrera Panamericana, who ended his wanderings over 3 thousand 600 kilometers after seven stages through 13 states in Mexico.

Unofficially, Sweden made the 1-2 in the overall ranking of the twenty-second edition of the classic car race, because behind Blomqvist and his navigator, Venezuelan Ana Goni Boracco, ranked Lars Stugemo and Jonny Olofsson.

Mexico took the fight with the brothers Alejandro and Mauricio Pimentel, who won two stages, however an error in the third day, which ran from Mexico City to Queretaro, made the difference in the end to the duo-Boracco Blomqvist, who practically gave a flawless display.

The seventh and final stage of La Carrera Panamericana, which kicked off on Friday 23 in Huatulco, Oaxaca, came at 8:00 am of Zacatecas and the northern border came shortly after four o'clock, after a long journey of 703 kilometers of which were 50 speed, divided into five sections.

In the Studebaker number 110 of the Turismo category Mayor, Boracco and Blomqvist won only two stages, however masterfully guided their car through Mexico to reach the new monarchs as the goal arc, located in Guerrero Avenue, where hundreds of laredenses gathered to receive the weary convoy Pan.

Boracco and Blomqvist started their journey in Zacatecas in his Studebaker with a total time of 4:25.09 hours, with a clean control card penalties, and just over 12 minutes ahead of Stugemo and Olofsson, also in a Studebaker, so it was enough to get to Nuevo Laredo to formalize its title. The big controversy of the last day of La Carrera centered between Pimentel and Stugemo and Olofsson, who nevertheless were able to maintain his 46 second lead, away from complications, to stay with the second absolute.

Main absolute positions of the 22 Carrera Panamericana:

1. Stig Blomqvist SWE/Ana Goni Boracco Ven Studebaker Turismo Mayor
2. Lars Stugemo SWE/Jonny Olofsson SWE Studebaker Turismo Mayor
3. Alejandro Pimentel MEX/Mauricio Pimentel MEX Dodge Turismo Mayor

Francisco Ciprián
La Carrera Panamericana
Press Direction

Minutes of SDC Central Florida Chapter Meeting November 14, 2009

The SDC Central Florida Chapter met at Olds Park in Oldsmar at 11:00 a.m. for a picnic hosted by Ed and Pam Prince. Eighteen members and guests were present and enjoyed a wonderful barbecued lunch, followed by home made ice cream prepared by the Prince family and cranked by Jeff Fragoman.

The January 2010 meeting will be at Buddy Freddys Buffet in Plant City. Details and directions will be provided later.

The November 2010 meeting will be another picnic at Olds Park.

Jeff and Brenda Horvath want to have a meeting in Venice, and Ed and Dee Fisher want to have a meeting in Wesley Chapel next year. We still need meeting sites for March, May, July, and September.

Larry Good reported that at the President's meeting in DeLand, it was agreed that all clubs in Florida will donate \$100 to the chapter hosting the Annual State Meet to assist in "start up" costs. The Orlando chapter will host the State Meet in 2012. 2013 is the year our chapter is scheduled to host the state meet.

After discussion, upon motion made and seconded the following officers were selected to serve in 2010:

President	Larry Good
Vice President	David Meachum
Secretary	Judy Studebaker
Treasurer	Geoff Smith
Membership	Wayne Studebaker
Historian	Keith Rolleston
Newsletter Editor	Wilber Van Scoik
Toys & Collectibles	Russ Fragoman

After discussion, upon motion made, seconded and passed, it was agreed to donate \$100 to each of the following charities:

- American Heart Association
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- Metropolitan Ministries
- Studebaker National Museum
- Support Our Troops
- U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program

The remaining food from the barbecue lunch was auctioned off for \$66.

Judy H. Studebaker
Secretary



36th Annual Turkey Run

For the third consecutive year, Anita & I ventured over to the Daytona International Speedway to join our Studebaker friends at the Turkey Run. Edith, Orva, Linda, Emily, and Betty, a.k.a the Studebaker Ladies, again took care of all the arrangements. Those arrangements included a complete turkey dinner, desserts, drinks, plates, napkins, eating utensils and everything else we might need.

They arranged parking for 75 cars and more than half of them were occupied by Studebakers. The event lasted from Thanksgiving Day through the following Sunday. We attended Thursday and Saturday, and as always, had a wonderful time. On Thursday, we enjoyed a complete Thanksgiving dinner including turkey, ham, salads, bread and a host of desserts.

The Speedway charges a fee for the reserved area and there is an additional one time charge of \$5 to the folks who want to park together. Despite this, Emily told me they still lose money, but she felt it was worth it. That's a nice attitude, and you know, sometimes you just can't put a price on something like that. We are so lucky to have people in our group who have their priorities in perspective.

I'm not sure if any Orlando Area Chapter members attended on the days we weren't there. However, on Saturday I saw Alberto Sanchez de Fuentes who along with us and Don And Edith Fifer made up the entire OAC attendance. I believe there were more members from the South Georgia Chapter than there were from any Florida chapter.

It was hard to believe the economy is in such a state as the number of cars, vendors and visitors seemed to be about the same as in past years. The weather was a bit chilly early in the morning, but by midday, it was very nice. The bright sun and the lack of gusty winds made it a very pleasant day.

We drove Hawk #2 to the show on Thanksgiving Day, and Hawk #1 on Saturday. The two cars ran flawlessly over the combined 180 miles and averaged about 15 MPG. I made a short video of the show, and posted it on my YouTube channel. You can see it, as well as all my other videos, at: www.Youtube.com/56sghor

Thanks to the five Studebaker Ladies, as well as a few husbands, and to all the drivers who showed their support. Well Done!

Submitted by— Frank Ambrogio

Classifieds

For Sale: 1985 Avanti - Partially restored, major body work done, moon roof, 305 CI engine and auto transmission out of car. Have recored radiator and new electric fans. Needs air conditioning condenser and radio. Over \$7,700 invested, sell for \$5,500. Contact Geoff Smith at 813-920-5104 or email geoffmyra@verizon.net.

Wanted: I've got a 64 GT Hawk and am in need of a good hood. I also have a 62 GT Hawk for parts. It's rusty but has a lot of good parts. If you are interested, please contact Don Cohen at 321.508.4931.

Wanted: 1957 Golden Hawk wanted to buy. Please call Aaron Fodiman at 727.791.4800.

For Sale: 1914 Studebaker Touring, Model SC4. Odometer: 10727 miles. Last licensed in 1957. Engine "mothballed", turns freely with the crank. Complete except for top and bows. Always stored inside. Needs restoration. For more information, please contact Patrick at 905.873.3171 or email at pacomotorstuff@cogeco.ca.

For Sale: Studebaker parts car for sale — Roger McDonald 727.290.6256

For Sale: This is a photo of the NBC television car with camera and little man operator. I have quite a few duplicate 1/64 scale models of the 51 and 50 Studes as well as the Frankenstude models. All colors are still in the box or on the packaged card. Several are rare and hard to find. Example is the Toy fair model of 50 Stude from New York, and one from Japan. If you are interested in adding some to your toy collection, let me know and I can send photos and listing. Joe Parsons — 919.293.0066



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Calendar of Events

January 9, 2010 - Buddy Freddys, 1101 Gold Finch Drive, Plant City, FL 33566 at 11:00 a.m. Ph. 813-754-5120 Directions: I-4 to Exit 19, go to 1st Light.

March 13, 2010 - Old Town March Meeting

May 31-June 4, 2010 - Studebaker Drivers Club 46th International Meet, Phoenix AZ.

September 4, 2010 - Drive Your Studebaker Day

Articles Needed

Our newsletter needs new articles. Is there anything that you would like to share with the group? Do you know of any events that might interest the Central Florida Chapter? If so, please submit your articles to:



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