

# Nashville '92

*Let Us Entertain You!.....*

**Hosted by the Middle Tennessee Chapter of SDC**

**Paul Wallace, meet chairman  
Jo Hughes, chapter president**

**W**ell, it's hard to believe it's over. It seems like every day for the past two years was involved with Nashville '92 and the 28th International Meet. Even at night I would wake up with the meet on my mind, think of something left undone and get up to write a note so I wouldn't forget it the next day. Then it would be hard to get back to sleep for all the other things I began to think about.

Every time I went out to the Sheraton Music City Hotel, I would get really excited thinking about all those Studebakers and Studebaker friends who were going to be



Photo by Tom Lawlis.

there. I tried to visualize just what it might be like. Needless to say, it turned out to be much greater than I ever dreamed. Everyone always expected it to be a good meet, but not the magnitude that it turned out to be.

## 28th International SDC Meet Report

*by Paul Wallace, Meet Chairman*

When I arrived at the host hotel early Saturday, I found people already wanting to register for the meet. There was an air of excitement that could be felt in each person with which I talked. It seemed that everybody was eager to get the meet underway.

It was interesting to watch as the parts vendors set up and opened for business, and then to observe how quickly people made dashes for the tables to be the first ones to get that long-sought-after part for the current restoration job they were working on.

Then there were small groups of people who began to congregate and talk Studebakers. There is not a more interesting sight than to watch as a person goes through the steps of the restoration they are into. You can see the dedication in their eyes and the caring in the



Photo by Fred K. Fox.

hand language as they form curves and lines and pull different parts into place. It's interesting how well the parts seemed to fit at this point. If only they would go together as

easily in real life, what a relief it would be.

What a beautiful car the '55 Sports-ter turned out to be. John Bridges did an excellent job in building the car. It looked

so stately sitting there in the hotel lobby. I still believe it would have outsold both Corvette and Thunderbird.

Well, registration finally opened Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and, for the rest of the week, there were long lines evident at the registration desk. We ended up with 838 registrations. We also had seven countries pre-registered and many more came in during the week. We even had a family from Zambia in Africa who showed their car. I think the car may have already been in the states, but we were pleased that they chose to enter it in the Concours.

Monday was "search for parts" day, a time to meet old friends and

make new ones. The Board Meeting progressed very well under the direction of President Terry Judd. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable day.

Tuesday, members were searching for parts again, and later attended the general membership meeting Tuesday evening. Two main points on the agenda was a discussion of fire extinguishers, and the site of the 1995 International Meet. The Western Lake Erie Chap-

ter won the '95 bid. Congratulations! Also some of the tours and activities got underway and continued throughout the week.



Photo by Linda Fox.

Wednesday night was International Auction Night. Harry Barnes donated many personal items to be auctioned off with the proceeds to go to buy school clothes, shoes, books, backpacks, etc. for homeless children in the Nashville area. This endeavor brought in \$1,513 and was presented at the banquet to Carl Resener,

*Tony Caralla and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Barnes stand by the Kelley family's 1964 taxi. Harry was the founder of SDC and Tony was a charter member. The Taxi was used to pick up Mr. & Mrs. Barnes at the Nashville airport.*



Photo by Larry Swanson.

the Director of the Nashville Union Rescue Mission. Thanks, Harry, for contributing to a very worthwhile cause. I might add that on September 8, 1992, the Middle Tennessee Chapter also donated \$1,513.00 out of the meet profits to help with the homeless children project. This made a grand total of \$3,026.00 for the children. Thanks, everyone!



Photo by Larry Swanson.

Thursday, the biggest day of all, brought the much anticipated Concours. Everyone was getting their cars washed and polished just before entering the Concours. What a beautiful sight it was! There were 238 cars judged on the Concours and 115 displayed in the First Annual Display category. What a collection of prime Studebakers. There were also many more Studebakers parked around the hotel that were not on the show field. They were all a pleasure to look at. Thursday evening was Fun Night, and we presented our First Annual Fun



Photo by Linda Fox.

Night Band (SDC band members and musicians) who performed under the direction of Brad Kuchan. What a great job they did. Thanks Brad, for organizing this first

endeavor. If you play a band instrument, get it out and warmed up for Portland in 1993!

The Radish Kings (a prominent band from Nashville playing '50s music) were the main attraction on Fun Night. The warm-up act was square dancing, buck dancing and such with several from the audience participating. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable evening. Fun night was a good time to unwind from the Concours activities of the day and many were observed doing just that.



Photo by Linda Fox.

### The Studebaker Band

Dennis Day, Iowa, Clarinet ☞ John Cosby, Kentucky, Clarinet  
 ☞ Jenny Kuchan, Illinois, Clarinet ☞ Steve Dyar, Alabama,  
 French Horn ☞ Gloria Richard, Pennsylvania, Alto Sax ☞ Hezzy  
 Kappus, Wisconsin, Tuba ☞ George Krem, Iowa, Trombone ☞  
 Dennis Schrimpf, Wisconsin, Trumpet ☞ Wayne Lamm, Min-  
 nesota, Trumpet ☞ Ralph Nolton, Illinois, Trumpet ☞ Tom  
 Northcott, Tennessee, Percussion ☞ Larry Swanson, Illinois,  
 Percussion ☞ and Brad Kuchan, Illinois, Organizer/Director.



Photo by Fred K. Fox.

The 28th International SDC Meet in Nashville, Tennessee, was the most exciting event ever undertaken in our twenty years as a chapter. The meet was our way of paying tribute to our friend and national board member, Orville Swinford.

The enthusiasm that he generated for an international meet in Nashville motivated chapter members to provide a week of entertainment for the entire family. The reunion of veteran Studebaker lovers provided an opportunity to enjoy memorabilia of the Swinford family and to renew acquaintances.

The months of planning were well rewarded by active participation of local and international guests. We enjoyed spending the week of July 26-August 1, 1992, entertaining you!

We express special appreciation to Bob Bourke, chief designer for the Studebaker Corporation, for attending the meet. Highly regarded by Studebaker enthusiasts, his lecture was a milestone for members. The Evergreen Room was packed to capacity. Members viewed slides, asked questions and were grateful for the added opportunity to learn from the "master of design." Few speakers intrigue our membership as Bob Bourke always does. He makes us feel very special when he comes to Tennessee to deliver a banquet address or lecture, or show slides.

Paul Wallace, meet chairman, successfully coped with the many demands of the position! Paul inspired cooperation and confidence in our members. We will always appreciate the leadership that helped us achieve the goals of the meet and to realize the dream of our friend, Orville Swinford.

A special thanks to the Middle Tennessee Chapter members who displayed energy and vitality in performing needed tasks every day to accomplish the best International Meet ever! We feel very successful, and we eagerly look forward to Portland '93. Be blessed!

*Jo Hughes, president  
 Middle Tennessee Chapter*

**Note:** Look for Autocross results and more in the December 1992 *Turning Wheels*.

### 1991-92 Chapter Publications Competition Results

submitted by Jan Lockmon

#### Monthly

- 1st - *Starlite S' coupe* - Belinda Rachman, editor  
2nd - *The Hillholder* - C. M. Lampman, editor  
3rd - *Studebaker Highlights* - Bonnie Gotlieb, editor

#### Bi-Monthly

- 1st - *The Distributor* - Donna Eidemiller, editor  
2nd - *Studegram* - Dennis Jolicoeur, editor  
3rd - *Studebaker Spokesman* - Leigh Morris, editor

#### Senior Publications

#### Monthly

- Wheels & Deals* - Doug & Kathy Hughes, editors

#### Bi-Monthly

- Tempo* - Art Unger, editor

#### Golden Hawk Award

- Starlite S' coupe* - Belinda Rachman, editor  
**Special Award - Foreign Newsletter 1991-92**  
*The Distributor* - New Zealand - Tony Childs, editor

*Note: Jan Lockmon has served for several years as Publications Committee Chairman but will be stepping down this year. Thank you, Jan, for a job well done! Jim Brady has kindly offered to step into the Chairman's position (2705 Shelterwood Ln., Arlington TX 76016). If you were at the Nashville Meet, you may have met Jim while he had his "Lazy S" Studebaker Bulletin Board set up in the registration lobby.*

### 28th International Meet - Watch Winners

submitted by Colin Fort

#### Class A - Sizes 16-18

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st - Wayne Francisco    | 3rd - Carolyn Allred-Winnett    |
| 2nd - George Reitenour   | Senior First - Wayne Francisco  |
| 3rd - Tom Jones          | <b>Class C - Sizes 6, 0 and</b> |
| 3rd - Aleta Millette     | <b>wristwatches</b>             |
| (no senior awards)       | 1st - George Reitenour          |
| <b>Class B - Size 12</b> | 2nd - Carolyn Allred-Winnett    |
| 1st - Jim Quigley        | 3rd - Aleta Millette            |
| 2nd - Bob Bryant         | Senior First - Colin Fort       |

**Best of Show:** George Reitenour



Paul Wallace, 28th International Meet Chairman, officiating at the general membership meeting.

Friday was Pocket Watch and Model Car Judging as well as the Literature Swap. George Reitenour had his large collection of valuable watches on display; the largest display in SDC history. Also Jim Geary and Bruce Slifer had their large collections of models on display. This was also the largest display of models in SDC history. All seemed to have enjoyed the day as time for the Banquet and Awards presentation approached. A record number of trophies were presented with 86% of all cars entered receiving a trophy.

I watched as many, many people told friends good-bye and said, "See you in Portland next year." I couldn't help but think, "What a family this club called Studebaker Drivers Club really is." Many life-long friendships have been made



Starliner/Starlight designer Bob Bourke sits in John Bridges' (standing) Starliner-based 1955 President Sportster. The Sportster was a car that Bourke hoped Studebaker would build, but it never got beyond the idea stage. John made Bob's dream car a reality.

Photo by Linda Fox.

over the years. Also, many new friends were made in Nashville. I would like to say, "Thanks!" to everyone who helped make Nashville '92 such a huge success. Special thanks to everyone who attended. Without you there would not be a Studebaker Drivers Club. See you in Portland, Oregon in '93. 🍷



TW staffers, Larry Swanson and Fred Fox, warming up for the Autocross!

Photo by Georgia Klem.

### 28th International Meet Model Winners

submitted by Carolyn Allred-Winnett

#### Class I - Factory Built

- 1st - Wayne & Susan Francisco, Scottsdale, AZ  
2nd - Vestel Brummett, Clinton, TN  
3rd - Bob Bryant, Thousand Oaks, CA

#### Class II - Assembled from Kit - Age 12 and under

- 1st - Matt Wendt, Franklin, WI  
2nd - Brannen Cunningham, Lake Junaluska, NC  
3rd - Tim Paap, Franklin, WI

#### Class II - Assembled from Kit, age 13 and over

- 1st - Pat Billey, Goshen, IN  
2nd - Ron Paap, Franklin, WI  
3rd - Larry Stutesman, Phoenix, AZ

#### Class III - Custom/Scratch Built, age 13 and over

- 1st - Richard Pianca, Davenport, IA  
2nd - Bruce Sandburg, Tucson, AZ  
3rd - Terry Ruth Winnett, Spring Hill, TN

#### Class IV - Collection Display - 13 and over

- 1st - Wayne & Susan Francisco, Scottsdale, AZ  
2nd - Wayne & Susan Francisco, Scottsdale, AZ  
3rd - Ron Paap, Franklin, WI

#### Goat Wagons - Original

- 1st - George & Clara Reitenour, Portland, IN

#### Goat Wagons - Custom

- 1st - Alfred Hadley, Noblesville, IN