



## 29th Annual 1993 SDC International Meet END OF THE OREGON TRAIL - DIFFERENT BY DESIGN

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International Meet Chairman

When I presented our bid proposal to the National Board of Directors in Marlboro, Massachusetts in 1990 on behalf of the Northwest Chapter, I made certain promises to the National Board of Directors. This report is the final step in the fulfillment of all of those promises. I am pleased to say that not only were the promises that we made to obtain the 29th International Meet fulfilled, but the Northwest Chapter exceeded those promises.

The Northwest Chapter worked on preparing the 29th International Meet for 3-1/2 years. This Chapter has grown together more closely, and we have found new strengths and appreciation of our members and their talents.

This International Meet truly began on July 17, 1993 when pioneers began to meet in Independence, Missouri, to make the 2,500 mile journey along the Oregon Trail to Portland, Oregon. The events of that journey are later told by trail boss, Rodger Eddy. Also enjoy narrations of a more personal style from Curtis Dalton and Jack Maier. Further, the International Meet began

again on July 21st with the beginning of the tour starting in Placerville, California, written by its trail boss, Zane Leek. An all-Studebaker tour of 17 vehicles, beginning in Dunnigan, California, on July 24th, is reported by Gay Wittenberg.

The Meet in Portland began on July 25, 1993. Many people had arrived at the Meet headquarters at the Columbia River and Jantzen Beach Red Lions before the official beginning of the Meet. All of the vendors were eager to start setup of the Swap Meet and indoor vendor space as well as many participants of the meet were eager to begin having fun.

Part of the preparation for the setup of the Meet included bringing an 1880 Studebaker Buggy into the lobby of the Jantzen Beach Red Lion. In order to do this, because of space limitations, it was necessary to remove two of its wheels and tip it while rolling it through the doors with enough Studebaker manpower

**At the "End of the Oregon Trail - Different by Design" was an experience of a lifetime for not only the participants at this International Meet but for the Northwest Chapter sponsors as well.**

**This 29th International Meet created a new standard for Studebaker International Meets to be compared against. This meet provided:**

- The longest period of activities and events (15 days)
- Twenty-nine scenic and fun tours
- The second longest tour in time and distance (four days and 750 miles - Placerville, California to Portland, Oregon)
- The longest tour ever done (9 days and 2,300 miles Independence, Missouri to Portland, Oregon)
- A Trail's End party on Sunday for participants of the Oregon Trail and Placerville Tours. Over 200 attended.
- The greatest variation in altitude for tours from sea level (Astoria, Oregon) to 8,000 feet (Mt. Hood, Oregon)
- Special childrens' events ages 3-11 each day of the week
- Daily Swap Meet with over 50 spaces as well as many inside vendors
- Representation from 47 states and 15 countries
- There were 252 cars registered for Concours of which over 200 were judged
- Over 600 Studebakers were at the Meet
- Over 2,200 people attending events during the Meet
- There were 728 registrations
- Awards banquet with 650 registered
- The initiation of a perpetual International Meet Start-Up Fund
- The farthest Western International Meet ever held and second most Northern Meet held
- First Meet to offer on-site UPS service daily
- Fifty-two alternate hotels offered in addition to the Red Lion Hotels

to move it through the lobby to its station. We also had on display in a covered area of the hotel, a Studebaker Wagon documented to have taken the Oregon Trail in 1856. Also on display was a Weasel.

Registration went smoothly if not at a hectic pace through Sunday. The registration desk was also the Information Center, Lost and Found and the heart of coordinating many Meet activities and needs.

In the late afternoon, over 60 vehicles (the combination of the Oregon Trail and Placerville Tours) arrived together at the Hotel. That evening, over 200 people enjoyed the Trails End Party.

After evaluating the Hospitality Room that the hotel had assured us was going to be adequate for the number of participants,

### You Still have Time to Order a Souvenir from the International Meet

There are many items that were available during the Meet that continue to be available. All prices include shipping and handling.

- T-Shirts S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL \$17.00
- Can Raps 1.50
- Oregon Trail Maps 17.00  
(Surveyed by Fremont in 1846)
- Oregon Trail Video Tapes (VHS) 21.00
- Dash Plaques 7.50
- Oregon Trail Plaques 15.00  
(Priority to those who took the Placerville or Oregon Trail after those orders to others)
- Mr. Ed Pilot with Studebaker  
Commercials \$16.00
- Video (VHS)
- Different by Design Video (VHS) \$16.00
- Studebaker Story Video (VHS) \$16.00
- Stars of Transportation Video (VHS) \$16.00
- Purchase all four to be on one tape \$35.00

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### Thanks!

We would like to thank our trophy sponsors. A list for special recognition follows:

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A good looking Model Display.

I had decided on Monday morning that the space was not adequate. I had asked to switch rooms with Terry Judd who had a much larger room, to which he graciously agreed. Therefore, on Monday morning the switch of Hospitality rooms from Room 156 to 256 went smoothly. Signs were changed indicating the change in location and for the rest of the Meet, the Hospitality Room had adequate space for hospitality and the purchase of meet items.

In the hallway going to the Hospitality Room, Child Care Center and UPS, there was also on display on a rotating basis during the meet, Burma Shave signs. Over 60 different poems were displayed during the Meet.

The weather on Monday and Tuesday was very comfortable. I received many compliments about the weather and the tours for those days. The Mount St. Helens tour on Tuesday was particularly spectacular. I began to notice more comments appreciating the wide diversity in natural splendor of the Northwest.

Wednesday of the Meet was cool and there was moisture being deposited on the ground. This Oregon sunshine encouraged many people to remain indoors or at the Swap Meet. I received many reports from the Swap Meet vendors who were located under the Interstate Bridge and the



Who thought Studebaker watches could be so much fun!

inside vendors that sales began to pick up.

The Swap Meet area was located under the Interstate Bridge. This gave several advantages. On warm days, it provided cover from the sun and on wet days it provided cover and protection from the rain. Based upon reports from vendors, on rain days, sales actually improved in the outdoor Swap Meet rather than being reduced. At the beginning of the Meet, there were over 50 Swap Meet spaces registered and many more were added during the Meet.

During the Meet, over 300 non-preregistrations were received. I believe that over 300 Meet registrations occurred because of the preparation and mailing of the special edition of the NW Newsletter. This Newsletter was sent directly to over 6,000 Western members as well as nearly every Chapter East of the Mississippi who also received a bundle to be distributed. I was informed by many people that they made the final

decision to come after receiving the Northwest Newsletter. Thanks to good planning, we were able to adjust programs and tours to accommodate all of them to various events.

On Thursday, July 29th, Concours Day, the weather was mixed but did provide us with a dry start in the morning. Once the judges began



1993 SDC Raffle Car donated by Chester Bradfield of Good Printers attracts many ticket buyers!

### Judging Results

#### Watch Classes

#### Class A - Sizes 16-18

- 1st: Brian Millette
- 2nd: Colin Fort
- 3rd: Ken Kutzera

#### Class B - Size 12

- 1st: Herbert Hall
- 2nd: Ken Kutzera
- 3rd: Lyle Stratton

#### Class C - Sizes 6, 0 & Wristwatches

- 1st: Brian Millette
- 2nd: Carl Burk
- 3rd: Colin Fort

#### Best of Show

Brian Millette - Size 16-18  
(no senior awards)

#### Model Classes

#### Factory Assembled

- 1st: Vestel Brummette, C-Cab
- 2nd: Lavon Erickson, wagon
- 3rd: Lee Hathaway, postwar car

#### Kit Cars, age 14 or under

- 1st: Brad Feaster, '53
- 2nd: Brian Komrumpf, Avanti
- 3rd: Mary Marshall, Avanti

#### Kit Cars, over 14

- 1st: Orv Sankey, '53
- 2nd: Karl Sparks, Avanti
- 3rd: Bob Camey, Lark convt.

#### Scratch Built, age 14 & under

- 1st: Josh Loga, pinewood racer

#### Scratch Built, over 14

- 1st: Vestel Brummette, wagon
- 2nd: June & Ken Kutzera, Avanti
- 3rd: Lavon Erickson, Lark convt.

#### Best Display

- 1st: Walt Thompson, large cabin
- 2nd: Bob Camey, gas station
- 3rd: Lavon Erickson, small display



When this Studebaker team spots a potential SDC member, they really turn on the charm! L to R: Larry Swanson, Amanda Fox, Mike Botelho, & Chuck Naugle.



SDC National Board of Directors at the General Membership Meeting.



A few of the members at our General Membership Meeting.

to complete judging cars, photography of the judged cars ran smoothly. Two-hundred fifty-two vehicles were registered to be judged. The largest class was the Custom/Modified. The judges worked late in the day to complete this class.

Monday night was the Kickoff Party. Nearly 300 people attended this event. I'm sure more would have attended, but this



Photo courtesy of Eriela Loga.

Fun Night! Here you see Paul & Wanda Wallace racing Terry Judd and Sue Sopel on the giant slide. They are really brave; look, no hands! Informed sources assure us that the "burlaps" they are using were genuine Scotsman headliners . . .

event was limited in size because of the Hotel's need to plan food quantities 24 hours in advance.

Thursday's membership meeting, attended by nearly 400 people. Long Beach, California is the site of the '96 International.

In the cold spring of 1843, nearly 950 men, women and children gathered on the banks of the Missouri River in Independence, Missouri to begin their trek on the Oregon Trail to the Oregon Territory. This International Meet keeping with the flavor of the 150th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail, brought over 2,200 men, women and children to see the wonders of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The most frequent comment was "this place is so beautiful—there is too much to see and do." The Northwest Chapter as sponsors of this Meet, truly made it an experience of a lifetime.

The success of this Meet prompted the Northwest Chapter to make a continuing mark for the benefit of all SDC by initiating the first ever transfer of \$1,000.00 in trust known as the Northwest Chapter Start-Up Fund to Brian Millette, Chairman of the 30th International SDC Meet, as a perpetual fund to be transferred annually to the next International Meet. The Northwest Chapter Start-Up Fund is intended to assist Chapters in the future on making those Meets

truly "different by design". Also, the Northwest Chapter increased the perpetual start-up fund and the Pacific CanAm Zone from \$100.00 to \$500.00 to assist Chapters in producing better CanAm Zone Meets. These start-up funds will be transferred at the awards banquet annually to the next Chapter sponsors of the International and CanAm Zone Meets.

On Friday evening, July 30, there was a social hour at the banquet room between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. which was heavily attended. At 7:00 p.m. when the curtains were parted opening the banquet room, it was like the mass migration in the truest tradition of the western movement to find that special patch of ground for the beginning of the banquet.

At the awards banquet in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the Bourke Coupes, Robert Bourke answered written questions from the members. It proved to be interesting and informative. The awards banquet also featured a contest wherein those that were dressed in the most authentic Oregon Trail clothing were recognized. Also, tall stories were told by Art Castle who was the oldest driver on the Oregon Trail Tour. That provided humorous intervals.

After the five hour awards banquet was concluded, people remained and talked to friends and shared their SDC experiences and would not leave because they had such a good time. ♣



Barry Slipp of Edmonton, Alberta, as he proudly stands by this year's SDC Quilt, "Field of Stars." Barry won the quilt with lucky number 1852—with that number, how could he miss! He plans to give the quilt a place of honor on his office wall.