



Commanding Leader



Calendar of Events

* Designates CVC Event

May 5, 2012

Heart of Virginia Festival
South Main Street
Near McDonalds
Farmville, VA

Info: Cathy Trammell
(434) 392-5003

Registration form is attached

* May 6, 2012

Sunday @ 1:30pm

Legend Brewing Company
321 W 7th St
Richmond, VA 23224
(804) 232-3446

After lunch, we will visit
Poe Museum

1914-16 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23223
(804) 648-5523
\$5.00 Admission

June 2, 2012

Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA
Antique Automobile Show
Historic Downtown Fredericksburg
Info: J. Gordon Brown
540-372-6896

Registration form is attached

July 29 - August 4 2012

48th Annual International Meet
Studebaker Drivers Club
South Bend, IN

Host: Michiana Chapter

INFO: official SDC Meet website:
www.sdcmeet.com

* September 8, 2012

International Drive Your Studebaker
Day

Mark your calendar,
Plans to be announced

For a complete list of planned
CVC/SDC and other events,
go to: <http://centralvirginiachapter.org/events.html>

**Membership Dues are
Due!**

CVC/SDC Meet ~ January 8th, 2012

The first CVC meet for 2012 was held January 8th at Quaker Steak and Lube in Richmond, Virginia.

Quaker Steak is decorated with automobilia and you are greeted by a Corvette suspended from the ceiling upon entry. The group sat under a replica of Dale Earnhardt Jr's NASCAR number 8.

The weather was extraordinary for early January with bright sunshine and warm temperatures. The Studebakers truly shined and were admired by Quaker Steak's patrons.



The group enjoying lunch at Quaker Steak



*Martin Pajka, Maze and Linwood Melton,
Debbie and Jim Jett,
Rocco (Mike's grandson) and Mike Welch,
Betsy and Preston Young*



*Mike Welch's 1941 Studebaker Custom
Betsy and Preston Young's 1965 Studebaker Cruiser*

CVC/SDC Meet ~ March 11th, 2012

CVC/SDC held its annual business meeting on March 11th, 2012 at the Bass Pro Shops in Ashland, Virginia. New officers were nominated and elected for the 2012 year as follows:

President: Jim Jett

Vice-President: Preston Young

Secretary/Treasurer: Betsy Young

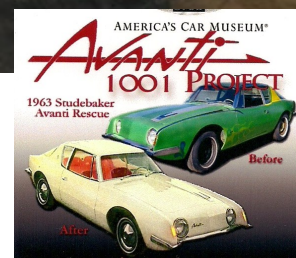
International Drive Your Studebaker activities were discussed and any input from members should be submitted to complete the plans for the day.



*Betsy and Preston Young, Martin Pajka, Mike Welch with
grandsons Rocco and Jake, Jim Jett, Henry Cavedo, Debbie Jett*

Avanti 1001 Project Progress

After 40 years, The First Avanti is no longer Green Sparkle. To get more information on the project, go to <http://www.lemaymuseum.org/page.php?id=425>



Next Meet

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Legend Brewing Company

321 W 7th St

Richmond, VA 23224

(804) 232-3446

Poe Museum

1914-16 East Main Street

Richmond, VA 23223

(804) 648-5523 \$5.00 Admission

CVC/SDC will meet Sunday, May 6th, 2012, 1:30pm at Legend Brewing Company, 321 W 7th St, Richmond, VA, for lunch followed by a visit to the Poe Museum.

Legend Brewing Company is a pub and micro-brewery located on the south bank of the James River across from downtown Richmond providing an attractive view of the city skyline. To view their menu go to <http://www.legendbrewing.com/menu.asp>. For driving directions go to <http://www.mapquest.com/>.

After lunch, we will drive across the Mayo Bridge up 14th Street to Main Street for a visit to the Poe Museum located at 1914-16 East Main Street. Free off street parking is available beside the museum. There is a \$5.00 per person admission fee.

The Edgar Allan Poe museum was opened in 1922. It is located in the Ege family house constructed in 1754, and is the oldest house in the City of Richmond.

Richmond's Poe Museum boasts the world's finest collection of Edgar Allan Poe's manuscripts, letters, first editions, memorabilia and personal belongings. The Poe Museum provides a retreat into early nineteenth century Richmond where Poe lived and worked. The museum features the life and career of Edgar Allan Poe by documenting his accomplishments with pictures, relics, and verse, and focusing on his many years in Richmond. For more information on the museum, go to <http://www.poemuseum.org>



The Poe Museum as it appeared in 1865

This will be a great afternoon event for the whole family, see you there!

48th Annual International Meet ~ July 29 - August 4th, 2012

Information and registration is available at the official meet website. The site can be accessed from the CVC website by clicking the meet logo, or go to <http://www.sdcmeet.com/>



International Drive Your Studebaker Day ~ September 8th, 2012

CVC/SDC will announce our plans for this day when finalized.



Studebaker in Richmond

With the turn of the 20th century, motor mania spread around the world and the automobile was the technology sensation of the time. Richmond was engulfed in the craze as well.

Studebaker entered the new market tentatively with approving the building of an electric powered prototype vehicle in 1898 and full electric vehicle production designed by Thomas Edison beginning in 1902.

B. A. Blenner ran a successful bicycle repairing and machinist shop located 308-310 N. Fifth Street, Richmond, Virginia. He was said to be the first owner of an automobile in the city of Richmond, a White Steamer in 1900. He began his automobile repair business in 1901.

Mr. Blenner was at the leading edge of the automobile retail sales and became an agent for Oldsmobile and Locomobile (steam) in 1903. In 1904 he added White (steam), Baker (electric) and Ford. In 1905, he became the agent for Pope Tribune and Winton. With 1906 came Rambler and 1907 you could get a Packard, Peerless, Stevens, Durea, American Roadster, Premier, Dragon, Detroit and REO.

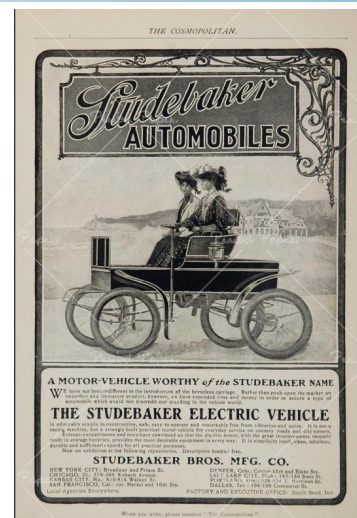
In 1909, the year Studebaker became a principle of EMF after its unsatisfactory relationship with Garford, Mr. Blenner added the Studebaker EMF 30 to his list of marques carried.

In 1910 Stearns and Oakland were added.

B. A. Blenner advertised himself as "Pioneer and Largest Auto Dealer in Virginia". Based on the growth and diversity of his enterprise at that time, I would tend to agree.



Thomas Edison on his 1903 Electric Studebaker



B. A. Blenner advertisement featuring White, Oldsmobile and Studebaker EMF 30 The Times Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia March 17, 1909



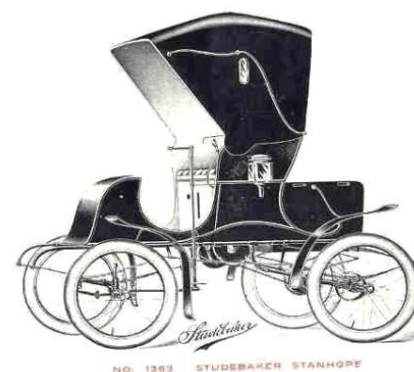
B. A. Blenner advertisement featuring White, Oldsmobile and Studebaker EMF 30 The Times Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia May 12, 1909



Site of the B. A. Blenner Studebaker EMF agency at 1609 W. Broad St., Richmond, Virginia today



1902 Studebaker Runabout Electric



1902 Studebaker Stanhope Electric

Studebaker at the 2012 Virginia Motor Trend International Auto Show

The show was held March 23rd - 25th, 2012 at the Richmond Convention Center in downtown Richmond.

A featured display was "Cars of 1962, Fifty years of automotive history". Studebaker was represented in this display. Debbie and Jim Jett's 1962 Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk was on display with other "brand-X" models.

Other features included the Mustang and Corvette Clubs and of course all the new 2012 models along with some concepts.

One of the featured vehicles was John Dillinger's 1933 Essex Terraplane.



John Dillinger's 1933 Essex Terraplane



Debbie and Jim Jett's 1962 GT Hawk

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CRIME & PUNISHMENT
1933 ESSEX TERRAPLANE

Bank robber, John Dillinger's criminal career lasted for 14 months, but this T8 was only involved in 8 exciting days of that time.

The Essex's history began when Dillinger purchased this car in March 1934 from the Potthoff Brothers Motor Company in St. Paul. Dillinger used it until April 7, 1934, when he and his brother, Hubert, crashed the car in a farm field.

On March 31, 1934 at Lincoln Court Apartments, St. Paul, MN, Dillinger and his girlfriend Evelyn Frechette escape a shoot out with the police in this T8. Dillinger took a bullet in his left leg, and there are still 2 slugs (.32 or .38 caliber fired from a service revolver) in the front coal panel, from this shoot out.

Did you know...Johnny Depp played the role as John Dillinger in the movie *Public Enemies* directed by Michael Mann.

In 2008 the car was purchased by The National Museum of Crime & Punishment which is located in downtown Washington DC. The museum is described by *Good Morning America* as a "must see for CSI fans," includes a crime lab, the filming studios for *America's Most Wanted*.

3 Floors—25,000 Sq Ft—100+ Interactives

03/25/2012
1000 St. NW
Washington, DC 20004
www.crimeandpunishment.org
Metro: Gallery PL/China

2012 Virginia Motor Trend International Auto Show

Cars of 1962, Fifty years of Automotive History



1962 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud



1962 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz



1962 Chevy Impala SS 409



1962 Jaguar XKE



1962 Corvette



1962 Ford Galaxie 500



1962 Porsche



1962 Triumph TR3-B



1962 MGB Roadster



1962 MGA Roadster



1962 Corvair Rampside Pickup



1962 Buick Skylark

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2012 Virginia Motor Trend International Auto Show

Cars of 1962, Fifty years of Automotive History (continued)



1962 Studebaker GT Hawk



1962 Thunderbird Sport Coupe



1962 Pontiac Catalina 425A



Photos and articles for Newsletter and Website

Do you have any photos of events you attended? Is there an upcoming event you would like to promote? Do you have any interesting information you would like to share? If so, send them to the editor at jsjett@centralvirginiachapter.org so they can be included in the newsletter and posted on the website.

CVC/SDC apparel available

Polo Shirts, T-Shirts, hats and other items displaying the club logo are available to club members.

The Polo Shirts are available in White, Navy or Black in Men's and Women's style. T-shirts are available in white in Men's and Women's style.

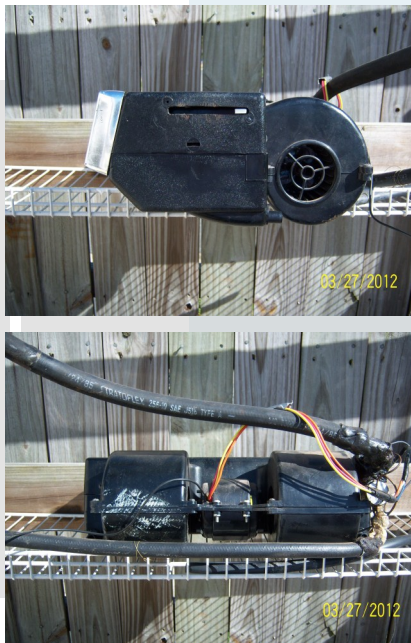
Items can be ordered and paid for on the club website, go to <http://centralvirginiachapter.org/MemberStore.html>



Classified Ads

Approved Classified Ads are free to all CVC/SDC members and available to non-members for \$5 per ad. Ads will be on the website for 90 days and in 1 newsletter unless renewed.

For Sale:



A/C Evaporator

After market Air
Conditioner
Evaporator in good
working condition.

Asking \$80 plus
shipping.

Contact Jim Jett at
804-232-8501 or
email
jsjett@va.freei.net

Wanted:

Parts for GT Hawk

Trim for the back of the Bucket seats, chrome trim that goes over the wind lace at back panels, horn mounting bracket for 63 GT Hawk. Contact Jim Jett at 804-232-8501 or email jsjett@va.freei.net

Membership

You don't have to own a Studebaker to be a member of the club. If you do, or are just interested in Studebaker automobiles, we would love to have you as a member. You can join and pay membership dues online, or, print and mail the membership application. [Membership in the Studebaker Drivers Club is required to join the Central Virginia Chapter.](#)

Link to join CVC/SDC: <http://centralvirginiachapter.org/JoinCVC.html>

Link to join the Studebaker Drivers Club: <http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com/joinsdc.asp>

Heart of Virginia Cruise In**May 5, 2012****9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.****South Main Street, near McDonalds**

This cruise-in will be one event in the annual Heart of Virginia Festival that takes place for the 34th year.

Bring your favorite Classic Vehicle and spend the day with the family in downtown Farmville. Enjoy all the fun events such as music groups, art on the lawn, crafts, great food, special children programs and much more.

The Cruise-In will feature cars from all over Virginia. Cash prizes for the furthest distance will be awarded along with trophies for crowd favorites.

Just come on down and have the prime downtown parking space for a nominal donation of \$10.00 per car to assist with the cost of trophies.

Location: South Main Street Near McDonalds*From the...*

West - Take 460 By-Pass and exit Farmville - Hampden-Sydney Exit.

Turn left off ramp, this is Main Street. Go approx. 2 miles to

McDonalds on South Main Street.

East - Take 2nd Farmville Exit off 460 and turn right. Go 2 miles.

South - Come into Farmville on Rt. 15. This is Main Street.

North - Get on 460 By-Pass East and take 1st Farmville Exit. Take a left at end of ramp and go approx. 2 miles.

In Advance Registration Application
(Please print clearly)

Name _____

Vehicle _____

Year _____

Club Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Donation: \$10.00 per car in advance, \$15.00 at the gate.

Please make your check out to:
Heart of Virginia Auto Club,

and mail this form and your check to:

Cathy Trammell

211 Angela Rd

Farmville, VA 23901

Questions: 434-392-5003

Antique Automobile Show Information

- The meet will be held on June 2, 2012, rain or shine.
- Hours will be from 8 AM to 3 PM.
- The show is **exclusively for originally preserved or restored antique automobiles, 25 years and older**. Street rods and modified vehicles will not be admitted. The Fredericksburg Region reserves the right to refuse entry to any vehicles not preserved in the interest of the hobby.
- Membership in the AACA is **NOT** required to show vehicles.
- First 175 cars registered and on the field will receive a Meet Plaque.
- No refunds will be issued.
- **No For Sale signs in the show area.**
- Trailer Parking will be provided.
- **A fully charged and UL approved fire extinguisher is mandatory and must be clearly displayed in order to admit vehicles to the show area.**

Judging and Awards:

- Vehicles must be driven on the field by 1:00 AM in order to be judged and remain until 3 PM. **Car and owner must be present to receive awards.** Awards will be given out at 3 PM.
- Judges meeting at 11:30 AM
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded in each class.
- Trophies will be awarded for best GM, Ford, Chrysler and Independent cars.
- Chief Judge's decisions on the awards are final.
- Trunks must be opened and hoods must be raised.
- Convertible tops must be up and window glass must be raised.

**Show Classes****ALL PRE-1920 CARS MUST PRE-REGISTER - NO FEE**

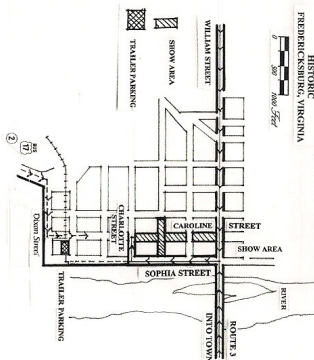
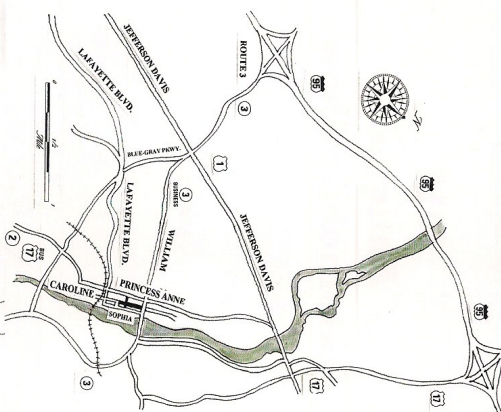
1. All cars, except T's	thru 1931
2. Ford Model T and Model A	1909-1931
3. Early Ford	1932-1942
4. Early Ford	1946-1953
5. Production Cars (not Ford)	1932-1942
6. Production Cars (not Ford)	1946-1950
7. Production Cars (not Ford)	1951-1953
8. Production Cars	1954-1959
9. Production Cars	1960-1964
10. Production Cars	1965-1970
11. Production Cars	1971-1979
12. Production Cars	1980-1987
13. Thunderbirds	1955-1957
14. Mustangs	1964-1987
15. Corvettes	1953-1987
16. Commercial Vehicles	thru 1987
17. Motorcycles/Scooters	thru 1987
18. British Cars	thru 1987
19. Foreign Cars (not British)	thru 1987

**Directions Into Old Town from the West**

From 195 take exit 130 to Route 3 East toward Fredericksburg. Stay in the left lane and follow signs to downtown Fredericksburg. Turn left on business Route 3/William Street into downtown. Turn right onto Sophie Street. Go three blocks and turn right onto Charlotte Street. Proceed one block to Fredericksburg visitor's center at Caroline Street and show area.

Directions Into Old Town from the East

Heading West on Route 3 continue straight onto business Route 3 West and follow hill it crosses over the Rappahannock River on the Chatham Bridge into downtown Fredericksburg. Turn immediate left onto Sophie Street and go three blocks and turn right onto Charlotte Street. Proceed one block to Fredericksburg visitor's center at Caroline Street and show area.

**Show Entry Form**

Make Payment to:
Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA, Inc. by 5/25/2012

Return Show Registration to:
J. Gordon Brown, 17225 Greenway Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Class _____ Make _____ Year _____ Body Style _____ Fee _____

ALL PRE-1920 CARS MUST PRE-REGISTER - NO FEE

Pre-Registration Fee is \$15.00 per vehicle TOTAL: _____

Late-Registration Fee is \$20.00 per vehicle after 5/25/12

DO YOU WANT YOUR CAR JUDGED? YES NO

Judges are critical to the success of the show. You don't need to be a trained judge to help. Please do your part to support the hobby and volunteer.

WILL YOU JUDGE? YES NO

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Signature* _____

* All registrants must sign this registration form. Signature waives any liability of the Historic Fredericksburg Region, AACA, Inc., the City of Fredericksburg and any associated organizations for any injury to you, your party, or damage to or loss of property while engaged in or traveling from the event.

DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

J. Gordon Brown—Meet Chairman
(540) 372-6896



Central Virginia Chapter Studebaker Driver Club, Inc.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: () - EMAIL: _____

Membership number in Studebaker Driver's Club, Inc. _____. (Found on your membership card).
This is a requirement for local membership.

Annual dues are \$15.00 per person/couple (Both husband and wife are voting members)
Checks should be made payable to **"Central Virginia Chapter SDC"**

Please list the model, year and series name of any Studebaker vehicles you own. (Ownership of a Studebaker is not a requirement for membership)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Please mail with dues to :
Betsy Young
Treasurer CVC/SDC
4336 Payne RD
Columbia, VA 23038-2330