



# Commanding Leader

Calendar of Events \* Designates CVC Event

October 7, 2017 Saturday @ 9:00am-3:00pm Courthouse Car show Amelia Lions Club Come join the fun at the historic Amelia Courthouse Green Registration: \$20 before Sept 23 \$25 at the gate. rain date Oct 14. INFO: Amelia Lions Club facebook page Lee Harrison (804) 561 0495 Registration form at end of Newsletter

October 15, 2017 Sunday @ 2:00pm-3:30pm Sunday Afternoon with the Classics: Racing in Richmond! **Dorev Recreation Center** 2999 Darbytown Rd Henrico, VA 23231 Enjoy a nostalgic presentation of the Richmond area's best known oval racks and most memorable events, led by a notable panel of racing experts. Join Bruce Woodson and the Richmond Region AACA for a presentation and opportunity to see historic race cars on display. INFO: nol@henrico.us

October 21, 2017 Saturday @ 8:30am-4:00pm 20th Annual Chesterfield Career and Technical Center Car Show Tractor Supply Co 6801 Lake Harbour Dr Midlothian, VA 23112 Must be set-up by 11:00 a.m. Judging starts at 12:00 p.m. TOP 40 Awards presented at 3:00 p.m. \$15 for preregistration, \$20 Day of INFO: call 804-768-6160

November 5, 2017 Sunday @ 1:00pm-5:00pm Cruise In at the village of Powhatan County Courts building 3880 Old Buckingham Rd Powhatan, VA 23139 Join us for an afternoon of fall fun and great cars. Plenty of good restaurants, County Seat, Four Seasons and Mables Cafe. Event is to help support Powhatan Sheriffs Dept. Donations Welcome! INFO: BW (804) 690-4806

For more events in Central Virginia, go to the Car Club Council of Central Virginia website: http://carclubcouncil.com/

### CVC/SDC Meet ~ July 8th, 2017

A great Saturday afternoon in July greeted CVC members for our meet held at The Pickel Barrel Restaurant in Manakin, Virginia.

Studebakers on display were Betty and Linwood Crawford's 1957 Studebaker Silver Hawk, Becky and Lee Harrison's 1960 Studebaker Lark VIII convertible, Jim Jett's 1962 Studebaker GT Hawk, George Marshall's 1961 Studebaker Hawk and Betsy and Preston Young's 1965 Studebaker Cruiser. Martin Pajka attended driving Brand X.

After having lunch, the group checked out the cars and conversed with restaurant patrons before cruising home.



Jim Jett's 1962 Studebaker GT Hawk



George Marshall's 1961 Studebaker Hawk



The group enjoying lunch



Betty & Linwood Crasford's 1957 Studebaker Silver Hawk



Betsy & Preston Young's 1965 Studebaker Cruiser



Becky & Lee Harrison's 1960 Studebaker Lark VIII Convertible

### Next Meet

November 11th, 2017, Saturday @ 2:00pm

#### Extra Billys BBQ

1110 Alverser Drive Midlothian, Va 23113 (804) 379-8727

November meet.

Extra Billy was the nickname given to William Smith, twice favorite event over the years. elected Governor of Virginia in 1845 and again in 1863. He always made for his constituents and in practically every activity he undertook.

When the stage carrying the mail overturned, Extra Billy shoes for a mission project in Africa (Well of Hope). personally took the time to direct its up-righting in a pouring rain. He had the courage to literally fight for what he believed: his thumb was nearly bitten off during a fistfight in the halls of Congress. Throughout his command as a General during the War, Extra Billy's commitment to the South drove him to brave the line of fire with his men.

For driving instructions, go to http://www.mapquest.com

Click **HERE** to go to Extra Billys website.



#### Annual Car and Truck Show

Host: Nancy and Chester Bradfield 9219 Centerville Rd Bridgewater, Virginia 22812

CVC will gather at Extra Billys BBQ Restaurant for our The annual Greater Virginia Chapter Car and Truck Show will be held on Sunday, October 8th, 2017, at the home of Nancy and Chester Bradfield. This will be the last of what has been a

earned the name "Extra" because of the extra effort he There will be a pot luck lunch at 1:30pm and you should bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

GVC will be collecting gently used men, women and children's

Please RSVP: 540-828-2907 or email: nansgram@aol.com

Directions to the Bradfield's: From I-81, exit 240, t ake Rt. 257 west into Bridgewater. At the stoplight turn left onto Rt. 42 south at the 7-Eleven. One mile from this point turn left onto Centerville Rd. (Rt. 699). Go one mile and look for a red barn on the sharp turn. Turn left into the brick gates at the Bradfield's house.

For info call 540-828-2907, or email nansgram@aol.com.







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# Studebaker at the The American Revolutionary Museum at Yorktown

Studebaker was front and center at The American Revolutionary Museum at Yorktown Virginia on July 25th, 2017.

The Studebaker National Museum's Lafayette Carriage is on loan to the ARM@Y as part of "The Revolutionary Veterans Who Built America" special exhibition about veterans after the Siege of Yorktown and related programs connecting veterans today.

As part of the collaboration between the SNM and ARM@Y, a seminar was presented at the museum celebrating Studebaker's contributions since the Revolutionary War. Presentations were made by Archivist Andrew Beckman of the Studebaker National Museum and Marc Sammis of the U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis.

Andrew Beckman presented Studebakers contribution to national defense from the War Between the States though World War II.

As a prelude to the seminar, Central Virginia Chapter provided some Studebaker automobiles for display. Lee Harrison provided a 1960 Lark VIII convertible, 1962 Lark Daytona convertible and a 1964 Lark Daytona convertible. Jim Jett brought a 1963 GT Hawk R-1. CVC member Ted Johnson and SDC Vice-President Don Jones were present for the event.

The presentation was very interesting and the Studebaker automobiles were a hit.



(L-R) Page Harrison, Carter Harrison, Lee Harrison, Jim Jett, Ted Johnson, Nick Christoff (ARM@Y)



Lafayette Carriage on display at The American Revolutionary Museum at Yorktown



(L-R) 1964 Lark Daytona, 1960 Lark VIII, 1962 Lark Daytona, 1963 GT Hawk R-1

# CVC/SDC Meet ~ September 9th, 2017

# International Drive Your Studebaker Day

International Drive Your Studebaker Day was greeted with a warm and sunny day and Central Virginia Chapter drove our Studebakers to enjoy the sights and sounds of the James River.

The group gathered at Legend Brewing Company where we enjoyed lunch and conversation. Maze and Linwood Melton arrived in their 1963 Studebaker Avanti R-2, George Marshall brought his 1961 Studebaker Hawk and Jim Jett drove his 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk R-1.

From Legend's, we drove the short distance from 7th Street to the Flood Wall/Pedestrian Bridge parking lot on Semmes Avenue. It was full being a great day and lots of Richmonders were enjoying the river.

After finding a place to park our Studebakers, we explored the new T. Tyler Potterfield Bridge connecting the south bank of the James River to Browns Island on the north bank and the Manchester Flood Wall protecting South Richmond from flood waters.

CVC member Lee Harrison was unable to join the group due to a prior commitment at his alma mater VMI, however, he drove his 1967 Avanti II.

It was a beautiful day to be driving a Studebaker!



George Marshall on the T. Potterfield Bridge with the Richmond skyline in the background





George Marshall's 1961 Studebaker Hawk



Maze & Linwood Melton's 1963 Studebaker Avanti R-2



Jim Jett's 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk R-1



Lee Harrison with his 1967 Avanti II at Jackson Arch and statue and the VMI parade ground.

# CVC Members Out~N~About

It was "Orphan Night" at the Extra Billy's Cruise-In on August 12th, 2017, and Studebaker was present.

George Marshall and his 1961 Studebaker Hawk and Linwood Melton and his 1963 Studebaker Avanti R-2 were there representing our marque.



George Marshall's 1961 Studebaker Hawk



George Marshall discussing the "Brass Age" Rambler with owner Reggie Nash at "Orphan Night" Cruise-In



Linwood Melton's 1963 Studebaker Avanti R-2

# Commanding Leader Wins Award

The CVC Chapter Newsletter "Commanding Leader" was awarded a Senior 1st by the SDC Chapter Publications Committee at the 2017 Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet held May 3rd to May 6th, 2017, in South Bend, Indiana.



### CVC Members Out~N~About





1941 Packard





1922 Nash



1958 Packard

The AACA Richmond Chapter held their annual Ice Cream Social on August 13th, 2017, at the home of Cindy and Reggie Nash and CVC member Jim Jett attended.

It was a great event with all the outstanding automobiles displayed on the bank of the James River. Below are some of the vehicles present.





1948 Packard





1955 Packard Caribbean





1934 Pierce-Arrow





1957 Ford Thunderbird



Show field on the banks of the James

# Studebaker Tech Tip

# Studebaker Air Conditioning

From: Ray Fichthorn via the Studebaker Newsgroup studebakerdriversclub.org/tech\_AC.asp

Many have asked..."What is the best way to add AC to a Studebaker V8?" (specifically non-factory units, or Compressor upgrades)

Obviously, the "best" way would be to find a 100% complete AC unit from a factory equipped Studebaker. Various pieces are relatively easy to find, but so many cars have had pieces scavenged, or the guy parting it out- didn't bother to get "all" of the necessary pieces.

When I had the NCSDC site up, I had a technical page on different ways to locate the AC compressor, how to run the pulleys and belts, and that sort of thing. After installing AC on several Studebakers, I believe the way pictured below is the "best" I've found yet. I also like to incorporate an "upgrade" to a Delco one-wire 60 amp alternator (\$40 or so) into the setup. This provides better low-speed charging especially when in traffic with the AC running.

I like this set-up for several reasons:

- You do NOT need to find a Factory compressor bracket, idler pulley, water pump pulley (very hard to find) or the matching crankshaft pulley.
- Most of the bracket fabrication can be done with the minimum of tools (or experience): just a Drill, Big Hammer, Vice, some sort of cutter capable of doing 3/8"(minimum) thick steel (die grinder w/cutoff wheel, hacksaw), and a small (rented/borrowed) welder.
- The use of a new Sanden compressor: Easy to fabricate mount, (relatively) cheap, less vibration, readily available, efficient, can be used for R12 and R134 systems.

No need to add pulleys to the crankshaft (requires pulling harmonic balancer)- it uses the original generator drive/water pump pulley.

Here's a picture of the setup installed on Lee A's 1961 Hawk.



It requires the bare minimum of modification to the car... and can be returned to original in a few hours. None of the wiring needs to be altered, but you do need to run an "additional" wire for the Alternator swap. Notice that the alternator is driven by the AC compressor clutch's 2nd (outer) pulley. Some have suggested that this is "bad" if the compressor goes south... you would lose your Charging system as well... My answer to that is: in 30 years of driving AC equipped cars, I have never had a compressor clutch lock up. I have had the compressor itself lock, but the clutch just freewheels when it goes bad. This setup is no more likely to cause problems than if your original generator should have trouble.

The compressor mounting bracket can easily be fabricated from an Original Studebaker Generator bracket.

What needs to be done:

The first thing to do is drill out the original generator mounting holes to 5/16".

I like to use threaded rod (A) to go all the way through the bracket, but you can just as easily use the correct length bolts instead. I just believe the threaded rod will keep the mount more "square". It is a bit harder to "install" this way since you have to thread the 2 inner nuts, washers, and lock washers on along way.

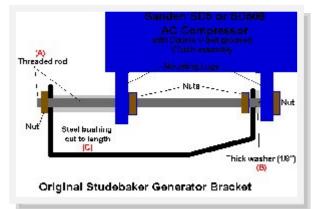
A thick washer (B) will need to be added to the front mount to shim the compressor about 1/8" further forward. This will align the AC compressor's (rear) pulley with the original generator and water pump pulleys. I like to tack-weld this washer in place, but it is not necessary.

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# Studebaker Tech Tip

#### **Studebaker Air Conditioning - continued**

After you have aligned the pulleys and snugged the front mounting nuts, measure the distance between the compressor's rear mounting lug, and the rear lug on the generator bracket. You will need to find some bushing material (C) (I use a piece of steel pipe) and cut it to fit snugly between the 2 lugs. I cut mine a bit long, and use a grinder to trim it until it fits nicely.



Mount the compressor, and "bend" the original generator adjusting arm to fit the AC compressor's upper mounting lug.

This completes the "fabrication" needed to mount a Sanden SD series AC Compressor.

#### Condenser:

The AC condenser is the part mounted in front of the radiator. For Hawks and other C/K bodied cars, I use a 14 x 20 inch universal- type condenser. This size seems capable of handling the cooling needs of most Studebaker AC set I have fitted this same condenser to Lark type ups. Studebakers also. It takes a bit more fabrication to mount it securely due to the limited space, especially on pre '63 Larks.

As seen in the photo, It is mounted to the lower air scoop by using 2 pieces of 1" x 1" aluminum angle. I like to use Aluminum because it won't rust, but you could use



almost any thing, so long as it will hold the bottom of the condenser stable. If you look closely, you will see that the top of the condenser is held to the radiator brace with 2

brace. This is to prevent rubbing or rattling that may damage the condenser. The top is the "hottest" part of the radiator it is the first to receive engine coolant. For this reason, I like to mount the condenser as low as possible, and leave a few inches of the radiator exposed to fresh air of it's own. Does it help cool the radiator?.... I have no idea, but I don't see why it wouldn't help. **Evaporator:** 

I prefer to use an original Studebaker inside unit. They usually mount pretty easily and look more like they "belong" in there. I have not had any trouble with flushing out original units in preparation for R12 or R134 use. The blower motor is available, and you can find switches, and controls that easily adapt, if not

Nylon tie-wraps. There is a small piece of foam insulation

behind each corner where the condenser would touch the

a direct bolt-in.



### **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 or black 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



# Images from International Drive Your Studebaker Day

Below are scenes of the James River taken on IDYSD.







# Studebaker Sightings



Sighted on "77 Sunset Strip"; 1948 Studebaker Champion 4 door sedan.





# 2018 Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet ~ Seattle, Washington

The 2018 Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet will be hosted by the Greater Seattle Chapter in Seattle, Washington, August 29th to September 1st, 2018. Below is meet hotel information, reserve you room early!

54th Annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet			
August 29—September 1, 2018			
Tacoma, Washington U.S.A.			
Host Hotel Information			
All hotels are within 5 minutes drive to LeMay ACM Museum show field			
LaQuinta Hotel - 1425 East 27th Street, Tacoma, WA 98421 - (253) 383-0146			
http://www.laquintatacoma.com			
\$115/night SDC Rate, Primary hotel with hospitality and meeting rooms. Free Bright Side Breakfast, free high-speed wi-fi, outdoor swimming pool, pets welcome. Ask for the Studebaker Drivers Club rate.			
Best Western Hotel - 2611 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98421 - (253) 272-7737			
http://www.bestwesterntacomadome.com			
<b>\$129/night SDC Rate.</b> Located less than 2 blocks from the LeMay ACM museum and show field. Complimentary deluxe hot breakfast, free underground parking, free high-speed wi-fi, microwave, refrigera- tor, MP3 clock radio, <b>pets welcome, complimentary shuttle.</b> Ask for the Studebaker Drivers Club rate.			
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tacoma - 2102 South C Street, Tacoma, WA 98402 - (253) 272-2434			
https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/tacoma			
<b>\$129/night SDC Rate.</b> Free full Breakfast Buffet, free covered parking (fees waived for SDC), free high-speed wi-fi, heated indoor pool, fitness center, <b>pets welcome</b> . Ask for the Studebaker Drivers Club rate.			
Sponsored by the Tacoma and Greater Seattle chapters of the Studebaker Drivers Club Questions? Contact Laurel Berry at (253) 631-5076 or francie1965@yahoo.com for more information			
Weet details coming soon!			

# Central Virginia Chapter SDC supports Studebaker National Museum

CVC members at the July 2017 meeting voted to show support for the Studebaker National Museum by making a \$100 chapter donation. The letter of acknowledgment is below.

NATIONAL MUSEUM **JDEBAKER** July 18, 2017 Central Virginia Chapter SDC Attn: George Marshall 1211 W. 41st Street Richmond, VA 23225 Dear Mr. Marshall, Thank you for your contribution of \$100.00 to the Annual Fund. The Museum continues to thrive through private support from individuals, foundations, and corporations, and your gift is an important part of that. The Annual Fund provides vital revenue needed to meet operating expenses in the galleries and behind the scenes. Most importantly, your support allows us to allocate funds where they are needed most. Your generosity will allow the Museum to develop engaging and educational exhibitions and programs which will keep the flame of the Studebaker legacy burning bright for generations. Join us at the Museum soon to see your contribution at work. Sincerely, Patrick Slebonick **Executive Director** Please retain this letter as a written acknowledgement of your contribution of \$100.00 on July 18, 2017, to the Studebaker National Museum, Inc. a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. No goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution. This contribution may be tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. The Studebaker National Museum does not provide tax advice so please consult your tax professional to determine the deductibility of this gift.

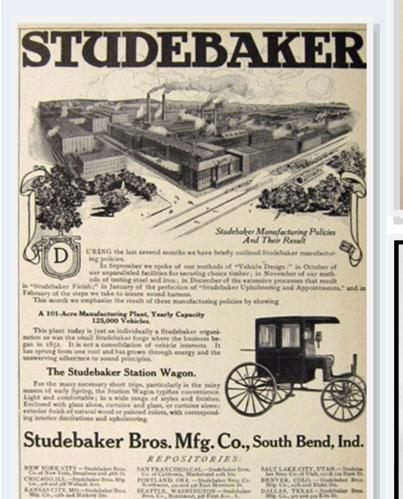
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# **Classified Ads**

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: No Ads this issue

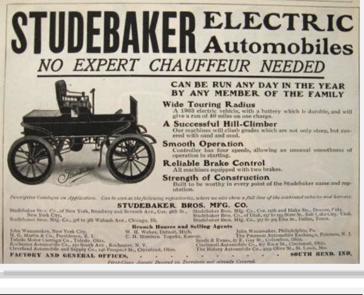


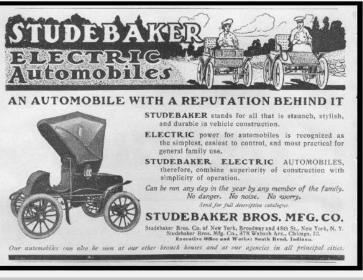


You don't have to own a Studebaker to be a member of the club. If you do, or are just interested in Studebaker automobiles, we would love to have you as a member. You can join and pay membership dues online, or, print and mail Is there an upcoming event you would like to promote? the membership application. 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/join.asp





# Photos and articles for Newsletter and Website

Do you have any photos of events you attended?

Do you have any interesting information you would like to share?

If so, send them to the editor at jsjett@centralvirginiachapter.org



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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 This is a requirement for local membership.		(Found on your membership card).
Annual dues are \$15.00 per person/couple (Both husband and Checks should be made payable to <u>"Central Virginia Chapt</u>	-	nbers)
Please list the model, year and series name of any Studebake requirement for membership)	r vehicles you own. (	Ownership of a Studebaker is not a
1)		
2)		

Please mail with dues to:

George Marshall Treasurer CVC/SDC 12302 Bailey Oak Pl Midlothian, VA 23112-6895

### Amelia Lions Club Antique Car & Truck Show Oct 7, 2017 Registration from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (must be registered by noon to be judged) \$20 in advance/\$25 at the gate

Registration Form

Please Print All Information

Name:		
Phone: ( )		
Address:		
City:		Zip:
E-mail Address:		
Club Name, if applicable;		
Vehicle Make:	Model	Year

In consideration of the Acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, participants and spectators, by signing this entry form release and discharge the Amelia Lions Club officers and members, the property owner where the show is held, their officers and staff and employees or anyone else that is connected to the Amelia Lions Club car show from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and or claims from any cause whatsoever.

Signature

Date

(If registrant is under the age of 18, Guardian must sign and print name and provide name, address and phone number)

Make checks payable to Amelia Lions Club and mail with registration form to Lee Harrison at Post Office Box 169, Amelia, Virginia, 23002.