

52nd International SDC Meet

by Chris Collins

The 52nd International SDC Meet was held from June 26th through July 2nd at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island. SDC members enjoyed all of the events and festivities planned by our hosts, the Ocean Bay Chapter, with the assistance of members from the Nutmeg and Tri-Spokes Chapters. There were 408 registrations representing 818 members. 92 Studebakers were judged and 94 vehicles were registered for display. However, 231 vehicles were counted on the show field on Thursday.

On Sunday, many attendees were already arriving, especially vendors who spent the day setting up for the opening of the swap meet that afternoon which continued the entire week.

On Monday, the International SDC Board met, the first tour was taken and Welcome Night was held with coffee and desserts for the guests.

Tuesday had many meetings including those for newsletter editors, presidents, regional managers and zone directors, the

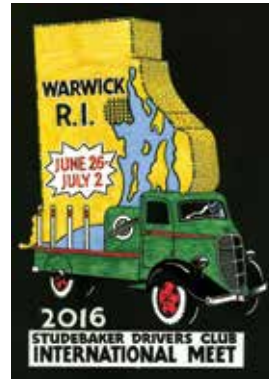


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The lobby next to the large swap meet rooms was a busy place, and included (top left) the meet registration desk; (top center) the Keystone Chapter's 2017 York Swap Meet raffle; (above) host chapter welcome and tote bags, water bottles and T-shirt sales, as well as some swap meet tables, (below). The Studebaker National Museum, 2017 SDC Meet information desk, the Studebaker National Foundation and others were also located in this area.

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Andy Beckman presented the "Studebaker History" seminar on Tuesday morning.



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On Tuesday afternoon, Richard Quinn presented an interesting and informative seminar "So You Think You Know Studebakers".

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International Meet committee, and the Studebaker National Foundation. There was a bus tour to Newport, several seminars, and the band practiced.

In the evening, the SDC General Membership meeting was held. Long serving SDC secretary Nita Ketchum retired and Cindy Foust, Keystone Region Chapter member, was elected to fill the position.

Patrick Slebonick, the new executive director of the Studebaker National Museum, reported three new and long-time on the wanted list Studebakers are now on display. They are a

Right: *The Co-Operators session.*

Below: *Peter Castonguay's collection won Best of Show in the Toy competition.*



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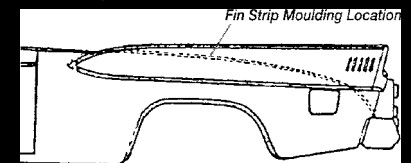
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The 2017 SDC International Meet chairman, Bob Henning, reported the meet in South Bend will run four days, May 3rd to 6th, the host hotel will be the Doubletree Inn, and there will be no Fun Night or Awards Banquet. The Ladies' Luncheon and memorabilia displays will continue. Judging will be held Thursday and Friday and there will be a car show on Saturday with Studebakers and other makes of cars. There will possibly be one tour to visit Building 84. It is hoped the shorter schedule will entice more members to attend.

On Wednesday, the ASC Board met, the band practiced for the second time in preparation for the evening concert, more tours and seminars and a craft session were held. In the evening, after the



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Gary Ash driving his 1963 Gravely lawn tractor to the show field.



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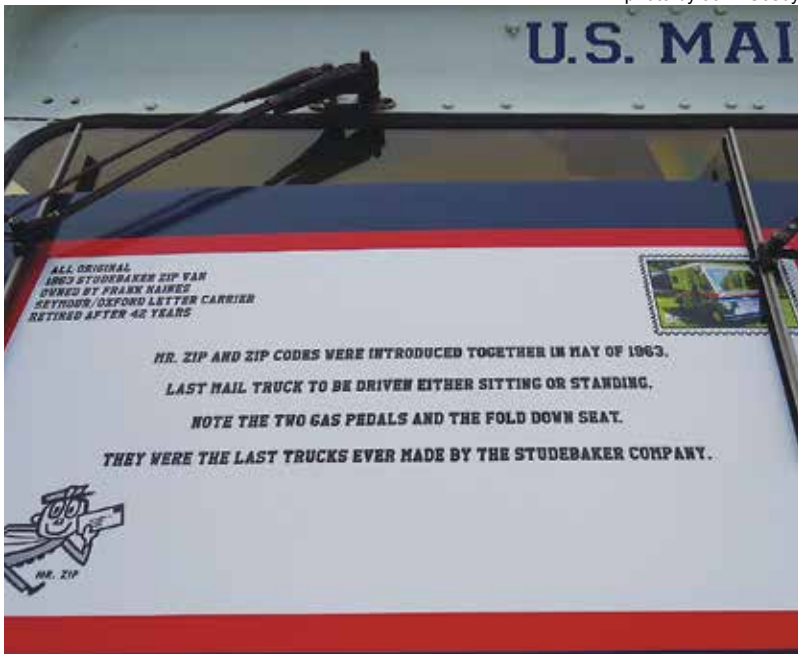


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This 1963 Zip Van Mail Truck is owned by Frank Haines of Seymour, Connecticut. It is still in much the same condition it was in when still working. The truck won Best of Show in Division 7.



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always entertaining Studebaker band played, the SDC auction was held.

Becky Bonham, former executive director of the Studebaker National Museum, was awarded the Harry Barnes Award for her exceptional contributions to further the Studebaker legacy. Bob Palma, editor of The Studebaker Co-Operator column in *Turning Wheels*, was awarded an SDC Service Award for his contributions to the Studebaker community.

Thursday was Concours day when Studebaker cars and trucks filled the show field, which this year was the hotel's expansive grassy lawn. The SDC band played again and a ladies' luncheon was held. The evening featured the ASC auction and the SDC Fun Night activity.

Friday, one last tour was held, this one to the state's capital, Providence. It was the last day for visiting the memorabilia and hospitality rooms and the vendors. A well-attended Awards Banquet was the highlight of the evening.

Saturday, those who had not yet departed said their goodbyes and members of the host chapters finally had time to relax after working so hard.

It was a wonderful meet and was the last of the week long meets. It is hard to fathom how all the traditional activities SDC members have enjoyed at the meets for many years will be squeezed into fewer days.



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