

From the President's Desk - Meeting, Eating and Greeting

Greetings! Looking at the South Bend Meet in retrospect, it was a most excellent gathering. Our picture section reflects this very well, thanks to our member photographers, Don Swoverland and Don Petersen. We did, however, have two major problems to contend with - one, the incompleted park facilities and, two, the poor response to pre-registration.

Our many thanks to Meet Chairman Herb Read for his tireless efforts in largely overcoming the first problem and, of course, his excellent organizational work in making this Meet a successful one. The second problem severely hampered our plans and arrangements for the award classifications and awards, also the awards dinner. In addition, this caused delays at the field in registration and judging. Pre-registration will be the way in '69.

The City of South Bend was a good host and we think that SDC brought with it a sense of responsibility and respect for our Homecoming '68. We are grateful to our hosts, the Studebaker Corporation, in particular Walt Moeller for his work, time and thoughtfulness for the breakfast, the conference room in the Administration Building, Plant 8 arrangements and the niceties at the dinner. We thank you Walt. Maybe you and Mrs. Moeller will be our guests next year. Thanks to Nat Altman and Jeff Newman for affording us the benefits of visiting the Avanti Plant and getting parts from Standard Surplus.

Our thanks to the City of South Bend, the Mayor's office, the Police Department and Lloyd Taylor (Custodian of the Studebaker Vehicle Collection), to the South Bend Tribune and TV stations, thanks for your cooperation in making our visit to South Bend an enjoyable one.

To Harold Gentry, Superintendent of St. Joseph County Park, your hard work in getting the park ready for our cars is much appreciated. The generosity of Homer Fitterling in allowing us to visit his awe-inspiring collection of vehicles will be long remembered.

To Syl LaGrange and his team of judges who worked long and hard on the job - our thanks. We were very pleased to have Dick Collins, President of AOA, and his members who joined us.

Last but not least, all our members and friends who drove, flew, came in by truck and bus for our Homecoming.

From all reports at this time, the general feeling is South Bend in '69 and plans are now under way to get the ball rolling. The proposed dates are August 15 - 17 or August 22 - 25, 1969. We welcome your comments and suggestions on this.

On the subject of ads, members can help themselves and each other when they send in their wanted and for sale items to specify them by year, model, condition and price.

Our Save-A-Studebaker program is making steady progress although the major problem is still lack of space. Much can be done in preventing Studebakers from ending in the junk yard. Save one, fix it, and put it on the road. Keep America beautiful. Good health, pleasant motoring and best wishes.

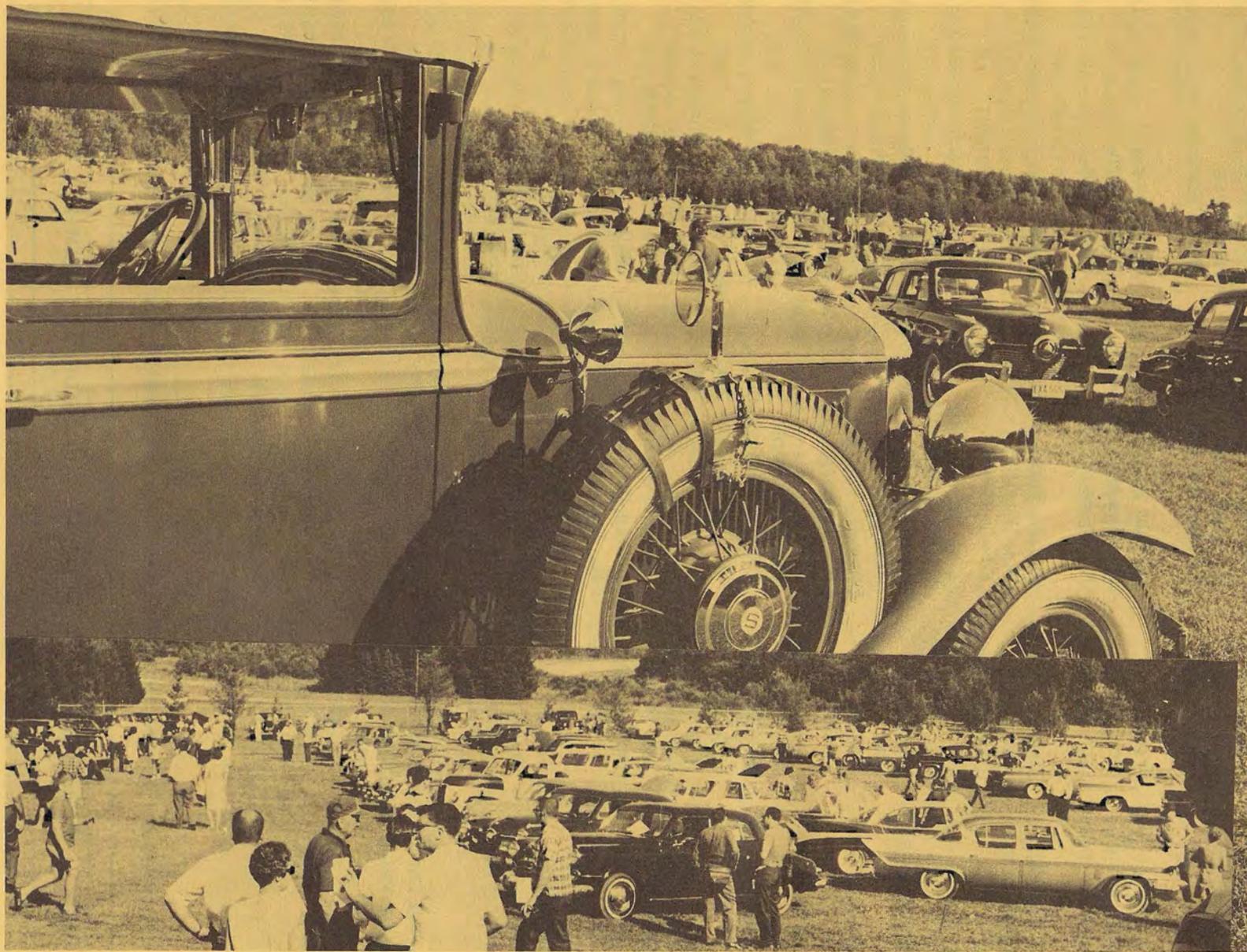
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Harry Barnes.

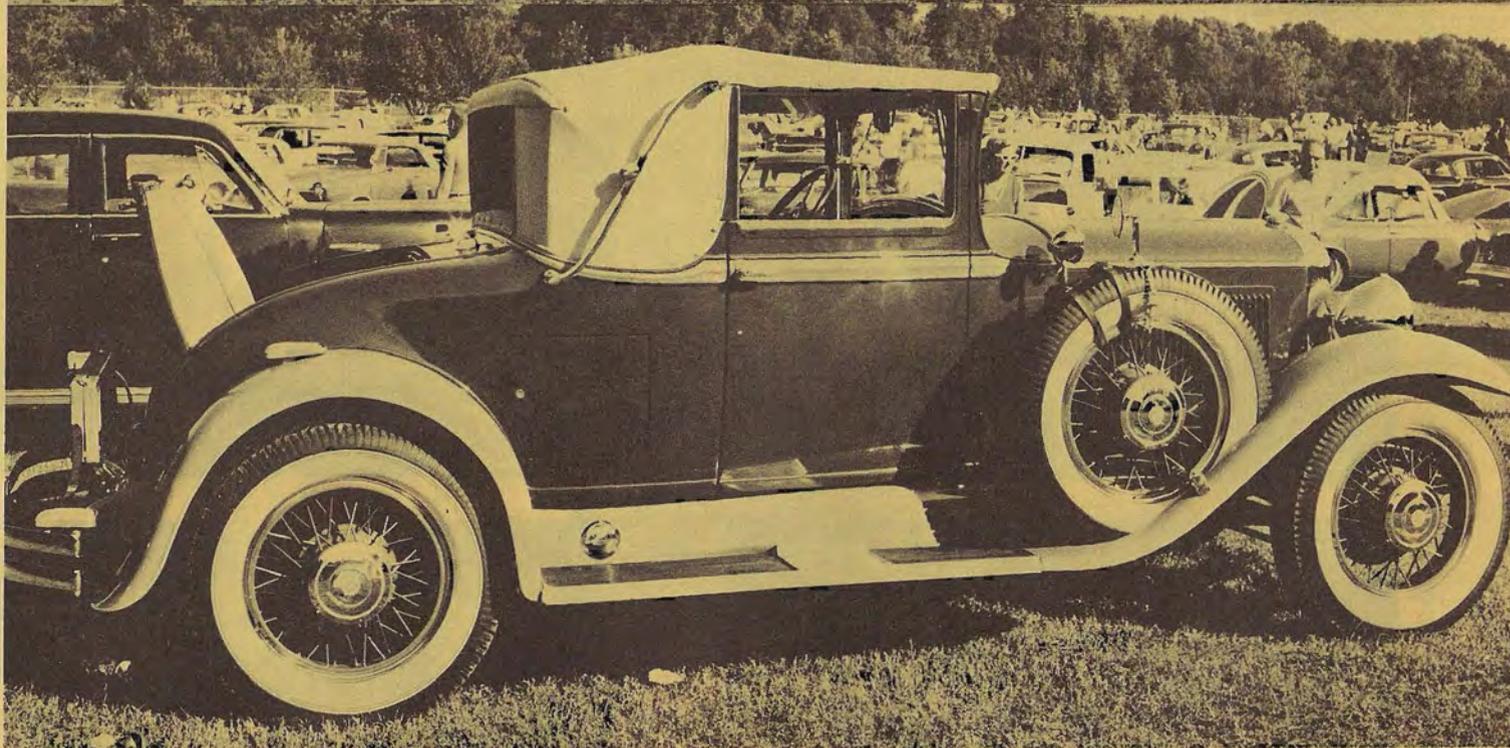
SOUTH BEND - AWARD WINNERS

1921 to 1935 Classification	1st Prize 2nd Prize 3rd Prize	George Miller Richard Sandler Marion Melvin	1932 Pres. 1929 Pres. 1929 Cabriolet
1936 to 1946 Classification	1st Prize 2nd Prize 3rd Prize	Harold Beckman Sheldon Henderson Randy Sullivan	1939 Champ. 1938 Comm. 1940 Pres.
1947 to 1958 Classification	1st Prize 2nd Prize 3rd Prize	James Turner Bob Wurtzel Edwin Bradt	1949 L. C. 1951 L. C. 1949 L. C.
1959 to 1966 Classification	1st Prize, Tie 2nd Prize 3rd Prize, Tie	(Clyde Alderman (Larry Fischer Paul Kerkhoff (Ray C. Clark (M. Dalberg	1962 Sed. 1963 Daytona 1964 Cruiser 1964 Comm. 1965 Cruiser
1953 to 1955 Hardtops	1st Prize 2nd Prize 3rd Prize	Bob Ackerwold Eldean Alderman M. Halter	1954 H. T. 1955 Speedster 1953 Coupe
1956 to 1961 Hawks	1st Prize 2nd Prize 3rd Prize, Tie	Asa Hall Richard Stewart (James Whitehead (M. Bostock	1958 G. H. 1958 Pack. Hawk 1960 Hawk 1959 Hawk
1962 to 1964 Hawks	1st Prize 2nd Prize, Tie 3rd Prize	John Nedorostek (Brian Wagner (Louis Carim David D. Dow	1964 GT 1964 GT 1964 GT 1964 GT
Longest Distance in Pre-war Car	956 Miles One Way	(Sheldon Henderson (George Hughes	1938 Comm.
Avanti	1st Prize, Tie 2nd Prize 3rd Prize	(Bruce Slifer (Paul Madigar Ray Myers Richard Collins	1963 1964 1964 1963

CHAMPION - COMMANDER - DICTATOR - PRESIDENT - HAWK - LARK



Homecoming '68 - Reunion at St. Joseph County Park, next to the Old Studebaker Proving Grounds - scenes on August 17, 1968



Homecoming '68 - Gathering of the Studebaker & Avanti Clans

from the U. S. and Canada, all models and styles.

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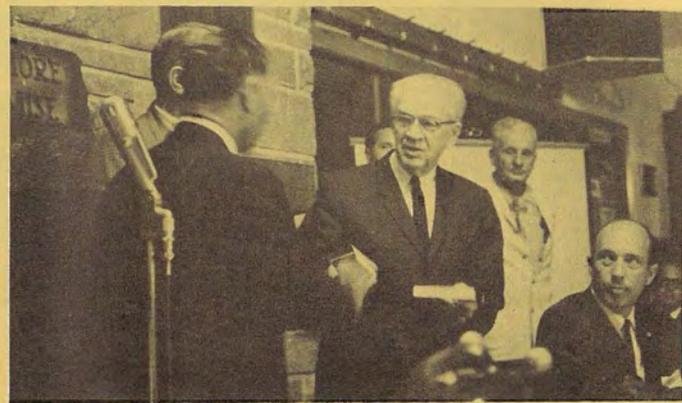


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Scenes at the Awards Dinner



Harry Barnes, SDC Pres. making award to Roy Bender, V.P., Sasco



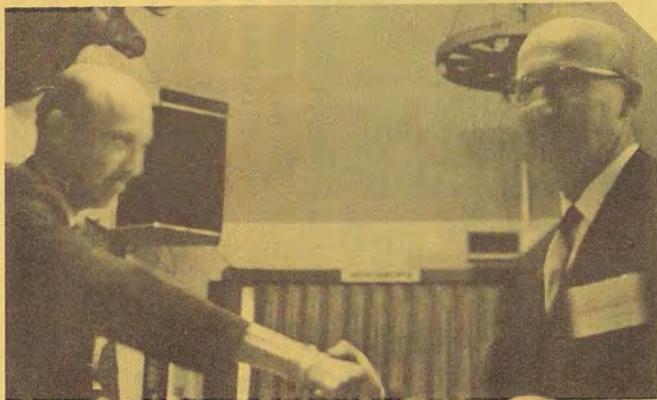
Lloyd Taylor - City Engineer
City of South Bend



Luther Johnson of 1932-33 Indy
500 Studebaker Racing Team



Homer Fitterling



Dick Collins, AOA Pres. making award to Nat Altman, Pres. Avanti Motor Corp.



George Miller, SDC Sec'y.
Announcing next winner.



Otto Klausmeyer
Advisor to P.A. Society



Roy Bender, V.P. Sasco making award



Harry Barnes, Pres. SDC



Roy Bender, V.P. Sasco