

6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEET

SOUTH BEND, AUGUST 7-8-9

Although the Meet wasn't scheduled to begin until Friday, eager members started arriving in South Bend as early as Tuesday; SASCO reported making sales of replacement parts in a few cases on Monday, August 3rd to members getting ready for the Concours.



By Thursday afternoon Randall's Inn was turning people away and motels nearby were filling up. The Coffee shop, lobby and parking lots were scenes of renewing of old acquaintances and general gab-sessions. Studebakers from all over the U.S. and Canada were in evidence, and a lot of energy was expended in removing all traces of road dirt. The Hospitality Room sponsored by the Minnesota Region was bustling with activity, a condition which prevailed throughout the Meet. Delightful weather which had thoughtfully been arranged for by the Michiana Chapter drew many families into the swimming pool. A large bulletin board in the lobby was soon bordered with informal messages giving information on room locations of various members in addition to the directory and schedule which were posted officially. Opening of the Registration facilities quickly brought a rash of on-the-spot registrations in addition to picking of pre-registration packets.



First Official business was the meeting of the Board of Directors of SDC on Thursday night to elect the officers for the coming year. Because of the late arrival of a few members the meeting was continued on Friday evening.



A preview of what to expect during the parade to Bendix Woods Park on Saturday was held Friday morning as members converged on the Studebaker Museum. The occasion was the presentation of a 1962 Gran Turismo Hawk to the Museum by Mark Dalby of the Iowa Region. This gleaming white vehicle will take an honored place among the many other Studebakers and related vehicles in the historical collection. Also accepted for display were 2 Studebaker OHV 6 cylinder motors. These engines, donated by Robert Moos of Los Angeles, were built at a cost of over \$25,000 and are reputed to be the fastest six cylinder engines in the world. They were used to set world records in 1964. The Studebaker Historical Museum is fast becoming overcrowded, and it is hoped the City of South Bend will be able to provide more space in the near future. At the present time it is open to the public on the first Sunday of each month, with the Michiana Chapter providing both guides and a polishing detail. The Museum remained open all during the Meet.



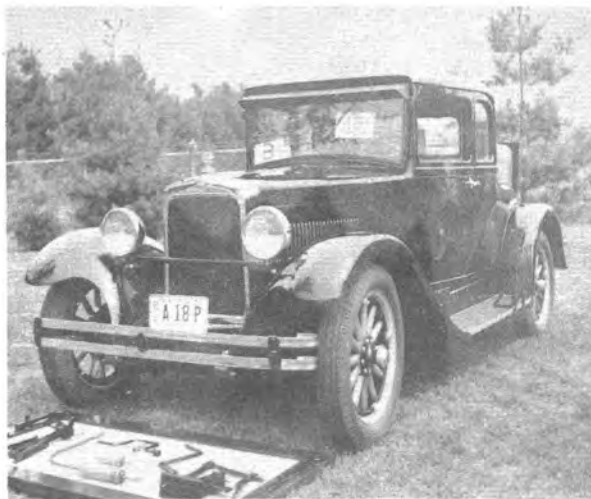
The Venetian Room at Randall's Inn was the scene Friday noon of the annual SASCO Luncheon for all SDC and AOA Officers, Board Members and RDs. SASCO President ED Dunbar cited some interesting facts on SASCO operations, and also pointed out that there are still well over 600,000 Studebakers still licensed. With that many, we still have a long way to go in our membership efforts!

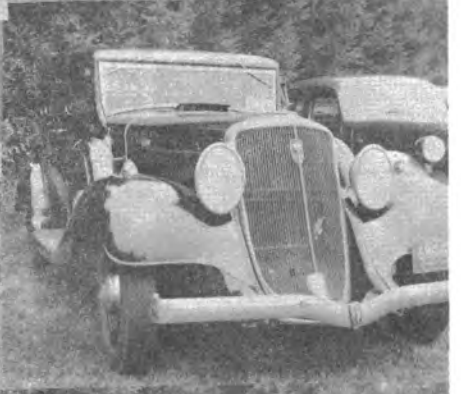
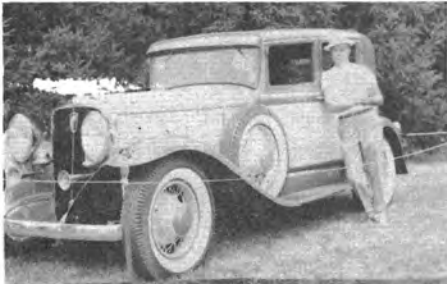


Following the SASCO Luncheon many families took part in the Historical Tour of South Bend, which was arranged by the Michiana Chapter. At 2:00 PM the General Business Meeting of SDC was held. The minutes of this meeting have already appeared in the Bulletin. On Friday evening Tech Classes were held for those who desired to attend. In addition the Board of Directors completed their business and of course Stude-Talk was heard everywhere until the wee hours.

Events early Saturday included an open house and tour of the facilities of the Avanti Motor Corporation, at the same time both SASCO and Standard Surplus were crowded with buyers of parts. Well before the appointed time of 11:30 AM the street in front of the Avanti Plant was cordoned off and filled with Studebakers, Packards, Avantis and related cars lining up for the parade to Bendix Woods Park. The line of cars proceeding over the 12 mile long route was a traffic stopping event.

The Concours D'Elegance occupied all of Saturday afternoon. A lunchstand manned by Boy Scouts of South Bend was kept busy serving delicious sandwiches and cold drinks as the balmy weather continued. Nearly as many Studebakers and Avantis were in the parking lots as well as on the judging field. As it was, the judging wasn't completed until late in the afternoon, if all the cars had been entered the results could never have been ready for announcement at the Awards Banquet. Results of the judging are listed elsewhere in this publication.





A full house at the Indiana Club on Saturday evening heard and saw an even fuller program. Announcement was made of the new officers for 1970-71, (already listed in the Bulletin) and many special guests were introduced. Among them were the present officers, Mike Elling the SDC Membership Secretary, Editor Karl Haas, AOA President Bill Waterhouse and his Directors; and many of the officers and staff of both SASCO and Standard Surplus. Guest Speaker was Otto Klausmeier, who as an official of the Studebaker Corporation for 47 years has come to be the unofficial historian. His subject was how the Rockne came into existence.

Harry Barnes, SDC Founder, presented the Minnie Barnes Award to the Colorado Chapter. Accepted by Ed Tozier with Ken and Eleanor Blume of Colorado, this Award contributed in memory of the Founder's mother will be awarded annually to the Region or Chapter which has shown the most growth in the preceding year. This means not only growth in size, but in service both to its members, SDC and the public. One of the deciding factors in awarding the trophy to the Colorado Chapter this year was their active participation in programs and rallies benefiting deaf and blind children in that state. To be presented each year on a rotating basis, the Minnie Barnes Award will be given permanently to any Region or Chapter earning it three times consecutively.

Announcement of a tie for the Award to the Best Publication was made by Editor Karl Haas. The Wheelbarrow Johnny, published by the Sequoia Chapter of California; and the North Star Wheel of the Minnesota Region were joint winners of this Annual Award.

Harry Barnes also presented cups for Achievement to the outgoing officers and others.



The main event of the evening, awarding of the Trophies for the Concours, was presided over by Harb Read, Chief Judge. A complete listing of the Awards and Trophies appears in this Issue. With the large number of vehicles participating, this part of the ceremony continued until well after midnight.