

THE STUDEBAKER CO-OPERATOR



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THE CoOperator CAMERA IN SOUTH BEND!!

The CoOperator doesn't usually appear in the annual National Meet issue of Turning Wheels. However, this year, Larry Swanson agreed that your Technical Editor, here, had several interesting photos (and, as you would expect, comments) about South Bend '88 that we would use a couple pages of The CoOperator budget to give you readers something different! So here are the photos (some of them) that yours truly took in South Bend in early August! (During the National Meet, of course!)

The Avanti classes are best seen in the lower left photo. Immediately to the N., across South Street, is the South side of the new museum...you did follow that, did you not? To the East of the museum is the parking lot wherein the 1958 and down models, except C-K bodies, were shown.

Immediately below is the parking lot to the West of the museum, across LaFayette Street, where the C-K body cars were displayed, as well as the Modified classes. Commercial vehicle classes were shown in the lower right, South of South Street!



Above: All of the "bird's-eye-view" pictures on this page were taken from the roof of Building #84, at the Southeast corner. We were leaning on the three "steps" you see in the upper left. This view shows the North side of Building 84, and we again thank Ed Peterson for allowing us access to the roof for these photo possibilities!



Above: Compare this photo with that in the upper left corner of Page 17 in the July Turning Wheels! Same position, but alot more Studebakers surrounding the museum! North of the museum, at the top of this photo, is where the 1959-up non C-K body cars were displayed.

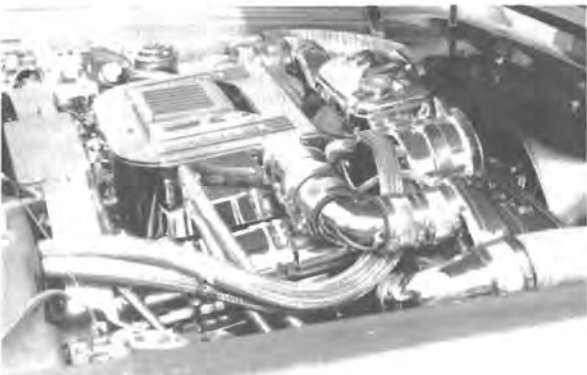




Above: And what might this beautiful sight be? Yes, it is a row of five Hawks that are all equipped with the correct exhaust extensions!!

Below: A photograph of this engine room cannot do it justice! Mr. Lange displayed his gorgeous R-3 turquoise Avanti with two superchargers and an intercooler! This engine absolutely stopped all passers-by in their tracks. Lots of detailing and I believe that if he had figured out how to chrome-plate fiberglass, the whole car would have been chromed as well..what a knockout!

Far Below: Would I dare write a caption for this Packard Hawk? Kinda reminds you of the Moody Blues recent famous hit, "In Your Wildest Dreams!"



Above: And what famous pair of comedians do we have here? Abbott and Costello? Laurel and Hardy? Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis? Actually, Daffy Duck and Goofy came to mind first but under closer examination, I see that it is our long-time friends that were written up in the August 1988 Turning Wheels, Ted Harbit (left) and Luther Barnes (right). The combination of the heat and wives Mary Ann and Janice being on the premises helped keep these fellows in check during the meet, although Ted was known to slip the Chicken Hawk out for a demonstration or two....

You'll note that the Chicken Hawk is sporting slightly different graphics than were in the August '88 TW photograph, but Luther's "Blue Flame" convertible, in front of which he is now standing, is as shown in the photographs earlier this year. Both cars were among many modified, specialty Studebakers that made a real hit at South Bend 88: LONG LIVE THE DIVERSITY THAT KEEPS SDC SO INTERESTING!!

Below: You had to be there to appreciate this photo, but it seems as though a local "Oil-Dry" distributor supplied each entrant with a bag of their product as the entrant appeared for the "official" meet photograph in front of the new museum! As hot as it was, even 30-weight with STP was reduced to almost water viscosity, so this donation was well appreciated!



Above: Member Ralph Snyder poses with his beautifully-restored 1938 Commander Convertible Sedan. Ralph accompanied his father to South Bend to pick up new Studebakers years ago and saw a nice '38 Conv.Sedan on one trip as a youngster. He vowed to have one like it some day and By George, he did just that!

Below: The West side of the Museum touts Freeman-Spicer's claim of having the lowest prices!

Far Below: With temperatures around 100° all thru the meet, here was the most popular vendor!

