

My 2022 International Studebaker Meet

by Justin Cole

The 2022 International Studebaker Meet was the first I have gone to since the International South Bend Meet in 2007. I grew up going to the meets as a kid in the 1980s and 1990s and was even allowed to skip school to go!

There was something special about going to Standard Surplus for the show and sitting at a friend of my dad's booth and wandering the show and looking at the cars and grabbing a barbecue sandwich for lunch! The new location at the fairgrounds definitely has more space and a more open vibe, but nostalgia had me reminiscing about the "good ole days."

This year marked my first SDC meet as an owner and it was very special! Having taken S2D to MCACN in November 2021, I'd met a lot of fellow Studebaker owners for the first time and it was great seeing many of them again in South Bend. Gary Wood brought his beautiful #8 Avanti, one of the two Avantis Andy Granatelli brought to Bonneville in an attempt to set numerous production car speed records. Granatelli's R3 Avantis ended up breaking 29 records and the Avanti was the world's fastest car in 1963, which was quite the achievement! To make things even better, the Studebaker Museum has the #9 car on display, so I got to see both cars over the course of the weekend!

The highlight of the weekend was when Gary took me for a ride in the #8 car, a total dream come true. The #8 and #9 Avantis and then Ron Hall's 200 mph Avanti started my love for fast Studebakers.

Fellow MCACN attendees included Ed George who brought his R3 Avanti, Jeff Bradel, and Richard Sevick who brought his beautiful turquoise R1 Avanti. It was really cool to reconnect with them again. I even handed Jeff the keys to S2D and told him to take it for a spin around the block! He had a blast! I really appreciated how Ed regularly checked in with me to see if I was having a great time and I needed anything. As an unofficial spokesman and ambassador for the Studebaker brand, his passion shines through and his friendly, approachable manner should help continue to attract younger owners into the hobby.

Feeling welcomed as a younger owner made the event that much more special. Seeing Jim and Corey Lime, owners of Stude-



Bruce and Suzie Aldrich's custom Hawk.



Ed George's 1955 E7 Pickup.



Justin Cole, Richard Sevick and Gary Wood.



Ed George's R3 Avanti.



Kasia Jones' '54 Commander next to S2D, another '54 Commander.

Quinn discuss the history of racing and endurance Studebakers was also quite informative and fascinating. I hope this knowledge is retained and passed down for future generations. Despite growing up around Studebakers I was totally surprised to learn about Studebaker's pre-war racing and endurance history. The European brands have long touted their endurance history and many a books can be found on their accomplishments.

All in all, I saw a lot of great cars and met some amazing people. The NAPCO truck was my favorite at the show, I absolutely loved it! An absolutely amazing truck! One of my other favorite cars at the show was Bruce and Suzie Aldrich's custom Hawk; the detailing and craftsmanship was impeccable. Being partial to the C/K cars, I saw a few original cars that I really admired and appreciated and it was cool to see them in yellow.

I can't wait to go back next year! The coolest thing about the hobby are the people you meet and the South Bend Meet just reaffirmed that.

baker International, was also great, as I'd met them at MCACN and after the show in Indianapolis at their warehouse. Just seeing the passion and friendliness and being welcomed by guys like Jeff, Richard, and Gary was amazing. And to see Richard drive his beautiful Avanti and rack up the miles on it is a testament to himself and how he wants to share the hobby with as many people as possible.

Despite the cold and rainy weather, the Meet was a lot of fun. Seeing Kasia Jones' beautiful custom '54 Commander was really exciting! I'd talked to her via Facebook and Instagram for a few years and it was really exciting to get The Kat Stew and S2D together for a photo op. If you haven't seen her car in person, the craftsmanship is impressive and the paint is even more impressive. It was overcast most of the time so the paint didn't really "pop" until the last day and WOW! The car was stunning!

Listening to Andy Beckman discuss the history of the Avanti and Richard



Gary Wood's R3 Avanti, Richard Sevick's R1 Avanti, and S2D.



Side profile of Kasia Jones' 1954 Commander, "The Kat Stew".

The Guardhouse Ribbon Cutting

by Duane Miller

On Tuesday afternoon we attended the dedication of the restored guard shack. The ice cream social event was cancelled due to the cold and rainy weather. Shown below, left to right at the ribbon cutting, are **Patrick Sleebonic**, from the Studebaker National Museum, **Denny Foust**, SDC President, **Kevin Smith**, owner of the property, and **Tim Janowiak**, who had pushed the restoration to completion and did a lot of the work.



The Studebaker Band Played at the Fountain Meetup

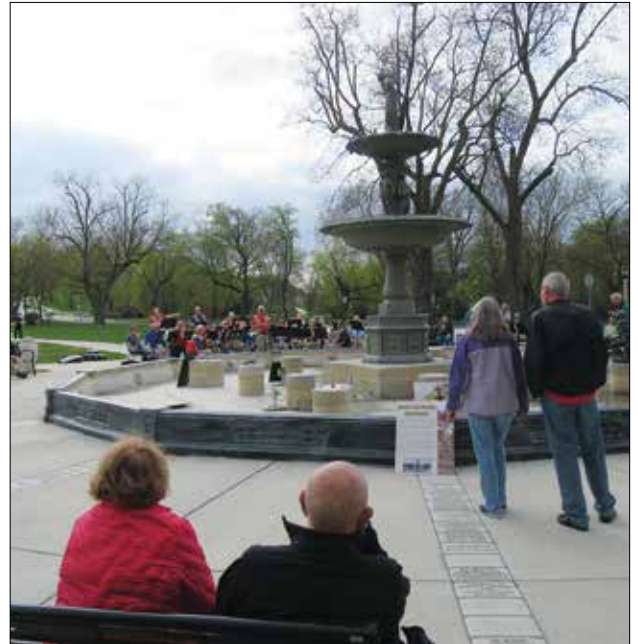


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Drive-Through Judging





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First Friday Cruise-In



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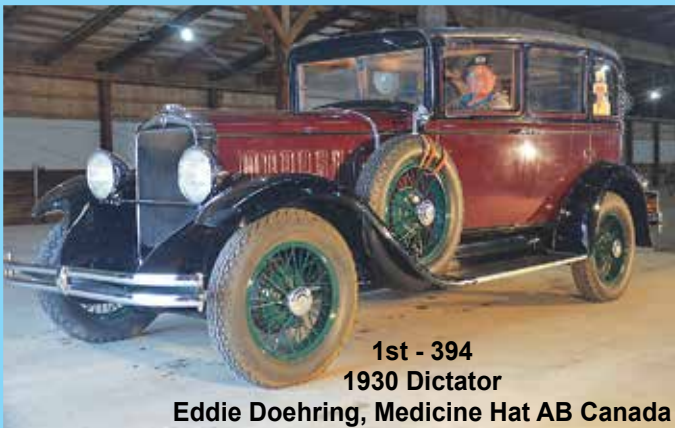
The Oldest and the Newest at the 2022 SDC International Meet

by Peter Crisitello

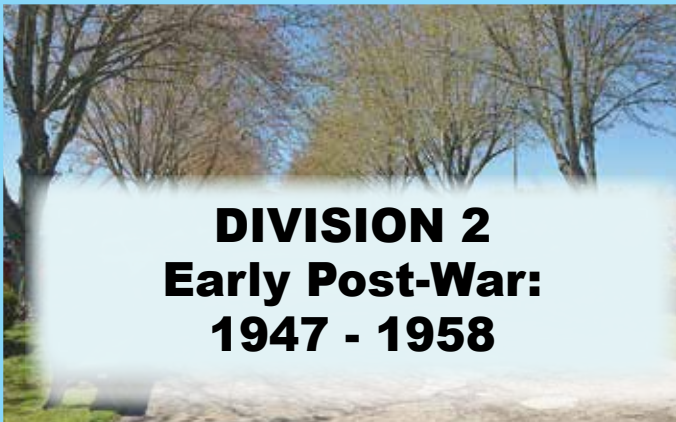
The oldest is the 1914 Studebaker SC-4, and the newest, the 2007 Avanti. The 2007 New Avanti is one of the last built, and is owned by Don Lindner, who is the owner/proprietor of the Avanti Guest House and Museum in South Bend, just across the street from the Studebaker National Museum.



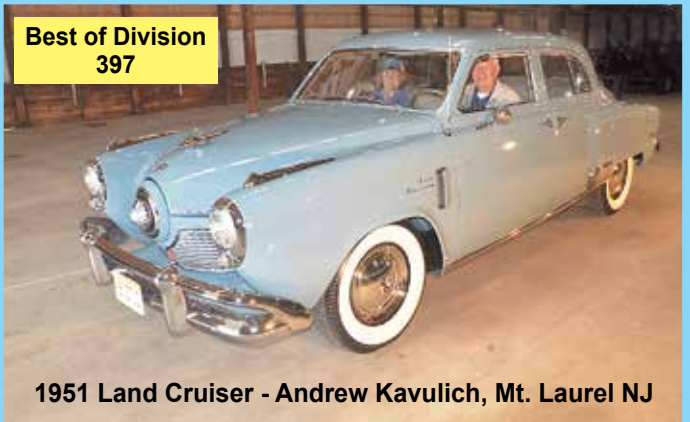
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DIVISION 2
Early Post-War:
1947 - 1958



Best of Division
397

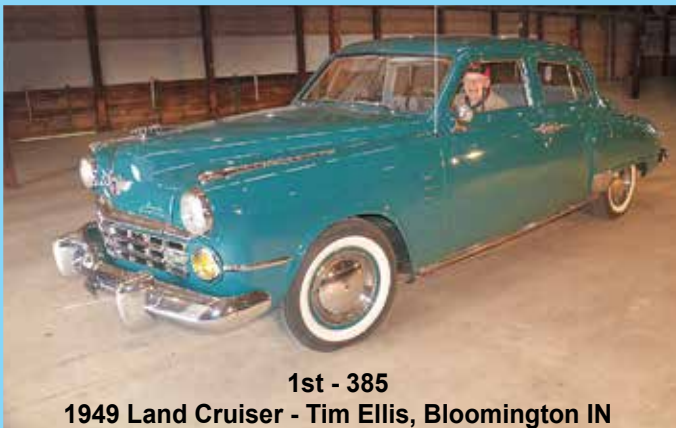
1951 Land Cruiser - Andrew Kavulich, Mt. Laurel NJ



1st - 390
1950 Champion - Tim Loy, Fletcher NC



1st - 386
1950 Regal Deluxe Starlight Coupe
Dean Stanley, Schaumburg IL



1st - 385
1949 Land Cruiser - Tim Ellis, Bloomington IN



1st - 380
1952 Commander - Peter DeVillez, Poolville TX



2nd - 374
1952 Champion - Steven McNutt, Warsaw IN



2nd - 365
1950 Champion - Carl Cook, Bloomington IN

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2nd - 361
1949 Champion Regal Deluxe 4-Door Sedan
Alvin Donze Jr., Saint Mary MO



2nd - 361
1951 Champion - Ken Fortlander, South Bend IN



2nd - 361
1947 Champion 2-Door DLX - Lee Strohl, Lakeside MI



2nd - 353
1952 LandCruiser - Tom Felger, Granger IN



295
1956 Champion 2-Door
Gene Wilkeson, South Bend IN



DISPLAY
1951 Starlight Coupe
Bill Binder, Florida



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1st - 380
1964 Daytona
Corey McIlroy, Mishawaka IN



2nd - 373
1966 Wagonaire
Les Graham, Haydon ON Canada



2nd - 364
1966 Cruiser - Herbert Terry, New Albany IN



2nd - 361
1956 Champion
Don & Mary Mills, Louisville KY



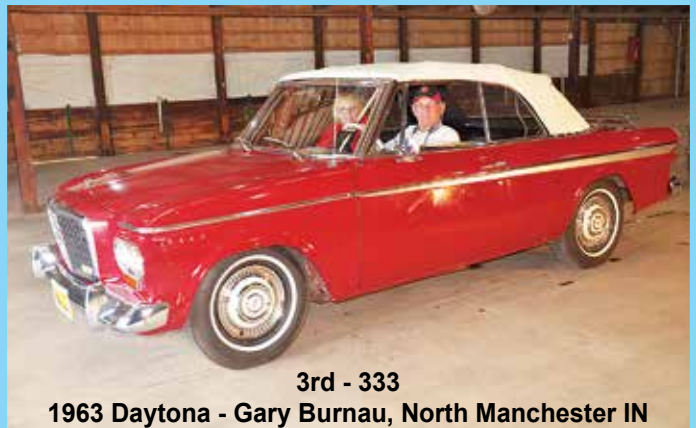
2nd - 354
1963 Lark - William Huther, Clinton NY



2nd - 352
1963 Lark 4-Door - Chris Patton, Buchanan MI



2nd - 346
1960 Lark VIII - Kevin Studebaker, Lexington NC



3rd - 333
1963 Daytona - Gary Burnau, North Manchester IN

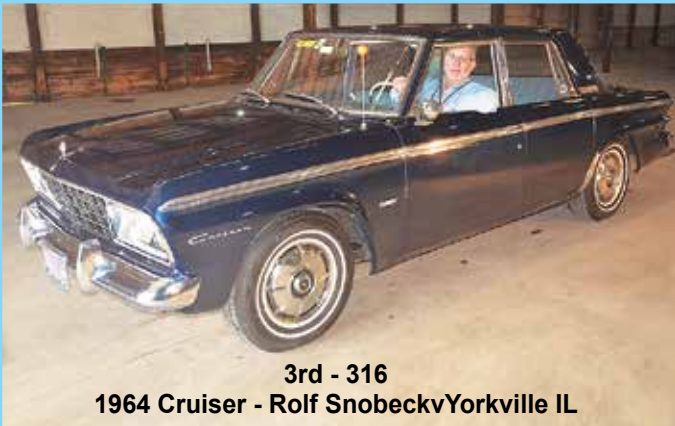
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3rd - 333
1964 Daytona Convertible - Bill Panzica, South Bend IN



3rd - 331
1962 Lark 2-Door - Amon Wirthiem, Bethlehem PA



3rd - 316
1964 Cruiser - Rolf SnobeckvYorkville IL



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DIVISION 4 Coupes & Hardtops: 1953 - 1961



**Best of Division
400**

1953 Champion Coupe
Alan Richarz, Saint Charles MO



**Best of Division
400**

1955 Speedster
Matthew Wendt, North Tonawanda NY



1st - 398
1957 Golden Hawk
Brian & Renea Butler, Bloomfield Hills MI

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1st - 398
1955 Speedster - William D Clark, Endicott NY



1st - 397
1959 Silver Hawk - Larry Hradec, Norfolk NE



1st - 388
1953 Champion - Robert Strait, N Huntingdon PA

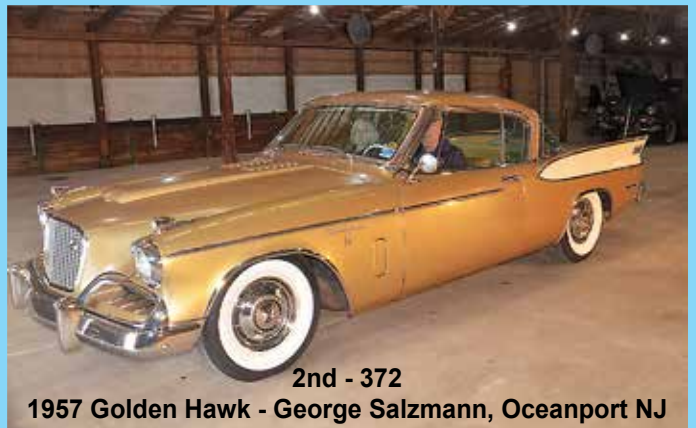


1st - 378
1959 Silver Hawk - Barb Warner, Carroll IA



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1st - 376
1955 Commander Coupe
Randy Molnar, South Bend IN



2nd - 372
1957 Golden Hawk - George Salzmman, Oceanport NJ



2nd - 368
1957 Silver Hawk - Martin Szakaly, South Bend IN



2nd - 362
1960 Hawk - Brian Middleton, Elwood IN

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2nd - 345
1958 Packard Hawk - Rocky Reitenour, Portland IN



3rd - 319
1956 Hawk - Francis Tremain, Milton WI



DIVISION 5
Gran Turismo Hawks:
1962 - 1964



Best of Division
396

1964 GT Hawk
Joseph Bacon, Indianapolis IN



1st - 390
1964 GT - Robin Reese, Easton PA



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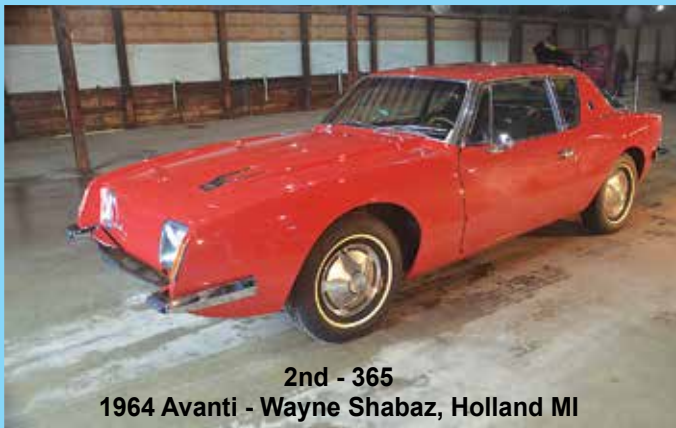
2nd - 370
1964 GT - Michael Matsago, Tamaqua PA



3rd - 342
1964 GT Hawk - Larry Michael, Hughesville PA



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3rd - 334

1963 R2 - Norman Searle, Great Falls MB Canada



2nd - 366

1976 Avanti II - Paul Windish, Tinley Park IL



2nd - 360

1969 Avanti II - David Kahn, Moline IL



2nd - 358

1967 Avanti II - Bill Morris, Red Oak IA



2nd - 362

1983 Avanti - Rich Mills, Norton Shores MI

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1st - 381
1962 GT Hawk - David Lange, Mishawaka IN



1st - 376
1959 Lark - Jim Maxey, South Bend IN



2nd - 371
1962 GT Hawk - Kent Reitenour, Altus OK



2nd - 369
1963 Avanti - Mike Myer, Duncan Falls OH



2nd - 366
1950 Champion - John Olas, Warrensburg MO



2nd - 366
1963 GT Hawk - Robert Finley, Lockport IL



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1957 Silver Hawk
Bruce Aldrich, Harrisburg SD



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400

1954 Commander - Rex Raasch, Waukee IA



1st - 396
1930 Commander
Mike Metzger, West Chicago IL



1st - 392
1941 Champion - Wayne Lee, Kennesaw GA



1st - 391
1947 M-5 Pickup
Gary Kauffman, Dallas Town PA

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1st - 389
1954 Commander - Kasia Jones, West Seneca NY



1st - 382
1950 Champion - Gary Olsen, Green Valley AZ

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1st - 382
1963 Daytona - Jerry Hutchison, Elmwood IL



2nd - 373
1956 Hawk - Christopher Krause, Abrams WI



2nd - 372
1958 Champion - Dan Aust, Columbia MO



2nd - 355
1952 6-Door Pickup
Alan & Marlene Meeker, Marion IA



DIVISION SI **Special Interest Vehicles** **All Years**



Best of Division
399

Goat Wagon
Virgil Studebaker
Troy MO



1st - 396
1947 M-5 - Joe Campoli, Mishawaka IN

