

The *Starliner*

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The Black Hawk Chapter celebrates the Studebaker hobby in the Chicago Metropolitan Region. Studebakers, Avantis, Packards & Special Interest Autos & their owners are always welcome.



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*Ron Pavlak & the Pavlak Family's
'34 Packard Convertible Victoria
On display at the Geneva Concours d' Elegance*

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-My 2024 MCACN Experience

By: Chuck Galauner-

I was honored to be included in the Studebaker display this year at the MCACN Show. This show has evolved into a prominent and renowned show that is held the weekend before Thanksgiving each year. SDC member and our Zone Coordinator ED George has promoted a Studebaker display every year to illustrate Studebaker's horsepower capabilities with their "R" series engines and racing endeavors. My car is a 1964 Studebaker Superhawk that provided press core transportation to the Bonneville Salt Flats for the 1963 fall Studebaker racing efforts.

I was fortunate to have Rick Shafer provide an enclosed trailer and to tow my Hawk to and from the show, he's a true friend! We were assigned a Friday time slot to arrive and unload. This is a very busy place with vehicles



arriving and unloading trailers constantly, everyone is encouraged to get their vehicles unloaded and to move the tow vehicles out of the building. It seems chaotic but is really well orchestrated with show workers managing specific areas to get the proper vehicles grouped together in their respective show spaces. Waiting for several hours on Friday afternoon, I took advantage of the time to check into my room across the street from the Rosemont Convention Center and to do some last-minute car cleaning. We finally got maneuvered into our space late afternoon.

Jim Pepper and several other Studebaker friends spent time meticulously positioning our cars to make a great presentation. Our display included the recently acquired Studebaker National Museum 1933 Indy Race Car #34, three Hawks, a '63 Avanti, a Lark, and a Supercharged '64 Wagon. Take some time to look at the article by Andrew Beckman in the January 2025 Turning Wheels Vol. 57, No. 1 pages 6-9 for more information.

Saturday proved to be a well-attended by the public, there were steady streams of visitors with questions about my car and Studebaker in general. I was blessed with a visit from Mr. Wayne

Carini of *Chasing Classic Cars* fame who has an interest in our marquee. We were able to provide lots of interest to car-oriented people.



Sunday's crowd was reduced but still sizeable, which gave me time to visit other areas of the show which held between 550 and 600 vehicles. It was really special to be a part of this!



I was impressed again by how well organized the show proved to be. No one is allowed to depart until they are released by the show personnel. Vehicles then departed to an exit where traffic as controlled at the nearby intersections by the Rosemont Police Department. Trailer parking was provided in two lots to the west on

the nearby I-294, we proceeded there where we loaded the car and headed home. The police department worked the weekend directing traffic in front of the convention center for pedestrians arriving and leaving the show. I can't say enough about how well this show is, from our Studebaker group and Ed George to the show management and the local officials.

If you have a Studebaker with some horsepower options, please consider contacting Ed George who is looking for vehicles to participate in the 2025 display.

Chuck

-Chapter Facebook Group

By: Tim Kehoe-

Late last summer, chapter member Larry Frazee, started up the official "Black Hawk Studebaker Drivers Club" Facebook Group. We were in need of replacing the website and this made the most sense. Larry, Karen Jackson and I are the administrators and moderators.



This is a good tool for keeping up with current activities and other communications. This of course will not be the only way the club communicates. We'll continue to use email in conjunction with Facebook as well as the Starliner.

As of this writing, we have 43 members in the group. This includes chapter members and friends of the chapter. This is a private group, so only those that we verify as BHC members or genuine friends are accepted to join.

To find the group site, when logged into Facebook, simply search "Black Hawk Studebaker Drivers Club". When applying to become a group member, tell us a little about you so we can verify that it is you.

Functionality and uses will grow as the group grows over time.

Tim