

# Our 61st SDC International Meet Washington, Pennsylvania 2025

by Jim and Cindy Pepper

Cindy and I usually pull our camping/travel trailer to Studebaker Meets. Washington, PA was no different. We left home Monday morning and traveled to a KOA campground near Toledo and stopped for the night. On the way, we stopped at the RV and Travel Trailer Hall of Fame and Museum in Elkhart, Indiana. It was really neat and one of the displays was a Studebaker "M" series trailer toter.

From Toledo to Washington was only a four-hour drive. We arrived at the Host Doubletree hotel to pick up our registration at around noon Tuesday. By early afternoon we were set up on the hill in the fairground's campground. We were joined by about 20 other campers during the week.

Wednesday was spent meeting old and new friends while shopping the swap meet. Garvin Piper displayed his restored rolling chassis and powertrain for his '60 Lark Marshal he is restoring. I took special interest in it because I owned one of those cars in 1969/70. I sold it before entering the Army in 1970. His is a work of art. It looked great.

I delivered some parts, as well as picking up some ordered items. We delivered some donated items for the Thursday night Club auction. This is the third year of me being the auctioneer. We soon realized that there really is no defined procedure for cataloging, recording, and carrying out the Club auction. It was a scramble to get things organized. The meet committee did a fantastic job. I have committed to produce an initial draft of procedure and forms to be used yearly for the Club auction. More on that to come later.

Wednesday evening was a welcoming reception at the railway museum adjacent to the fairgrounds. The food was excellent, the museum was terrific to see, and all seemed to have a good time. It was fun.

Thursday was a busy day for Cindy and me. I had asked for my obligations to be focused on one day. Thursday was the day. Cindy was taking in the women's luncheon and tour while I presided over the Bob Palma Memorial Co-Operator Seminar. In years past, we have always had issues running over our allotted time for the seminar. This year, four hours were allotted for the Co-operator. We kept our streak alive by running over by 15 minutes.



Photo by John Cosby

*At the Co-Operators Seminar, Jim Pepper and Jon Myer.*



*Garvin Piper with his chassis for his 1960 Lark Marshal.*



*Club Auction.*





**Right:** Cindy at one of the many covered bridges. **Below:** Jim at another bridge.



This year we were able to welcome Tom Sexton, our new advisor for body work and paint. Jon Myer, Tom, and I made up the panel. Members filtered in and out over the four hours but attendance was very good. We had some very interesting and informative discussions. Thank you all for taking part.

Thursday night was the membership meeting followed by the Club auction. I am not, nor have I ever been, a professional auctioneer. I have proven that the last three years. I did act as the auctioneer for our church fundraising auction for many years. I was also the fill-in auctioneer at the AOAI Meet in South Bend in 1993 when the scheduled auc-



tioneer did not show up. That is my only experience. Items sold ran the gamut from a used hubcap to prints of factory photographs produced by Richard Quinn for the Studebaker National Museum. There were about 70 items for sale. We had some fun, some laughs, and raised \$1400 for the club.

Friday was a free day for us. Cindy is a lover of covered bridges. There were five of them within 15 miles of the fairgrounds. We took a ride and visited them. It was great seeing some of the area and countryside. The cars and especially the trucks at the meet were spectacular. I know I missed

seeing some vehicles but what we saw were terrific.

Saturday morning was spent bidding farewell to all. We packed up the camper trailer and pulled out at about 1:00 p.m. We again stopped for the night near Toledo and arrived home Sunday afternoon. I have determined that the most lucrative business in the transportation industry is making orange-colored barrels with truck tire sidewalls as a base. They were everywhere on our trip from Wisconsin to Pennsylvania. We didn't experience any traffic jams caused by construction but had to be cautious pulling a 30-foot trailer through those construction zones of which there were many.

We had a great time in Washington PA and thanks to all who made it happen.

We hope to see you all next year in Texas.



*Seen at the Swap Meet.*

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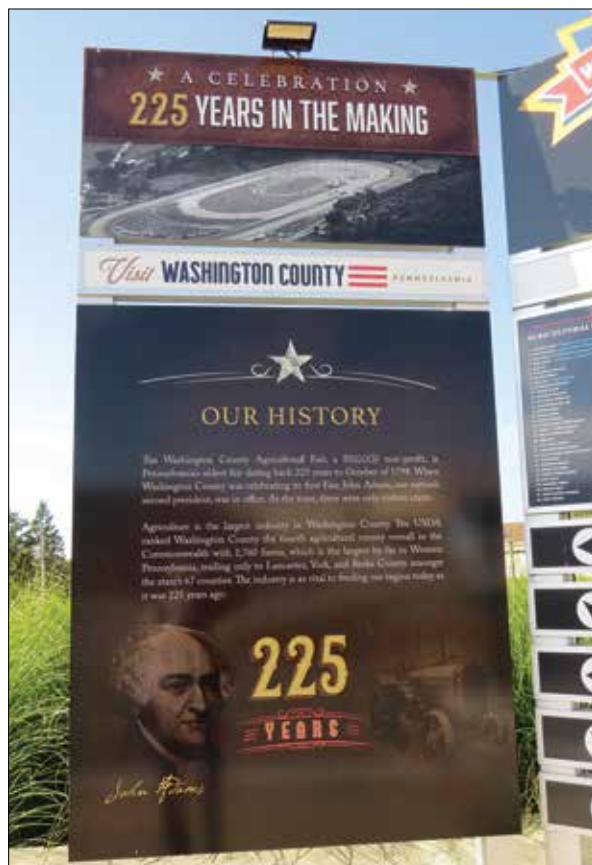




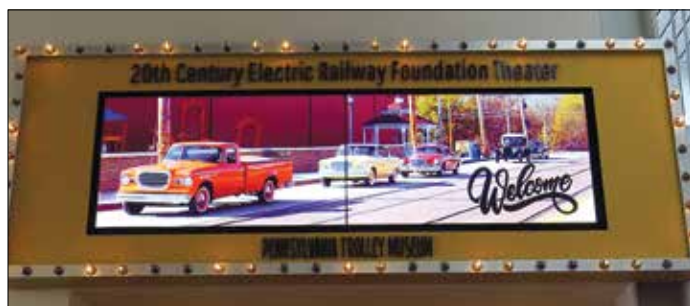
















# SDC Chapter Newsletter Editor Recognition Awards 2024-2025

by Susan Thomason, Chair, SDC Newsletter Judging Committee

The SDC Newsletter Editor Recognition Program was established by the late Larry Swanson, who was an early *Turning Wheels* Editor and SDC Publications Director. He wanted to call attention to the importance of the newsletters and to show recognition and appreciation for the Editors and the valuable service they provide to their chapters.

In 2015, the late Larry Metz revamped the judging process so that the newsletters would be judged against established criteria like the cars, watches, toys and memorabilia rather than against each other. The awards now reflect their individual achievement and are given based on the points earned.

Most of the Editors currently submitting their publications for judging have been doing this for a long time. They know the judging criteria and make sure that their newsletters include the required components. These Editors take the time to do extra research to find interesting information and articles for their readers. As a result, most scores are high.

Congratulations, Editors! Thank you for your hard work and dedication and for providing your chapters with excellent communication and information.

## 2024-2025 NEWSLETTER EDITOR AWARDS

INTERNET DIVISION					
DIVISION	NEWSLETTER	CHAPTER	EDITOR	AVG SCORE	AWARD
MONTHLY INTERNET	<i>Sparkplug</i>	Beach Cities Orange Inland Empire	Dan Scott	98.87%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>The Drivers Seat</i>	Western Lake Erie	Heidi Wyse Seery	98%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>Washington Dictator</i>	Tacoma Area	Dennis Massie	96.9%	1 <sup>st</sup>
BI-MONTHLY INTERNET	<i>Bullet-Tin</i>	Hamilton	Susan Lusted	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>Miles N Smiles</i>	San Joaquin Valley	Robin Shepard	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>StudeNews</i>	Atlantic Canada	Chuck Teuscher	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>Tempo</i>	B.C. Southern Interior	Karen Douglas, Co-Editor	99.92%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>North Star Wheel</i>	North Star	Kerry Jackson	99%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>The Hubcap</i>	Central Texas	Nick Dynis	99.5%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>The NewsHawk</i>	Allegheny Region	Monica Bradel	98.7%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>The Commander</i>	Potomac	Pete Rutledge	98.25%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>Flying Hubcaps</i>	Central Florida	Doug Watts	86.4%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
QUARTERLY INTERNET	<i>Commanding Leader</i>	Central Virginia	Jim Jett	97.75%	1 <sup>st</sup>
AFFILIATED INTERNET	<i>Rotating Spokes</i>	Historical Register of Australasia	David Pink	97.5%	1 <sup>st</sup>
PRINTED DIVISION					
MONTHLYPRINTED	<i>Hawkeye Headliner</i>	Iowa Hawkeye	Robert Ray	96.89%	1 <sup>st</sup>
BI-MONTHLY PRINTED	<i>Strato-Vue</i>	Rock River Valley	Dennis Orczykowski	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>Kaw Valley Wheels</i>	Kaw Valley	Diane Crooks	97.89%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>Keystone Keynotes</i>	Keystone	Gaye Liddick	96.5%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>Studebaker Spokesman</i>	Wisconsin Region	Claude Chmielewski	93.68%	1 <sup>st</sup>
AFFILIATED PRINTED	<i>The Distributor</i>	SDC New Zealand	Paul Crooke	100%	1 <sup>st</sup>

**NOTE:** We need additional judges for feedback to the Editors. If you'd like to be a judge for chapter newsletters or if you'd like to submit your newsletter for judging, please email Susan Thomason at: [thomason2@earthlink.net](mailto:thomason2@earthlink.net).



## SDC Members Visit Kruger Toy Museum During 2025 Meet

submitted by Paul M. Zubritzky M.D

Surely one of the highlights of the 2025 International Meet in Washington, Pennsylvania was the early morning tour of the Kruger Toy and Train Museum in nearby Wheeling, West Virginia. The luxurious bus boarded over fifty conventioners early the Wednesday morning of the meet at the Washington County Fairgrounds, and transported them, almost back in time into the Mountain State. The bus arrived at the renowned Kruger Museum in the Elm Grove section of Wheeling, a refurbished early 1906 school house jam packed with antique toys, trains and childhood memories.

Upon arrival, members were graciously greeted by Mr. Allan Robert Miller, owner and senior curator of the Museum. The outdoor marquee also happily welcomed Studebaker and Avanti fans. Showing his kindness and sensitivity, Mr. Miller escorted the bus to a rear museum entrance that allowed those with special needs or requirements to disembark and enter the Kruger more easily. Once our host pointed out the necessary rooms, many guests were then treated to a ride in the building's vintage elevator lift. This brought the guests to the main display floor of the Museum. What were once classrooms are now whole room showcases of dolls, games, miniatures and figures, and of course transportation toys. Many of the toys shown at Kruger and much of the history it teaches, comes from its proximity to one of the factories of the largest toy manufacturer in the world, the Marx Toy Company in Glendale which shuttered its doors in 1980. (Kruger Museum even hosts an annual Marx Toy Convention every summer around Father's Day Weekend which is attended by many collectors.)

Guests entering the "transportation toy" room were then treated to a surprise in honor of the 2025 Meet. A robust display of over 50 Studebaker and Avanti vintage toys and promotional models was



presented by SDC members and friends of the Museum, Dr. Paul and Suzie Zubritzky of Pittsburgh.

All attendees were given a booklet written by Dr. Zubritzky, "A Beginner's Primer On Collecting Vintage Toy And Model Vehicles". The Zubritzky's were available to autograph the books and answer many questions about the Studebaker toys.

Additional fun was had when Mr. Allan Raymond Miller who MC's the three day Marx Toy event each June was also present to answer specific Museum questions. He also encouraged and supervised a terrific vintage tabletop Road Race competition between SDC members!

With so much to see at the Museum including an O gauge train layout, a Charles Schulz Peanuts display

and an Ohio Valley History Room, two hours flew by and it was soon time to board the bus and return to Washington County.

One last stop in Wheeling was for a delicious three course catered lunch of broiled chicken, fish, salad, potatoes, veggies, fresh rolls and dessert.



*Some of Dr. Paul Zibritzky's models on display at the Kruger Museum.*





The bus ride back was buzzing with excitement as all members discussed what they had seen and learned at the Kruger from our gracious hosts, the Millers, and their attentive staff. There was no doubt that a Good Time Was Had By All!



*Dr. Paul Zubritzky and his Studebaker toy and model display*



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### **DIVISION 1 Pre-War 1902 - 1946**

**Best of Division - 399**



**1932 71 Commander Regal Sedan  
Harold Manley, Newton IA**



**1st - 396  
1933 92  
George Vassos, Westfield MA**



**1st - 395  
1932 Dictator Roadster  
Chester Bradfield, Bridgewater VA**



**1st - 395  
1934 President  
Robert Belling, Columbia CT**



**2nd - 367  
1938 President  
Ira (Skip) Seaton, New Salem PA**



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### **DIVISION 2 Early Post-War: 1947 - 1958**

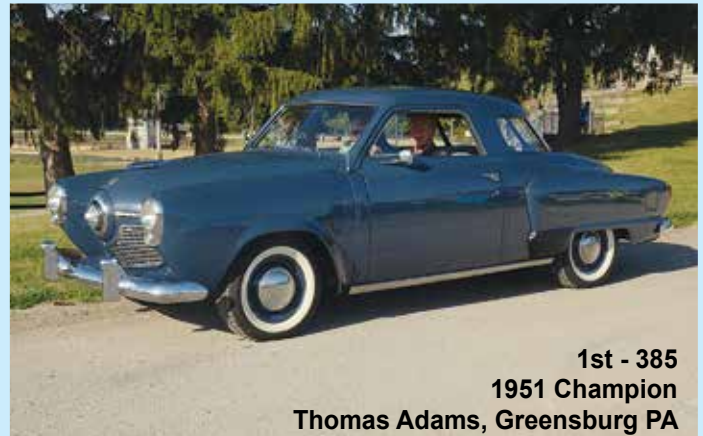
**Best of Division - 392**



**1955 President  
Leslie Glena, Lockport NY**



**1st - 388  
1950 Land Cruiser  
Dan Biddle, Grove City PA**



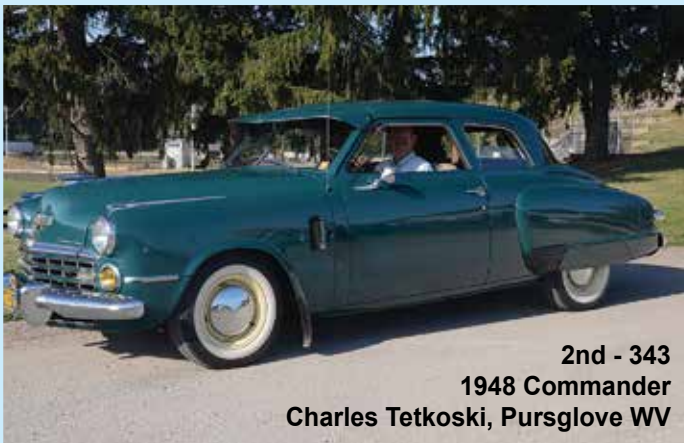
**1st - 385  
1951 Champion  
Thomas Adams, Greensburg PA**



**1st - 385  
1957 Packard Clipper  
Albert C Kish, Jefferon Hills PA**



**2nd - 356  
1949 Commander  
Karl & Sharon Cheeks, Butler PA**



**2nd - 343  
1948 Commander  
Charles Tetkoski, Pursglove WV**

**No Photo Available**

**282  
1952 Commander Land Cruiser  
Igor Shkvarunets, Rockville MD**



**DIVISION 3**  
**Lark - Types:**  
**1959 - 1966**

Best of Division - 400



1963 Lark Convertible  
Jon Myer, Duncan Falls OH



1st - 393  
1964 Marshal  
Paul Dutton, Newton MA



1st- 390  
1966 Commander  
Tom Sexton, Riverside IA



1st - 387  
1965 Daytona Sports Sedan  
Ronald Hoff, Cumberland MD



1st - 386  
1962 Lark Daytona  
Jason Gill, Gilbert PA



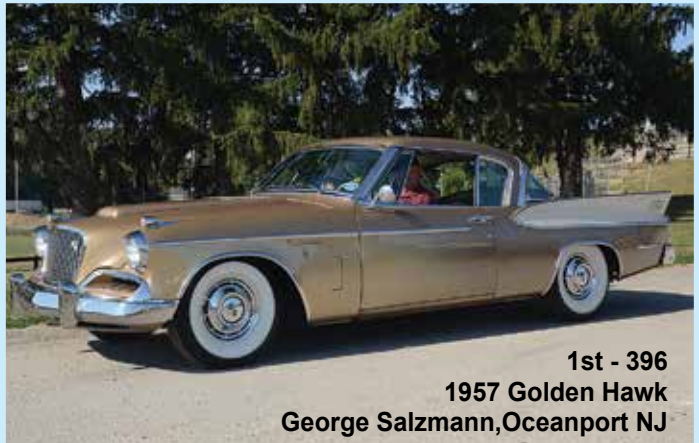
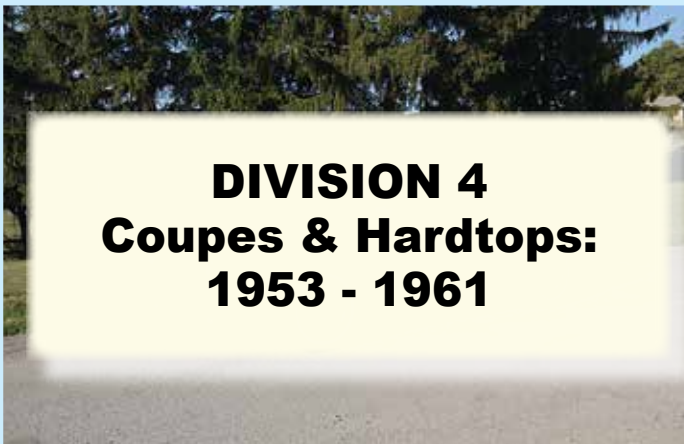
1st - 369  
1963 Lark  
James Bowden, Mason MI



2nd - 353  
1960 Lark VIII  
Kevin Studebaker, Lexington NC



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### **DIVISION 5 Gran Turismo Hawks 1962 - 1964**

**Best of Division - 398**



1964 Gran Turismo Hawk  
Larry Michael, Hughesville, PA



1st - 391  
1962 GT Hawk  
Gary Nestor, Saxonburg PA



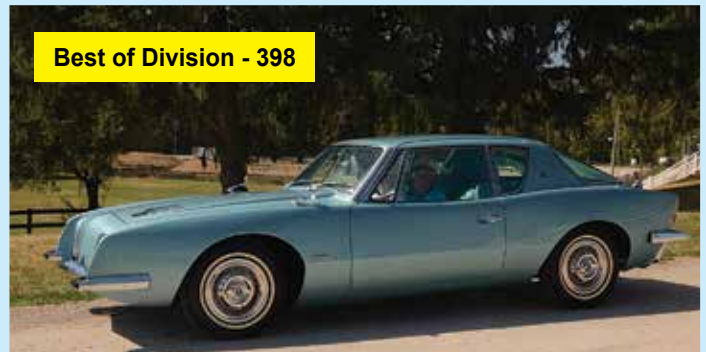
1st - 391  
1962 GT Hawk  
Dan Biddle, Grove City PA

### **DIVISION 6A - Avanti (Studebaker) 1963-1964**

### **DIVISION 6B - Avanti: (Nate Altman) 1966 - 1982**

### **DIVISION 6C: Avanti: (Blake, Kelley, Cafaro, etc.) 1983 - 1991+**

**Best of Division - 398**



Division 6A - 1964 Avanti  
John Kudrany



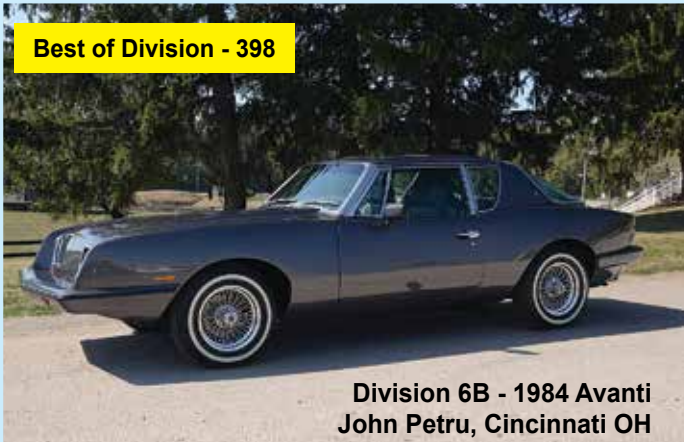
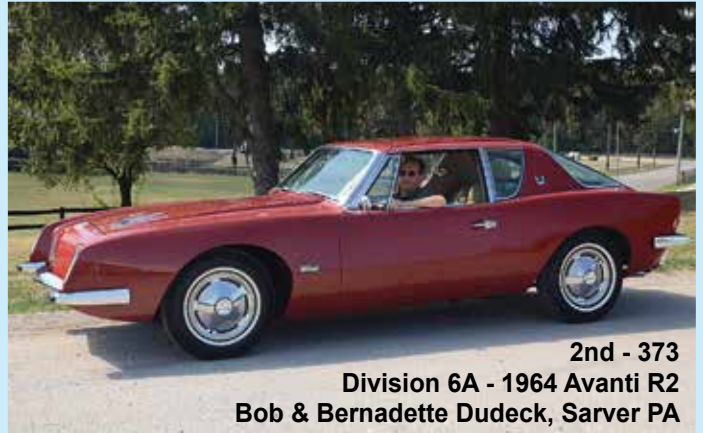
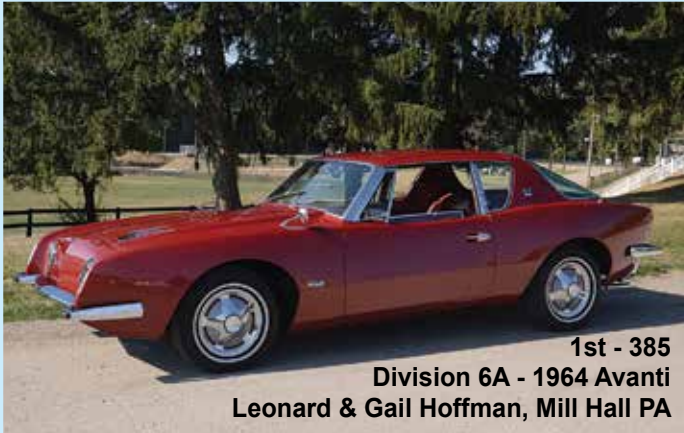
1st - 397  
Division 6A - 1963 Avanti  
John Rodhouse, Becket MA



1st - 394  
Division 6A - 1964 Avanti  
Roman Artymyshyn, Flemington NJ



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## DIVISION 7 Trucks: 1902 - 1964

Best of Division - 400



1959 4E7D  
Steve Willham, Medina OH

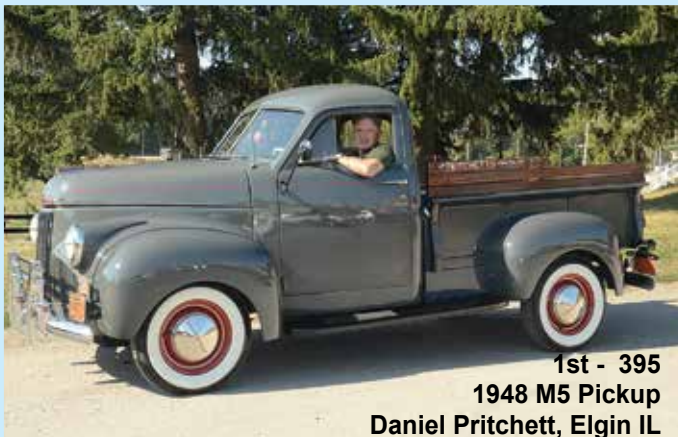
Best of Division - 400



1958 3E12D  
Steve Willham, Medina OH



1st - 398  
1938 Coupe Express  
Richard Jandrey, Richfield OH



1st - 395  
1948 M5 Pickup  
Daniel Pritchett, Elgin IL



1st - 393  
1952 2R 5  
Jeff Barber, Waverly NY



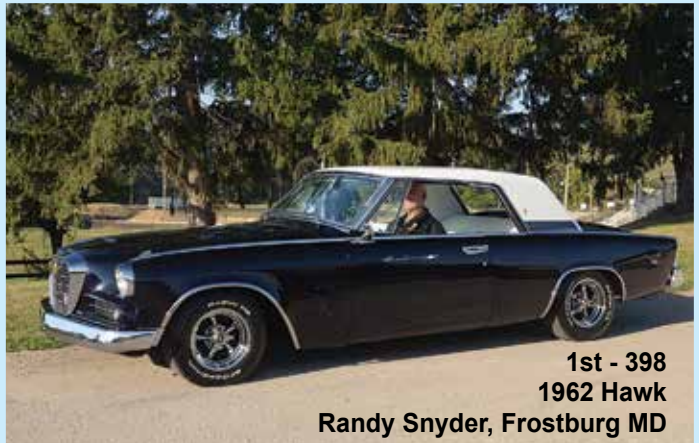
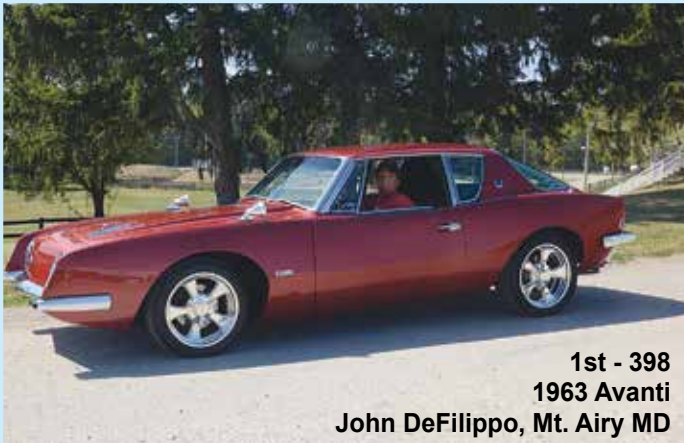
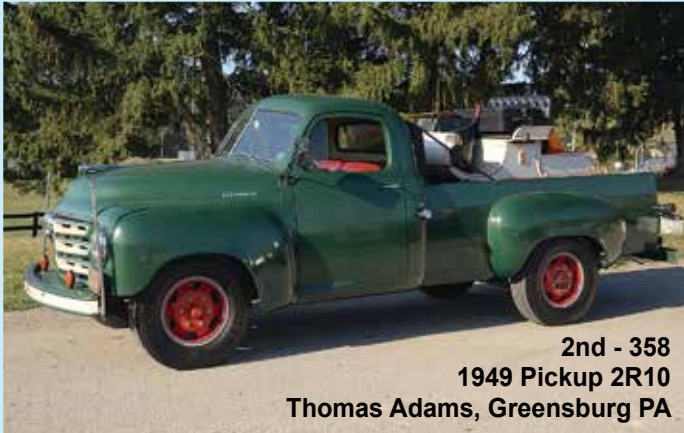
1st - 392  
1957 Transtar Pickup  
Joseph Kish, McKeesport PA



2nd - 377  
1947 M5  
Bob McIntosh, Stewartsville NJ

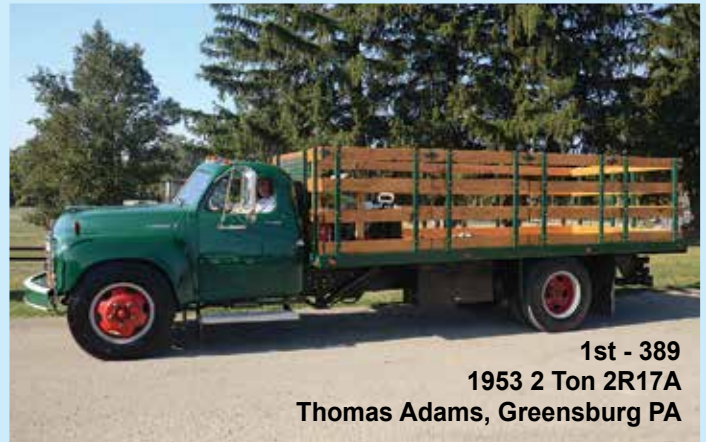


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**DIVISION 9**  
**Modified:**  
**Non-Studebaker Engine**

Best of Division - 400



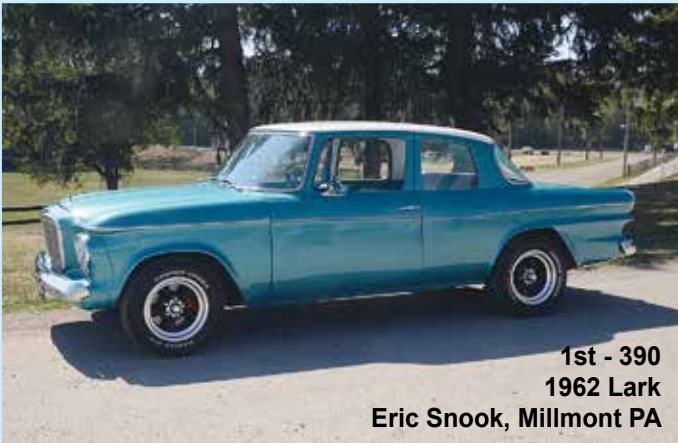
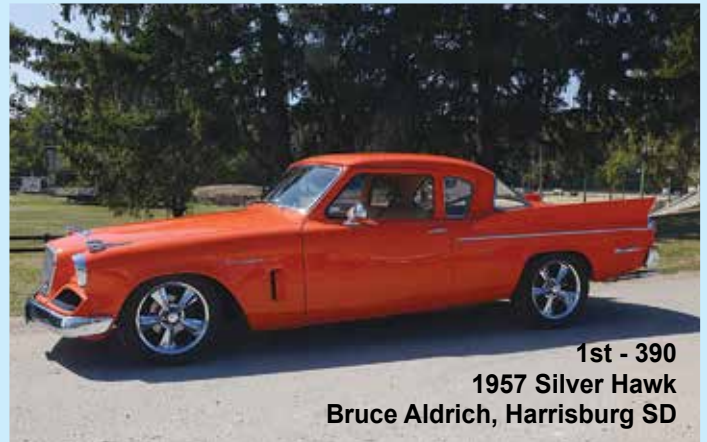
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1st - 397  
1954 Commander  
Kasia Jones, West Seneca NY





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**1957 Packard**  
Hal Hermann, Fairfax VA



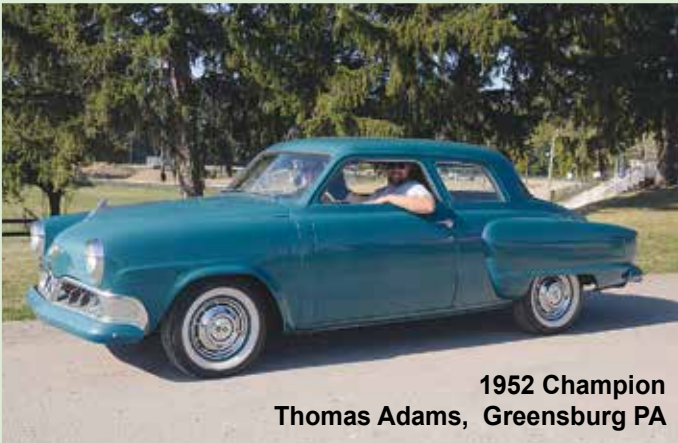
**1956 President**  
Anthony Buck, Allison Park PA



**1950 Commander**  
Ross Miller, Parkton MD



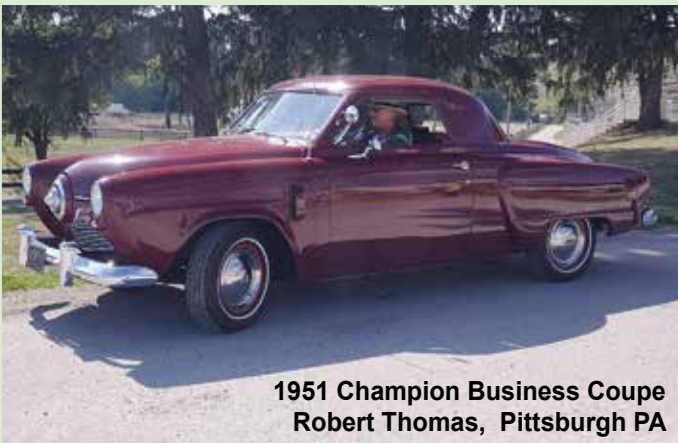
**The Muppets Car**  
*(photo by Terry Herbert)*



**1952 Champion**  
Thomas Adams, Greensburg PA



**1950 Champion**  
David Shields, Ridgeley WV



**1951 Champion Business Coupe**  
Robert Thomas, Pittsburgh PA



**1955 Champion 2DR Sedan**  
Gene Andreski, Tiptecanoe OH



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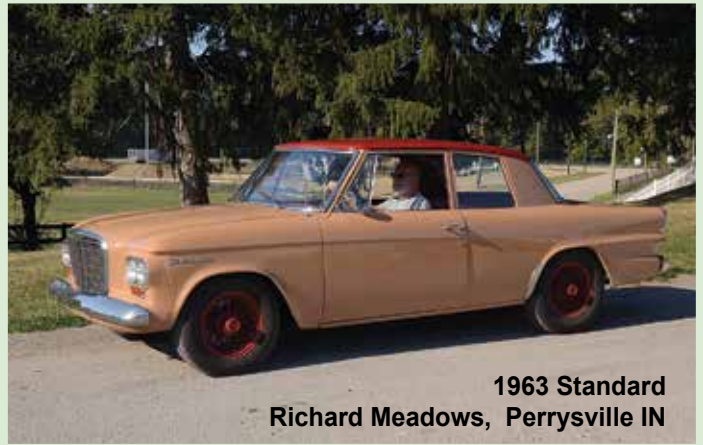
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Harold Spring, Sharpsburg IA



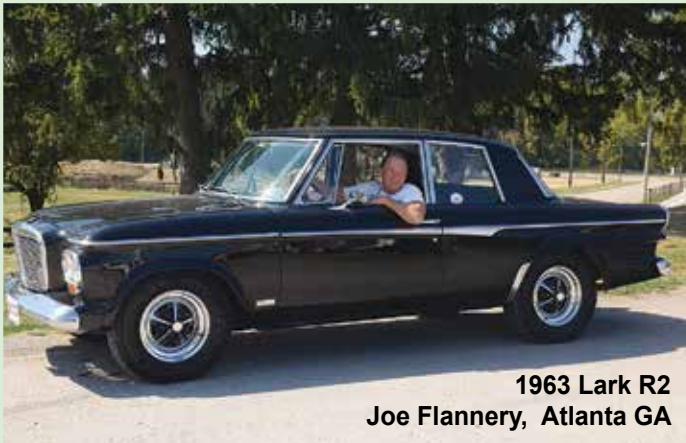
**1962 Lark**  
William Pugh, Woodbine MD



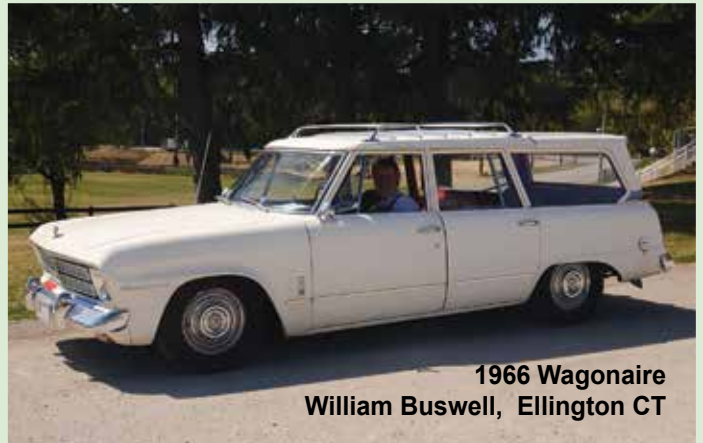
**1963 Lark**  
Brien Kocher, Nazareth PA



**1963 Standard**  
Richard Meadows, Perrysville IN



**1963 Lark R2**  
Joe Flannery, Atlanta GA



**1966 Wagonaire**  
William Buswell, Ellington CT



**1958 Golden Hawk**  
Jim Milliken, Westminster SC



**1958 Packard Hawk**  
Donald Berg, Dickeyville WI



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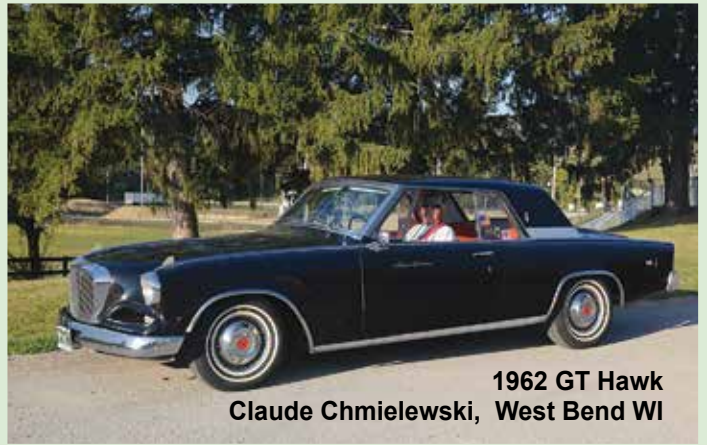
**1957 Golden Hawk**  
**Jeff Williams, McKees Rocks PA**



**1956 Golden Hawk**  
**Stephen Metcalf, Odin IL**



**1962 GT Hawk**  
**Phil Getz, Denver PA**



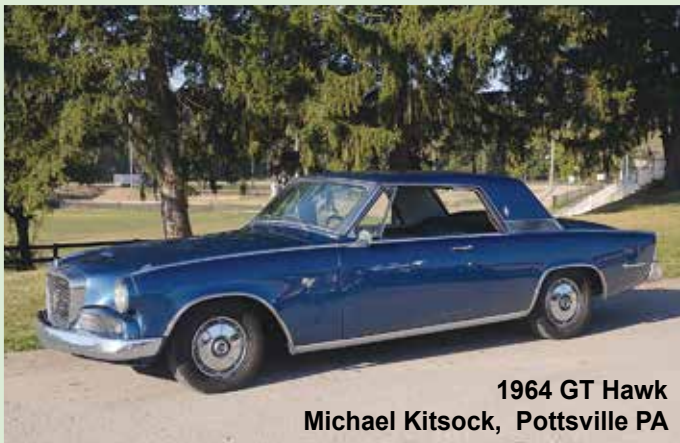
**1962 GT Hawk**  
**Claude Chmielewski, West Bend WI**



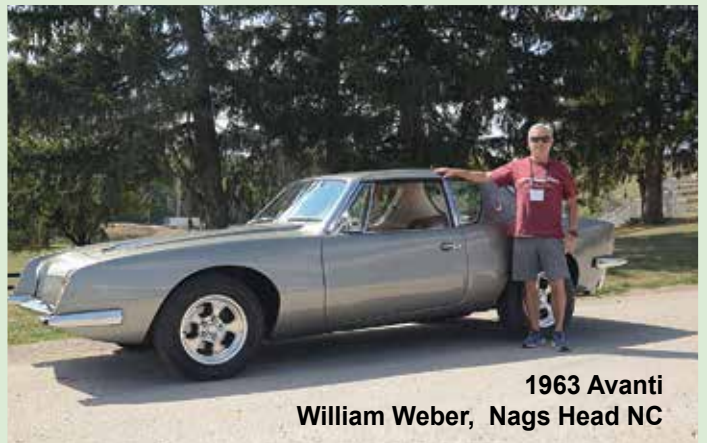
**1963 GT Hawk**  
**Christopher Thomas, Vienna VA**



**1964 GT Hawk**  
**Jay Crites, Elk Grove Village IL**



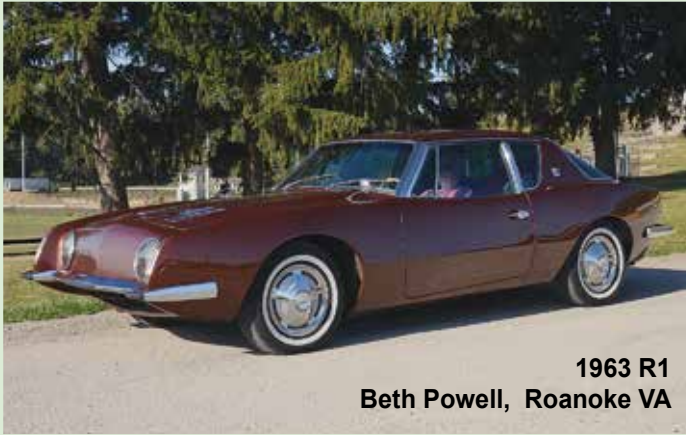
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**Michael Kitsock, Pottsville PA**



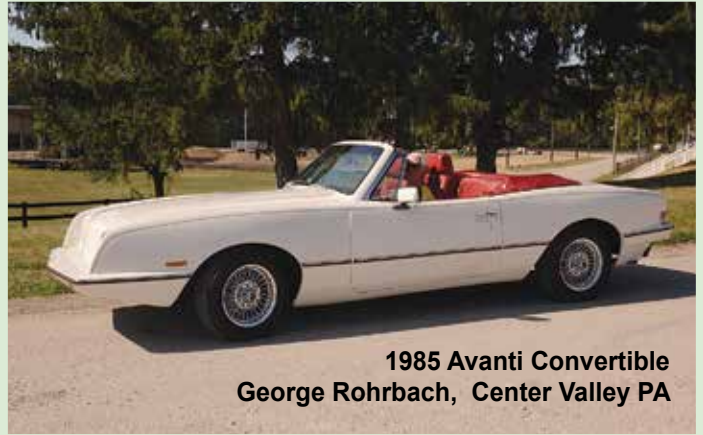
**1963 Avanti**  
**William Weber, Nags Head NC**



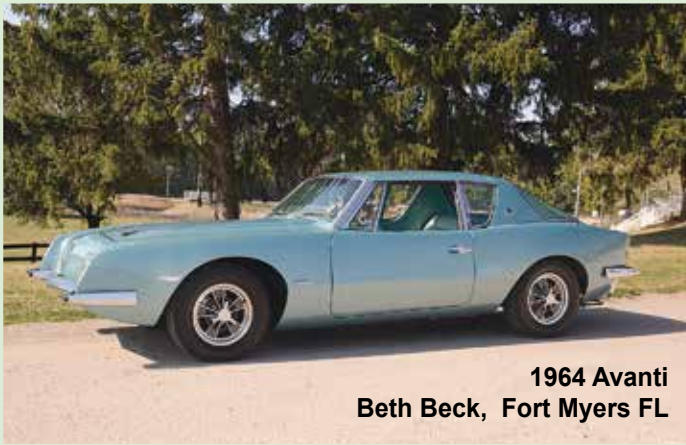
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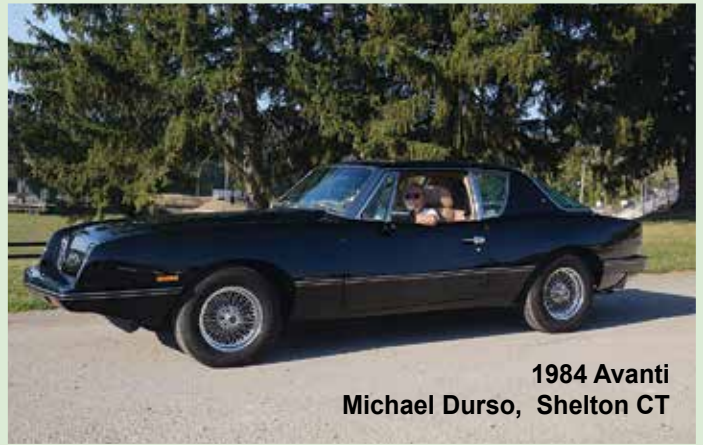
**1963 R1**  
**Beth Powell, Roanoke VA**



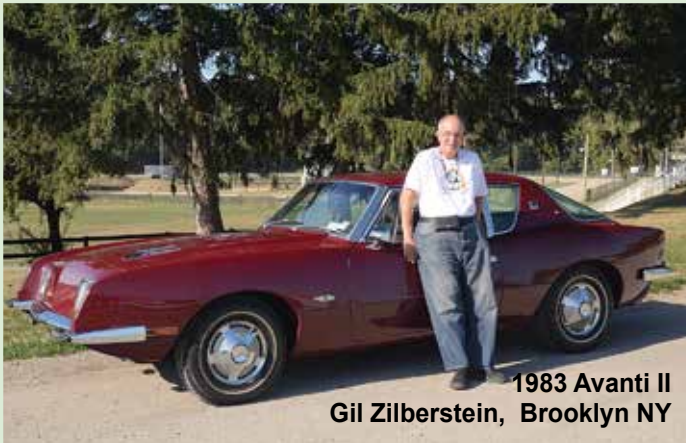
**1985 Avanti Convertible**  
**George Rohrbach, Center Valley PA**



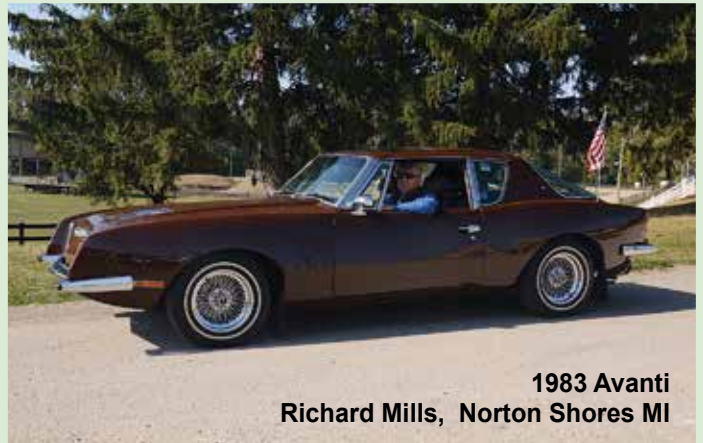
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**Beth Beck, Fort Myers FL**



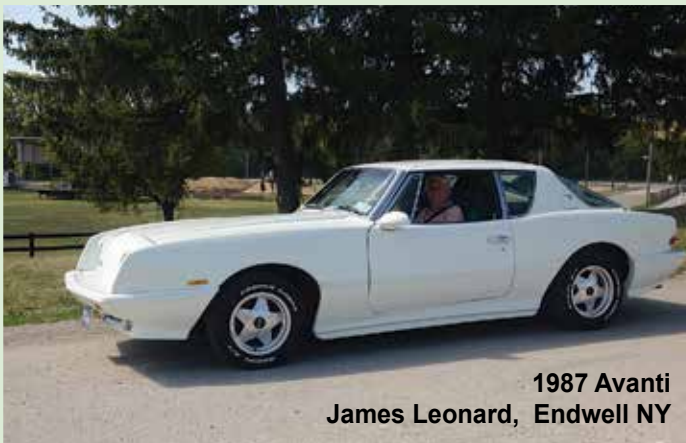
**1984 Avanti**  
**Michael Durso, Shelton CT**



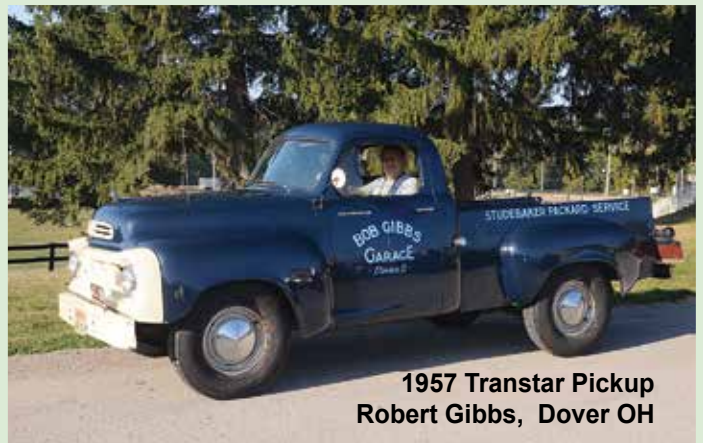
**1983 Avanti II**  
**Gil Zilberstein, Brooklyn NY**



**1983 Avanti**  
**Richard Mills, Norton Shores MI**



**1987 Avanti**  
**James Leonard, Endwell NY**



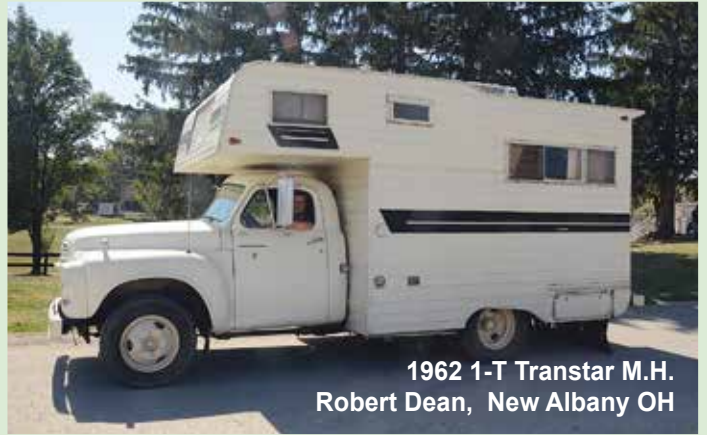
**1957 Transtar Pickup**  
**Robert Gibbs, Dover OH**



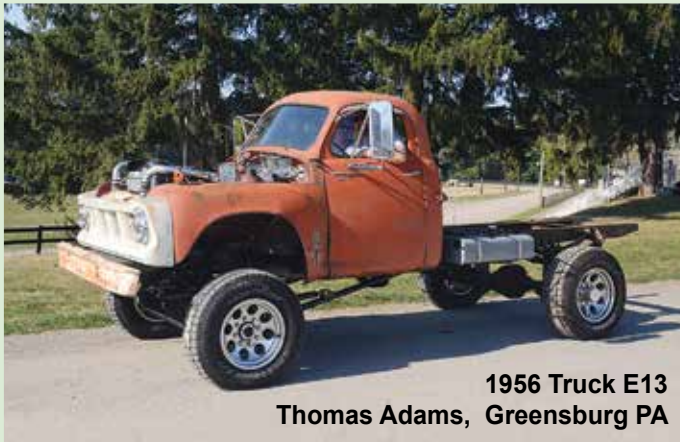
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1963 8E28A  
Gary Phetteplace, Lyme NH



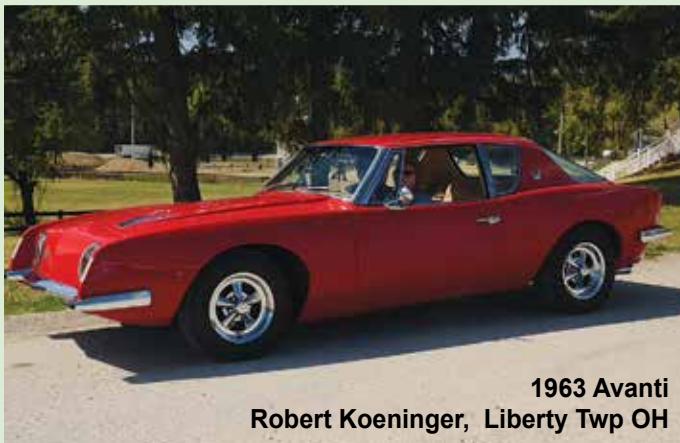
1962 1-T Transtar M.H.  
Robert Dean, New Albany OH



1956 Truck E13  
Thomas Adams, Greensburg PA



1963 Champ  
Amon Wirthiem, Bethlehem PA



1963 Avanti  
Robert Koeninger, Liberty Twp OH



1963 Champ Pickup  
Gene Andreski, Tippecanoe OH



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**1953 Commander**  
Tom Cantral, Rapid City SD



**1950 2 R 10**  
Ned Stephenson, Hartselle AL



**1955 Champion**  
Tom Morgan, Belmont OH



**Heritage Judging - 1960 Lark**  
Jim Guditis, Binghamton NY



**Heritage Judging - 1932 Rockne 75**  
Rebel Thoren, Red Oak IA



**Heritage Judging - 1960 Lark Convertible**  
Michelle Chernisky Baltimore OH



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# 2025 SDC International Meet • Washington PA Annual Watch Competition

submitted by Peg Studebaker



Best of Division - 97 - Size 16  
Ed Bauer



1st - 96 - Size 12  
Charlie Tetkoski



1st - 96 - Size 0  
Martha Studebaker



1st - 95 - Size 12  
Ernie Loga



1st - 95 - Size 18  
Diane Crooks



1st - 95 - Size 0  
Martha Studebaker



2nd - 94 - Size 16  
Ernie Loga



2nd - 90 - Size 16 - Matthew Caldwell



3rd - 86 - Size 12  
Charlie Tetkoski



## 2025 SDC International Meet • Washington PA - Annual Watch Competition



3rd - 84 - Size 16  
Mark Young



3rd - 80 - Size 12  
Ed Bauer



79 - Size 16  
Matthew Caldwell



77 - Size 18  
Jim Dowdy

**Display Only**  
Size 6  
Collection of Size 6  
Ladies Watches  
- Larry Wiest  
and Peg Studebaker



Diane Crooks received an award for her years of service as a Watch Judge for the SDC International meets. The award was presented to her by Ernie Loga who established the Watch and Toy competition in 2002 and serves as the Head Judge. Thank you to both for their many years of service to the organization.



# 2025 SDC International Meet • Washington PA Annual Toy Competition

submitted by Peg Studebaker



Best of Division - 100

Diorama - Studebaker Dealership with Street Fair - Linda Monroe



1st - 99

Kit-Built 1953 Starliner Coupe - Aeron Wendt



1st - 98

Hand-Built Studebaker Champion Dragster Replica  
Howard Davis



1st - 98

South Bend Transport - Ernie Loga



1st - 98

1947 Hand-Built Black Pedal Car - Joe Campoli



1st - 98

Diorama - Cemetery with factory assembled Studebaker vehicles  
Rick Aguilar





1st - 97

Kit-Built 1953 Studebaker Funny Car - Howard Davis



1st - 97

Diorama- Garage Shadow Box - Alan Olas



1st - 95

Kit-Built Studebaker Starliner - Rick Aguilar



2nd - 90 - Rick Aguilar

Diorama- Sinclair Gas Station with Studebaker Vehicles



2nd - 93 - Rick Aguilar

Diorama - Factory built Studebaker pickup with Winter Scene



3rd - 87 - Jim Geary

1956 Studebaker Sport Wagon Concept Car



2nd - 90

Diorama- Picnic with Model Kit Lark - Rick Aguilar



2nd - 94

Hand-Built Brass 1932 Studebaker Indy Racer  
Bruce Anderson







