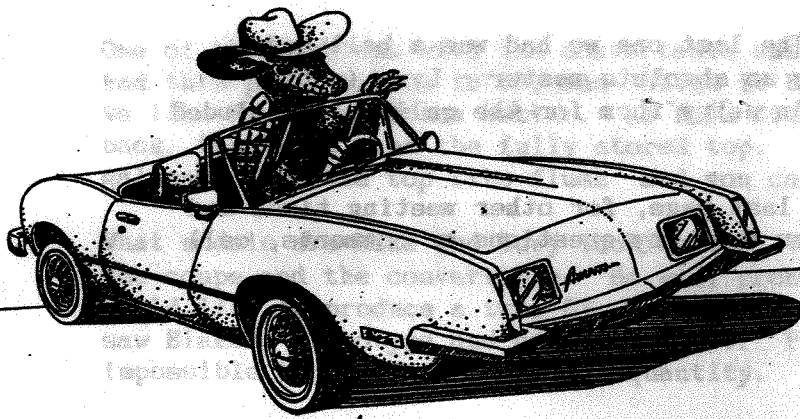




AVANTIDILLO →

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SORRY ABOUT THE JUNE MAGAZINE

Yes, the quality of our June 'Dillo stunk - to put it mildly. However, the Xerox machine was donated and our only cost was paper and postage. Hopefully, you can all read this one better. Kudos etc to everyone who has contributed pictures and info for OUR magazine - Mary Bigelow, Jerri Walker, Dan Sheehan, Terry DeBaets, Barlow Soper, and many others. Goodness knows Fred (the jail bird) and I couldn't do it without your help.

Incidentally, Fred is being held without bond up in Edmonton. His case should come to trial sometime in November. To contribute to his defense fund, simply mail contributions or membership fees to the 'Dillo.

OUR LAST MEETING

There was no June meeting scheduled, but two of our members (the Walkers) did show their Avanti on Flag Day over at Westbury Square as part of their county fair celebration.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our July meeting was to be a picnic out at San Jacinto, but, due to our good ol' Houston heat, cooler heads have prevailed. We will instead be meeting at T G I Fridays, 5010 Richmond right at the loop. This is real close to Virginia Mayo, as a special incentive for her to bring her Maroon '64 to a meeting. Let's get together at 3:30 so that we can meet, swap Avanti stories and even have an early dinner if so desired. We also have some business to discuss - phone, future meetings, Christmas party, New Years Eve party, phone directory, meeting with Mike Kelly, etc. That's Saturday the 12th of July, at Fridays, 3:30 pm. Be there or be square.

On July the 5th (Saturday) Vida's Vintage Vehicles will be having a 50's style hop from 9 pm until 2am. Wear a '50's type outfit and compete for a prize. The cost is \$3 each or \$5 for a couple. Vida's is located off of exit 73, Rayford/Sawdust road, at I-45 North. For more data call (713) 363-0143.

Don't miss the rallye on July 27th. The last one we had was a ball and, remember, this one was put together by an absolute master - Lynn (cutes) Britton of the Mazda Madness crowd. An entry form for the rallye is included later.

Check our calander of events, next to last page, for other meeting times and places for the balance of 1986. If you have any questions or comments, call Frank Letts at 499-9467.

MEETING WITH MIKE KELLY - JUNE 6TH

Yeah, this should be front page stuff, but I thought you'd like it better if you had to wait a while.

Frank had the good fortune to meet with Mike Kelly on Friday, June the 6th, and spent a good part of the afternoon there at the factory. Mike and his wife Lory are both fine people, and the newspaper photo's don't do them justice - they are both very attractive. Frank got an impression from Mike that he never got from Blake - here is a business man. Yes, we all love the car, but that is what we need up in South Bend - someone who not only likes the car, but someone who knows how to run a business. We can expect nothing less from Mike.

What has Mike Kelly been doing since he bought Avanti Motors? Well, it is apparent that he has been busy. The first order of business was a general clean-up since the place didn't smell very good plus it was just too disorganized to operate. Floors one, two and three look pretty good, and the first floor looks ready for production. His targets are for the first coupe to be ready on 9-1 and for the first convertible to roll off on 10-1.

The first floor is being re-constructed besides being disinfected. Mike is constructing new executive offices, sales, accounting, parts order entry, and a conference room, plus a very nice showroom. This work is shaping up very well.

There will be some changes to the Avanti. Trust me - you'll approve. Mike is going back to the DuPont paint that was used previously. He was in the paint and body business earlier in his career, and, besides liking this system, he knows that a body shop will know what to do with it if anything happens to the car after manufacture. The body will be cast in one piece. This is a stroke. No more alignment problems, no more body seams, much lower manufacturing cost. Why wasn't this done earlier? Individual body parts will still be available for repairs. The steering box is going to be replaced. That old one was old twenty years ago and is sloppy. Besides, it is no longer available. There may be a new frame and suspension if approved by the DOT. This will be a much lighter, better handling arrangement, will return the original rake to the front end, and looks to be pretty close to what Gene Hardig wanted in the first place.

The interior has irritated people from the beginning. Mike, too. A new interior buck is being prepared by a California design group, and will make the inside look as "tomorrow" as the body.

The brake lights are insufficient, and have been. However, there is not much you can do without hurting the design. Mike has moved the back-up lights down to either side of the license plate and extended the brake lights accross the trunk, where the back-up lights used to be. Good solution.

One of the problems with the convertible was where to put the top. Studebaker had this problem back in '63, and solved it by stretching the car a few inches. We like Mike's solution better. He form fitted a plastic tank to the seat back, the trunk, and the fully stored top. This results in a smaller tank - 18 gallons - but the top fits flush and you can drive the car almost as far.

What models are Mike and Lory looking at? Well, they will continue to produce the coupe and the convertible. He will probably make a touring coupe, and would like to produce a true GT, but not something garish like Blake's. Frank saw Blake's prototype and didn't like it. Plus, it would have been darn near impossible to manufacture in any quantity.

The production line has been streamlined and should be much more efficient than the older bay system that was being used. Plus, Nate Altman had installed a sand blasting booth for cleaning the old Stude frames in the middle of the line. Since all of the frames - whether X-member or gee-whiz - are new, this was unnecessary and definately in the way. Mike took it out.

Mike gave Frank a tour of the upper floors, and he saw things that would please you. There is not much of a parts problem, friends. When the parts department gets back on line, we should be able to order what ever we want. The man trying to catalogue all of the in-stock parts is former Studebaker employee Mr. Mel Seese, who sends a hearty hello to our local member Mr. Ed Reynolds. The parts that are upstairs boggle the mind. Headliners, dash covers, bumpers, a new paxton still in the box, upholstery - stuff that the Altmans and Blake told us were MIA.

Also upstairs, Frank saw a brand new '63 Avanti which probably has never seen the light of day. Next to it was a '65 prototype which had quad headlights and a strange front, and one of the sheet metal bodied Avanti's. There is a picture (courtesy of Mike Elling) later in this magazine. This car was pretty, but not quite an Avanti. The interior was nice - more like a Daytona - and the emblems were round. Also, the gas filler was on the rear deck and there was an emblem back there as well as on the quarter panels and the hood. In addition to this steel Avanti, there is another one hidden over in the Studebaker Museum, and a rumor of a third somewhere else. The steel prototypes and the '65 all had two doors on one side and one on the other. This actually looked good, and a four door model should be anticipated in the future. Refer to Volume 2 Number 3 of the 'Dillo (The Secret Studebaker) for more info on these cars.

Coupes and convertibles were in production, but most of the work being done involved repairing the neglect and damage done by the previous tenants on the facility. Mike intends to be active in the car clubs - both AOA and SDC - and will attend meets. He was sorry that he missed our Westbury show and would have come, but did not get the message in time. He does not plan to participate in the race circuit (which got Dick Datsun over at Total Performance busy) and has made no firm decisions as to advertising. Marketing, however, is beginning to firm up. He will re-institute the one-way ticket to South Bend that Nate Altman used so successfully, and is setting up a group of distributors. Not those who handle generic cars, but those who sell the peer of the Avanti. Independent dealers who handle Jaguar, Ferrari, and other exotics. With other U.S. manufacturers trying to get into the market - Chrysler with their Maserati, DeTomassa & Shelby, and Cadillac with their Allente - there should be more interest.

Mike owned a '63 Avanti for a while, bought one of the rare '66 models in '74, and liked them. When Frank asked him if he had ever owned an Avanti, he replied - "Well, I wanted one but couldn't buy a new one - so, I bought the company." I'm sure glad that he didn't want a new garden hose. Right on, Mike Kelly - you are a hero down home in Texas.

AVANTI'S FOR SALE

John Pink has a Burgundy '77 and is asking \$13,000. You can contact him at (713) 781-9200 or 784-6522.

Charles & Joyce Medlin are looking to sell their loaded '77, RQB2818, Silver over Red. They are looking for \$12,500. For more info call 665-1743.

Dark Green 1984 for sale or lease. 35,000 miles, bought new at David Taylor. Car is loaded and always dealer maintained. Contact Mr. Joe Elwood at David Taylor. Days: 777-2853 Nights: 437-4442

Dark Blue 1983, loaded with all options. First \$15,000 takes the car as is. Call Larry Doherty at 652-5711 here in Houston.

Members Paul and Patti Revere have been transferred to Singapore and are looking for a new home for their silver over red 1979 Avanti. Call them at (713) 537-2996 for more information.

Up in College Station, B.B. & Hazel Holland have a burgundy '63 and also a turquoise '63. Both are automatic with air and are reasonably priced. They may be contacted at (409) 846-8455 for additional information.

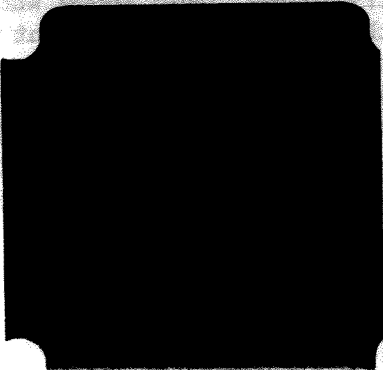
John Lampert in Sherwood, Arizona, (501) 835-7142 has a '63 R-2, turquoise over fawn, and is asking \$9,800 for it.

Harvey Lewis has a gold '78 and a green '83; take your choice. He is looking for \$15,000 for the '78 and \$22,000 for the '83. He can be reached at (713) 777-1719.

Gary Meek up in Dallas is selling his 1963 R-1. This is a white over orange automatic, and he has taken good care of it for the last 14 years. Call (214) 369-1489.

SERVICE NOTES

For your '63 and '64 models - maybe others. That darn cam in the steering wheel that cancels the turn signals wears out after a while and can be a pain in the neck. NAPA/Echlin # DL6123 costs six or seven dollars, and may be all you need. Pull the wheel, match up the part (fileing if necessary) and put back together. Thanks to Gary Meeks of Dallas.



More data on your brake system:

Brake hoses:

Front - NAPA # 36614

Rear - NAPA # 11146

Front Brake Pads - '63 thru '83

Bendix # 702 D28, Repco # D-52M, Wagner # 702, EIS # B 502 D28

Caliper Kits - '63 thru '83

Wagner F-46462 includes two seats and two dust covers

Bleeder Screw - '63 thru '83

Wagner 6446 (same as '61-'70 six cyl. AMC's and '63-'65 Chryslers)

Brake Shoes - '63 thru '71

Industry Standard # 173 or # 44

Brake Shoes - '72 to date

Industry Standard # 228

Rear Brake Cylinder Kits

Wagner # 8418, NAPA # 127, United # 127, Raybestos # VC19238

Master Cylinder:

'63 - '64 Wagner # F 27047 (Kit is Wagner F 19372)

'65 - '71 EIS # 64874, Wagner # 64874 (Kit is Wagner # 59053)

'71 - '83 From a Ford Torino

'84 - '85 Generic Ford

Front Cylinder Kit: Wagner F46462, Girling SP2556, World W73-759

Front Cylinder Replacements

Toyota # 47740-30011. These require Jag bleeder screws, #60-6911 and the Toyota cross-over lines. You will also need a fitting to mate the Toyota metric fitting to the American type fitting on the brake line. Toy brake pads can be used on this set-up.

You can get stainless steel calipers from Stainless Steel Brake Corp, 11470 Main Road, Clarence, New York 14031.

Complete conversions to "up-to-date" type brake systems are available from Jim Turner, 317 LaFrance Ave, Alhambra, California Zip 91801. Jim's phone is (818) 281-6188.

MEMBER NEWS

Bill Wilson doesn't want to talk about it. And, if I were you, I wouldn't ask.



DATE OF BIRTH: 1904
DATE OF DEATH: 1978

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local chapter membership
that we started with



Car #1	Car #2	Last Name	First Name(s)	City	State	Joined

63R1003	63R1787	Bigelow	Kent & Mary	Houston	Texas	01/85
63R3750		Wilson	Bill	Houston	Texas	01/85
63R4021		Alcorn	Bill & Maragrete	Houston	Texas	01/85
63R4777	83#3653	Walker	Miller & Jerri	Houston	Texas	01/85
64R5421		Mayo	Virginia	Houston	Texas	03/85
70B1516		Vestling	Kip	Houston	Texas	03/86
71B1649		Evans	Dale & Betsy	Houston	Texas	01/86
74B2051		Davis	Jack	Houston	Texas	11/85
75B2271		DeBaets	Terry	Houston	Texas	01/85
77B2818		Medlin	Charles & Joyce	Houston	Texas	06/86
78B2627	83#3710	Lewis	Harvey	Houston	Texas	06/86
79B2935		Revere	Paul & Patti	Houston	Texas	01/86
80B2983		Buenaflor	Tony	Houston	Texas	07/85
83#3707		Moss	Jack	Houston	Texas	07/86
83#3761		Robbins	Brian & Anne Marie	Houston	Texas	06/86
83#3987		Hill	Bob & Judy	Houston	Texas	08/85
84#3907		Darnel	Allen	Houston	Texas	04/86
84#3984		Ray	Hugh	Houston	Texas	06/86
84#4028		Miers	Wayne & Joan	Houston	Texas	06/86
85#4245		Veed	Kay	Houston	Texas	06/86
		Vizina	Alan & Abi	Sugar Land	Texas	11/85
68A....		Bwbank	Steve	Sugar Land	Texas	06/86
63R1067		Hill	E.E.	South Houston	Texas	01/85
63R1311	63R3328	Letts	Frank & Karen	Stafford	Texas	01/85
64R5039		Jeffers	Don	Webster	Texas	11/85
79B2869	80B3125	Wall	James & Denise	Cypress	Texas	01/86
84#....		Terrell	John	Humble	Texas	06/86
83#3664		Dixon	James & Barbara	Alvin	Texas	07/86
83#3665		Johnson	Dr. Barbara	Macogdoches	Texas	07/86
79B2931		Wallace	Steve	Austin	Texas	06/86
85#4193		Sheehan	Dan	Austin	Texas	06/86
81B....		Cunningham	Stan	New Braunfels	Texas	05/86
63R1755		DeBoer	David & Karen	Duncanville	Texas	06/86
74B2085		Braden	Frank & Barbara	El Paso	Texas	07/86
63R3470		Soper	Barlow	Rustin	Louisiana	12/85
63R3498		Boyens	Georg	Many	Louisiana	06/86
63R3943		Rachal	Anthony	New Orleans	Louisiana	06/86
82B3495		Kastin	Dr. Abba J.	New Orleans	Louisiana	06/86
		Reynolds	E.T. Sr.	Ponchatoula	Louisiana	05/85
72B1859		Dixon	Harry	Monroe	Louisiana	07/86

FUTURE DUES

Tony Buenaflor (White '80) is due in July, and Bob and Judy Hill (Champaign '84) are due in August. No others are scheduled until later in the year. Check the preceding list for your dues due date.

OTHER STUFF

Since Fred is cooling his heels in a Canadian jail, he has a lot of time on his hands. While waiting for arraignment, he is writing a comprehensive book on the history of the Avanti. The title is "Something Wicked This Way Comes", and he sends his apologies to Mr. Ray Bradbury. If you have any data on running changes, production quantities, performance notes, or anything else of note please let him know. Maybe he will make enough to pay his attorney fees.

Barlow over in Louisiana writes that there were no Hurst shifters installed in Avanti's at the factory. Well, he's close. There were five built before the project was abandoned (according to old memo's) and any existing now were probably dealer specials. We doubt if any really made it out of the factory. He also had the same comment about the body-side molding. Barlow, I know you have good data, but that was on Mr. Hill's car. Maybe it was a dealer option, also.

Barlow had lots of other good data, and I'll try to get it all in here. Remember the "Type-A" transmission fluid? He reports that Specialty Oil of Shreveport, Jackson, and Little Rock still make it to the real specs. Contact Barlow about their "Gold Brand" type-A if you need some.

Back to the Hurst shifters for a moment. Dr. Soper says that he sent one back to Hurst and they rebuilt it for \$20, and got it back to him in ten days. I agree with him that they are NICE when working OK.

He also wrote about new anti-sway bars from ADDCO. 7/8" front and 3/4" rear. Boy, I bet those make a nice improvement.

Thank you Barlow, for all of your help in providing data for the AvantiDillo.

PROFILE OF AN AVANTI OWNER

This is a column that we would like to have each and every month. So, if Fred or Frank calls you for an interview, please be free with information. We all want to know each other better. This month's profile is on a couple who helped found the Houston Chapter, Miller & Jerri Walker.

Miller is a graduate of the University of Texas, and a local attorney who specializes in land title opinions. Jerraldine, the president of our local chapter, works with a local investment firm. Their Avanti, 63R4777, is a beautiful turquoise edition who has won many awards all over the country.

On June 14, 1963, Studebaker issued production order # 13851 for production of 63R4777, body number RQ3550. July 3 found the Avanti on an auto-convey on it's way to Rudy Hanke Motors here in Houston. On September 17, a fellow by the name of Nelson Allen Bammel purchased said Avanti.

In early March of 1964, Miller was on his way to the American Motorcycle Association National in Daytona Beach when he was passed - "agonizingly slow" - by a gold Avanti. Then and there, he decided that he had to have one, even if it was Puce.

About a week later he was searching the want ads and used car lots for his Avanti. Two showed up, a red '63 R1 and a burgundy '64 'R3. The red one was sold while he tried to choose, and the burgundy one was passed over based on advice from the Studebaker service department in South Bend. We are all sorry that Miller got that advice.

On the 12th of September, Miller saw 63R4777 advertised for sale by Bammel and the purchase was made on September the 18th. From then until December of 1973, the Avanti was driven on a daily basis.

During December of '73, Miller's car spun a rod bearing at 99,787 miles. At that time she was retired to a spot in the back yard. In May of '80, the sight of a deteriorating Avanti finally got to them and they began a complete frame up restoration.

Between then and May of 1984 a legendary amount of work was done. If you ask Miller or Jerri, they just glaze over. 63R4777 was finally driven again in May 1984 and has been taking trophy's ever since.

Among the trophy's are two consecutive 1st's at Houston's Auto Rama, a 3rd at the Greater Houston Collector Car Show, 1985 SDC first in class, and a sundry of other SDC, ISCA, and AOAI show awards.

Best always to Miller and Jerri Walker, and their beautiful Avanti 63R4777. Oh yes, I forgot to mention. 4777 now has a bunk mate, 83#3653.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

I know that we ran this article last month, but it is much too important to just drop after just one issue. If you don't have one, get one. Due to the raging controversy our fire extinguisher stories have caused there have been several inquiries as to where one can purchase a Halon type unit. These are much better than 7-Up, you know. Texas South Fire Equipment has offered to fix up all Avanti owners with 2 3/4 lb. Halon units at a special club rate, \$41.50. For more information contact either Tom Thaxton or Jack Williams at (713) 688-8844. Thanks to members Jerri & Miller Walker for arranging this special deal for all of us.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER CONTROVERSY CONTINUES TO BLAZE ON

Frank's red Avanti, "Beast", had a close call with fire back in July of 1984. After making his gold car "Goldi" acceptable for state inspection, Frank drove Beast the next morning and observed the ampmeter doing really odd things - like registering on the radio dial. When foul smelling smoke came up under the dash, he pulled into a parking lot and reached for his trusty fire extinguisher. Woops, it was still in Goldi. He ran into Chinese laundry (seriously) and tore a fire extinguisher off of the wall. He then ran back to his smoldering red car with a short Oriental lady yelling at him in Katakana. When she saw the fire, she understood and was very nice. Yes, the fire was put out and the damage was contained to the wiring harness and a few holes in the fiberglass. That was a classic close call, and thank goodness for the laundry.

SUPPLIERS OF AVANTI PARTS

Last month we gave you a starter list of Avanti parts suppliers. Probably no single supplier has every part necessary, but you won't have to make many calls to find what you want. Following are a few more suppliers, and we will keep this column going as long as members need to find parts for their Avanti's.

Total Performance	Wayne Francisco
Box 9307	Phoenix, Arizona
Daytona Beach, Fl 32020	(602) 996-6400
Eb Reynolds	Frost & French
Claremont, Calif.	Los Angeles, Calif.
(714) 626-8337	(213) 387-6171
Stude Parts Corp	Frank Letts
South Bend, Indiana	Stafford, Texas
(219) 287-5921	(713) 499-9467
Erb Products	A & M Garage
Carson City, Nevada	Bronx, NY
(702) 883-6494	(212) 584-2210
Bruce Jones	John Wagner
Raleigh, NC	Houston, Texas
(919) 851-2679	(713) 353-7565

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date	Transaction	(+)	(-)	Balance
06-07-86	Balance Fwd	.00	10.00	671.06
06-09-86	Kastin-dues	10.00	.00	681.06
06-17-86	Medlin-dues	25.00	.00	706.06
06-17-86	Kastin&Medlin-Nat'l	.00	10.00	696.06
06-18-86	DeBoer-dues	15.00	.00	711.06
06-18-86	Boyens-dues	15.00	.00	726.06
06-18-86	Ray-dues	25.00	.00	751.06
06-18-86	Ray -Nat'l Fee	.00	10.00	741.06
06-19-86	Lewis dues	25.00	.00	766.06
06-19-86	Lewis-Nat'l Fee	.00	10.00	756.06
06-23-86	Dixon Dues	15.00	.00	771.06
06-23-86	Great Imp-Cards	.00	109.47	661.59
06-24-86	Moss dues	25.00	.00	686.59
06-24-86	Johnson dues	25.00	.00	711.59
06-24-86	Dixon dues	25.00	.00	736.59
06-24-86	Moss,Johnson,Dixon-Nat'l	.00	30.00	706.59
06-28-86	Pub costs-Jan-Jun	.00	699.11	7.48
06-28-86	Paid by HFL	699.11	.00	706.59
06-30-86	Stamps since Jan	.00	165.21	541.38
06-30-86	Braden-Dues	25.00	.00	566.38
06-30-86	Braden-Nat'l	.00	10.00	556.38
07-01-86	Balance Forward			556.38

Submitted and certified correct 07-01-86 by Frank Letts.

PAST ISSUES

Reprints of the National AOA Magazine are available as follows:

Vol 1 issues 1 - 8	\$12
Vol 2 issues 9 - 16	12
Vol 3 issues 17 - 20	6

Issues 21 thru 57 are available for \$2 each. Send your orders and inquiries to:

John Hastings
8969 Notre Dame Drive
Eden, New York 14057

Back issues of the Avantidillo, our chapter magazine:

Vol 1 - All 1985 issues plus pre-organization data \$12

All individual issues (specify volume and number) are available for \$2 each. Send orders to:

Frank Letts
13102 Naples Lane
Stafford, Texas 77477

OTHER MAGAZINES

There are three other clubs which are worthwhile belonging to, and each has either a magazine or a newsletter each month.

Studebaker Drivers Club
C. I. S
Box 901696
Dallas, Texas 75390
Dues: \$12/yr

Bayou Cities Chapter
Mr. Herb Wahlberg
15811 Rippling Water
Houston, Texas 77084
Dues: \$12/yr

Avanti Club of America
Mr. Bill Waterhouse
Box 322
Uxbridge, Mass. 01569
Dues: \$15/yr

ACOA also includes
membership in Total
Performance Independants
which publishes Due Cento
magazine bi-monthly.

All of these, besides the reprints, are worth having. Besides lots of stories on our favorite auto, they have service information, parts advertising, and the latest from South Bend.

CALLING CARDS

For those of you who neglected to order calling cards from the 'Dillo-Boy, did you blow it! Below you see two actual reproductions, and they do look nice.

These come 500 to a box, and are printed in half-tone on good stock. We still get a special deal, but nothing like the introductory offer.

To get your set, fill out the form below and send \$45 plus \$2.76 Texas and local tax (for a total of \$47.76) to:

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13102 Naples Lane
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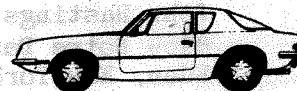
Cards will be distributed at the next meeting after they are ready, or mailed along with an invoice for the postage.

Frank Letts
13102 Naples Lane
Stafford, Texas 77477



(713) 499-9467

Kent E. Bigelow
10514 Emnora
Houston, Texas 77043



(713) 932-0865

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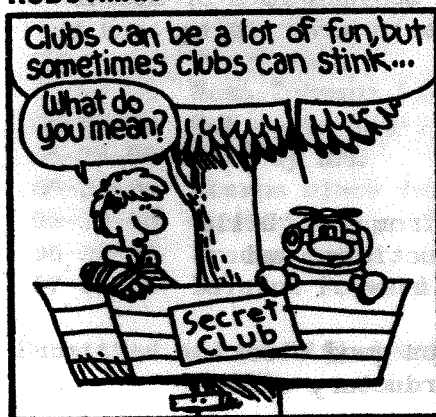
THE CONNIX

The thing I like best about my Avanti is the way you can adjust the size of the cars in your rear view mirror - just by working the gas pedal.

Question: How do you lower the cost of your auto insurance if you have a teen-age son?

Answer: Have him neutered.

ROBOTMAN



AVANTI OPENS DOORS FOR SOUTH BEND SWAP MEET!

--MICHAEL M. ELLING

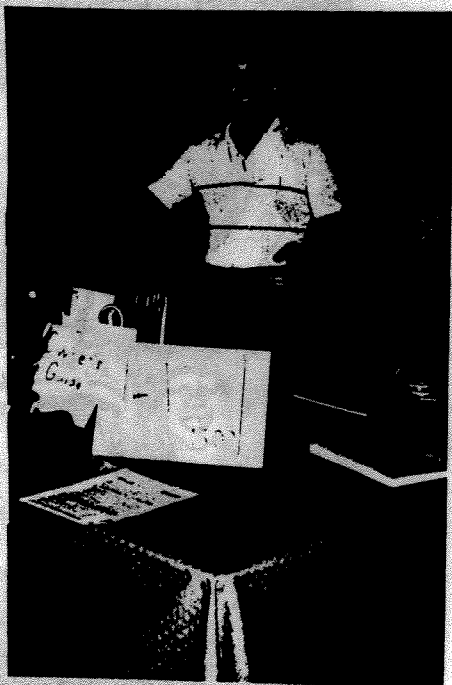
It was a bigger swap meet, a better swap meet, but the best thing was seeing the doors open at Avanti Motors. In what proved to be a rousing psychological success, new Avanti Motors Corporation owner, Mike Kelly, had two employees rush into place a room full of parts, as doors opened 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 8. This was the first time in months that anyone has had access to Avanti and Avanti II parts and many of the estimated 2500 meet attendees and dealers took advantage of it.

The 5th Annual South Bend Studebaker Swap Meet is sponsored by the local SDC Mishiana Chapter, and is held on the grounds of the Newman & Altman Studebaker Parts Division, which is adjacent to the Avanti Motors Corporation. So that people could see Avanti Motors, since no cars are yet in production, the long-hidden Studebaker Avanti 4-Dr. Sedan was displayed for the first time to public view (see feature photos by Monica).

This striking concept of an all-fiberglas 4-dr. family sedan was, of course, never tested. The Company went defunct before serious testing could be given to the idea. Some Stylish concepts shown on the prototype, which would have been for buyers of the 1965 model year, were fresh air scoops for the rear passenger area; and an offset decklid emblem to compliment the "already traditional" offset hood emblem. One Avanti driver studied the complexity of the rear door and seat area and remarked that such a car would have been nearly double the cost of the regular "RQ" model 2-Dr. Coupe that we all love and know. The typical Avanti price in 1964 was \$4500.00.

"All current Avanti tooling is intact," one Avanti employee told me, and plans will be to continue offering the familiar RQ Coupe, and Blake's Convertible. Two separate models of these models are in the offing, but no 4-Dr. Avanti Sedan is planned.

Also seen for the first time at the meet was Stu Chapman's new press records book of the death of Studebaker, "*Requiem to a Pioneer 1852-1966.*" The paperbound reference is \$3.00 cheaper at the meets, a savings on postage and shipping.

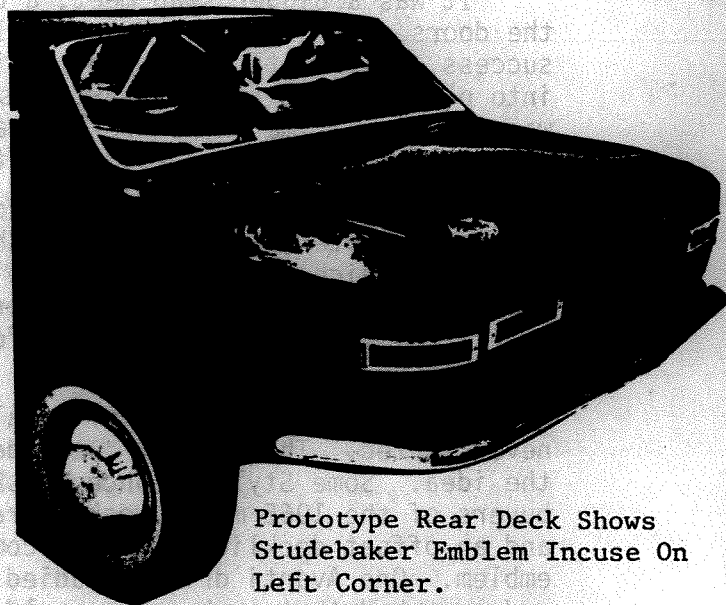


Above: Smiling Newman & Altman Parts Manager, Dennis Lambert Confers With SE Zone Florida Regional Director, John Ernst.

Left: Famed Internationally Known Author and SDC President, Stu Chapman With Books.



Avanti Motors Exhibited
Studebaker's 1965 Avanti
4-Dr. Sedan Prototype!



Prototype Rear Deck Shows
Studebaker Emblem Incuse On
Left Corner.



"What Happened To Your Cars?" Mike Elling, (Rt.)
Confronts Daniel Webber, Parts Dealer From
Clarksville, Maryland.

Jimmy Miltenberger, of Mishawaka, Indiana,
and J.J. Banik, of Vicksburg, Weigh In At Docks.

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JULY 27, 1986

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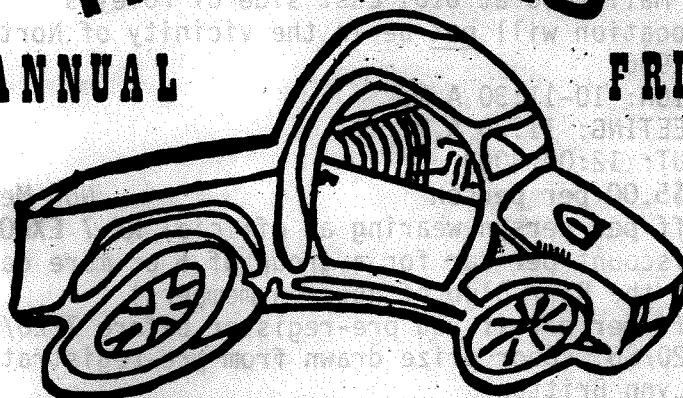
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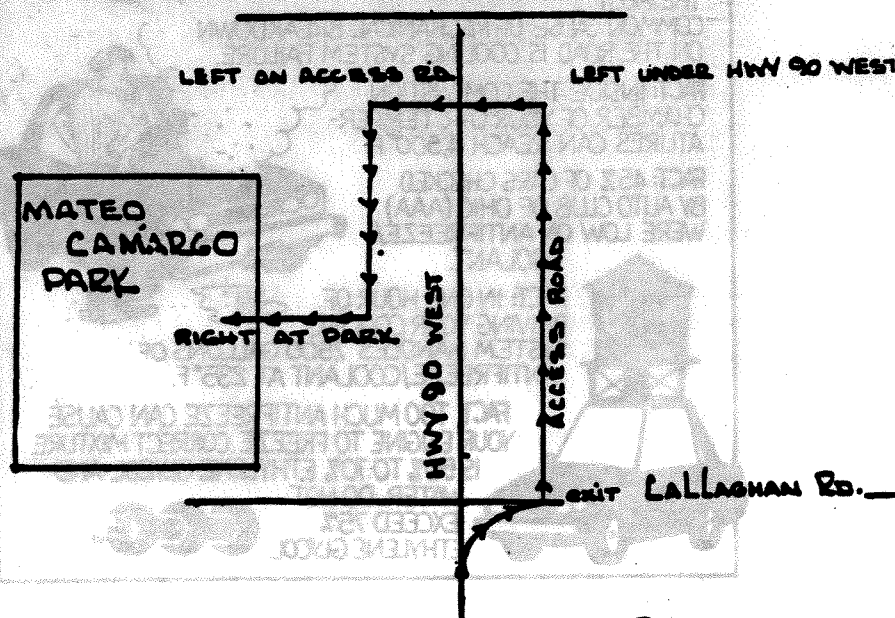
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On quality, you can determine

your needs by a rating scale established by the automotive petroleum industries. An "SF" rating means the oil meets warranty requirements for 1981 until the present, as well as most earlier model years. "SE" oil meets warranty requirements for 1972 through 1980 model years. "SD" takes care of model years 1968 through 1971. "SC" fits 1964 through 1967. "SB" is oil with some minimal additive protection. "SA" is pure mineral oil. "CC" or "CD" means the oil is for use in diesel engines.

There is no mystery connected with matching the right oil to your engine. The owner's manual in your glove box has the answer. Pay attention to it.

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FACT: THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN ON THE ROAD IS COOLING SYSTEM FAILURE.

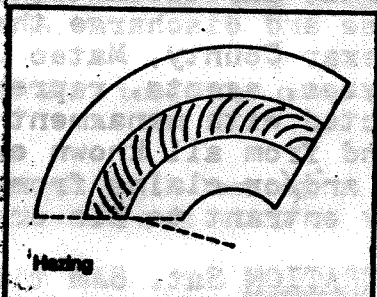
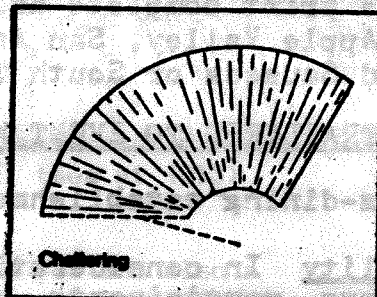
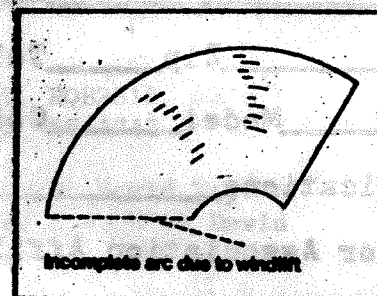
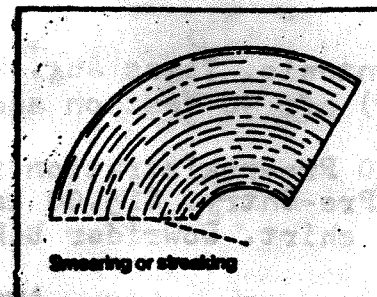
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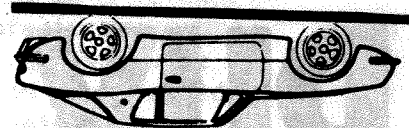
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