

17TH NATIONAL MEET REPORT

Since this is my second last report before the meet is held, I would like to thank all the various Studebaker owners from around Australia and beyond who have graciously supported our National Meet.

I am particularly thankful to those who have made the extra commitment to bring along their Studebaker cars and trucks. We all have the highest expectations of this being the largest National concours ever, but there wouldn't be much to see if we all left our cars at home. For those who are still contemplating their travel plans, please consider bringing your Studebaker. Most clubs have worked out carefully planned tours and convoys to the Gold Coast which is a wonderful way of breaking up the trip and having some fun along the way. You will also enjoy the meet a lot more. Being a participant rather than a spectator at the concours and motoring event is what a National Meets is all about. Lets all get the most out of this holiday by putting all our Studebaker's on show!

I had an interesting conversation with Warren Weldon today who is looking forward to meeting us on the Gold Coast. He will be available from Thursday night onwards for autographs and general car talk. He is gifted with a remarkable recollection of his earlier racing days and of the various Studebaker's that he raced at the time. Mr & Mrs Weldon will also be looking for someone to give them a ride for the observation run. Any takers....

Shane Hodby is making another approach to the Guinness World Records organisation for official recognition of our US6 Army Truck display, being the largest of its type since WWII. This has been a very complex and time consuming process but we are optimistic of finally achieving our goal. I encourage everyone to pick a good vantage point for the Army Truck convoy preceding the concours on Saturday morning. It will be a site never to be forgotten.

My E-mail address has changed since my last meet report. Please use studebakerparts@bigpond.com for all future correspondence. Like many of our members, I have also been spending a lot of time in the garage lately so you may prefer to contact me by mobile for a quicker response. My number is 0432 121 403.

With Treasure Island now fully booked with holiday makers, our committee has made some inquiries with other alternative accommodation options. For the budget minded, there are also some low cost motel options within a short distance of Meet Headquarters, however due to the popular Easter holiday period, they are also filling fast and the price advantage over our 5-star headquarters is limited.

Hotel Parking

We have reserved the lower of two car park levels at the Gold Coast International Hotel for the exclusive use of members with Studebaker vehicles. This level has larger than average parking spaces and is well lit and ventilated. With some final car cleaning likely to take place in the car park, I am sure this will be appreciated. Other vehicles will be directed to use the upper level, which is being shared with hotel guests.

Memorabilia Displays

For those who are interested in displaying memorabilia, literature or model car collections, we have space available along the Gallery Walk area which is connected to the main Swap Meet room. These areas will be locked after hours so displays and parts can be left in place overnight. Access is also available on Thursday afternoon for setting up. Check the itinerary for details. Display space can be reserved for free by returning a Swap Meet booking form to us with "memorabilia display" clearly marked on the top of the page.

Raffle Tickets

All National Meet raffle ticket inquiries should be directed to John Cornelis. You can contact him directly on ph 07) 32818773 or E-mail – corneyau@yahoo.com Returned books or stubs should also be sent to the new club address – P.O. Box 760, Coorparoo 4151. John is now asking for all outstanding books of tickets (sold or unsold) to be returned to the club address as soon as possible.

Chris Skinner
Studebaker Car Club of Queensland Inc.

National Meet Co-ordinators for Australia & New Zealand

Contact your local club co-ordinator for updated registration forms, brochures and raffle tickets. Accommodation booking forms & swap meet forms can be downloaded from the meet web site.

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