

56J ONLY



(formerly the Hawkeye)

THE PERIODIC NEWSLETTER OF THE 1956 STUDEBAKER GOLDEN HAWK OWNERS CLUB

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Page 4 of the December 1973 issue of the Studebaker Drivers Club's Turning Wheels had a listing of 1956-58 Golden Hawks which was maintained by Vince Habel of Columbia PA. This listing included 19 SDC members who owned 1956 Golden Hawks. 11 serial numbers and 2 body numbers were listed on that page.

Some of you had contacted Vince while he was keeping his roster. Shortly after our Club was formed, Vince Habel contacted me and sent me all the data he had collected on the 56J.

To date, we have only been able to identify the whereabouts of 3 of those 11 serial numbers.

Ron Meyer currently owns serial #6030754 (owned at that time by Michael M. Elling), Myron McDonald owns serial #6031949 (owned by C. Edwin Lewis), and Bob Edwards now owns serial # 6033090 (owned by James S. Hopper.)

The April, 1980 issue of Turning Wheels had a 56J (serial #6031705) on the cover and a story of the car and its owner, David Giammattei. The same car appears on a post card issued by Autosport Specialty of Knoxville TN. Vince Hable wrote that David had sold his 56J because he learned that it wasn't original. This car did seem to be in excellent shape and I have to assume it is still around. But where is it?

It is certainly possible that all of the cars not accounted for from that 1973 listing are no longer with us. We may never know, but we get a lot smarter every time we zero in on the location of another 1956 Golden Hawk.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

Our Club is half way through its third year of existence now and it is hard to imagine that anyone with a 56J doesn't know about us. Thanks to the kindness of SDC notables such as Richard Quinn, Fred K. Fox, and George Krem, who have either written about us in Turning Wheels, or mentioned us at national meets, we certainly have had exposure. Let's face it. If Ali Drimmer of Goteborg, Sweden, and Filipe Santana of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico have heard of us, I'd say the word is out.

My ad in the May issue of Turning Wheels brought a good response with 7 new members joining our ranks. We also lost one member as Sam Reed (#35) sold his car to one of the new members, Denver Berkebile of Johnstown PA.

I have personally spoken to, or have written to about ten current 1956 Golden Hawk owners, asking them to send me their car's serial number and they have not responded. I have even included a SASPC (self addressed stamped post card) with my questions about their car and spaces for their answers. All they had to do was fill in a few numbers and drop the card in the mail. I don't know how I could make it any easier, yet still now answer. I guess some people just don't want to get involved, figuring it is too good to be true.

THE EXPERT

Issue #010 contained quite a bit of information in response to Dale Long's request for help on his tachometer problem. This issue has some good information regarding Howard Hinshaw's questions on the Packard engine.

If you have a question, send it to me and I can promise you two things. First, I probably won't know the answer. Second, I will print it in the next issue of 56J ONLY and very probably, someone will respond. This is a great way to get some information as your question will reach the people most likely to know the answer.

Several of our members have had their cars for over thirty years and have quite a wealth of information to contribute.

We have nearly 100 members and together, we are as close to "the expert" as you can get.

Who's Who

We Have had quite a few new members signing up recently, so I decided it was time to include another roster. Please report any errors.

CHUCK BERRYMAN COUNCIL HILL, ILLINOIS

Enclosed to the production order for my 1956 Golden Hawk. I took it down to Bill Fennessey's last August to have him display it in hopes of selling it. As of right now, I'm considering picking it up this spring and keeping it.

As you can see by the engine number, it was originally an automatic. I didn't know that when I bought it but it had a floor shift. I have changed the clutch linkage to correct \$5.6H parts, installed a 4.09 N.O.S. hawk TT rear and, correct & balanced dirveshaft. So what is left is to convert to column shift. Do you know of a parts car - power steering, 3 speed/OD where I can get correct parts - column to ironomission? Even though not original, I would much rather have 3 speed over auto, parsonal preference.

If I decide to keep it, I'm going to enjoy it for a few years and repaint to correct colors (dark blue is not quite correct now) and detail the engine space. At that time would you suggest changing to the original color scheme (list 400+ Hewks)? I still have the painted outside fin moldings for it. They must be refer but howerers? Do you have registered serlier Hewks than #0038? How many are still around? What is their value, appreciation?

The history of my car before 1983 when I bought it - I found a 1962 registration from San Diego, California in it. I bought it in Clovia, Calif. The owner said his uncle owned it, blaw the engine, stored it 15 years. He then got a NOS shore block, 374 cubic inch from Frost & French in 1981. The car was very rust free end no metal had to be replaced. Only problem was around trunk lid channel and trunk lock.

It is very powerful and fun to drive (elso changed to correct Rochester carb. Looks almost like Certer but bigger vents for 374). I was expanding my millwork shop lest year and at that time sale would have helped. Now i'm about back to normal & I'm considering picking it up.

P.S. Did they put the Skypewer 352 decal on the chrome valve covers?

JIM LUCAS AGUSTA, KANSAS

it finally seems that someone to having a problem I know something about. My techameter was also dropping out If the RPMs went above 1000 or so. Geoff fors' comments about the tech functions were correct as far as they went, and a good off for the lach head is sold as "LaBelle 101". It is evallable at most hobby stores in the model train dept.

Another problem with my car was the condition of the prignal cable from the distributor to the tach. I found that a three conductor appliance wire, available at a hardware store was very similar to the cable that was on my car. I'm not sure if it was prignal but it did fit the grommets well

After lubricating the head, renewing the wires, and cleaning the sender armature, the lech would still not work.

My voltmeter showed 12 volts at the supply were as long as the tech was not connected to it. When the tech was connected, it dropped off considerably. Some checking revealed that the supply voltage was being routed through the Instrument light bulbs. I'm sure someone was truing to fix the tach and hooked it up this way.

As soon as I hooked II up to a good supply, the tech worked perfectly and has for about 4 years.

I will write to Mr. Fore and Mr. Long about this oil, etc.

CHARLES L. ADAMS REDDING, CALIFORNIA Howard Hinshaw asked about the Packard angines, so I have tried to dig out what I can from the manuals. I do not know how to identify the various angines except if they are still in the original autos. He did ask if a 374 CIO will fit in the Golden Hewk. Yes, it will. The manual shows that all Packard Y-8 engines, the 320 CID, 352 CID, and 374 CIO use the same crank with a 3-1/2" stroke. This indicates that they also all use the same connecting rods. The 320 CID has a 3-3/16" bore - - the 352 CID has a 4" bore, and the 374 CIO has a 4-1/8" bore. So all three Packard angines use the same block, but with different bore sizes.

I have heard that the 352 CIO block has very thick cylinder walls which can be bared out to 374 CID. If that is so, and it can be verified an an individual block by testing (Sonic?), then our 352 engines could be bared out to 374 CIO and the only change necessary would be a new set of stock 374 pistons, thus the engine would still be standard sized Packard.

Packerd 352 CID engines apparently use the same rings as the Chevrolet Y-B 327, 350 (4" bors), the Ford 289, 302, 351 (4"), the 1957 Chrysler 392 Hemt, the 1965-67 Eldsmobile 400 CID and the 1977-79 301 CID

The Peckerd engine (Y-8) is much langer than most Y-8s because water flows around all of the cylinders. Most Y-8 angines have the two center cylinders "stamesed" giving poorer cooling.

Enclosed is a small amount to help with postage

JOHN PIGARIS GRANGER, INDIANA

I wrote to you a year ago with info on my 56J-k7 and mentioned that if you think you might be coming to South Bend to research the 56J at Standard Surplus, I might be able to help. The offer still stands, just let me know

I also mentioned that I own 56.JK 7-3324, 6032808, with motor #56.87-2773 It is green/white/green exterior, green & white interior with 3 apt/00. The cer has chrome "Studebaker" script on the fenders and gold "Golden Hawk" script on the deck lid. It still shows 54.960.4 miles on the adometer.

According to your issue #004, you are suggesting that the motor in my 56J is not the original, but is a Packard 374 CID with 290 HP as used in the Packard "400".

With so few miles showing on the adometer, why do you suppose this motor was changed? Why were so many other 56J motors changed? Did the factory offer this service? Was it a recall by the factory? Was it done because of completing of noisy lifters as mentioned in other issues?

I can't believe it was done just to get an extre 15 reted HP. The motor in the car has red painted heads and valve covers. My extre motor has chrome valve covers and the block is a copper color. The motor = is 5582-1280 with power steering, automatic flywheel and four barrel carb. I would like to sell the power steering and automatic flywheel or trade for something I could use.

According to issue #004, this extra motor was used in the 1955 Packard Patrician (352 CID, 260 HP). The motor came from the Kowalski Bros. salvage yard on Indiana St. Rd. #2. The tag on the 4 barrel cerburetor said 56. Pack. With the 4 barrel cerburetor, I would think this would be a 275 HP (not a 260 HP) wouldn't you? (NOTE, According to the Standard Catalog of American Chris. 1946-1975, the only 1955 Packard to produce 275 HP was the Cari bean which had 2 four barrel carburetors. Both the 1955 Packard #400" and the Patrician were rated at 260 HP. I don't know about the carburetor).

I got a post cerd from the Studebaker
National Museum that shows a Mocha/White
56J. The car sports gold "Studebaker" script
with a gold hawk bird emblem below it on the
front fender. My car doesn't have the bird. Also
on the front fender, above the bumper there is a
Y-B emblem. Any ideas? (NOTE: I have the
same postcard. This car was featured in the
April, 1980 issue of Turning Wheels. It was
owned at that time by Dave Glammetter of
Patlstown. Pa. According to Yince Habel, who

was maintaining a Golden Hawk owners ruster before I got involved, Dave sold the car because he found out it wasn't original. I don't know where the car is now. As far as I know, the Hawk bird emblem was not used until 1957. The Y-8 emblem is listed in the parts manual as a 1956 flem, but I don't know where it was supposed to be placed on the front fender. I have seen it placed in several different locations on the front fender. I mentioned this in issue #005 - page 8).

While in the bern procrastinating over the 56J and having a been, I noticed a piece of paper protruding from behind the machine turned metal which covers the glove box door I pulled the paper out and found several more until I had a small stack of them. I made copies and enclosed them for you. Any idea on what they were used for? My guess is that they are time sets used in production.

(NOTE Two typics) samples of what John sant follow:

line setting

7425 \$ F4 P11 VHT 19862-4026-1326 \$60219 44 8 BR 4 16840

0 DC Y/S FR FRT 66-80

7434 V F4 P23 BLU | 7221-4369-1277 V52237 42 B BL 2 | SRS | 16701

O TT AXLE YV 60-80

-MODEL IS V F4---

Anyone have an idea what this might be?)
In addition to the S6J, I still have:

1963 G.T. Hewk (Grandpe's)

1962 G. T. Hawk parts car

1958 Silver Hawk

1957 Golden Hewk (Test April 1990)

I am a life time member the the national SDC, a member in the Michiene Chapter SDC, a member in Dick Detson's Total Performance Club, and last but not least, your 56J ONLY.

Thanks for all the great info and work

NOTE Thank you John, for all the info, i'd like to make one lest commont regarding the angine in John's car. The Packard Offy 7-8 was built at the Packard engine plant, one of the industry's newest angine factories at that time, in the Detroit suburb of Utics, thichigan. It is always possible that an angine earmerked for a full sized Packard, could have somehow ended up in a S&J. Who knows, it could have been a special order. Maybe the original production order might have some extra information.

LETTERS (Continued)

JIM MIELKE

PLANO, TEXAS

In reply to some of the questions in issue $\sigma 0.10$.

- 1 56J TWO TONE PAINT:
 - A Mulcar is original.
- 8 My car has body #121 and South Band chassis #91
- C. Dennie Lankin indicates my car has the "late" paint scheme
 - D. My car does have the "early" trim.
- I do not believe that the two-tone pattern changed when the trim changed.
- F. I do not believe that the South Bend plant and the Los Angeles plant were uniform.
- 2 SIZES OF PACKARD DESIGN 1955 AND 1956. Y-8 ENGINES.
 - A All engines had a 3.5 Inch stroke.
- B. If the engine went into a 1955 Nash or a 1955 Hudson, it had 320 ClD. No exceptions are known
- C. If the engine has a motor number starting with "554", it should have 320 CIO, However-
- (1) At least one of these "554" types is known to have been successfully bored to 352. CID, and at least two of these "554" engines were ruined in similar attempts.
- (2) Some "554's" continue to be erroneously called "352's".
- (3) After 320's dwindled in the parts system, the factory routinely supplied 352's over the counter as replacements for 320's. As parts stock engines had no motor numbers, and the usual practice was to stamp the 1.0. number of the original motor on the replacement, at least a few genuine 352's are known to have dotten 1554" numbers this way.
- D If the engine has a motor number starting with 1568° or 1569°, it should be a 374 CID. (A 1569° is a 1956 Caribbean with 2 four berrels and a 1568° is a 1956 "Four Hundred Hardtop" or a 1956 Patrician with one four berrel).
- Elif the engine went into a 1956 Nash, 1956 Hudson, or 1956 Studebaker, it should have a 352 CID configuration, however:
- (1) The Studebaker dealer in Orange, Taxes installed a complete "\$69" motor from parts stock (lakenderian camabal) was used) in an unsold 1956 56J. The original engine number was stamped into this engine and the original engine was shipped out of state for legal reasons.
- (2) The Studebaker dealer in Grange, Texas told me in 1955 that S6J cers with "569" type motors had been made BY THE FACTORY for dealers in Silabee, Texas and Los Angeles, Celifornia. He stated that his order for such a

car was rejected because the factory did not want to issue warranties on either the manual or automatic transmissions in such cars.

- F All 1955 Packerds, including Clippers, hed 352 CID angines installed at the factory, except.
- (1) All 1955 Clippers using chassis codes starting with "554" used the 320 Cl0 motor per 2.0, above.
- (2) Rumore indicate a few export 1955 ing. Packarda had 320's, but these storres are probably wrong.
- G All 1956 Packerds with Executive or Clipper designations used 352 CID motors.
- H Many 352 CID motors were bared successfully to 374 CID. Some were numed in such attempts.

3 VALVE COVERS

A. Packerd meda "Clipper", "Caribbean", "Packerd", and plain velve covers. Usage was obvious.

I hope this clarifies, not muddles

NOTE Everything Jim mentioned about the engines, except for the special cases, seems to agree with the information we presented in issue #004.

In issue #810, we noted that Packard had 4 different part numbers for their valve covers which also matches Jim's comments 1 just worder why the plain valve cover would not have hed the same part number as the Studebaker 56J valve cover.

Jim raises an interesting point about the paint scheme changing, or not changing, with the switch in trim at serial #6030469 (see issue #005). It would seem that this would have been a logical place to make the switch, but is this what actually happened?

Issue #003 continued a letter from former 1956 Golden Hawk owner David Simon of Rockville, Md. In his letter, David told of some research he had done. I think it is warth reprinting a part of his letter here:

.So I pulled the engine and decided to bore it out. I obtained a couple of 352" blocks from the Packard dealer that had been cracked by freezing up. I broke them up and measured the cylinder wall thickness. I concluded that a 352" block could be bored 174" oversize, so that is wat I did. This gave a displacement of 397.2".

I know it is hard to remember everything that has appeared in these newslatters. Those of you interested in this sort of thing, may want to re-read David's comments.

LETTERS (Continued)

GEDFF FORS MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA In the most recent issue of 56J ONLY, Brent Hagen vanted a radio schemetre. For some reason I do not seem to have his address in any of the issues I have.

In any event, you might want to put in the bulletin that I have the Delco/United Motors Service radio service manuals for all of the Delco radios in Studebakers from the early 1950's through the early 1960's. I also have the installation guides in case somebody wants to put a radio into a car that didn't have one originally.

Prior to (1 think) 1955, the Studebaker radios were made by Philop My personal opinion is that the Philop radios in the sartian cars were not as good. Perhaps the change to Delco radios came about at the same time the voltage change to 12 volts occurred.

Anyone who wants a copy of the Delco service data for their radio can write me at my new permanent address of P 0 8ox 342, Monterey, California 93942, and I will reproduce the proper data for a \$1.00 charge, postpaid.

Also, enjone who is having trouble with a completely deed radio should, after checking their fuses, turn the radio on end listen for the buzz of the vibrator. No buzz means no vibrator action and therefore no radio high voltage. The vibrator can be ramayed by a viggling appeard sull; it is located on the right rear and of the lower portion of the radio chassis.

You don't have to take the redio out of the car to reach it. It is a little metal can with three pins on the boltom. Most vibretors get some exidation on their contacts after sitting for years without being used. I usually can get all but the most stubborn cases going again by repping on the case of the vibrator with a rupper mallet or bouncing it on a carpeted floor. Welch out that the pins don't break. If that doesn't make it stert, try taking a pair of electronic-store elligator clip-end jumper wires to a 12 volt battery and sparking them randomly to the pins.

If this works you'll leal the vibretor start buzzing. Connect one wire to the center pin and briefly touch the other to either of the others It doesn't matter which is plus or minus.

I used to work in a Dalco shop and can help enybody with radio problems.

P.S. My correct home telephone for the roster is 408-649-3103, office 408-373-7637.

(NOTE In a subsequent latter, Geoff adds the following.)

Another source of radio date is Howard W.

Sama Publications. They are eventable on an order basis at most wholesale TV parts houses (where the TV repairmen buy their parts). I think the SAMS information was just a photocopy of the Delco information, however

You might wern people taking their reduce out of the cer that the dtal glass is somewhat fragile and should be treated with care as it is can be easily broken.

Your reprint of Richard Quinn's letter concerning the Los Angeles accessory production codes is interesting in their my production order appears to indicate "power seat" although my car never had one from new. I have never seen a Hawk of any year manufacture with a power seat; do you think such an option was available on Hawks?

NOTE: I have production orders for serial # 6030038 and 6030044 both of which indicate Power Seals. Perhaps we will hear from the owners, Chuck Borryman and Robert Lehr, and find out if their cars actually have this option

These are serly production cars and in thumbing through my production orders, I didn't notice "power seet" listed until Larry Michael's car, sariel # 6033171

Page 338 of the Body Parts menual does show the following:

Illust. 2327-14 pert = 1314139 Description FRAME, seet bollom - K - Electric for cers - 56G, 56H, 56J

This would indicate that the power seat option was available on the 1956 Golden and Sky Hawks, and probably the rare Flight Hawk hardton.

I do know of a 1957 Golden Hawk which has a power front seat. The outlon is located in the center on the bottom front of the seat. Just above the transmission huma.

Let me sey once again, that Newman & Allmen has been known to occasionally make mistakes in transferring data to the production order form.

DON BUCKLAND KILOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA I can't tell you how important your newsletter has been to somebody like muself.

For the most part, the 1956 Golden Hawka have been given little, or no, coverage in the SOC Magazine.

When I bought my car 7 years ago, it was painted all white. Auto shift lever was a make shift, through the hump in the floor. Also the car came with after factory dead weights, boiled to the frame, each weighting 100 lbs.

I have since removed the weights for the good of the rear springs. The car must have been raced.

LETTERS (Continues)

BILL GLASS YALHALLA, NEW YORK

I bit the builet an Ground Hog's day, realizing that agring would soon be upon us, and contected a trim shop whose owner was willing to do a complete rede back to original intertor I went to his place and picked but the material, and got him the gold piping that goes between the seat patterns. I also got some of the mujer from SMS, but instead of the 35 bucks a yard, we paid \$60.

Final costs of paint are on, and the dash has been sanded, primed, and painted. I had the trim shop recover the "pad" on top. JUST DASHES in Cairfornts wanted \$380 QC to do this job. The fellow in the Bronx did it for \$100 QC. While not original, it has a sawn seam, it looks as good as new.

As for as headliners are concerned, we are at this time opting for a cloth headdliner because the interior has to be done, and to sit and wait for a vendor to come up with both headliner and bows, makes the car unusable. In the event that such a headliner comes glong, we will install same

Some important notes about final essembly on the car. We found that the car had been leaning to the right end for months, my wife instated the garage wasn't level. Lest week, after aligning everything by eyabell, we bought a high level, 6 foot long. Garage was level, car was not. Here's the trick. There are two important body adjustments, height wise that have to be made. One is at the support that the cowling (firewall) rests on, and the other is at the radiator front fender support.

On the cowl support, there were once rubber body specers. This simple specer makes the car sit up higher. The front shim rubber also brings fender height into alignment. I used 1/2" tailpipe hanger rubber to support the body.

Next thing I also discovered was the vent openings on the side that are so prone to rust have a lip on the inside where the two sendwiched pieces are wolded. I used some new paintable "LexAn" sealer. It dries clear and works very well in sealing up this joint.

I have found the minor differences in front fenders on 56 vs. 62. The 1956 front fenders have hales drilled in them to allow the headlight wires to go from the junction block on the 1962. Also, slightly different is the reer portion of the fender where the springs that counter weight the hood are. On the 1956 version, the angles of sheet metal are much crisper, and the mounting is flusher. On the 1962, the angles are softer and these must be "benoed" in until

the funder fits, then primed and painted.

Also different is the way the wiring harness is carried from firewell to front of car it made my own clips and put them in position as per original. Other than that, 1962 fenders fit and look identical.

I must say that if I ever build another Golden Hawk from scratch, I will start with a batter body, that is, one with a complete floor and door posts which are attached to the car. To build this car with no floor, no sub floor boxes, no out rigger supports, and have it all come together with proper fit is some major undertaking for a guy who never "trakered" with a car before. What impresses my wife and friends is the fact that the doors open and close, the hood fits, the trunk lines up, and the trim also file. That is very scary.

This week I have to wire the desh and rostall the defroster ducts and wiper cams/arms. The fellow who I thought would take about two months to do the interior, did it in two weeks. Not like the lest car I had done which took the upholsterer several months.

I am enclosing a little "goodie" that we had printed up and that we are offering for sale. It is 6 "sun shade" that is dedicated to Studebakers with room for information to be used at car shows and meets. The back also has a "help me" type message. We are retailing them for \$9.95. • \$1.50 postage and handling.

(NOTE: The sun shade Bill sent me is white with blue lettering. I had to cut it down around the edges to fit the Hawk, but it works great at car shows with space for year, model, owner, engine, HP, CID, etc.)

6000 AS "60LDY"

Among the information sent to me by Yince Hebel, was a story called "Coldy" written by John Reises. John wrote the story about his 1956 Golden Hawk around 1973.

I wrote to John, asking him if I could use the story in an issue of 56J UNLY. He not only egreed, but added a few paragraphs on to the end to update the story.

You'll find the story later in this lasue. I think it is kind of interesting in that although there is a gap of 18 years between part one and part two, you can't really tall where the separation is

The original atony ended with John deciding to retire the Golden Hewk from everyday driving and use it on sunny Sundays and SDC meets.

John and Goldy have been together for a long time and their story is an interesting one.

WANT ADS

AGS WAL RUN FOR I ISSUE ONLY AND SHOULD BE 1936 OH RELATED DROP HE A CARD WITH ANY CHANGES IF YOU WISH TO RE-RUN THE AD.

FOR SALE

1956 GOLDEN HAWK, 500 CID Cadillac Y-8
with 400 Turbo transmission. Red//White
exterior with red valour interior. \$13,500 abo
Jim Horton 506 Rosebud Lane
Neptune Beach, Florida 32266
904-241-8752 or 904-354-5925 (work)

1956 Golden Hawk, auto, radio, body work done, needs interior, runs good (but car is not driven). Dash cover to shot but rest of dash is very good. Stearing wheel bad, Arizona car, no rust. Missing front bumper brackets. Price of \$1995 includes set of wire wheel covers and caps (or \$1695 without the wires and caps). Fred Roth 1255 LaBree Drive Thousand Oaks, Co. 805-497-1955

For sale or trade, power steering and automatic flywheel for 1956 Golden Hewk, John P. Garis 51425 Arch Street Granger, Indiana 46530

Reproduction of filter decals. (members only) \$3.00 + small size SASE. Frank Ambrogio 1025 Nodding Pines Way Casselberry, Fl 32707

Cassette tape of 50's & 60's music by The Studebakers. My 56.1 was used on the cover. \$8.95 + \$1.00 shtpping Lerry Michael R6 # 2 Box 1! Hugheaville, Ps. 17737

WANTED

WANTED: Tachometer sending unit for 1956 Golden Hawk. Arthur H. Mollison 415 Rogell Ct. # 2 San Matea, California 94401

WANTED: SDC member looking for a rice 1956. Golden Hawk in #2 condition who will provide it with the TLC it deserves. Pictures would be appreciated and will be returned upon request if interested, please send details to: John DeCarmo, P.O. Box 1258, Battle Creek, Michigan 49016 or call me at 616-968-4267

WANTED: antenna, plastic headliner bows, drei indicator for auto trans, silver mylar strips used along the edge of headliner (above doors), dome light lens and bezel, rear view mirror. Felips Santane P O Box 3454 Mayaquez, Puerto Rico OD709 809-851-5173

Wanted - 1956 Hawk hood and 1956 Golden: Hawk steering wheel. John P. Gerra 51425 Arch Street Granger, Indiana 46530

Wanted - plastic heedliner bows; chrome check mark (or Y) which go on the front of the fiberglass fine. Robert M. Fitch 1556 Monte Viente Oriye Melibu, Co. 90265 213-456-7529.

GOOD AS GOLD (book)

Last respect of "The Gold Book" which provides used car values to insurance companies and collectors. I wrote to Mr. Dyer indicating that I felt he was underestimating the value of the 1956 Colden Hewk. His response follows:

Thank you for your review of our Golden Hawk Instings. We have just completed our quarterly updates, and your information was most helpful. On the strength of your comments and some additional research on our part, we did raise our value estimates for these cars.

We will always appreciate hearing from you should you see new trends in the Studebaker market or notice any Imporvements that should be made in our coverage of your favorite. Golden fawks Best regards, Ben J. Dyer, President (NOTE, If you have some thoughts on this, write to Mr. Duer, See address in issue (0).

This is the story of "Goldy", ay 1936 Studebaker Golden Hawk. Goldy, Serial # 6030390, was bought by my father from McLaurin Sales Company, Jackson, Mississippi. He decided to buy a Golden Hawk after seeing a gold Sky Hawk in the Studebaker dealer's showroom window. He ordered "Goldy", red and white, and received her on March 29, 1936 after trading in a 1934 1-1/2 ton Chevrolet truck and a check for \$2,362.30. She was one of three 1956 Golden Hawks sold in Jackson and to the best of my knowledge, is the only one of the three in existence today.

The car came equipped with 352 cu in, V-8, ultramatic, radio, heater, deluxe hub caps, manual entenna, red and white vinyl interior. Two accessory mirrors and windshield washers were added by the dealer.

My father asked my mother if the wanted the car, and he would take her old one, but mother, knowing how much dad liked the car, told him she would keep her old car. Everywhere we went people would stop my father and ask him what kind of car it was and where he bought it. He used it daily back and forth to work and all over town. Many people would gather to look at it and talk about it, but what really made their eyes "bug out" was when he opened the hood and showed the monstrous V-8 engine lurking underneath. The car was also extremely fast in acceleration and speed so all the hot rodders stayed away from my father even though some nuts would occasionally pull there ford up to the red light and race their engine to soon be left there in a pile of dust.

My father put 50,000 miles on the car with little or no maintenance. The saddest day was when some "jerk" ran a red light and hit the left front fender. Pop had the Studebaker dealer replace the fender and repaint the car.

All those years I had been waiting until the day I could drive the Golden Hawk. When in 1960 he let me drive it, my wish was realized. I started college in 1962 and after hitch-hiking back and forth for 120 miles on weekends, he consented to let me use it to go to college.

But then in 1963 misfortune hit and one day the car would not back up. Something was wrong with the transmission. After spending \$200, we found out that water had leaked into the transmission and rulned the reverse band. The transmission repair shop could not fix it properly so my father then took it to the Studebaker dealer. Another \$250 and it 'worked fairly well. Then more troubles when a valve keeper broke and the valve released and broke a piston. We replaced the piston but the car didn't run right and the transmission was getting sick again. In 1964, my father parked the car behind the house because I said I wanted it and I would fix it one day. He then sold the car to me for \$1.00 to make it legal.

In the spring of 1965, I graduated from college and my graduation present was a 1956 Packard Patrician with a rusted body and a bad transmission shift mechanism. I had been trying to convince my father that we needed the engine for Goldy so he bought the car for \$50.

In December of 1965 with the help of some trees, a chain hoist and my mother, we swepped the engine and transmission to the Golden Hawk. The Packard transmission did not work properly so I decided to put in a 3 speed overdrive transmission. I had been looking for one for a couple of years but couldn't find one. Everyone, except my parents, told me it would cost too much and I would not find the parts to convert the car to stick shift.

Doe other point, on closer exemination, the 1956 Packard engine turned out to be a 1955 Packard Patrician engine which has smaller heads and cu. inch displacement than a 1956 Packard Patrician engine with "56 carb, distributor and starter.

In February 1966, I entered the U.S.A.F. and was assigned to Keeslar AFB, Mississippi. By advertising in a "Hot Rod" magazine, I picked up a 1956 Golden Hawk 3 speed overdrive transmission change over in Louisiana for \$75.00. I carried the parts home and put them in the trunk of the Golden Hawk. In 1967 I coved to Austin, Texas and towed "goldy" out there to begin working on her. After 4 months work, I installed the transmission and began working on the body. She got a paint job and new upholstery. By Christmas I was through or at least I thought I was.

Two months later I rolled her into a garage and went to Korea for 6 months. While in

Korea. I joined the Studebaker Drivers Club. When I got back the great paint job was cracking and peeling. After 25,000 miles driving, I parked the car and went to Alaska in June of 1969 for a year. While up there I wrote to a number of old Studebaker cealers looking for parts.

In June 1970, I returned and the paint was terrible but she ran o.k. and I took her to my first Studebaker meet at South Bend in July.

After a year in Missouri, I drove her to California. She averaged 18 miles to a gallon and 2000 miles to a quart of oil.

In January (brought my Golden Hawk to Nebraska. I decided to repaint her and rebuild the engine, I had put 38,000 miles on the engine and (wanted to go through it and see how it looked internally. I didn't want to have to pull the engine out at some later date after I repainted the car.

The weekend before I started working on her in February 1972, I went to Lincoln where I towed back My neighbors broken Volkswagen. People looked in amazement to see the Golden one running up and down the hills like the Volks wasn't even behind Goldy.

After a months, the angine was completely rebuilt back to 1956 Golden Hawk specs even the original Golden Hawk heads with an all new valve train. New motor mounts, pressure plate, clutch, timing chain, bearings, etc. Here also installed. Near the end someone appropriated the starter, which fits only a Golden Hawk/Packard engine. It took two weeks to get another one. After solving other problems, I stripped the paint and removed all the chrome and rubber wouldings from the body.

I drove her to a body shop where she was primed and painted. Since 1969, I had begun collecting new chrome and rubber parts. After hundreds of letters and many visits to junk yards all over the country, she should be in the condition I wanted her to be. It took 9 years of work, searching and just plain old perserverance.

She will be retired from everyday driving. The gallant "Golden one" will only venture outside on warm sunny Sundays or to go see her fruends at the SDC egets.

After the Lincoln, No. trip, I took her on her first long trip to the 1974 SDC meet in Colorado Springs where she placed second in her class. She performed super well on the highway and at the upper elevations. In fact, I took her up to the top of Pikes Pear. The up hill run to the top didn't seem to phase her one bit. I took Jim and Jean Richter, two SDC friends along for the fastest ride up the "Peak" they ever made. We passed early slow movers on the way up.

After that trip, Goldy went back to Jackson (1975) for two and a half years storage while I went to Turkey with my new wife. Frank, my younger brother and an avid Studebaker driver, fired her up every few weeks to ensure the engine was kept in good running condition. He even sent he a taps recording of the engine running.

In 1977 I returned to the States for a three year tour at Shaw AFB near Sumter. S.C. There Goldy received a new exhaust and battery. She also made one trip to Nebraska for a total zone meet to gick up another trophy. On the way up through the Smokey Mountains, she blew a tire. The problem stemmed from using a tube in an almost new tubeless tire. Prior to the trio, one of the tires kept leaking air. The tires for lack of use wouldn't properly seal and kept leaking air. The friction between the tube and tire generated heat causing the tire to burst. Luckily the new tire would now seal and we continued our trip.

Then in 1981 we moved Goldy up to Nebraska were she sat in storage for a year until a house could be found, purchased and a barn built to house Goldy and her children, a 1963 GT Hawk and a 1964 R2 Avanti,

In 1984 Goldy was put back in storage for two years when I was stationed in Illinois. Trios were made back and forth every so often to check on Goldy, her kids, and the house that we rented. In 1986 we moved back to our house with Goldy. She was entered in another regional meet where she took another trophy.

Today Goldy needs a new muffler on one side since they just rust away from lack of use. I have to repair part of the hood were the paint cracked after 17 years of rain, show, and being kept indoors. Time takes its toll even under the best of conditions. A few weeks ago, she made her yearly spring run, ever willing to fly as fast as she can.

(P.S.) I have four kids age 4-1/2 to 15 who, rest assured, will take care of Goldy well into the 21st century.

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John told me that Bennis Earkins has done the artwork for the decai and Jim Geory has a buckle to use as a model.

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