



# 56J ONLY



## THE PERIODIC NEWSLETTER OF THE 1956 STUDEBAKER GOLDEN HAWK OWNERS REGISTER

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#### Search Of The Production Leads to the Test Car Serial Number

*For a long time, the only one of the NYC magazines for car nuts to read was Fawcett Publishing's Mechanix Illustrated. That was solely attributable to the writings of "Uncle" Tom McCahill, who in the late 40s invented the breezy, irreverent auto writing style that's continued to be copied to this day. He was idolized by car buffs across the country when Hot Rod, Motor Trend and Road & Track were just regional periodicals. Mechanix Illustrated folded in the Seventies. - Mike Davis, Wheels, Winter 2010/2011.*

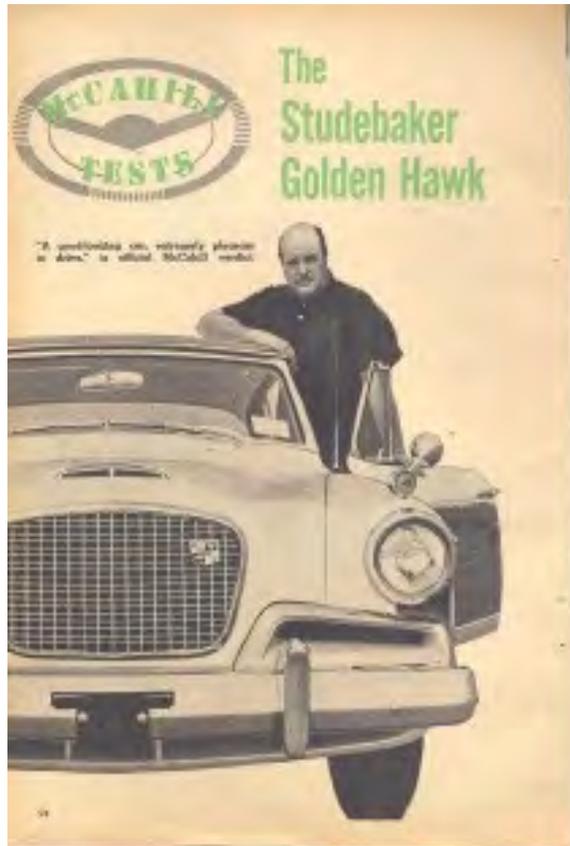
The April, 1956 issue of the famous magazine contained a 1956 Golden Hawk drive report by Tom McCahill.

I thought it would be interesting to see if I could identify the exact car Tom used. Since I have all the information on a database I created from the original production orders, I was certain I could at least narrow down the list of candidates.

There were thirteen photos showing different views of the exterior, interior, and the trunk. These photos showed that the car came with front seat belts, the later style paint scheme, back-up lights, power steering with the earlier, two pressure hose pump, power brakes, power windows, white wall tires, windshield washers, and the Strato-Vue (AC2340) side view mirror. Knowing the accessories would help me eliminate a good many of the cars.

I began scanning the article to see if I could identify the color of the test car, but I could find no mention of color anywhere. It was obviously a two-tone paint job, and the fact that it had the later paint scheme would help me drop any cars with body numbers lower than 469. Tom did state that the car had an automatic transmission, so that

one item eliminated 786 cars. I could also see that their was no "Studebaker" script on the front fender. That meant the car would have a serial number somewhere South of 6031900. I guess I also made an assumption that the car was from south Bend as opposed to Vernon. Therefore, the serial number would start with "603" and not "680". I felt this was a reasonable assumption given the distance from California to Florida.



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Also, since the car had the earlier, Type A, power steering pump, I could narrow the list down to cars with a serial number lower than 6031693

Armed with all this data, I plunked my parameters into my database program and came up with a total of 5. I started looking at the individual production orders while comparing them to the Tom McCahill article.

Serial number 6031218, the fourth serial number on the list, immediately caught my attention. The words, "Mechanix Illustrated Daytona B" were printed in the "Destination" field. So, I was pretty sure this was the McCahill car even before I started comparing it to the car in the article.

It turns out that all the accessories on 6031218 match up with the car that Tom used for his test drive. The "Remarks" field had the words, "Service for

Retail Del, Send to Engineering Dept. For Check. Destination Mechanix Illustrated Daytona Beach." Tom had stated that this car was fully loaded, and the production order showed that it also had a power seat. The button that controls the power seat is located in the middle on the front face of the front seat. There was no

photo showing this area, so I couldn't tell that the car included this option.

But now I know one other thing that didn't show up in the article. The color of the car is P5634 Romany Red/snowcap White. So far, this car has never been registered with us, so its whereabouts remain a mystery. For the time being, the car's history ends with the April 1956 Mechanix Illustrated article by Tom McCahill.

### **Another One Turns Up** *From the Records of Vince Habel*

From 1985 to 2005 our local Orlando Area Chapter-SDC held its meetings at a former Studebaker dealership called Sanford Motors, located just north of Orlando. Don Bales, the owner of the dealership told me he had sold two 1956 Golden Hawks. When I was building my data base in 1994 using the original 1956 Golden Hawk production orders, I noticed that two production orders showed "Sanford Fla" in the "Destination" field.

I took the two production order copies to Don Bales suggesting those were the two 1956 Golden Hawks he sold. He went to the back of the building and within two minutes, returned with the 40-year-old paperwork for those two same cars.

In the 1970s, Vince Habel was keeping a register of 1956-58 Golden Hawks I don't know how many years Vince devoted to keeping his register but a list supplied by Vince, showing cars and owners, appeared in the December 1973 issue of Turning Wheels. I did not join SDC until 1981, and didn't know Vince at that time. But I did meet Vince at the Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet in 1984, held in Kissimmee Florida. If you have ever heard of a little place called Walt Disney World, you might also have heard of that city.

A year or so later, I bought a pile of Turning Wheels back issues at a swap meet, and that December issue was among the batches. I was interested in this article because I had purchased a 1956 Golden Hawk in late 1983. I also recognized Vince's name from meeting him a few years earlier.



was not on that 1973 list, but was

When our 1956 Golden Hawk Owners Register was started in January 1989, Vince contacted me and turned over all of the 1956 Golden Hawk information. One car that included in the

paperwork Vince sent, was serial number 6032401. The car was registered with Vince in 1974 by J R Stanley of Gastonia, North Carolina. The car was never registered with me so its whereabouts had remained unknown until January 18, 2011. That's the day it was registered by W D (Butch) Kerns Jr, who resided in Gastonia NC.

When I went to update my owners register, I discovered that this was one of the two cars that was delivered to Sanford FL. The other car was serial number 6031345 which has yet to surface. The current owner bought it in 1989, which incidentally was the same year our Register was started. So Butch, what took you so long?



Unfortunately, Mr. Bales passed away in July 2010 so I wasn't able to inform him that the car still existed. But then again, Don Bales now rests in peace in Willington SC,

less than three hours from Gastonia, so who knows, maybe . . .

*(Note: Butch wrote to me in February 2011 to tell me the car was sold to Jim Stengl of Minocqua WI, and Jim registered the car on February 15. Jim spends the winter in Florida, about 50 miles from the Sanford dealership.)*

### **Further Discussion** *Items from previous issues*

#### **Interior Door/Windows Handles**

From Roy Pearson



and plastic?

In response to the article in the latest Newsletter "Door Window Hardware", I have owned 4 56Js and all of them have plastic escutcheons on the door handle/window cranks. I believe it is an error that it should be a metal escutcheon. Perhaps they used both metal

I just checked on another of my 56Js. (By the way, I miscounted. I have owned 5 56Js.) I purchased 6032705 with a final assembly date of 4/11/56 from Don Borger in New Castle, PA. Don restored this car and has records from the original owner. The interior is original and does have plastic escutcheons. I'm pretty certain that metal wasn't the only escutcheon made for these cars.

### From Bill Ladroga

The parts book shows the "escutcheons" I think you're referring to -- on Plates 23-21 and 23-2, but they're not really escutcheons. It's the same P/N 1312647 for all handles, but it's called a "SEPARATOR, door inside handle," on page 210, and "SEPARATOR, handle to trim foundation," on page 217 for the window regulator. I have them on all my handles but they're a thin whitish PLASTIC and they age and crack easily. I don't believe they were ever THIN METAL. Maybe a lot of guys just forget about them during restoration.

The separators were available from Studebaker International for \$1.00 each. SI described them as, "Spacer. 1956-66 car, all models. Fits between door or window handle and escutcheon." I think they were supposed to prevent friction between the handles and the upholstery material so that the vinyl wouldn't "pucker." I had them on my 1964 Cruiser too and I remember them cracking. I thought I had a few left in my "stash" but they're gone. I would have taken a photo for you.

### Editor;s Note:

I believe Roy & Bill are correct. What I was trying to convey in the article was that our cars did not use the approximately 3/8" wide plastic escutcheon. They used a thin plastic separator, part # 1312647 as Bill indicated. I was identifying this piece as thin metal, but I should have written thin plastic. Lucky for me we have people in this group who can help straighten out the "so called" 56J expert.

## Ride Height

### From Bill Ladroga

I read Doug Jackman's article about ride height in the latest Newsletter. My 56J had a "droopy tail" a few years back too. I replaced the front coils with heavy duty ones and the rear springs with new heavy duty springs from Stephen Allen. It boosted the tail right up! I also have heavy duty shocks but they shouldn't affect it.

But the only question I have is the difference in ride height between standard rear springs and heavy duty rear springs. The heavy duty springs have an extra leaf in them from four to five and I would think they might ride a little higher.

I know tires and inflations also have an influence on the height. I have 215 Coker whitewall radials on my 56J and the rear ride height at the center of the hubcap is 25-1/4". I like the looks of it.

Just my "two cents!"

### Editor's Note:

I posted a file on our web site called "Consolidated Specifications". It lists data for what might possibly be, all aspects of our cars. Page 21 shows the following:

- Front bumper bottom to ground at normal section 13-3/4"

- Rear bumper bottom to ground at normal section 11-29/32"
- Ground to bottom of front bumper guard 11-15/16"
- Ground to bottom of rear bumper guard 11-29/32"

## Fuel Pumps

### From Doug Jackman

I just finished reading the 2/11 issue of 56J Only, and as usual am very impressed. Thanks!

In response to Nick Nichols' request about 56J fuel pumps, both the Studebaker Parts Book and the 55th-56th Series Packard Parts List show the one pump, pn 440629. It's the straight arm pump and was a Carter, their pn M2198S. It's distinguished by only eight screw holes in its diaphragm.

However, I've also seen (and successfully used) an AC fuel pump, their pn 4299, It has ten screw holes in its diaphragm, and has a "bent" arm.

As far as I know, they are interchangeable. As the old carnival barker said, "ya pays your money, and ya takes your choice,"

## V-8 Emblem

### From Gil Zimmerman

That was an interesting discussion about the V-8 emblem placement on the '56 front fender. I vaguely recall seeing a couple of nearly new 56J's in the autumn of the year with this, but I don't trust my memory with regard to the placement. Is there any known difference in the time of introduction of this emblem on cars from the Vernon, CA line? Mine had a final assembly date of 6/05/1956.

**(Note: Vernon CA production orders do not list the Final Assembly Date. Instead, they show the Date Shipped. These dates do not run in sequence. 6800002 was shipped on 01-10-56 while 6800007 was shipped on 12-02-55. The best option we have is to check the date the order was written. The first car with a Date Written, after the Engineering Change of 04-12-56 was 6800515 on 04-13-56)**

## 1/43 Scale Model 1956 Golden Hawk

*From Motor City U.S.A.*

Motor City USA owner, Jeff Thomas requested a paint chip chart, and I was able to supply that. His contact, Gene in California, has taken the exterior measurements so a lot of preliminary work is finished.

This all happened in late January and early February so I assume things are moving along on this project. I haven't heard from Jeff or Gene since that time, so there is nothing new to report at this time.

I will report on any progress, if any, in the next issue.

## Mail Bonding

Letters are always welcome. If you need help or can offer advice, share it with other owners. (Edited as required.)



**Bill Ladroga**     **January 14, 2011**

I noticed the only part interchange number for a negative battery cable was Neihoff 1-20. I found a NAPA equivalent, P/N 781102, for \$8.87 with tax.

Would you happen to know what color the original battery caps were on the 56J? I think they used Willard batteries and the logos on the sides of the batteries were red, so I wonder if the caps were red?

I just bought a new battery from Sears for my Hawk and it's sealed with a flat top. I was able to peel off the Sears labels and I'm buying the Willard graphics from Studebaker International. A company called Tar Toppers makes a fake top that looks like the original battery top but the caps come in red, green and yellow so I don't know which one to buy. Any help?

### Reply from Bob Palma:

To the best of my knowledge, Willard battery caps were red, to match the graphics.

I was only ten years old when peering under the hoods of new 1956 Studebakers at the dealership, but I do believe they were red. That's the kind of thing a kid would notice, since he wouldn't know what the hell else he was looking at! But I would be receptive to a period color photo proving me wrong.

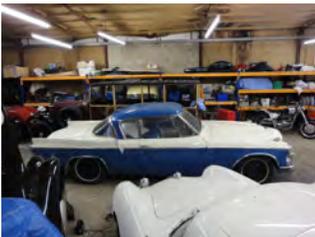
### Reply from Dwain Grindinger:

While I don't have a good color photo circa 1956, I did look at the Willard ads in 1956 issues of Motor Magazine. They are always shown as red to match the Willard name, and while they are obviously colored in, I don't know why they would use an incorrect color. The caps on a 6 volt battery are larger diameter and flatter than those for a 12 volt battery.

I also did a computer search for 'Willard battery caps', and the consensus from several other forums and dealers is that red is correct for Studebaker.

**Adam Ruddle**

**January 31, 2011**



My name is Adam Ruddle and I wanted to let you know that I have recently purchased the '56 Golden Hawk previously owned by Kevin and Debbi Carr and had it shipped to the UK. The Serial No is 6031545 and attached are a couple of pictures of it arriving. My

intention is to have it re-sprayed to correct Snowcap over Airforce colours and then conduct a running restoration.

Having bought the car from the Carr's based on photographs, I am relieved to have found that the car seems to be in basically sound condition. It only has front brakes at the moment as the Carr's found a brake leak just before shipping and put a bolt into the rear port of the M/Cylinder to allow it to be shipped. So I have a couple of immediate jobs to do to get it road-worthy so I can try and get it approved / registered for UK roads. But almost straight away, I will be stripping off the chrome and sending it for a re-spray (and hopefully not too much rust repair) in as close as I can find to Snowcap White over Airforce Blue (any suggestions of modern equivalents?). The interior is also a bit tired so I plan to order a full replacement from Southeast Studebaker. It is currently blue and white which seems a good combination but does the original production order suggest an all blue interior?

Amazing that you got those documents about the 2x4 system! Seeing your videos on Youtube plus the availability of parts from people like Studebaker International were major influences in buying a 56J.

**Jim Pratt**     **March 05, 2011**

Knowing that most of the 1056 Golden Hawks were optioned cars with all the bells and whistles, I wonder how many were built as mine, with none of the options. Serial # 6032500 is a three speed overdrive car without power brakes, power steering, tinted glass, power windows, power seat, back-up lights, cigar lighter, radio and antenna.

Were these stripper 1956 Golden Hawks the exception rather than the rule in production Golden Hawks? If a customer wanted a stripper Golden Hawk in 1956 would he have to special order it?

When I was a young man my uncle in 1957 ordered a Plymouth Sport Fury that was the exception rather than the rule. He ordered it with a six cylinder automatic rather than the customary V-8 with dual quads. It was a long time before my uncle took delivery of his special Fury.

**Dan Cyr**     **March 31, 2011**

I haven't done anything to the car (serial # 6800001) except to pick up a few odds and ends as I come across them. I have decided to have the car professionally restored as I feel it deserves it. I'm waiting for the economy to recover a bit before I make the move. We have a couple of properties in So. Cal. and when the economy rebounds a bit I plan to sell and at that time the car will go to a restorer. I do read all the posts to the group and save quite a few of them for reference. I will be seeking recommendations for a good restorer when the time comes.

**Roscoe Stelford** April 17, 2011

Among the parts we got in South Bend were some take-off water manifolds. I assume they were taken off the Stokes marine engines 2 of them had the generator adjusting strap attached with the slotted end on the manifold. Here are some of the casting dates

10/19/55 2, 11/03/55 1, 12/19/55 1, 12/20/55 1  
12/22/55 1, 12/29/55 1, 01/03/56 2, 01/04/56 1  
01/05/56 1, 01/06/56 1, 01/18/56 1, 01/23/56 1  
01/24/56 1, 01/25/56 3, 01/30/56 3, 01/31/56 3  
05/17/56 9

## Here We Grow Again

*Since the newsletter is now posted on the web site, we will no longer print addresses and phone numbers. If you move, please remember me when you send your change of address information.*

564 \*W D Butch Kerns Jr SN 6032401  
Gastonia NC Prev Owner J R Stanley

565 Del Laidig SN6031971  
Elkhart IN Prev Owner Richard Lindsey

566 Adam Ruddle SN 6031545  
UK Prev Owner Kevin/Debi Carr

567 Tim Tuttle SN 6800580  
Las Vegas NV Prev Owner Kenneth Buch

568 Jim Stengl SN 6032401  
Weirsdale FL Prev Owner \*W D Butch Kerns Jr

569 Wade Gillaspie SN 6032174  
Huntsville TX Prev Owner Joyce Gillaspie

570 Richard Fridley SN 6031987  
Eureka Ca Prev owner Bob Secor

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## Administrative "Assistance"

**NOTE:** Special notes and recurring items.

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**56JONLY Message Forum** Started by owner Scott Reid in July, 2002. A method for owners and fans to exchange ideas. Go to our web site and click on *56JONLY Message Forum*. Then follow the instructions to sign in or join.

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### Cars

**Wanted:** 1956 Golden Hawk with Standard/Overdrive transmission in finished or near-finished condition. Contact: Ron [rstid@yahoo.com](mailto:rstid@yahoo.com) (12/2010)

**Wanted:** Clean or restored (but no resurrected rust please) 56J only with T-85 and No Power Steering and No Power Brakes. Slight modifications, i.e. Caribbean 2X4 intake (or 374 engine) and Twin Traction are welcome. Keith Langendorfer [KL4215@att.com](mailto:KL4215@att.com) 203-683-8406 (12/2010)

**For sale:** 56 Golden Hawk #6033058. Mechanical restoration done, including brakes. Five new tires. All original parts. Set of 56 wheel covers and a set of 57 wheel covers. Needs paint and interior. \$7500. Snohomish, WA. Fred C. Howard, 360-568-1488, [galaxie500@roadrunner.com](mailto:galaxie500@roadrunner.com) (12-2010)

**For sale:** 1956 Golden Hawk, 6031268, Packard engine with two fours, Overdrive on the column, no power steering and no power brakes but complete. Runs but needs restoration. \$4995. Gary Shaw, Tennessee, home 423 257-8235, cell 423 426-1356. (07-2010)

### Other

**For sale: 56J Parts: New!:** Hawk Hydrovac mounting Brackets \$75/set, Hawk under dash tissue dispenser mounting bracket \$30, Upper & Lower Radiator Hoses \$20/ea, Fan & PS Belts \$10/ea, S/S "Check-Mark" mounting brackets \$15/pr, Speedometer Cable \$50, Ultra Front Seal \$10, Pilot Bearing \$25, Brake Wheel

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**For sale:** Many used 56 J Parts, Hawk doors and rear quarters. Call for needs. Many Studebaker Parts Available. K Body Window Flipper Restoration Services, Stainless steel straightening, polishing. Very Good 56 Golden Hawk Hood. Dwayne Jacobson, 2620 Lake View Drive, Junction City, WI 54443 715-204-0258 or email [studebaker56j@mac.com](mailto:studebaker56j@mac.com) [www.studebakervendors.com/midwest](http://www.studebakervendors.com/midwest) (12-2010)

**For sale:** Set of near perfect fins. I restored 2 56J's using three cars. The third car was junked due to frame and body issues but it did have good fins and stainless (no usable check marks) and other parts. The fins were carefully restored, primed and ready to install. Will consider offers but shipping might be costly because of size and packing requirements. I will deliver parts free to York. [renda1007@yahoo.com](mailto:renda1007@yahoo.com) (12-2010)

**Wanted:** High tone horn for my 56J. Bill Ladroga, (941) 378-7070 [ladroga@juno.com](mailto:ladroga@juno.com) (12-2010)

**For sale:** Packard Oiling System Parts and Upgrades For sale: **Just** found a stash of 1998 manufacture NOS Packard V8 hydraulic valve lifters. These were made by Johnson, a major OEM supplier, before they went out of business. To get enough for my use, I had to buy two cases, 234 units. Will sell them to my '56J friends for \$9.00 each. For comparison, most major Packard suppliers are asking \$14-16 each. **Cam Retainer Plate and Spacer** - The factory engineers redesigned the oiling system to ameliorate the lifter clatter problems. The second-design cam retainer plate and spacer has been remanufactured in A2 tool steel and is now available.

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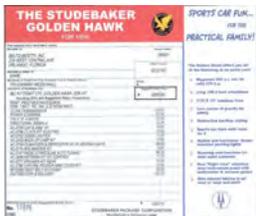
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- **Tom McCahill** tested a 1956 Golden Hawk and reported his findings in the April 1956 *Mechanix Illustrated*.
- **Another 56J** that whose whereabouts was unknown since 1974, turns up.
- **Bill Ladroga** supplies an interchange part number for the negative battery cable.
- **Bill Ladroga** gets help from Bob Palma and Dwain Grindinger regarding the color of Willard battery caps.
- **Ray Pearson and Bill Ladroga** clears up the issue of the spacers on the interior window and door handles.
- **Doug Jackman** weighs in regarding the fuel pump question posed by Nick Nichols..
- **Gill Zimmerman** weighs in on the V-8 emblem on cars assembled at the Vernon CA plant.
- **Motor City U.S.A.** continues with its plans to produce a 1/43 scale model of the 1956 Golden Hawk.
- **Adam Ruddle** of the UK sends a photo of his new purchase which arrived from Florida.
- **Jim Pratt** wonders if stripped down Golden Hawks had to be special ordered in 1956.
- Dan Cyr provides an update on the first Vernon assembled 1956 Golden Hawk serial number 6800001.
- **Roscoe Stelford** has some information on some take-off water manifolds he purchased in South Bend.
- **Renewal time** If we haven't corresponded in the last four years, you will receive a renewal notice. You must respond or you will be dropped from the mailing list.



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