



The Forward Press

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Billings Family and their award winning 1963 at Greenwood Car Show



Sisters Cindy & Sharan stand next to the Studebaker Avanti their parents bought new in 1964

Avanti POWERED

Boat In This Issue!



Tim Dorsey and his crowd-gathering Gran Turismo Hawk



*Steve & Connor Dowling with their rare 1964 Avanti
There were only 809 64's built - we had two at the show!*



Roy Billings Award Winner



The Basile clan was well represented by three generations of family at the show. Ryan Basile show off his Russian made three wheeler to Roy Billings. Generation three, Finn and Gauge Basile, are ready to hit the open road!



Only a few of the beautiful Avantis we had all in a row. The crowd loved it!



Sonny Wisner and Roger Tanner shoot the breeze. That's Sonny's highly modified 1955 Studebaker on the next page. It was the center of much attention and the subject of original artwork by Seattle's largest newspaper, The Seattle Times .

Sonny - The Legend Of Greenwood!



Roger Tanner's beautiful 1963 was driven all the way from Idaho to the Greenwood Car Show in Seattle.



SONNY'S 55 STUDEBAKER CHAMPION | GREENWOOD CAR SHOW
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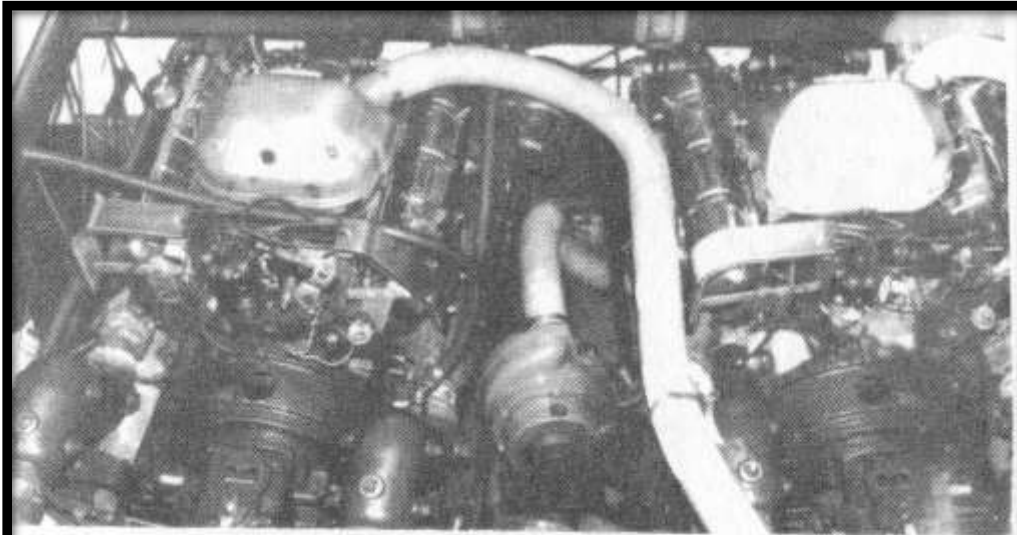
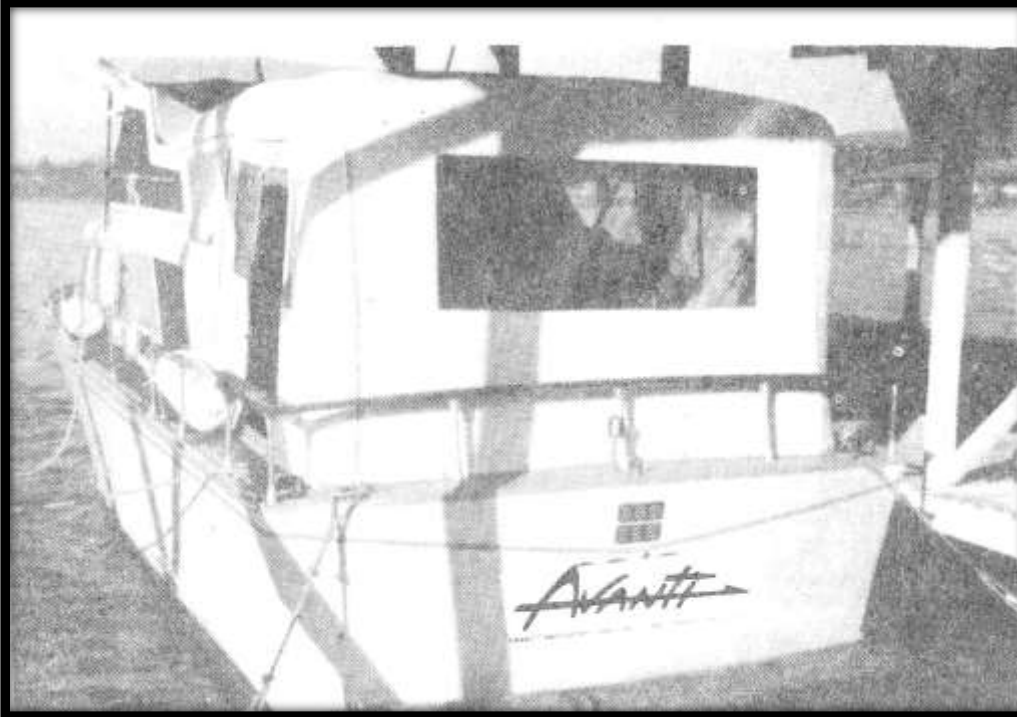


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Avanti Powered!

Cabin Cruiser



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Have you heard the one about an R2 Avanti Twin Engine Powered Boat?

Coho Industries of Portland, Oregon built this boat in the winter of 1965. The twin R2 engines used R3 Pressure Boxes for better sealing of the carburetors. It has been rumored that these engines were "squirreled out" of the South, Bend factory in 1964 by a former Studebaker Corporation Stockholder. That story has never been confirmed. We do know that there were a number of R3 and R4 crate engines in existence at that time. (See picture on this page). One engine in the boat was a reverse rotation with

the Superchargers mounted between the shafts from the front of the engine. The exhaust manifolds were water cooled. The boat had a top speed of thirty-five miles per hour and could sleep six people. This boat was well known in the Puget Sound area of Seattle, WA in the late 1960's. The present disposition of this rare craft is not known.



From the Driver's Seat

"Chewie, We're Home!"



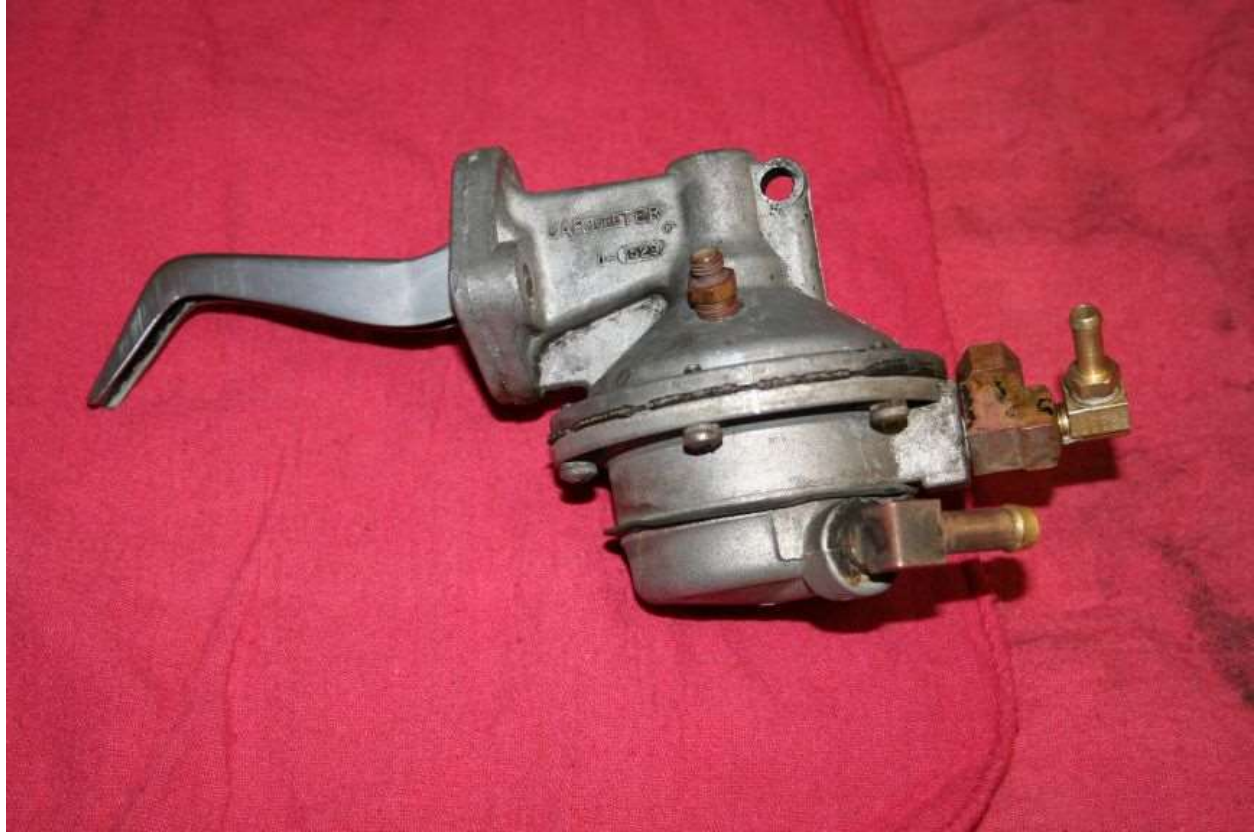
Three little words.

The first uttered in darkness, the remainder as the lights come up and we behold the weathered features of Han Solo standing next to his furry companion, in the aging corridors of the Millennium Falcon. The new Star Wars movie will not be released until December of this year; but for those of us who have been driving our Avanti for many years; it is that type of emotion that hits us every time we get behind the wheel again! Like the Falcon, Editor Al's 1964 R2 has found itself in "Dry Dock" once again for repairs!

R5432 was in need of a new fuel pump. We decided to change the

fuel filter in the glass bowl as well. 1964 Avantis have a return line that is connected to the fuel filter. Al sourced a filter from a Chevy supplier -- the same filter cartridge used on the 1962 Chevy 409 cubic inch engine with dual quad carburetors. She's real fine my 409!





How We Fixed It - With our weather in the 90's, this was a task to accomplish as early in the day as possible. The fuel pump on the Studebaker 259/289 resides under the power steering pump. The instructions in the shop manual are "useless" as they simply tell you to remove the old pump and put in a new one. So Al removed the battery and I took care of the one bolt and two nuts (not Al and Lou) that hold the power steering pump to the engine. We set the pump on the fender apron. Next I used vice gripe plier to shut off the fuel from

the fuel line and return line. *No smoking please.* Then I removed the hard line that goes to the carburetor and the fuel hoses. The last step is to remove the two bolts that hold the pump to the timing gear cover. Then I swapped the fittings to the new pump using thread tape and reassembled it. We believe the car's hard starting problem was caused by a weak diaphragm in the pump. A test drive revealed the car now has more power on acceleration. Hopefully, the starting problem is also solved.

Events we attended in June

Bi-Plane Weekend was held again at Paine Field in Everett. This event was hosted by John Sessions' Historic Flight Museum. We had nine cars ranging from Ray Keehner's 1930 Studebaker to my 1985 Avanti Touring Coupe! The weather was nice; but the crowds were down as Paul Allen's Flying Heritage collection was hosting the Collings Foundation Warbirds. It is tough when you have two events competing on opposite sides of the airport. Thank you to Vanessa Dunn for inviting CAN and SDC to this event!

Greenwood Car Show on Saturday June 27th started very early as Al Basile and I arrived at our assigned parking location at 5:30am. We filled all of our reserved spots and borrowed a few from the Chrysler Club. As you can see from the photos, we had a lot of smiling faces in our group. With the temperature forecast in the high 80's, we set up the official CAN Pop-Up Shelter. I had a special chair for attendees that wanted to learn more about our cars. We attracted a lot of attention among the estimated 40,000 show attendees. Al dubbed me the "Avanti Ambassador of Goodwill". I've been called worse!



Club Avanti Northwest again hosted a breakfast for our group at The Greenwood Senior Center. As usual, we received great, friendly, service and lots of good food! We thank them for their hospitality.



The viewing public had rarely seen this many examples of the Avanti and assorted Studebakers. They had many questions and we all did our best to answer them all. As you can see from our calendar, there are still plenty of events left this summer. In particular, we hope to see a good turnout of the “Avanti Brand” at the Can-Am Meet at Kelso, WA.



Bruce Tschider's Slick 1984 Avanti

Calendar 2015

July 18 - All Chapter Picnic – Mud Mountain Dam

July 19th ORPHANED & DISCONTINUED CAR SHOW (see flyer)

August 16-22 - 51st AOA I & SDC International Meet

August - Dennis Adams Garage Tour - Portland. OR

August 28-30 - Can-Am Zone Meet

September 12 – “Drive Your Studebaker Day” at

Bell’s Studebaker Museum & Diner Open House

For more information on any of these events see President Lou’s column or e-mail the Editor at: alanbasile@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 18 – All Chapter Picnic Mud Mountain Dam

Enumclaw, WA - 10am-3pm. This is a beautiful park with covered barbecue facilities. A playground is there for the kiddies. This is always a nice relaxing day!



August 16-22 AOA I & SDC International– (See Flyer this issue)

August 28-30 Pacific Can-Am Zone Meet



Kelso, WA – All Can “paid-up” Members were mailed a booklet! This is really a North-South Avanti Owners Meet, as it is close to the Southwest Washington/ Portland area, so let’s see those cars out at the show!

Saturday September 12th – The Bell’s Open House

What can we say? If you have never been -- you don’t know what you are missing!
This event has the most repeat attendees of any Club function we know of.



Avanti Legend Lionel Stone with Stephanie & James Bell last year



ORPHANED & DISCONTINUED CAR SHOW

SUNDAY JULY 19th 2015, 9AM to 3PM at **Country Village-Bothell**
 23718 Bothell-Everett Hwy--One Mile South of I-405 Exit 26 on SR 527

Orphaned cars are those whose manufacturer is no longer in business. Discontinued cars are those no longer in production. All vehicles through 1989 fitting these categories are welcome. Contact Dan Gabbert 425-488-7691 or gearhead140@frontier.com for more information.

Pre-registration by July 10.....only \$23.00.....Amount enclosed _____
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ARE YOU RETURNING TO OUR SHOW FROM LAST YEAR?
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Signature _____ Date _____

Make your check out to **Corvairs Northwest** and mail with your registration to: **Jim Brossard 16811 NE. 6th Pl. Bellevue, WA. 98008**

When The Avanti Was A Daily Driver

THE JANESVILLE GAZETTE

130th YEAR No. 157

JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1975

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One of Many

Hank Schlichting, 2530 Cherokee Rd., was one of many motorists facing the problem today of too much snow and slush and not enough push. Schlichting found himself stuck at Main and Van Buren streets when he tried to get up the hill. A push by two passersby was unable to free the bogged down vehicle. Schlichting later found a shovel after looking over the situation and dug himself out.

(Staff Photos by Ted Norman)



The Missouri/Illinois “Gateway” Chapters of the Studebaker Drivers Club and the Avanti Owners Association, Inc. are honored to host the 51st International SDC Meet! We invite members of SDC, AOAI and Antique Studebaker Club to join us in the Maryland Heights suburb of greater St. Louis for a memorable experience during the week of **August 16 thru August 22, 2015.**

Just as St. Louis is central to the United States, the Meet location is central to the St. Louis metropolitan area with access to Interstates as well as local attractions. Regarding local attractions, the largest St. Louis attraction, the Gateway Arch will be celebrating 50 years in 2015. Coincidentally, in 2015, the AOAI will also be 50 years old. Both will be recognized.

The host hotel for the 51st International Meet is the Sheraton Westport Chalet, part of the Westport Plaza complex; a family friendly hotel and entertainment complex. All of the Meet’s events will be held at the complex. Other than tours, you may not need to leave the grounds. Tours are being planned for the Arch, the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Busch Stadium, St. Louis Zoo, local transportation museums and other venues.



Avanti 2014 Parts & Service Directory

These are recommendations based upon member personal experience and are not a guarantee of performance. No warranty is expressed or implied!

- **Old Keys Cut-** The one to go to if you want original keys would be **Jarvis**. He can even cut to code. He is located in Lynnwood. Ph> 425-776-2804, e-mail is: modeltbug@aol.com
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- **Classic Auto Restoration**, 17319 SE Blanton, Milwaukie, OR, 503-230-7970 (My original choice, very good conscientious work, reasonably priced, but he's now operating out of a big garage attached to his home, which is further away from where I live).
- **Jim's Upholstery**, 14912 SE Cedar Ave., Milwaukie, OR, 503-708-6302 (He did a beautiful job replacing the **upholstery** in my Avanti, above and beyond what it might have been. **Dave Gay Portland, OR**
- **Jon Myer** – Hard to Find Avanti Parts – spookys@1st.net
- **Advanced Collision Repair Center, Inc.:** 225 N. 1st Street, Sunnyside, WA 98944, Phone: 509-837-5966 Fax: 509-839-2003 E-mail: acrc@acrcinc.com Website: www.acrcinc.com (Owner's Ron & DeAnn Hochhalter's business specializes in collision, frame, **restoration (including fiberglass)** and refinishing of all makes and models. They have a love for the Avanti and Studebakers of all kinds. Proud and honored to be a part of the Avanti #1001 Project for the LeMay American's Car Museum in Tacoma, WA where they contributed all the body restoration and refinishing on the first production #1 1963 Studebaker Avanti **DeAnn Hochhalter**

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Renée Crist

- If any of the local members have an Avanti with a **Sky-Top Moonroof**, and there's a problem with it, I'd be willing to have them contact me to see if I can help find a solution. I've retained service guides and may know where some parts are still available. erniew@soon.com

Ernest Wolf

2015 Dues Renewal



This month we begin our annual membership renewal period. The renewal form is on the last page. The instructions for sending in a check are there. You can also pay using PayPal as well. Go to: www.paypal.com. Then click on “send money on line”. Type in the amount (\$15 or \$25). Select “buying something”. Then type in my PayPal email address: abasile@nac.net. Follow the prompts and be sure to include your name, address, and AOAI membership number.

Having a common renewal date is necessary as we don’t have the people power necessary to process dues every month. All members will receive the newsletter for 12 months regardless of the month they joined or last paid dues. Our goal is to have all renewals done by September 1, 2015. Please use the form on the last page to mail your payment to the editor.

Your financial support is the life blood of this chapter. Without it – we can not continue! If you are enjoying the newsletter and/or our club activities, we hope you will send in your payment. Our dues remain at \$15 for electronic newsletter and \$25 for a mailed copy.

We are the only AOAI chapter that delivers a full color 24 page newsletter each and every month! It’s a bargain. Don’t forget to update your info, including a current email address.

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[Avanti Workshop Manual & Avanti Chassis and Body Parts Catalog,](#)

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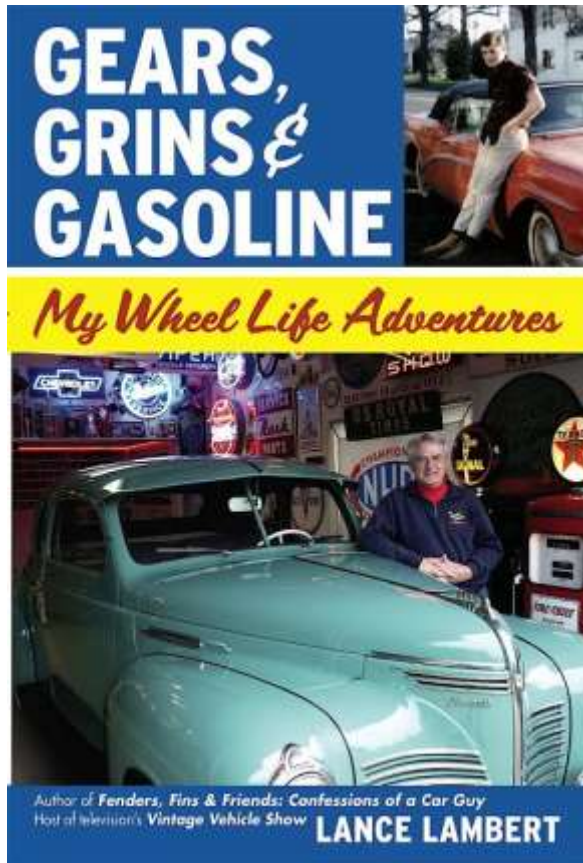
[1963 - 1964 Avanti Carpet Set -](#)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL - CAN - Dues \$15/\$25 *AOAI membership is required !!*