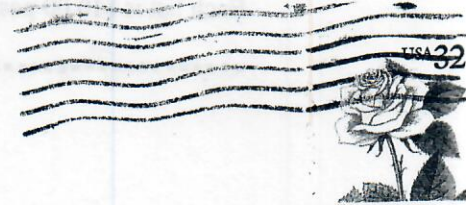




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The JTN is intended to provide a link among owners and enthusiasts of the high performance Studebakers (Larks & Hawks) built in 1963 and 1964. We seek not only information about surviving cars but also parts which exist from "parted" units. Please be sure we have all the data of which you are aware. Feel free to make as many copies of this notice as you need to give to others who may be interested. The continued existence of JTN depends on the support of the readers. Your contributions both financial and material will help insure its survival.

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JT PRODUCTION LISTS BY SERIAL NUMBER:

- 1964 List: 21-page listing (one side each page)
- 1963 List: 13-page listing (both sides each page)

These listings list all JT cars built by serial and engine number and a few additional details. They are useful for determining if your car was a factory-assembled JT car and/or if it has its original engine, etc. Each list is \$10.00 postpaid. Be sure to specify which list is desired.

All address corrections and updates should be sent to:
 Perry Knopf
 3848 Marshall Avenue
 Carmichael, CA 95608
 Telephone: (916)944-3553

JT ROSTER INFORMATION: Send to George D. Krem, 1248 Esther Court, Iowa City, IA 52240.

Serial or VIN # (driver's door post) _____ Body Style _____

Engine # (top of block-driver's side-stamped) _____ R1 or R2 _____

Type of transmission _____ Color, Car _____ Interior _____

If 1963, does the car have fender tags? _____ Body # _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

ISSUE #8

Jet Thrust Notes - - - by George Krem, Bob Palma, and Dave Ridge

Hi, everyone. Welcome to Jet Thrust newsletter number eight. We have decided to continue with the newsletter because so many have expressed an interest in our favorite subject, Avanti-powered Studebakers. As we planned this issue, we thought often of Don Curtis and all he did to get us together through this medium. Don would have wanted it to continue and grow, and so we present this and future issues in his memory. Many of you from around the country have telephoned Don for information in the past, and in spite of being in constant pain from his illness, he always had a pleasant word, an interesting bit of information, or helpful encouragement.

Jon Myer just wrote to say that he received a parts order from a man who owns 1963 Hawk 63V-8790. It is an R2, 4-speed, disc brakes, twin-traction car, Blue Mist with black vinyl interior. The owner is now on our mailing list. They just keep showing up - it's always surprising to see how many previously unknown Jet Thrust cars are out there.

Neville Bunker from Perth, Australia, owns a 1963 Daytona Wagonaire R1 four-speed, and he wonders how many R1/4-speed cars were made in 1963. The answer may be found in my article from the September, 1988, issue of Turning Wheels. Our computer tables show 783 R1 vehicles built in 1963, and 349 of those had a four-speed transmission. Of course, every study has its limits; for example, we did not break down results for every possible combination, such as how many 1963 R1 four-speed wagons in Green Mist were made. We can say, however, that 25 four-speed 1963 wagons were made (including both R1 and R2).

New member Justin Clocker is beginning restoration on his 1963 Lark Regal 2-door sedan. It has R1/4-speed and was in an accident eight years ago. Lark two-door sedans with Avanti power are quite rare--- good luck, Justin, and we hope to see the car on the road soon.

Allan Songer has a 1964 Wagonaire with R1 that he plans to convert to R4 powershift. He writes "I am in the prop business here in L.A. and I have made state-of-the-art molds for the 1964 R1, R2, and R4 fender tags. The reproductions that come out of these molds are of the very highest quality and I would like to sell them to club members at a real fair price that barely covers time and material in our

shop." He goes on to say "I am missing the R3 badges, so if you know of anyone who could lend me one, I could make these as well and return the original." Allan's address is c/o Omega Cinema Props, 5857 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90038. We are sure that Allan would appreciate knowing of any interest on your part, even if it is "down the road."

We must confess that our records are not complete. Don's health caused him great difficulty with his hands, and while we have a good mailing list and other supplies, we do not have good records on exactly how much (if anything) each member has sent us to cover printing and mailing costs.

More to the point: With the mailing of this issue, we are about \$100 in the hole. We plan to mail at least two issues per year, and the yearly dues will be \$5.00 per member. Several people have sent large donations in the past, and a number have contributed amounts from \$5 to \$20. As of now, everyone is on the honor system: If you feel that your past contributions cover your dues up through this year, please don't send any more. But if you wish to have this newsletter continue and if you have not sent in enough to cover future issues, please let us hear from you. Send payment to George Krem at the address on cover of this newsletter. From this point on, we will keep detailed records. If we do not hear from you, and if you are not one of the few large contributors, this will be your last newsletter.

Please let us know if you have sold your Jet Thrust powered car - we will send a complimentary issue to the new owner. And if you do not own a JT car, you are more than welcome to continue getting JTN if you will send in the requested \$5 per year for two issues.

Karen Curtis tells us that, in July, the headstone was placed on Don's grave. The Studebaker Wheel emblem is placed right in the center!

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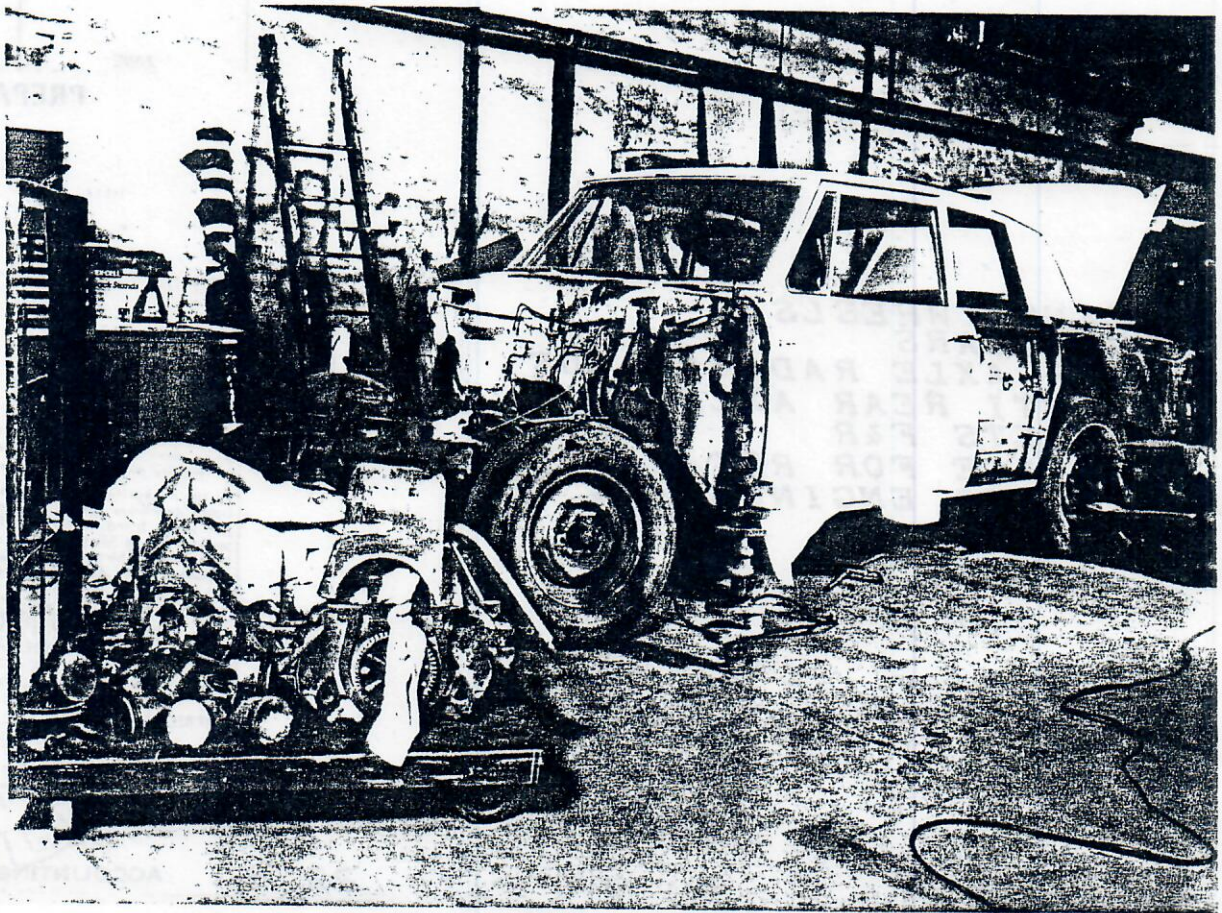
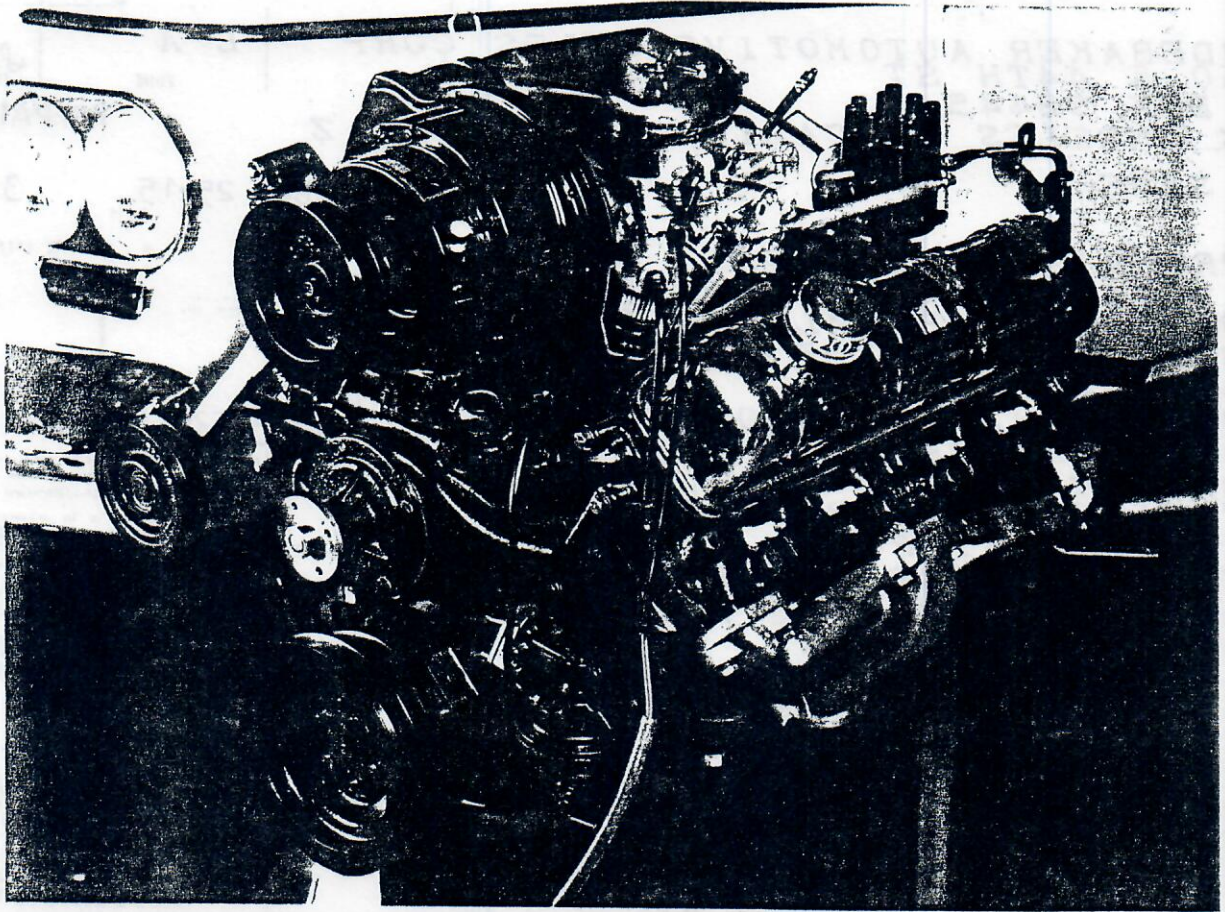
The old cliché "photos don't do it justice" certainly applies to member Larry Scott's gorgeous Ermine White 1963 Regal 2-door Super Lark. This beautiful restoration is now finished -- oops, better that we say completed -- and must be one of the finest genuine Super Larks in existence.

Larry's car, VIN 63V23815, is the fourth full super package (i.e., genuine Super Studebaker) built in 1963. No Super Hawks were built before Larry's car, and only 3 Super Larks were built before Larry's. The car was built just after the first Super Lark, which was 63V23721, built on February 19, 1963. The first six Super Studebakers built, of which Larry's is #4, were all Ermine White Regal 2-door sedans. Of those six cars, three were four-speeds and three were Powershifts, Larry's car being a Powershift.

Larry bought the car as a dismantled basket case and promptly set about to do a "scoop-to-nuts" restoration with an eye toward the goal he has indeed achieved. He says that the R3 headers are NOS but were not originally installed on this car. Larry has received considerable support from nearby friend and R-engine enthusiast Nelson Bove.

Larry's car is unique in several ways. Of course, it is an early car with the full Super Package; it really is Super Studebaker and Super Lark #4. Visible in the photo are the rare Avanti wheels, with which few later cars were equipped. Congratulations, Larry, on a job well done and a certain credit to Studebaker's Jet Thrust memory!





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SOLD TO	STUDEBAKER AUTOMOTIVE SALES CORP	L A	ZONE & DEALER CODE JC 2-43
SHIP TO	3060 E 44TH ST PO BOX 58445 LOS ANGELES 58 CALIF	ZONE	PREPAID
VIA	SAME	ATSF 89060 25-15	DATE 3-7-63
DESCRIPTION OF UNIT AND EQUIPMENT	APPROPRIATION 4 3355 ML NJII WAB ATSF MONTBELO ROBR TSN 63VF4 3224 REGAL 8 2 DR SEDAN 13 P 6311 ERMINE WHITE 14 452 RC 19B AUTOMATIC FLOOR SHIFT 30 BUCKET SEATS 33A JET THRUST ENG W SUPERCHG 37 DISC & POWER BRAKES 40 TACHOMETER 47 HD SPRINGS F & R 48 HD SHOCKS F & R 50 TWIN TRACTION 51 354 AXLE RATIO 54 FIRESTONE TIRES 56 670 4 PLY WHT BUTYL 60 CLIMATIZER 72 RADIO PUSH 82 AC3180 L 84 AC3288 L&R 85 AC3288 L&R 600 AVANTI R2 SPEEDO W BEZEL	JTS-1524	SERIAL NO 63V-23815
	TOTAL WEIGHT →		ACCOUNTING DEPT. COPY

Employees delivering car must see that each driver's pass agrees with his copy of the drive-away car report to number and car identification.

Carrier's signature is in acknowledgment of the terms from Studebaker Corporation of Drive-away Car Passes; the above listed motor vehicles and accessories are to be surrendered to Studebaker in order to obtain possession of such motor vehicle to be delivered to the consignee indicated above. Full responsibility is hereby assumed by the presenter of this sales order by authorized agent.

STUDEBAKER CORPORATION
MONTBELO, INDIANA
MAR 7 - 1963

CARRIER: [Signature]
PER: [Signature]

DATE: [Signature]

ACCOUNTING DEPT. COPY

W 670	DRIVE-AWAY SHIPPER	SALES ORDER NO.	FACTORY ORDER NO. 74945
SOLD TO		ZONE	ZONE & DEALER CODE
SHIP TO			PREPAID
VIA			DATE
DESCRIPTION OF UNIT AND EQUIPMENT	600 AVANTI WHEELS 600 SWAY BARS 600 REAR AXLE RADIUS RODS 600 AVANTI REAR AXLE 600 CARPETS F&R 92 SERVICE FOR RETAIL DEL 99 SEND TO ENGINEERING DEPT		BANK OR FINANCE CO
	TOTAL WEIGHT →	2979	ACCOUNTING DEPT. COPY

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PARTS FOR SALE - New R valve springs 135+ pounds at 1 3/4", \$80 set. Pistons-289" dish sizes .020", .030", .040", .060", and .080", \$225 set. Rings, most cast \$40 and chrome \$45. Also some Moly available. Stainless, swirl polished, chrome stem, stellite tip valves, \$200 set of intake and exhaust. Includes R3 size or standard V-8 size. Guides \$38 set of intake and exhaust. HD water pumps \$60, Avanti \$70. Cam bearings \$38 set. Standard rod bearings, \$60 (other sizes available). Mains \$120 except .020" are \$140. Head gaskets-composition or steel shim \$16 pair. Metal exhaust gaskets (9 pieces) \$8, Composition type \$7 set. Intake sets same as exhaust. Lifter cover gaskets-cork \$4, Fel Pro \$6. Rear main seals \$25. Neoprene front seal \$10. Timing cover gaskets \$5. Aluminum timing gear \$125. New lifters \$95 set. Resurfaced \$45 exchange. Standard cam reground to R specs \$110 exchange. R cam reground to R 3+ \$125 exchange. Front motor mounts \$19 pair-thin mounts \$16 pair. Rear AT mounts \$48 pair. R1 fuel pump \$60 R2 \$70. Standard V8 \$31. Golden Hawk pumps \$48. A-arm bushing set upper and lower \$65 set. Gabriel Shocks \$45 pair-\$80 set of 4. Overhaul gasket sets with choice of head gaskets, intake and exhaust manifold gaskets \$98. Lark fiberglass fenders \$325 pair. Some other Lark and Hawk fiberglass parts available. Rear axle inner seals \$19 pair. Many other parts available. Call or write for other items and prices.

Ted Harbit
18994 North 125 East
Summitville, IN 46070
765/948-5051

WANTED - 63/64 Lark traction bars; original Stude floor mats.

Larry Golub
102 Wild Plum Lane
Longwood, Fl 32779
407/788-0117

CAR WANTED - Two-door Lark with decent body and frame. Fenders, upholstery, motor, trans., rear not important. Prefer ex-race car or one that has been started as race car. Plan to build as a drag car.

Ted Harbit
18994 North 125 East
Summitville, IN 46070
765/948-5051

PARTS WANTED - R4 grille badge, R3/R4 oil pan and breather tube.

Allan Songer, c/o Omega Cinema Props
5857 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90038

PARTS FOR SALE - (2) AFB-R1 intake manifolds \$150 each. One pair NOS 1964 Lark front fenders.

John Kemper
5256 W. Port-au-Prince Lane
Glendale, AZ 85306
602/938-6271 (after 8 PM)

CAR FOR SALE - 1964 Hawk, 64V-16849. Engine JTSM 305. Golden Sand/green cloth. R2 powershift, PS, HTR, AM/PB radio, disc brakes, undercoat. Santa Monica, CA car originally. Owned since 1966. Priced "around \$10,000."

Art Lowry
Salton City, CA (90 Mi. from Yuma, AZ)
619/394-1303

CAR FOR SALE - '63 Cruiser, 289", stick, AC, CC, minimal rust, 78,000 actual miles, recent new shocks, water pump, fuel pump, front and rear seals, original Champaign Gold (getting very thin), good tires, brakes, etc., dash, seats, door panels, all good. \$3800 OBO.

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.....NEWS FLASH!!!!

On Saturday, October 18, 1997 at the Muncie Dragway, Ted Harbit in his 1951 Studebaker Chicken Hawk turned the quarter-mile in 10.68 seconds with a speed of 125.24 mph. Details will be in the next issue of Jet Thrust News.

.....Congratulations, Ted!

CAR FOR SALE



1964 STUDEBAKER POLICE CAR Y-3. 289 Avanti engine. UHF radio. all emergency equipment operates well. \$9,850. Kansas City. 913/788-7900 or (800)4COPCAR. Ask for Diversifleet.

CAR FOR SALE



1963 STUDEBAKER GT HAWK - S/N 63V-28318. Rosemist. R2. factory Avanti JT engine w/supercharger. 4-speed. 160 MPH speedo. 65,000 original miles. BW T10 4-speed trans.. factory Air-Flo wheelcovers. PS. power disc brakes. twin traction. Michelin radials. original Firestone 500 spare tire. tach. car cover. \$17,500 OBO. Dave Ridge, 355 Riverview Drive, Hawesville, KY 42348 -(502)927-8929. E-mail: dridge@kih.net

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Researcher Andy Petrass of South Bend recently sent along the above Build Order for fast luxury touring! It was sold by Ed Reynolds and is now in South Bend. The car is now white with a red interior, probably out of a Y6 or Y4. It also has air conditioning, which was probably dealer installed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO PAGE 33 OF 1964 AMA SPECIFICATIONS

The following weights should be added to the shipping weight of 1964 V models whenever optional engines and/or high performance packages are specified:

MODEL	ENGINES					HIGH PERFORMANCE KIT	
	289 Cu. In.	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	4-Speed Trans.	Auto. Trans.
VF - 2 Door Sedan	32	93	148	158	103	81	107
VY - 4 Door Sedan	32	93	148	158	103	51	77
VL - Convertible							
VJ - Hardtop							
VP - Station Wagon	13	74	129	139	84	51	77
VY9 - Cruiser	Std.	74	129	139	84	58	64
VK - Hawk	Std.	44	99	109	54	16	42
Q - Avanti	N.A.	Std.	55	65	10	N.A.	N.A.

These weights should be added to the shipping weight and do not include any other optional equipment that may be ordered.

IN MEMORY OF

DONALD LEROY CURTIS

Born December 4, 1943
Near Griswold, Iowa

ENTERED INTO REST

Monday, February 24, 1997
Ames, Iowa
at the age of
53 years, 2 months, 20 days

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, February 27, 1997
Ten o'clock A.M.
Roland Funeral Home
Atlantic, Iowa

OFFICIATING

The Rev. Chuck Smith
Atlantic, Iowa

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"
"The Lord's Prayer"
By Randall Breckerbaumer

ORGANIST

Sharon Breckerbaumer

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Don Powers

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Bev Harris Judy Hild

CONCLUDING SERVICES

Atlantic Cemetery
Atlantic, Iowa

Friends and relatives are invited to the
First Baptist Church, 710 Walnut, Atlantic, Iowa,
following the committal service.

DONALD L. CURTIS

Donald LeRoy Curtis, 53, of Colo, formerly of Atlantic, passed away Monday morning, February 24, at his home in Colo.

The son of Eugene and Josie Wooley Curtis, he was born December 4, 1943, near Griswold and graduated from the Atlantic High School in 1962. He attended Iowa State University and Drake University and graduated from Grandview College and DMACC. Donald was employed at Armstrong Tire & Rubber Company for 3 years as a Quality Control Technician and later worked 18 1/2 years for Firestone Tire & Rubber Company as a Quality Assurance Engineer. He was disabled in later years with rheumatoid arthritis. Donald married Karen Olsen on December 12, 1964, in Atlantic. He held various offices both locally and nationally in the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.

Surviving are his wife, Karen; 2 sons, Gene A. Curtis and Greg H. Curtis all of Colo; his parents, Eugene and Josie Curtis of Lakeview, Arkansas; a brother, Russ Curtis and wife, Julie of North Liberty; his mother-in-law, Louise Olsen of Atlantic; 2 sisters-in-law, Judy Hild and husband, Leonard of Plattsmouth, Nebraska and Bev Harris and husband, Bill of Amarillo, Texas; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; and his father-in-law, Howard Olsen on August 24, 1989

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