

This beautiful 1941 Studebaker Commander is my first Studebaker!

Although I've known Fred's '62 Lark for about 6 years, I feel like this car is really my first since it is the first one I was involved in the purchase of.

I've always had an appreciation for fine cars. I have an older brother who is also a car guy. When I married Fred, I became a part of the Studebaker club family that Fred has known for close to 25 years and have since enjoyed learning what I can about Studes. Since I love history too, it was very exciting seeing the Studebaker Museum for the first time a couple of summers ago.

My deep love of everything Art Deco has influenced many of our purchases from home furnishings to this car. Since the first time we started talking about possibly replacing the Lark, I knew I wanted a Deco era car. Fortunately Fred also likes that style. The beautiful curves of the fenders, the sleek hood ornament, and the Deco bakelite details on the interior of the Commander made me want this car as soon as I saw the sale ad.

We are only the third owners in this car's 74 year history. It has spent most of its life in the state of Washington and the last few years in British Columbia. It came with the original license plate that was on it in 1941, and the original bill of sale. It was first purchased on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1941 at Allen Motor Co., in Tacoma, Washington for \$1361.50 plus tax and license. The purchaser even traded in a 1939 Studebaker Commander at the time. It has a 226 ci, 6 cylinder engine, 3 speed standard transmission with overdrive, and a climatizer.

The seats feel like you're sitting on a sofa and there's a ton of leg room in the back. It has that wonderful old "classic car smell" and if I close my eyes while listening to the engine rumbling, I can imagine its 1941 and Fred and I are out for a cruise in our new car!

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