

COVER STORY

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Kirby and Carol Oglesby's love affair started a long time ago; however, their love affair with Studebakers is a more recent affair. Although, in the big picture of life, it seems that Kirby had a deep rooted attachment to Studebakers stemming from the fact that when he was young his parents owned two of them. Kirby's general interest in the automobile started a long time ago and he has owned a variety of interesting cars over the years.

In September of 2012 while at a local cruise he noticed a bright red 1963 Studebaker Lark Regal. He suspects that it was at this time that his interest for Studebaker vehicles was sparked once more. In short, he ended up purchasing that bright red Lark from former Hamilton Chapter member Mark Hill and shortly thereafter became a member of our chapter and SDC.

And now it begins!! We all know that one is not enough and two is too many. But most of us don't pay attention to that kind of logic and it didn't take long for Kirby to be bitten by the Studebaker bug for a second time. In April of 2013 he purchased Ted Calder's '64 Daytona. Most recently, August 2013 while at a cruise night in Dunnville, he began to weaken and fell in love for the third time with a 1950 2R5 pick-up. As a matter of fact, he wasted no time with his decision making and soon the truck was sitting in his driveway. Since purchasing it, he has made a number of changes and improvements to the truck including a new paint job, black and Galaxy silver, and all new tinted glass.

What sets this Studebaker truck apart from others is the cool driveline. It's powered by a stock 1949 239ci Ford flathead motor with a Chev 350 turbo tranny and a Nova 10 bolt diff. with a 3:08 gear set. Underneath the front is a Mustang II clip which gives the truck disc brake stopping power. Kirby and Carol really enjoy their truck and have put on approximately 3,000 miles of local cruising.





CHEV TILT STEERING UPDATES INTERIOR



49 FORD FLATHEAD POWER (since this picture was taken A Rochester 4 barrel carb has been added)



1939 FORD TAIL LIGHTS, EXHAUST THROUGH BUMPER

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE LUSTED for her appointment to manage the "What's Happening" column in Turning Wheels. Larry Swanson has done a fantastic job with this monthly information column for many years. I know Sue is looking forward to doing this monthly information about events throughout the Studebaker world.