

A Visit to South Bend Indiana by Steve Williamson



I went to this year's South Bend Meet, the home of Studebaker, on advice from Greg as it was the last time you could go round the old assembly plant, it was great. I met my mate Fraser who's from the UK at Chicago airport, he lives in Maine, hired a car and drove to the hotel, we stayed at the registration hotel, signed on the next day and I got our passes.

I met Greg a day or so later at the swop meet. I saw original, custom, and roof chop, cars. We went to the South Bend Palais just over the road (it was an all you can eat) wow there must of been 500 people in there when we arrived, but got chatting to people and had a good time.



There was an auction and I bought 3 Studebaker model's and one had snap-on tools so I gave that to my son \$45, we found an Irish bar and the food was good and so was the beer. We went to the swop meet each day, I was trying to get some parts for Darrell Webb but couldn't but got a few Email addresses for him to write to.

We went to the Studebaker museum which was interesting and learnt a bit more about Studebaker's, and went to Studebaker International the main place for parts, (they'll never run out). I met a lady who took a liking to my flat cap, turns out she's an artist so she's going to draw my truck for the price of a cap, there were plenty of spares at the meet, but I found the Americans hard to deal with so I bought nothing.



They closed the road by our hotel on the Sunday the last day of the meet, it was just for Studebakers to line up. All Other Cars will be Towed the sign said, there were about 100 cars there.