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**MICHIANA CHAPTER**  
**STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB**  
(As amended 04 November 2012)





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**ARTICLE I - Name, Purpose, and Logo**

- Section 1.** The name of the organization shall be the Michiana Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club.
- Section 2.** The purpose of the Michiana Chapter shall be:
- a. To promote a closer relationship among Studebaker and related automobile owners in the Michiana area.
  - b. To promote expansion of membership nationally and locally.
  - c. To provide assistance to the national Studebaker Drivers Club on a local level.
  - d. To encourage the acquisition, preservation and maintenance of Studebaker vehicles, and of related vehicles which at one time were produced by Studebaker, such as EMF, FLANDERS, GARFORD, ROCKNE, ERSKINE, PIERCE-ARROW, PACKARD and AVANTI.
  - e. To publish a newsletter announcing coming events and other pertinent, newsworthy information for the benefit of the membership.
- Section 3.** The Logo for the chapter shall be the states of Indiana and Michigan outlined in red with the circular lazy S in the center circle.



*Primary Chapter logo*



*Alternate Chapter Logo*

**Article I, Section 3, Amendment I**

The alternate logo for the chapter shall be the states of Michigan in Blue with black outline and Indiana in Red with black outline, a street in black with white passing lines extending from a gold star representing South Bend and ending in white/black lettering 'MICHIANA CHAPTER', over which is placed the SDC Double Ring SDC logo.



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ARTICLE II - Membership and Dues.

Section 1. Qualification for membership.  
Persons eligible for membership will be any members of the Studebaker Drivers Club, currently or formerly owning a Studebaker or related automobile, or maintaining a sincere interest in or close association with the Studebaker or a related automobile.

Section 2. Application for membership.  
Any person desiring membership in the Michiana Chapter may apply for said membership to any officer of the chapter or through the Studebaker Drivers Club. Upon payment of dues, if any, a person meeting the foregoing qualification will be considered a member in good standing of the Michiana Chapter. Membership may be on either an active or associate basis, and is defined as follows:

- a. Active Member: A person qualifying under Article II, Section 1, having paid dues to both the Studebaker Drivers Club and the Michiana Chapter, with all rights and privileges extended, including the right to hold office and to vote.
- b. Associate member: The spouse of any Active Member in good standing with all rights and privileges extended, including the right to hold office and to vote; and children in the same family, who will be extended the Club privileges except for the right to vote and to hold office. Associate Members are not required to pay separate and individual dues to the Michiana Chapter.
- c. Lifetime and Honorary Members: Any member in good standing may nominate an individual for a Lifetime or an Honorary membership in the Michiana Chapter. Ratification will be by a majority vote at a general membership meeting. A Lifetime Member has the same rights and privileges as an Active member in good standing. An Honorary Member has the same privileges, except that an Honorary Member may not vote or hold office in the Michiana Chapter. Lifetime and Honorary members are not required to pay dues to the Michiana Chapter.

Section 3. Rights and Privileges.



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All Active, Associate, Lifetime and Honorary members in good standing shall have the right to attend all business and social meetings and other events sponsored by the Michiana Chapter and to participate therein. Such members shall have the right to attend any or all business meetings of the Michiana Chapter. Such members, except for Honorary members, are entitled to nomination for elective office in the Chapter and to vote in any and all election in and for the Chapter.

**Section 4.**

**Dues.**

Annual dues for the Michiana Chapter shall be established by the Board of Officers and shall be collected from each Active member. Dues shall be payable January 1st and prorated for new members joining during the year. (Associate, Lifetime and Honorary members are not subject to assessment of dues, per Article II, Section 2.) This assessment of dues shall be in addition to any monies payable to the national Studebaker Drivers Club. Monies obtained for the Michiana Chapter through the assessment of annual dues will be used solely for the operating expenses of the Michiana Chapter, and in no way related to the operating expenses of the Studebaker Drivers Club. Any person whose dues are more than sixty (60) days delinquent will be automatically placed on an inactive status: and if serving as an officer of the Chapter, will cease to hold that office. Membership will be reinstated upon payment of delinquent dues within one year. After one year a new application for membership must be submitted to the Board of Officers. Dues must be submitted with the new application.

**Section 5.**

**Special Assessments.**

Any special assessment shall be approved by a vote of the general membership no sooner than one meeting following its proposal. Approval shall be by the majority of a quorum as per Section 8.

**ARTICLE III - Board of Officers and Administration.**

**Section 1.**

**Description of the Board of Officers.**

The Board of Officers of the Michiana Chapter shall be comprised of the following:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Past President



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Committees. The President shall appoint the Editor, May Meet Chairs, Officer Nominating Committee, Events Coordinator, membership and other positions or committees from the general membership as he deems necessary from time to time, for the purpose of accomplishing activities relating to the Club.

**Section 2.** Qualifications, Nominations, Elections.

Any Active, Associate, or Lifetime member in good standing is eligible for nomination for Chapter office as outlined in Section 1 of this article.

Election of the Board of Officers will be conducted as follows.

November meeting - Nominating committee will present recommendations for each office to the general membership. Membership on the nominating committee does not disqualify a member from nomination for elective office. Nominations may be made from the floor at this time.

December meeting - The election of the Board of Officers will take place at the general business meeting held during December of each year. The candidate with the most votes wins the office. Voting will be by secret ballot.

Term of Office - The newly elected Board of Officers will begin its term January first (1) of the following year. All club records, files, etc. will be passed on to the new Board no later than this date.

**Section 3.** Administration.

Responsibility for proper administration of the business of the Michiana Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club shall be divided among the Board of Officers.

Chapter Dues are to be used to pay for all publishing and mailing expenses for the general membership.

The May Meet budget will be presented at the February meeting.

The Board of Officers shall have the right to use Chapter funds for Club activities, special events, promotions, awards, etc. Expenditures over \$250.00 will require general membership approval.



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Section 4. Duties of Chapter Officers.

President. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Michiana Chapter and shall have the general powers and responsibilities of management and coordination of the business conducted by the chapter. The President shall act as liaison between the Chapter and the Studebaker Drivers Club. In addition, he or she shall sit as an ex-officio member on all committees.

Vice President. The Vice President shall act in place of the President in the event of the absence or inability of the President to perform his duties. The Vice President will assist the President in the administration of Chapter business.

Secretary. The Secretary shall attend meetings and record the minutes of each meeting, to include all business under discussion and all matters presented to the membership for general vote. The Secretary shall maintain accurate files of all correspondence relating to Chapter business.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for checking, savings and all other monies collected and disbursed by the Chapter and shall keep accurate entries of incoming funds and their disposition.

One commercial checking account will be maintained as depository for all incoming dues and shall be the means for payment of all costs to publish and mail Home of Champions newsletter and any special additional communication.

A second commercial checking account will be maintained for payment of all debts and obligations as approved by the President and Treasurer. Two (2) members of the board of Officers shall be authorized to sign checks, only upon receipt by the Treasurer of valid proof of a debt or obligation, such as an invoice or cash receipt, which is to be held on file by the Treasurer. The Treasurer will be responsible for a complete financial report at each general business meeting, and at any time when called upon by any member of the Board of Officers.

Past President. The past President shall serve as a member of the Board of Officers.





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Section 5. Meetings of the Board of Officers.

The Board of Officers shall meet as required. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President, or upon the request of any three (3) Board of Officers with advance notification to all other officers.

Section 6. Resignation, Removal and Vacancy of the Board of Officers.

Any officer of the Chapter may resign at any time by providing the Board of Officers with written notice of resignation thirty (30) days prior to the effective date thereof.

The Board of Officers shall have by majority vote, the power to suspend or expel any member for conduct which disturbs or is likely to endanger the safety, welfare, interest, or character of the organization or any of its members.

Any officer may be removed by a 2/3 vote by the attendee's at a general membership meeting, if such removal is moved and seconded.

Any vacancy on the Board of Officers may be filled by appointment by the President, confirmed by majority vote of the Board, for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

Section 7. Authority

Final authority for any business or activities conducted by the Chapter in connection with the Studebaker Drivers Club lies with the Board of Directors of the Studebaker Drivers Club and is subject to the sanction thereof. In the event of a conflict of administration of the Chapter with the Studebaker Drivers Club, the By-laws and government of the Studebaker Drivers Club supersedes the By-laws and government of the Chapter until such conflict is resolved. In the event of revocation of affiliation with the Studebaker Drivers Club, the Chapter becomes dissolved and null and void as a separate organization, and all properties and monies of the Chapter will be distributed by the Board of Officers to charity.

Section 8. A quorum for membership meetings shall consist of fifteen (15) members. The Secretary shall verify that a quorum exists before any general membership vote.



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**ARTICLE IV - Personal Liability**

All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having claim against the Chapter or the Board of Officers shall look only to the funds and property of the Chapter for payment of any debt, damages, judgment or decree, or any money that may otherwise become due and payable from the Chapter or the Board of Officers; so that neither the members of the Chapter nor any officers, present or future, shall be personally liable there for.

**ARTICLE V - Amendment.**

Amendments to these By-laws of the Michiana Chapter may be proposed by any member of the Board of Officers, or by any member in good standing to a member of the Board of Officers, to be introduced to the general membership for vote after all members have been notified in writing. An amendment will be adopted only by a majority vote of the general membership, provided that a quorum is present at the business meeting at which the proposed amendment is presented for vote.

History of Amendments

**Article 1, Section 3, Amendment I;** Added Alternate Logo. Proposed, 07 October 2012. Approved by unanimous vote, 04 November 2012.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:**

We, the undersigned, being officers of the Michiana Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, do hereby certify that the foregoing by-laws were duly approved by the membership and Board of Officers at a regular meeting on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010, and the same do now constitute the by-laws of said chapter.

Tom Curtis, President  
Bob Henning, Vice President  
Rene Paturalski, Secretary  
Chris Patton, Treasurer  
Mike Lepay, Past President