

## PAC MEMBER CAR STORY

### Story of 1957 Studebaker Silverhawk by Mark Engwicht

I was looking for a different car when I came across a Studebaker on Main street in Bismarck. It needed a lot of work but I liked the body style. It was something different, so that is what I went looking for. I then found a Golden Hawk in Colorado for sale. We went down and looked at it and it was in worse shape than the guy led on. So on to the next one I could find.

I was on Ebay looking around and found a Studebaker Silverhawk that was in New York. I asked the guy some questions and he told me everything that was wrong with the car. They even put closeup pictures of the rust spot on the passenger door on the post. After a few phone calls we got interested in the car then I called and could not get a hold of him. I tried for a few days and then started to worry that it wasn't legit. Finally, on Sunday before it was to be sold he called me and told me sorry he was in the hospital with his back and asked his doctor to please let him out to sell his car. We then proceeded to keep bidding on the car. At that time we didn't know how the bidding worked with the buy now option and didn't realize when reserve had been met we couldn't just buy out right anymore like we thought we would after we talked to him. So we were hoping that we wouldn't get outbid on it. On Monday when it was supposed to end, Laura was able to sit and watch it. She was very excited when she got home that she did get it.

Next we had to find a way to ship it here. We picked FedEx which would pick the car up at his door and drop it off at our door. Laura kept it a secret when the final delivery date was going to be. When I got home from work March 9th, 2010, there was snow on the ground and FedEx was parked in front of our house unloading the Studebaker. FedEx had a stipulation that the car would run but when I got home the delivery guys were pushing it off the truck as the car wouldn't start for them. When I went out to see what was wrong, I found it had a manual choke. I pulled the choke and it started right up. Boy, I was a bit relieved! The car was as the previous owner described it to be and we have had fun ever since.

These pictures are of the car the day we brought it home with the FedEx semi in the background.



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