



Squire SS100 Registry Newsletter

Art Stahl Memorial Issue

March 24, 2010

What's up:

Memorial Service for Art Stahl

will be held on Saturday,
April 10th, 2001 at 10:30 a.m.
at the Tempe Mortuary, 405
East Southern Avenue,
Tempe, AZ. Jean's cell phone
number is 602-527-0921 and
her email address is
jmcs2@q.com

Next Squire SS100 Registry Rally set for May 21-22, 2010 in Carlisle PA

Bob Murray will fill us in on the
plans. Plan to meet up at the
security office at noon. And then
Hosses Restaurant.

As usual, I am looking for
materials for our newsletter.
Contact Chuck Blethen ASAP
Blethen@Skreenz.com
828-606-3130

NEWS FLASH!!!!

Squire SS100 prototype found in
old garage in Philadelphia!
Paul Helmick was contacted by
Gibbs Connors about what
appeared to be one of our old
missing Squires. Turns out it was
the original prototype. Next issue I
will try to publish all of the info we
can get on this rare find. Connors
says he wants to find a good home
for the old Squire. Anyone
interested in buying a real piece of
history? Let me know. Photos
posted at <http://www.squiress-100.net/PhotoGallery/00Prototype.html>

A TRIBUTE AT THE PASSING OF ART STAHL

It is now almost nineteen years since
Art placed a photo and inquiry about his
'mystery car', his Squire SS100, in the
Hemmings Motor News issue of June,
1991.

Having knowledge of the car since its
creation, and ownership since 1977, I
called Art at once. We talked for more
than an hour that first time. Art quickly hopped on a plane and visited me in LA. He was never one
to waste time.

The Squire Registry was born with Art, Bill Lieske and a few early members. But, Art was the
Squire Registry.

For the next two decades, it was Art's interest, dedication, passion, amazing detective skills and
plain hard work that took an obscure, American powered bucket of bolts from The Continent and
retro-engineered it into a truly unique road car. Everything from new torsion bars to stacks of
newsletters authored by Art. Every nut, bolt and wire was improved to a high standard and nothing
eluded his scrutiny.

Wherever we drive, whatever compliments or trophies we may receive about our cars, we can
thank Art Stahl for that.

More importantly, there was friendship and always great fun. We can thank Art for that, too.
Through the years, whether on the phone or when we gathered, there was laughter and good times.
(Never any snobs or 'upper crust' phonies in our group.) Everyone contributes. Everyone gets
along. Art brought us together in that way.

Art dedicated his time to restoring and improving our cars, finding every known Squire in
existence, writing the newsletter and making sure tech articles were accurate. None of it would have
happened without him, and his tending to years of details large and small. So much so, that the
Intermeccanica Squire SS100 now has international standing and is welcome and admired at any
Concours. It was no accident that Art became the NADA – Appraiser Guide official authority for our
cars.

Sentimental, cantankerous, kind, sometimes loud, always genuine, Art had a passion for fun and
beautiful machinery, for desert gardening and playing the bag pipes, a passion for excellence and a
job artfully crafted.

When I think of Art Stahl, I'll think of all the good times.

Thanks, Art. We will carry on.

I suggest we think about some way of memorializing Art as the Club's Founder. An 'Art Stahl
Day', Barbecue and Rally? Let's see about that.

Our thanks to Chuck Blethen, who is carrying on the newsletter in such fine fashion (and is now
the NADA - Squire SS100 authority for appraisals.) And we, as Art would be so proud, will continue
to improve the breed.

Our love and thoughts are with Jean Stahl and Art's family at this time.
Art was one of a kind. He will be missed.

Ed Spielman

Los Angeles, California
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Art Stahl Update

As some of you may know, in January, Art was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. He had been in and out of the hospital for batteries of tests, radiation/chemotherapy, and more tests.

I spoke with Art on February 27th. He was lucid but sounded tired. He told me that he had lost a lot of weight and he was sleeping a lot. He also said that everything he ate didn't taste good. He said that Jean was going crazy trying to make something that would taste good to him. Art told me that he was in no pain, but said keeping his sense of humor was more difficult lately.

Art was kind enough recently to allow my son, Brian ("JD"), to stop at his home to collect all of Art's old newsletters, magazines, articles, and old photos related to our Squires. Brian carefully packed them and shipped them to me here in NC. Over the next several months or so, I will read through all of them and scan in and post to the Squire website those items that I think will be of interest to Squire owners. We appreciated the opportunity to save these valuable documents. We are sorry that we couldn't save the stash of Squire spare parts that Art had stored in his garage. Today, March 24th, I heard the news that Art had passed away early this morning... I sat down and cried. I loved that old guy... I will miss him terribly.

Art passed NADA torch to Chuck

One of the things Art Stahl did for us was to get himself appointed as the Squire SS100 specialist in NADA.

NADA is the publisher of price guides for old used cars

of all types. You can see their range of guides at their website <http://www.nadaguides.com> - The Squires are listed under the Classic, Collectible, Exotic & Muscle Car group. Any time NADA was contacted about a Squire, they would be referred to Art.



A few months back, Art recommended me to Steve Ferguson at NADA to represent the Squire Registry in NADA. Following an exchange of emails and telephone calls, I submitted my paperwork and now I am an official NADA Classic, Collectible, Exotic & Muscle Car Advisory Board Member. Steve says that I will be called from time to time for appraisal opinions from people who ask about Squires. It is a good thing for the value of our Squires. Please let me know any time you see one for sale anywhere or if you ever put yours up for sale. Thanks, Art. I will try to do a good job.

Art Stahl's Squire SS100 Newsletter Archives Project Completed

I finished scanning all of the 139 newsletters that Art Stahl produced over 16 years as the Master of the Squire SS100 Registry. They are now posted to our Website. There are 747 documents that I have combined into 139 CLBCOM documents including all of the attachments - photos, magazine articles, mechanical drawings, etc. There is a document with the parts index; and another document with the list of issues where each chassis number is mentioned. This will preserve forever the wonderful work that Art, and many others in the Squire SS100 Registry, have done over the years in documenting the repairs, fixes, updates, and really hard-to-find information about the Squires. It will provide present and future Squire owners a rich resource for historical and technical information. It will also document the detailed work that so many Squire owners contributed over the years. Please take time to check it out and let me know how to make it better.

Go to <http://www.SquireSS-100.net/StahlNewsletters/CLBCOM/CLBCOM.html> to see the list of newsletters available in our archives.



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British Wire Wheel Fiasco Update

For those of you who have been following the saga of getting British Wire Wheels in Fresno CA to deliver the correct wheels for Ole #8, here is the latest. On November 20, 2009 the 5th set of wire wheels arrived via UPS. Before the deliveryman left, I opened one of the cartons, removed the wire wheel, and slipped one of the spline adapters into the center of the hub. It fit perfectly! I unpacked the rest of the cartons, and saved them for returning the 4th shipment of incorrect wire wheels. I loaded our pickup truck with the correct set of wire wheels and the 4th incorrect set of wire wheels that had the Michelins mounted on them and went to Weaverville. There was a tire shop there that had the special wire wheel mounting machinery. They removed the tires from the wrong set of wire wheels and remounted them onto the correct wire wheels.

I went home and repacked the wrong 4th set into the shipping cartons and called UPS for a pickup. Two days later the 4th set were on their way back to Fresno and I had the 5th set installed on Ole #8. I beat the crap out of one side of the lead hammer tightening the real knockoff spinners! But they look great on Ole #8 now!

Here are the photos of the left rear wheels and tires:



Old "artillery wheels" from AZ



New York wire hub caps



5th set of real wire wheels

The weather had turned cold and nasty so we put Ole #8 away for the winter after checking and topping-off the anti-freeze in the radiator. We covered her up with several old sheets sewn together to make a home-made car cover. And there she sits in our garage – awaiting the first nice day in spring when we can take her out with her new wire wheels. I have been starting Ole #8 once a month and letting her idle for about 10 minutes to keep her battery charged. It is REALLY hard to look at her every day in the winter fantasizing about the first warm day of Spring.

Squire SS100s for Sale

Gibbs Connors wants to sell the Squire SS100 prototype to someone who will give it the TLC it deserves... he didn't specify a price.

John Theroux wants to sell his Squire SS100 s/n#1 – he is asking about \$16,000...