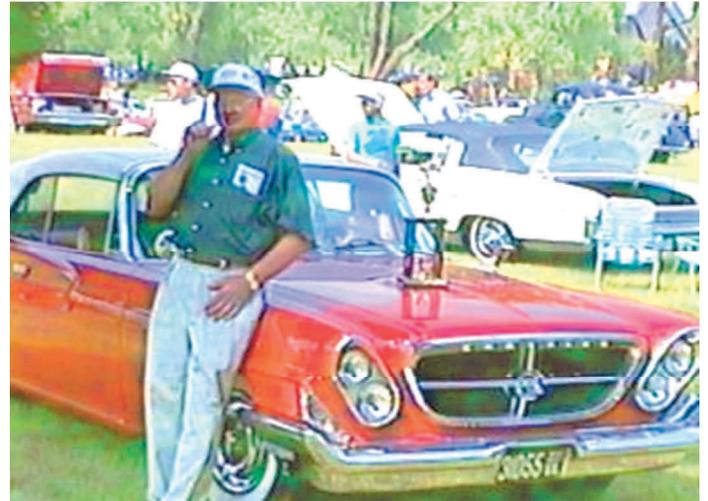


STAN KACHEL, AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIAST

Colonel Stan Kachel, USAF (Ret.), a long-time member of our club, passed away on February 16, 2018. He was 93.

Stan loved cars. He loved finding them, buying them, working on them and showing them. Although partial to Chrysler convertibles, he'd owned a 1928 AR Tudor for many years. When first found, the Tudor didn't have its original motor, so Stan began looking for a correct one. When he finally found an early '28 motor, it had a strange-looking head on it--a Smith Compressor head, the very one that powers the Club's Smith Compressor today.



These pictures, which his son Lee took from a 1996 Sully video, show Stan with his Chrysler 300 and his first place trophy.

They also show the large RV that Stan allowed the Club to use as its judging headquarters for many years.

Stan enlisted in the Army Air Corps at age 18 and flew B25 Mitchells. He served tours in Korea and Vietnam and was stationed in Europe and at the Pentagon. His many awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit.

Stan's last big car project was this 1949 Chrysler Town & Country Woodie convertible (on the next page). Although the project looked impossible, in 2005 Stan found a restorer in South Carolina who took on the task several years later.



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Stan's family was concerned with his health, so in June 2017 Lee and Stan went through all the remaining parts in his basement and got all they could find to the restorer.

Thanks to Lee's interjection into the process, he was able to arrange having the finished car delivered to his Dad on January 27, 2018. Stan was delighted!

Stan in his newly restored 1949 Chrysler Town and Country on January 27, 2018. "I thought I'd never see the car again."

Our friend Stan Kachel will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery in a private family ceremony.



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