



## A N A S I A N A D V E N T U R E

All dressed up and not quite ready to roll! Rex Miltenberger at the controls of the 1929 President FH Victoria that is slated to run in next years Peking to Paris "Motor Challenge." The car is owned by two ASC members Peter Gillespie and Detlev Borner from South Africa. It was purchased along with two other '29 Presidents after the two attended the ASC International meet in Lancaster last September. They got caught up in the enthusiasm of the meet (and perhaps were over served with some of the ASC house blend in the hospitality room) and decided that they wanted to do something really fun in a Studebaker, so....

The world's longest road rally starts in Peking on September 11, 2010 and finishes (if all goes well) 36 days later in Paris. The distance is 8,773 miles, give or take. At this time the organizers claim that over ninety competitors have signed up to test the mettle of man and machine in this grueling adventure.

Our South African friends left two of their untested cars in the hands of noted Studebaker President specialist Rex last October with the charge of making one of them capable of climbing mountains, fording streams and traversing miles of scorching desert without a hiccup! They are hoping that he can have the car ready for a test run from his home in Niles, Michigan to the Cedar Rapids meet in July. From the looks of the photo above (taken in May) this may be an optimistic expectation since Rex still works full time and can only find time to work on the car at intervals.

You can get more information on the race by accessing the website: <http://www.pekingparis.com/index.html> or check out Peter and Detlev's personal site at: [Pekingparis.co.za](http://Pekingparis.co.za) If you happen to see a black '29 President Victoria in Cedar Rapids, introduce yourself to the owners and congratulate Rex on meeting the challenge. ♦

***...AND YOU WORRY ABOUT DRIVING  
YOUR CLASSIC OUT OF TOWN.***

### ***TOM'S TOM TOM***

I just returned from a whirlwind 2-1/2 days in sunny San Diego for the annual meeting which was my first attendance at a National Meet. Of course, the San Diego weather was perfect but more over my experience of the event was also perfect. While I had to cut the trip short and leave on Friday due to a prior engagement on Saturday in Dallas here is thumbnail of my trip. I came to San Diego filled with enthusiasm, excitement and a deep commitment and respect for our club. I attended the business meetings Thursday and Friday to be present and engaged with the many issues facing our region and the national club including the results from the national survey, election and seating of the new board and president, our own Al Kroemer revamping of both national and regional websites, the revitalization of the Lone Star Region, financial "State of the Union", public relations, stabilization and initiatives to increase membership and the list goes on...It is my intention to share data and impressions with the board and committee members at our next meeting in Waxahachie on January 16th and with the IHOP breakfast brunch members.

Lastly I want to provide the latest stats on Project One Hundred which you will recall is the club's January 08's initiative to increase our membership to 100. As of today's date we now have a total of 124 members which includes 15 members added in the calendar year 2009. On behalf of the club, I am now declaring our Project One Hundred a success. I would like to thank the members for taking this on as their own, staying committed and completing the project. I am now proposing for 2010 a follow-up initiative of 150!!!!!!!

It is with great gratitude, I wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Tom Benson,  
Regional Director