63V13415 A positive report from Vance Shearer: On Thursday October 15th I came across an ad on the For Sale section of the Studebaker Drivers Club forum with pictures of a collection of Studebakers for sale from an estate. In one of the pictures was the side of a 1963 Lark Custom. The ad was posted 10 minutes before I viewed it so I decided to call the phone listed. The guy selling the cars did not know much about Studebakers but did have prices on each vehicle from some research he did online. The price was right and from what I could see from one picture the body was solid and that peaked my interest immediately but I did not know any details about the Lark at that time. I have a list of all the 63 Lark and Hawk serial numbers that came with R series engines so I asked him for the serial number of the Lark. 63V13415. I checked my list and 63 owners registry and the car came back as a R2 4 Speed Custom 2 door sedan. In the owners registry it was listed for sale by John Erb in 2001. And from the Nevada plates I knew it could be a really clean car. I was thrilled and called the guy back and told him I would take it and we scheduled pickup for Saturday. The place was 6 hours away from where I am located in South Western Pennsylvania. This car was stored in a heated garage and the other cars were in a big barn with wood floor. I looked over the car and it was very solid including all original sheet metal with rust free floors and trunk. Well worth the drive! Everything was complete as well. The previous owner had painted the car single stage red and appears to never finished the restoration. Since it was a Western car the interior is shot. That was the only downfall of this car but I will be getting the seats reupholstered along with new carpet and headliner. Hoping to find a set of front door panels for the car the backs look like they will clean up. Of course, the dash is completely shot. The car is an all drum brake car but I will probably put a Turner disc brake conversion on once I get it roadworthy. Regal Red exterior with red vinyl interior non-matching inserts. The seats are individual bench with recliners and front seat belts. The car came with a factory Avanti tach since the Lark tach had not been out yet. Radio and heater no power steering. I received the build sheet. It has wing guards and bumper guards. One can still can see the hidden serial number clearly on the rear crossmember. It also has a like new 2 1/4 exhaust installed. It has not ran for 20 plus years. Needs some TLC but I am hoping to have it up and running by next year.





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BODY NO. 416 | IGN. KEY NUMBER 4198 | TRUNK KEY NO. 1301 | FINAL ASSY. DATE 11-8-62 | ENGINE NUMBER JT8/1368

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DESCRIPTION OF UNIT AND EQUIPMENT

63VF6 3225 CUSTOM 6 2 DR SED
13 P 6316 REGAL RED
14 752 RV VINYL TRIM
20 4 SPEED TR FL SHIFT
22 RECLIN SEAT SPLIT CUSH IRS
27 TINTED GLASS WINDSHLD ONLY
33A JET THRUST ENG W SUPERCHG
42 UNDERCOATING
55 WHITE SIDEWALLS
60 CLIMATIZER X65 WHEEL DISC
66 FRONT BUMP 69 REAR BUMPE
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