



*Merry Christmas*

# Studebaker Flyer

**\*Serving the exceptionally au courant Studebaker enthusiasts of Central Oklahoma\***



See Pg 12 meeting Nov 18 announcement

Almost as pretty as a '53 Starliner are these Seven (count 'em) Beagle puppies born by Ron and Jan Hall's Mamma Beagle about 23 or 24 September of this year. Jan tried to pose them in the bed of their Green Champ pickup, but wasn't fast enough to keep all seven in at same time. Can't you just feel how wonderfully soft and cuddly it would be to hold one close and tell it how pretty it is???

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## Member's Page

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## November Birthdays

Jeri-Alynn McGee

## Anniversaries

If anyone knows of a birthday or anniversary that should be reported here, PLEASE let the editor know!

## December Birthdays

Mary Jones  
Kelsey Roland

## Anniversaries

Don & Jeri Cox

Note from your editor:

- 1) Badges for new members have been ordered, have arrived, now in the formerly-nicotine-stained fingers of the editor. Will be delivered at first opportunity.
- 2) Apologies for delay in delivery of this issue of the "Flyer", due to loss of power due to ice that broke the limb that fell on the wire that blew the transformer that started the fire that, and, because the editor he too lazy and procrastinated in getting out into the cold to set up the generator. *editor*

## Reminder of Coming Activities

A November meeting to elect new club officers may be called. Remember that Failure to appear at this meeting could well result in your being nominated and voted in to fill an office you might not desire. Be there if you get the message. Grandy's Sausage & Eggs ain't all that bad.

As we wish a Happy Thanksgiving for you and yours, be reminded also of the Christmas Dinner at 1PM December 5, Charleston's Restaurant, 1429 S I-240 Service Rd, OKC

Tour Master Studie Pete has listed more fall activities on page 5.

Be Safe, be Happy, stop fighting about who won. Prepare for a Wonderful 2021, drive your beautiful Studebaker every chance you get! For Fun.

....yer editor





Greetings to all. Hope you had a fun Halloween and managed to clear all the trees from your driveway. How is everyone bearing up under this heavy load of a **serious Pandemic** with such negative effects on the economy, an **ice storm** of which we haven't seen the likes of since 2007(2010 wasn't quite as bad) and from which we'll be months in recovering, and a **general election campaign** almost as disturbing and disappointing as it is comedic and entertaining? Hopefully, all is well with you and yours. Although it's only November it looks and feels like another year has come and gone. Jeri-Alynn and I certainly hope 2020 "goes" and does not come back for a replay. Good riddance, 2020!

The club has enjoyed some activity even considering the pandemic restrictions and fears. September 24, a meeting was called to gather at Grandy's in south OKC resulting in a lot of shop talk and more planning for future events. At this meeting we also had Studebaker Drivers Club South Central Zone Director Don Cox and his wife Jeri rejoin the group. Don provided information on what the National is considering for future activities, such as changes in judging and scheduling at the yearly International Meet. Club member, Ken Sumwalt, offered to host the next meeting on October 24 at his shop in Tecumseh where we could enjoy his collection, his projects and see some works in progress. Our Tour Master Peter Rodrigues presents a good report on that tour and meeting on page 4 of this issue of the Flyer.

Be reminded of our Christmas Party scheduled for **1PM December 5, 2020 at Charleston's Restaurant, 1429 SW I-240 Service Road, OKC. ....HOWEVER::**

Both the number of daily new cases and the number of new deaths credited to Covid 19 is increasing, though it is the number of new cases that is rising the steepest. With 45 of the 50 states adhering to "stay-at-home-orders" and, due to insufficient data, no accurate guesstimate as to the end of quarantining, the Virus might understandably be of great concern to many Club members. If so, a gathering of this sort could be completely out of the question for you. Please! R.S.V.P. to me, Mel McGee, at 789-7029 or e-mail to [jeri-alynnmel@att.net](mailto:jeri-alynnmel@att.net) if you do or if you do not plan to attend the Christmas Lunch.



In closing, with November being the traditional month for electing new officers, we are trying to arrange a meeting for that purpose. We will decide what we need for a quorum and send a message to all asking if you could meet, probably at Grandy's. S. Western, to join in that election. Keep an eye out for that message.

With the two great holiday seasons upon us I want to wish you all a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving with your loved ones, hope you get to see me at the Christmas Dinner, and let's plan on making 2021 a great year with fun tours and meetings.

*wishing You a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!*



*.....Mel*



## COC SDC Tours Ken Sumwalt's Shop..... *Peter Rodrigues*

The October 24 meeting at Ken's was very well attended, considering the rather cold temperature of the day. We all certainly enjoyed the tour Ken gave us. His is a very interesting shop with some challenging projects in progress. Of course, the delicious doughnuts, coffee and hot chocolate so graciously provided by Ken were a welcomed treat.

Picture on the right shows new attendee John Harris, proud owner of a 1951 Landcruiser, visiting with Jeri-Alynn McGee.



Picture to the left: Also attending was Jacquelyn Pearson, owner of a 1962 LARK Skytop and a member of the North East Oklahoma Chapter in Tulsa, shown here talking to Mel McGee about Jeri-Alynn talking to John Harris. Jacquelyn was accompanied by her sister, Cynthia.

Below, proving Studebaker owners are dog-lovers, and drawing some attention away from the project cars, more pretty puppies.



Elmer Davis and Ken Sumwalt talk about politics and Elmer's nice Avanti. Ken does have an Avanti project in progress in the shop.



And to the right, long and faithfully guarding the premises, the old workhorse Studebaker M5

As I've stated before, Ken's shop is quite well-run, very interesting with a lot of challenging projects and if you didn't join this tour better make it

to the nex! .....*Studie Pete* (more next page)





## More on the Sumwalt Tour, with Tour Master Studie Pete



President signs up new club members



Above, an Avanti project in progress, and on the right Ken discusses with an admirer a '40s Studebaker Coupe? Willys? as a '40 Ford waits to be examined.

## Other events occurring in this time frame:

The Jaguar Club's *Fall Fling 2020* set for October 3. MG Club members, Triumph Club members, Studebaker Club Members, Model T and A Club members, anything over 25 years old were invited by Don and the Jaguar club to **Picnic with Don and Becky Sable**. After sharing in the early-bird event of Coffee & Cars on Pawnee Dr. near N. Western & Memorial the clubs proceeded southward to meet at Sable's place about 11:00 AM.

Another activity the Central Oklahoma Chapter enjoyed was IDYSD – International Drive Your Studebaker Day, this year occurring on September 12. Around the World Studebaker Drivers Club members fired up their favorite Stude and drove somewhere, anywhere, took pictures and shared the experience, sending pictures and story by sending them to "Turning Wheels" magazine or their local newsletter.

Please keep an eye out for an e-mail announcement of a possible meeting in November. We hope to discuss election of new officers, and at this time I would also like to wish all a Happy Thanksgiving.

... Studie Pete



## Some proud Studebaker Drivers on IDYSD ([International Drive Your Studebaker Day](#) )



**Peter Rodrigues tours Prague, OK on IDYSD in his '53 Studebaker Starlight (modified) coupe.**

In most of the civilized world and even in the United States IDYSD means 'get that Studebaker oiled up lubed, fueled, and on the road', doesn't matter where to or how far; just drive it and get a picture of the event.

Thus the third Saturday of September finds the already-crowded roads of The United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, Belgium, South America, Canada, US, etc. flooded as thousands of beautiful old Studebakers from 1902 to 1966, plus Avantis made after 1966 ... well, OK, maybe not flooded... but a lot of Studebakers were shipped to or assembled in many far corners of the world and many are still on the road. And they are meant to be driven!

The company that noted it's centennial in 1952, starting up in 1852 as a wagon-building concern, with it's first automobile on the market in 1902, has become revered in many ways by an impressive following around the world. Today, not counting overlapping memberships, more than 15,000 fans belong to Studebaker clubs, making them one of the largest single-marque hobby groups in the world. These clubs, via their publications, shows, tours and word of mouth, have kept the marque alive & active.

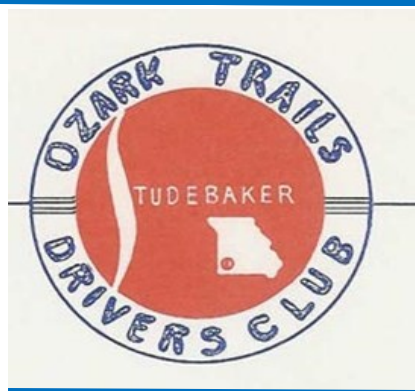


Rain almost all the way there, then a beautiful weekend.

Left, On I-44 nearing Olin, MO, another driver caught this shot of Don en route to Branson for the 25th Ozark Trails SDC-sponsored Branson Orphans Car Show, 'posted' it on Facebook. Friends were calling before he arrived Branson.

Below,

Don Sutherland 'in the lineup, Ozark Trails T-shirt proudly displaying his mighty ~~psychic~~ phizeek ready for inspection' in Branson on IDYSD







## Statement about Oklahoma's 2020 General Election from Paul Ziriaux, Secretary of the State Election Board:

"I am delighted about the enthusiasm and engagement shown by Oklahoma voters in this election. We saw a surge in voter registrations, set a record for mail absentee ballots and in-person absentee "early" votes, and had heavy turnout on Election Day. **Oklahoma voters set a record for the most votes ever cast for President in the history of our state.**

"Considering this was a Presidential General Election conducted during a pandemic, one week after a major ice storm, with a record level of voter participation, it went fairly smoothly. I am very proud of our county election officials, poll workers, and State Election Board staff for their perseverance, professionalism, and dedication to free and fair elections."

**Celebrate Veteran's Day 2020 11 November and honor the Services of those American war veterans whose actions have made possible our Freedoms to voice our opinions, vote to support those opinions and not fear intervention or retaliation by government of those rights. By other sources, be alert.**

**Grandy's In September, Final Cruise-In-For-Coffee at Santa Fe Steakhouse In October  
The Club manages to maintain a semblance of Activity**



Social Distancing means "Nobody sit next to Don."

Attending meeting Sept. 24 were Melvin McGee, Peter Rodrigues, Joe Parks, Ken Sumwalt, Elmer Davis, Don and Jeri Cox, Leland Laws, and Don Sutherland.

Elmer's Avanti and Dons Starliner pictured in Grandy's parking lot at right.





## IDYSD shots cont'd



Club Vice President **Clifton Hill** tools around Shawnee, OK on IDYSD in his very rare, ser#1 Studebaker-powered **Glasspar G2**



### [Dewight Deal and his Avanti](#)

Dewight Deal of Norman with his 1976 Avanti II has recently been in touch with Studie Pete, expressing some interest in the club and seeking advice on installing later type of power-steering,

Open the above link to a very interesting story in the Norman Transcript about Dewight and his admirable find.



## More on Grandy's 24 September meeting



We were very pleased to see Don and Jeri Cox joining the group for this meeting. In their Ozark Trails T-Shirts! Don was forthcoming with information on recent plans for some changes at the National level.

Fixin' to think about planning to get ready to start heading back to the house, Mel, Elmer, Leland and Don say goodbye to Joe and Don & Jeri an Ken. Peter was waiting to make sure every car started,





# Charles and Sue Hall: The Journey Continues

When last we reported on the C&S Hall Saga, they had left the Great Lakes area, on to Elkhart, Indiana to visit the factory where their RV was built. From there to East Harbor, Ohio for a view of Lake Erie, a side trip to Kentucky to pick up some coin at Fort Knox, and near the end of September to Eureka, MO, near St. Louis, to visit grand kids.

In early October, worn out from visiting the grand kids, it was on to Arkansas, parking at Heber Springs while Sue visited a fantastic fabric shop in Batesville to purchase new fabrics at a good price. Remember we spoke earlier on the journey of the two sewing machines Sue brought along. Arriving in Yukon, OK - near Old Home!- around Columbus Day, Charles made time to come by and visit with those of the club who had gathered at Santa Fe Cattle Co Restaurant parking lot in Midwest City for a cold and windy final-for-the-year "Cruise-In-For-Coffee" sponsored by Midwest City Convention & Visitors Bureau.



An excerpt from a note from Charles during this time: *"I realize our plan sounds ambitious, but, as we live it, out, it doesn't seem that it is. We have found that we have 3 durations for stays. A simple overnight used to rest during a long driving leg. We found we like 200-300 mile legs as they take about 4-6 hours with the RV. Next are 3 nights, those allow us to have 2 days to look around. Then 5+ days. These long stays take advantage of discounts at the parks. Usually 7 days will cost the same as 5. We found 2 night stays don't allow any time to tank up, rest, and see any sights."*

Leaving Yukon, south again to Sherman, Texas where another son lives. During the visit there Charles made a final decision on replacing the old pin box on the RV (or on the truck? You know what a pin box is?) looked for one on E-bay, found one in Little Rock, went and got it and returned same day and he and his son ripped off the old and installed the new. Ready to venture further Texas.

This note arrived from the Halls on 4 Nov:

*The past few days have been interesting. We arrived here in Livingston, TX and set up. I had identified a water pump problem as we left Sherman TX and decided to troubleshoot here. The water pump is no longer pumping, but the motor runs. So, I ordered a new pump. No biggie since we have city water. AT&T (our phone) service is intermittent with, at most, one bar in the RV park. Our hotspot provider is T-Mobile and it has no service here. So, I purchased a Verizon plan and it works OK.*

*Life is good, but it is challenging me. I went to bed early deciding not to watch voting results. I expected no info on the outcome until late in the week and it appears I may be disappointed as it may not happen until next week. I am still breathing and mobile. COVID has not attacked me so, I am just fine and making an attitude adjustment.*

More from the Halls when they get rested up and before they head out for Mexico.



**Bon Voyage!**



## Do You Know Why We Call It "The Glove Box When Very Few Gloves Are Ever Found There?"

A **glove compartment** or a compartment to store diving gloves. They were sometimes in a box on the floorboard near the driver, hence the word "glovebox". In most vehicles (Wikipedia)

From www.thrillist on Yahoo! Search:

**"Regarding gloves -- never wear woollen gloves, but gloves made of good soft kid. You will find room for these gloves in the little drawer under the seat of the car." -- Dorothy Levitt, 1909, pioneering feminist and car girl.**

A rather interesting conversation that involved Kleenex, Isotoner, and Jose Canseco led to a big question rarely asked: what the hell is the story with the "glovebox"? Nearly every car has one, and the vast majority of people haven't used gloves while driving in *generations*.

I hit the books in search of the answer, and it's kinda badass. First of all, people have their terms all mixed up -- there's a vast difference between a glovebox and a glove compartment. That storage area in your car that holds anything but gloves? That's a *glove compartment*, technically. A *glovebox* is that, er, box with gloves built into the side that you see in hospitals and every outbreak disaster movie ever. Now that we have that straightened out...



LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM VIA THE OLD MOTOR



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### **Packard is credited for the very first storage box...**

At the turn of the 20th century, early cars were fighting to shed their image as "horseless carriages."

Another Interesting on the glovebox from 'the hog ring' on the internet: **GLOVEBOX**

Packard's approach to differentiate the automobile was to get rid of the dashboard -- which itself originated as a wooden or canvas panel to keep horses from splashing the driver with mud (and God knows what else) if they were... wait for it... dashing. In its place went a storage box, suitable for "parcels, waterproofs, etc." Thus, the designers at Packard, in 1900, with the car you see above, are the originators of the glove compartment... they just had no bloody clue what they made. from

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## Plans For November Meeting Announced By Central Oklahoma Chapter SDC Officers

**Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club**  
**Wednesday the 18th of November at 9:00am**  
**Studebaker Club "Shop Tour & Coffee"**



**Elmer Davis will host a Weekday Coffee Meeting at Elmer's Hobby Shop**  
**144 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73109** A few years back when he retired from his very long-lived body shop business, Elmer continued to go to his place every day as a matter of routine. But his place changed from Elmer's Body Shop to Elmer's Hobby Shop- a much more relaxing place to visit..



Elmer has invited us to join him for a special Studebaker Wednesday Morning. He will provide donuts and we are each asked to bring our own Coffee to drink, our own Chair and facemask for our comfort. The forecast is Sunny, Lo 45 / Hi 68 with an 8 mph South wind .. **a great day to drive a Studebaker.**



1966 Studebaker Daytona, Owners John & Diane Crooks, St. Joseph. MO



1962 Hawk GT, 4-Spd, PS, Frank & Elizabeth Van Dorn, Omaha



Winner of "People's choice, 1931 Studebaker President Speedway, owner Armacast Museum, Brian Neher, Grandview, MO



Don Armacost Jr.  
Stillwell, KS

## 1931 Studebaker Speedway

Following Russell Snowberger's Studebaker-powered #8 Special surprise pole position at the 1931 Indianapolis 500, Studebaker debuted the Speedway edition of its roadster at the end of the model year. Studebaker made just 100 Speedway roadsters, and all had the bright Cardinal Red color of the interior, chassis, undercarriage, radiator, and wire wheels. Available only in Chessylite Gray or black, Speedway models had plenty of substance to back up those bold colors. Their 337-cu.in. engines were fitted with a higher compression 7:1 cylinder head painted Flame Red, a higher-lift camshaft, 3.47:1 rear-axle ratio, and larger throats and jets in the carburetor. A stock Speedway was taken to Dry Lake, California, and driven to 10 land speed records.



The Ever-Popular Lifter Cove Races being set up





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