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## Another Tremendous Turnout For Fall Festival



Peter & Ken stop for a sody & a cola on the way to Wilburton

Photo by Studie Pete

Although you may have heard that "Nobody goes to **Robber's Cave** anymore, 'cause it's too crowded," The Fall Festival of 2022 was apparently another success as they reported about 65,000 visitors, 200 vendor booths and 500 cars displayed.

Members from our chapter confessing to attending were Peter Rodrigues, Ken Sumwalt and Clifton Hill. Studie Pete in the '53 Starlight and Ken in the Lark, saving their Avantis for colder weather, arrived early enough to find a place no more than a mile from the main festivities. Clifton was a bit later and spent most of his time at the **Wooldridge and Daughters Co.**, eating hamburgers and watching Packards. ,



Wooldridge Collection



### Letter from The Prez

Greetings to all Members of the Central Oklahoma Chapter.



The year of 2022 is almost gone and starting to cool down, approaching that time of year we consider getting out more often in our non-air-conditioned Old Studebakers. Tour Master Studie Pete has done a fantastic job this year in arranging some interesting events, already working at making the coming year even more challenging and interesting.

Other members have been busy as well, Clifton and Glenn reporting on excursions they've made in the last few weeks. I hope you all enjoyed a safe and scary Halloween.

On Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> I took an interesting trip to a place called **The Villages** in Florida to help my brother move back to Oklahoma, putting his things into storage. If you're a golfer, it's the place to be, with many golf courses. The home of Arnold Palmer, they get about mostly by golf carts traveling on their own streets alongside of the main city streets. The whole city, residential and business area streets are well-manicured, no trash anywhere. Very impressive.

We encountered a few problems getting packed and out of there, but we did beat Hurricane Ian by 2 days. The U Haul trailer we rented had a **bad alignment** or we loaded it wrong, causing a sway, and at any speed above 60 it started whipping. Limiting our speed to 60 caused us to get into Dallas close to midnight and it was a nightmare, tired and sleepy and feeling lost until we got to I-35 and seemed to get oriented. Two hours late, but oriented. When I reported the problem to U-Haul the guy said, "Yeah, we get a lot of complaints on that trailer." That shocked me into silence. Why didn't they fix it?

At our October meeting, another good turnout, Joe Parks announced that, due to health challenges, he is putting his '60 Silver Hawk and the parts car up for sale. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested call Joe at 405-833-0034. Pete handed out his itinerary of car shows and a possible trip later in November to the Marland Mansion. Keep an eye on your e-mail for further data.

As we near the closing of our fifty-third year as a

club (Elmer Davis will receive his 50-year pin next year!), I am very glad to have had the opportunity to serve as the President of the club as we celebrate and prepare to go forward into 2023.

Our club is now meeting once a month in-person for a breakfast on the second Thursday of each month at The OK Country Café on south Western, and November is our Election of Officers month. If anyone is interested in serving, speak up, and if you want to avoid getting elected to something you don't want, you should show up at the Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Our club is growing, and we've added some great new members in the last couple of years. In the coming year we hope to Recruit and attract more new members and enjoy more "Tours".

Considering the following episode quite interesting and certainly mysterious, I thought I would relate it to you.

One windy morning in early November of this year, after breakfasting and reading the morning newspaper, I stepped out of the house and was almost knocked over by a huge bright red and blue and green and yellow ball eight feet in diameter. Eight feet tall! It had not been anywhere in sight when I went to the street to get the newspaper. Where did it come from? I looked up to see if some giant had lost his toy, looked next door to see if anyone were out looking for a lost giant ball. I then called the neighbor and asked if they were looking for a big plastic ball, and she said, "Why, yes! We are. If you've found it, just throw it over the fence."

"I can't lift it! It's Eight feet tall, and heavy", I replied. "OH! Well, the one we look for is only about two feet," she said, apparently unconcerned that I was dealing with a mysterious monster-ball, not an ordinary specimen at all. Then they came over and looked at it and exclaimed, "Oh, my God! (not being religious people) Where did it come from?" Exactly what I had wanted to know.

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For the next few days, hazarding a strained back, I would frequently move it to different areas in the yard, hoping someone would see it and claim it. No takers. Then one day after finishing lunch, I stepped out into the yard and -POOF! There it was, GONE! We have no Idea where it came from or where it went. Haven't seen it since.

Just one of many weird things that happen to us. Thought I would pass it one to you. I find it quite interesting.

Now, remember, The Christmas Luncheon will be held at Charleston's on I-240 & Penn on Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30. Hope to see everyone there.



Jeri-Alynn and The Mystery Ball

Mel



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OK Country Café September 8, 2022





November 10, 2022

Another good membership turnout at our designated world headquarters of the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebakers Drivers Club. In attendance was Mel McGee and brother Bob, Phillip Brand, Elmer Davis, Mike Scott, Don Sutherland, John Harris, Clifton Hill, Don and Jeri Cox, Pete Rodrigues, Ken Sumwalt, Glenn Masopust. By my count, that makes 13, and I counted 3 times. Conversations were ongoing even before we got to our meeting room.

Once we got inside, the conversations really ran rampant with a small amount of show and tell. The show and tell was presented by Elmer who has acquired an exceptionally well-crafted photo album of car show pictures accomplished by Leland Laws. That got passed around with all good vibes. From there some of the conversations turned to car shows and how the end of the season is a veritable riot of shows. Pete passed around copies of the latest "What's Happenin' " list. The standout was what is being called the "Turkey Trot Cruise". This will be a trip to the Marland Mansion in Ponca City. This is tentatively scheduled for Nov 19.

Pete also spoke of the tour on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, attended by Pete, Clifton, Ken, Elmer, and Glenn, to the Gordon Pulliam collection. Lots of stuff to look at. Seven cars of much interest and shelves, floor to ceiling, of who knows what. More later as to what's happening there.

Pete brought up possible Christmas display runs, Chickasha, for one. No action, just a "Hey, let's go." kind of idea.

Don S. and Mike S. were talking about voting experiences, John joined the conversation and all expressed lamentations as to candidate quality and the conversation soon fell flat. So much for politics. Whew! The next point that made its way to me was club-wide kudos to Don for the fantastic job he does on the newsletter. Don as usual was very humble and tried to give the club the credit. Ok, the club does help, but Don is the maestro. Elmer was called on to give the treasurer's report. It was short and sweet. We ain't broke! And on a late car show note, Pete spoke of the great overall turnout for the Robber's Cave car show.

This meeting of the COCSDC was also club officer nomination/election. As no changes to the current officers were voiced, Elmer Davis moved for "all officers continue forward" and Don provided the second. The vote was all ayes.

President Mel then reminded the group of the Christmas luncheon and requested RSVPs. Mel also brought up the notion of a club auction at the luncheon. 2 sets of Stude hubcaps are in the ring to prime the pump, so to speak.

Previously there had been some concerns as to the future of national meets. Our resident South-Central Director, Don Cox, calmed those fears for at least the next 2 years when he informed us that the 2023 National will be in Manitowoc, WI and the 2024 will be in Dubuque, IA. Very good to hear.

The motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded, and I have no clue as to the parties involved, but it well may have been the wait-staff at The OK Country Cafe. With that we all adjourned to the parking lot to kick some tires and compare a couple of Avanti's.

These meeting notes, such as they are, respectfully submitted by secretary





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**November Birthdays** **Anniversaries**

Elmer Davis

Mike & Cindy Scott

Judy Hock

Glenn Masopust III

**December Birthdays** **Anniversaries**

Dennis Morrow

Ron & Jan Hall

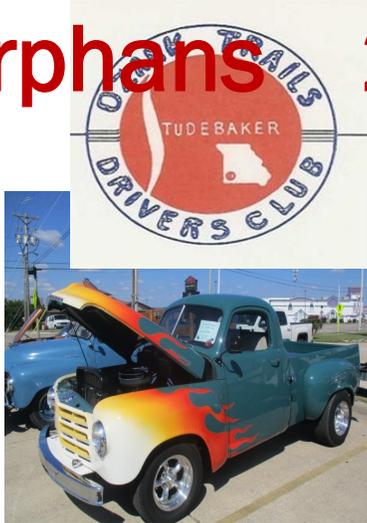
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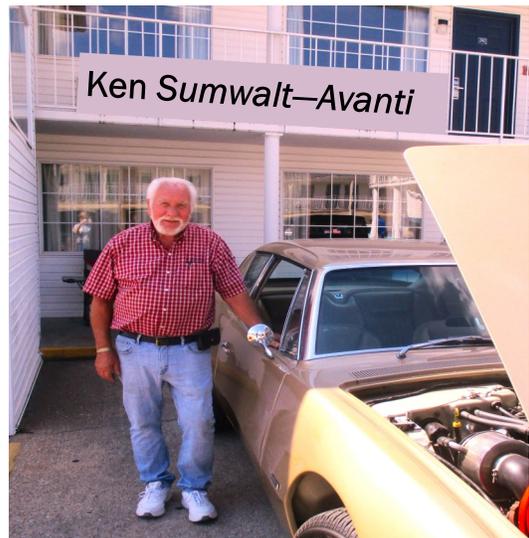
# Branson Orphans 2022



Charles Hall—'56 Power Hawk



Robert Baker—'62 Hawk



Ken Sumwalt—Avanti



Jeri Cox—'60 Lark



*More of Branson Orphans '22 as Charles Musgrove admires a hot Willys as cool as his shirt.*

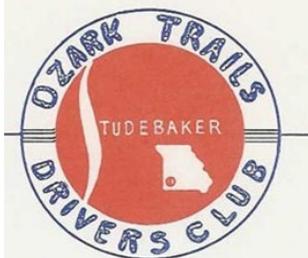
First time to appear at this show, the REO was a HIT!

1918 REO Speedwagon



The Ozark Trails SDC **Branson Orphans Car Show** came off very well this September, with about 60 cars displayed and a good turnout of spectators and a lot of good visiting accomplished. Attending from our chapter were Ken Sumwalt (Avanti), Don & Jeri Cox (Lark), Charles Hall (Hawk) and Don Sutherland (CR-V). Gary Sanders had arranged for perfect weather. *To your right tension builds as we await the blast-off of another drag contest.* Below, Charles Hall, Don Cox, Ken Sumwalt & Jeri Cox discuss whether to allow Don to accompany them to lunch.

VALVE COVER DRAGSTRIP



1932

# Holdenville—October 1



Ken and Peter thoroughly enjoyed this outing on such a beautiful day, such a perfect venue Main Street, America! - the good turnout and friendly spectators. They may repeat next year.



“Click On It”  
for virtual  
tour.



Club secretary Glenn Masopust Jr. set up at this year’s Norman Swap Meet with a well-stocked display of various materials. Glenn reported a good flow of car enthusiasts stopping by for a visit and gaining some knowledge about Studebakers and the club, 1955 Studebakers and 1972 Avanti IIs and perhaps even a great amount about the Corvairs of the 60s.





Beautiful venue for viewing Studebakers

The weekend of September 24 found Don and Jeri Cox in Salina, KS, meeting some avid Studebaker enthusiasts and viewing some really nice Studebakers. They knew we would enjoy some of the scenes captured.



On the way to the lake? A nice Hawk and a '50s fiberglass?



Beautiful '53 Starliner owned by a couple from Pennsylvania at the show. Don says this couple is moving to Elgin, OK



We got "Weathered out" of a Pauls Valley Fly n Drive Car Show  
BUT...

The final 2022 car show operated by the CanadianRiver-Cruisers will be held on Sunday, November 06, 2022, at **THUNDERBIRD CASINO**, east of Norman on highway 9.

**NOTE THE CHANGE.** The DATE of the Thunderbird show has changed to **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.**

Registration from 10:30-1:30 to allow folks to go after church with judging from 1:30 to 3:30 and trophies as soon as possible following that.

We hope you will still come and enjoy the fun time.

The weather is supposed to be better than on Saturday.

Now you can attend the OU game which begins at 2PM.

What makes this show different and special is the amount of cash to be given away to drivers during the show

\$3,100 in cash prize drawings? Are you kidding me?

And, the CRC car show team will be operating the show, so you know that everything will run like a clock....that's the way they do it!

Make your plans now to attend. The Canadian-RiverCruisers Car Show - **THUNDERBIRD CASINO**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6th.

**\*\* Nov. 10, 2022**

**Central Oklahoma Chapter  
of the Studebaker Drivers Club**



**SDC Thursday  
Breakfast at the:  
OK Country Café - 6072  
S Western Ave. OKC**

## **Turkey Trot Cruise - Nov. 19, COC-SDC to E. W. [Marland Mansion](#)**

From Pops 66, 660 U.S. Rt. 66, Arcadia, OK 73007



to E. W. Marland Mansion, 901 Monument Rd, Ponca City, OK 74604

**Via US 177 N 1 hr 50 min (92.8 mi)**

**FOLLOW OK-66 E/U.S. RT. 66 TO US-177 N IN LINCOLN COUNTY**

**24 min (18.6 mi)**

**CONTINUE ON US-177 N. TAKE N 3340 RD/S PERKINS RD AND US-177 N TO MONUMENT RD IN PONCA CITY**

**1 hr 24 min (73.3 mi)**

**TAKE LAKE RD AND SUGAR MAPLE DR TO MONUMENT RD**  
**2 min (0.9 mi)**

**E. W. MARLAND MANSION  
901 Monument Rd, Ponca City, OK 74604**



**Joe Parks is offering For Sale his '60 Hawk  
and a parts car  
Better Call Joe**

**405-833-0034**



## Secretary's Report On Sept & Oct Meetings .....at the OK Country Cafe

Sept 8, 2022

The September meeting of the COC SDC came to our version of order at roughly 9 am at our current location of the Ok Country Cafe. Members and guests present were: Mel McGee and his brother Bob, Mike Scott, Phil Brand, Elmer Davis, John Rogers and son Luke, Peter Rodrigues, Andy and Tiffany Reich, Glenn Masopust, Don Sutherland, Clifton Hill and special guest Robin(Laws)Hensley. If my math is correct that is an attendance of 14. Many thanks to all that showed up.

Robin is looking to get her 63 Lark back on the road, needs brakes. Robin and Pete put their heads together to find a solution. A lot of family reminiscing between Robin and tenured members. Mike Scott and John Rogers were discussing car seat upgrades, what works v. what doesn't and what can be "shoe-horned" into place. Bottom line of that discussion is find what works for the vehicle and don't look back.

Again, my usual dilemma of not being able to keep up has reared its' ugly head. Mike and John moved from seats to Barracuda v. Mustang. Looks like that topic is a draw. Don Sutherland called upon Robin to give a few details on Leland and Lucille's estate sale in Spencer. Lots of Studebaker stuff and stuff in general. Elmer had an issue of Turning Wheels that photos of his uncle's Studebaker truck at the dealership in Chickasha. Seems these pictures turn up on a fairly regular cycle.

Pete recognizes our guests and always makes sure they feel welcomed. Also from Studie Pete was an update on Joe Parks health being in decline. Joe has decided to sell his Hawks and parts. Looks like a package deal. Details next month. Mel informed the group that the Christmas luncheon on Saturday December 3rd at Charlestons on I-240 is officially a GO! Mel asked if there was anything else needing club attention. There was nothing. Don moved we adjourn and was second by all in attendance.



Glenn's Birthday: 5 November

Thursday meeting at OK Country Cafe

October 13, 2022

A bright sunny Thursday morning and another great turnout. Again 14 hungry folks showed up for another COC SDC roundup. Andy and Tiffany Reich, Mel McGee, Bob McGee, Ken Sumwalt, Don Sutherland, Phil Brand, Joe Parks, Pete Rodrigues, Elmer Davis, John Harris, Luke Rogers, Glenn Masopust, Mike Scott. Shoot for 15 in November, election of officers meeting?

COC SDC norms prevailed and 5 or 6 conversations on as many topics began, all occurring at once. And I'm off to the races to make sense of it all. Pete and Ken got my attention on fuel pump drive differences. This to help Don with The Dutch Girl's running problem. Now appears to be lack of fuel due to poor fuel pump drive. Details next month likely. Don decided to risk his camera to snag a group photo and managed to let one of our waitresses take a shot at it too. So Don's in the group shot as well. Pete took the floor to announce upcoming events in which the club might be interested in. There were too many to keep up with and Pete will send that list to all electronically.

The top of that list is the Oklahoma Antique Airplane Assoc. Car Show and Fly-In Nov. 5th at the Pauls Valley airport. From all indications this will be a club outing. The meet up will be at Ruby's in Purcell for those wishing to caravan. After Pauls Valley, Nov 19 is tentatively set as a Turkey Trot Cruise. Meet point and route to be determined. Possible electronic updates coming. The secretary paused to eat breakfast and the conversations carried on anyway. The mentions of vacations, tax audits?, transmissions briefly caught my attention.

Due to poor health, it's official: Joe Parks is selling his '60 Hawks plus parts. He said he's keeping his Studebaker truck.

Phil brought a very interesting show and tell. He has a Tucker brochure that was obtained at the 1947 Oklahoma State Fair. Very cool. I'll call it a 10:30 adjournment, whereat we conducted the usual milling about discussing mechanical problems.



GlennMasopust

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by

*Glenn Masopust*, Secretary.



SAVE THE DATE:

*Christmas Luncheon  
Thursday 3 December*

## Clifton Hill Pained At What's Happening To A Beautiful Old Church

Clifton reports learning recently that an old church in the Shawnee area is being razed due to lack of anyone willing to repair the leaking roof and a few other problems. Our Vice President believes the beautiful old building, which has served different area congregations for nearly 100 years, would have been worth saving. First serving as a Methodist church building for many years, then purchased by a Baptist congregation, left empty for the past many years, problems have been allowed to develop. But Mr. Hill sees the many beautiful stained-glass windows, the many sturdy old wooden pews, doors, etc. as a terrible waste of valuable assets. He and Ray Utter are making an effort to save as much as they can and see if they can be re-purposed. The editor found information on an old church in Paul's Valley being razed, but nothing on the one in Shawnee.



Photo by Clifton Hill

## Two New Kids In The Neighborhood!



Two beautiful Avanti TOOS await entry into Studie Pete's Auto Haven

Two recently acquired matching Avantis join the stables of Club Secretary Glenn Masopust and of Tour Master Peter Rodrigues. Exactly similar except that Glenn's red 1975 Avanti II with the chrome strip on the side is perhaps one inch lower than Studie Pete's back 1967 Avanti II without the side trim.

Another similarity is the fact that Peter has been searching for some time for the Perfect-For-Pete Avanti and Glenn has waited a long time for the Avanti that would fit his plans. Both plan to retain their current Stude rides for the time being, Glenn's Prez and Pete's Stude 1.

Photos by Studie Pete



TEAM AVANTI

## From Free Wheeling to Overdrive By, and Thanks to Dan Kuhl

Everyone has ridden a tricycle, right? Well, if you have, you know the only way to free wheel is to take your feet off the pedals while coasting down a hill.

With its invention in 1817 the bicycle recently celebrated its 200th Anniversary.



Denis Johnson's son riding a velocipede, Lithograph 1819

Fifty-two years after its invention, free-wheeling became an integral part of the bicycle we know today. In 1869 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., William Van Arden invented the freewheeling bicycle. His design placed a ratchet device in the hub of the front wheel where the pedals were located. A bicycle of this type was called a “velocipede”, which allowed the rider to ride without constantly pedaling as we did on our tricycles (See Photo).

In 1931 Studebaker incorporated a similar gismo into their line of automobiles. It was manufactured by Warner Gear Company that was established in Muncie, Indiana in 1901. According to the March 1931 Studebaker Wheel, no innovation in all automobile history has so captured the interest of motorists.

Features of free-wheeling are many. A few of the most important include: When activated, at no time does the car drive the engine. Benefits include ease of gear shifting with and without the clutch and with the helical gears used in the transmission with free-wheeling, second gear is quieter and more able to take advantage of “breaks” in heavy traffic situations.

Free-wheeling was used by Studebaker until 1935 when it was incorporated into the new Borg Warner overdrive system. Borg-Warner was part of the Warner Gear Company and was established in 1928. As a side note, my 1969 Ford pickup had overdrive/free-wheeling; it was quite the hoot to drive during my move to the Southwest in 1975.

Why was the addition of overdrive so important?

Studebaker had low revving engines that were not suitable to drive at high speed for long periods of time. Not only did it permit the engine to propel the car down the road at a higher rate of speed, it improved gas mileage while saving the engine from unnecessary wear-and-tear.

What makes overdrive so special? It is ease of operation. The overdrive system has two controls. The first is a “T” handle mounted on the dash that is pushed in by the driver to engage the overdrive action. The second control is an electrically operated solenoid that initiates operation.

A car with overdrive would have to be traveling down a road at a minimum of 35 mph to initiate operation with the “T” handle. The car first goes into a free-wheeling mode so that a governor in the overdrive will close a switch that will power the solenoid which puts the car in overdrive.

A Borg-Warner overdrive has an overdrive speed ratio of 33.3%, which means a car in overdrive will travel 33.3% faster for the same engine rpm. However, to pass another car (accelerate rapidly) a kick-down switch under the accelerator temporarily takes the car out of overdrive so the car can easily accelerate. After passing is completed the driver eases up on the gas pedal allowing the car to automatically go back into overdrive.

In closing it is important to know that overdrive does not function in reverse— not many of us have a need to travel 35 mph in reverse, unless one is driving in the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show

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Reference for Joie Chitwood is from the web

[The Bicycle](#)

Just in time for Christmas! .....asking \$4,500

Adam Skinner is considering letting go of his '50 Land Cruiser and On Nov 12, 2022 at 9:39 AM

wrote

*"Hello Don,  
My name is Adam. I have a 1950 Studebaker Land Cruiser that I am looking to sell. I was wondering if you know anyone who would be interested in owning a Land Cruiser, or if you could recommend a good place to post it for sale. It has decent paint, a good interior, but has been parked for a while. It is located in Shawnee, Okla.*

*Thank you,  
Adam."*



Adam's '50 Land Cruiser



Adam Skinner <[getsomeskin@yahoo.com](mailto:getsomeskin@yahoo.com)>

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*You do not really understand something unless you  
can explain it to your grandmother. - Proverb*

*Wishing Everyone a Happy Thanksgiving*

Remember: Election of new officers November 10 meeting, Thanksgiving Day Nov. 24, Christmas Lunch 1:30PM at Charleston's December 3, John Harris - Birthday Dec. 3(39) Glenn Masopust Birthday Nov. 5 (29)