



# Stude Flyer

*Serving The Central Oklahoma Chapter of Studebaker Drivers*

## A Word From The President—Melvin McGee



Greetings and wishes for a merry March and April for all in the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club. Changes, hopefully for the better, and interesting events are happening so quickly in the Club it's difficult to keep up with what's going down and what's coming up. A guest at the regular monthly meeting in February created a great deal of interest and pleasure causing us to be more aware of the time the club has been in existence. I will elaborate on how that came about.

The Wednesday before the February meeting my brother Bob and I took my Hawk over to a nearby car wash. When we first pulled in a couple came over immediately and started asking questions about the Hawk. Introductions all 'round disclosed it was Virgil Hullett and daughter Linda Plank. Virgil declared that he was one of the original founders of our Central Oklahoma Studebaker Club. It was quite an interesting conversation and, of course, I invited them to our meeting the next day. When they showed up, with his son Mark now in the party, Virgil presented a faded copy of what has to be one of the first newsletters of this club - two pages of some interest for those of us who've been wondering about our by-laws. Turns out he owns thirteen (13!) Stude's and a daily driver is his Stude pickup. His daughter is quite the conversationalist and, apparently proud of her Father's history, brought photos of some of his cars. I'm looking forward to seeing them again and will let them all know they are welcome at any of our activities.

In the January meeting there were nine in attendance and after Elmer gave his Treasurer's report Glenn Masopust brought us up to date on Pete's back surgery, reporting that he's doing better than the doctors expected. We are all pleased with that news and hope the procedure makes life a good deal more pleasant and bearable for Studie Pete.

On a, "Let's help this guy" note, and requesting help or any informative input from the club, I want to report a call from a Studie owner out in Fontana, Calif. Looking for Venetian blinds for a '52 coupe, his name is "Sergio", his phone 409-609-5920. If anyone knows where to find these items he would appreciate a call. John Harris said he saw some in a magazine just recently but couldn't remember which one. He said he would check, and I checked *Turning Wheels* and didn't find anything. I suggested Sergio put an ad in the magazine and he said he would.

Also mentioned at the meeting was Lance's 1950s drive inn located on Lindsey St. in Norman. They would like to have car clubs come by and have a burger or something.

Mark Garcia, Director, Heart of Route 66 Region VCCA, also attended the February meeting. He brought up the subject of his club and ours joining for some short road trips to various sites and other activities. I personally think it is a good idea, thinking it would be fun and interesting.

So - stay safe, stay aware of "what's happening" and I will see you at the next meeting.

*Melvin*



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|  | April Birthdays  | Anniversaries  |
|  | <p>Clifton Hill<br/>Jim Jones<br/>Cindy Scott<br/>Roland Walters</p>             | <p>Elmer &amp; Evadean Davis</p>   |

### A reminder to all in the Central Oklahoma Chapter of SDC

– Elmer Davis, 11828 Autumn Leaves, Oklahoma City, OK 73170 will gladly accept your club dues, either by check to COC SDC mailed to his address or by check or cash handed to him at the next meeting at **Grandy's, 7704 S Western Ave, OKC** on Thursday, March 14, 2024. *The 1971 COC SDC Newsletter exhibited by Virgil Hullett at last meeting reveals that the collection of club dues is an age-old problem. 53 years old at least. ....Editor*

### .....Don & Jeri Cox File For Excused Absence Slip For Next Meeting

..... and for good reason! Don and Jeri report that they are still very busy in California, working on making the 50th Studebaker La Palma event the greatest ever. Go online and check it out and I think you will agree. A lot of hard work but they are confident all is going well and they do expect a very enjoyable showing for this May 26 meet. More exciting to the newsletter staff and the local COC is Don's promise of "...we do plan to make every effort to be with you at the April meeting!" April ain't so far away and it will be pleasant to visit with Don and Jeri at the meeting.

## STUDEBAKER

# La Palma

**CAR SHOW & PARTS EXCHANGE**



# 50



Years

1974 - 2024

THE LARGEST

STUDEBAKER

MEET IN THE WEST!

Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Celebrate our Anniversary with us!!

La Palma Park, Anaheim, CA

www.StudebakerSoCal.com

### Secretary's Report ...by Glenn Masopust

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Well, it's that time again and **January 11th** rolled around 'way sooner than expected! As a cold morning unfolded at Grandy's, the current world headquarters of the COCSDC, a total of nine brave souls arrived for conversation, breakfast, and for what passes as an official club meeting. In attendance were: Andy & Tiffiany

Reich, Don Sutherland, Elmer Davis, Mel McGee, Bob McGee, John Rogers, Luke Rogers, and Glenn Masopust.

It was the usual of breakfast first and conversation second. Don tried to get the ball rolling on the idea of some kind of road trip before it gets too hot. Lots of agreement, but no destination or time frame was settled upon. And with that Don excused himself as his presence was needed back at the homestead.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a continuation of road trip ideas, (still no solid plans), Where members were born and grew up, driving old 66 in OK since we have lots of drivable miles, and the use of vintage license plates. On the latter, the state does allow but the process is a tremendous headache. By this time conversation was waning and those in attendance began to address the rest of the day.

The **February 8th** meeting of the COCSDC at our now regular location of Grandy's on South Western Ave., OKC was very well attended. Andy & Tiffiany Reich, Mel McGee, Ken Sumwalt, Bob McGee, John Harris, Elmer Davis, Peter Rodrigues, John & Joyce Meyer, Don Sutherland, John Rogers, Luke Rogers and Glenn Masopust. With guests Mark Hullett, Linda Plank, Virgil Hullett and Mark Garcia. Making a total of eighteen assuming I have counted correctly.

Breakfast and conversation started in our usual manner about 9 am. Elmer was up first with our current financial report, letting it be known we, as a club, are in very good shape, and Elmer is more than pleased with membership dues collection. Let's keep up the good work!



Before the mass exodus began I, Glenn, presented an update on Peter's back surgery. He is recovering at a much faster rate than expected and is doing very well indeed and is ready to get back to normal activities, albeit on a somewhat limited basis. You go Peter! The drift away began in earnest around 10:20 as we all bid farewell to hibernate until next month.

Under the heading of miscellaneous actions, the call is out for the blinds for a '52 Studebaker coupe. As I am not clear on body style, my assumption is Starlight, but could be a hardtop. If anyone knows where this accessory may be lurking, contact our editor, Don. Happy hunting. Clifton Hill absent. His wife is in for cataract surgery. Our best wishes on a great outcome.



Three of our guests, with one in particular were deeply involved in the very early life of our club. Virgil Hullett, his daughter Linda Plank, and son Mark Hullett graced us with their presence. Virgil was a founding member of our club. If I heard correctly, he approached Mel at a car wash as Mel was washing his Hawk, introduced himself, and was properly and promptly invited to our meeting. Welcome good sir!

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Virgill Hullett

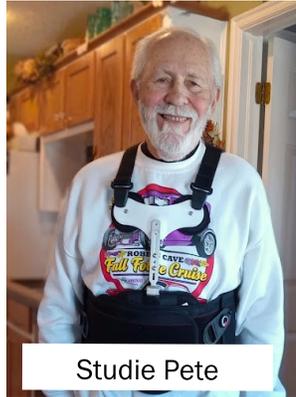
Mark Hullett

Photos on this page by Linda Plank

Virgil brought an early club newsletter for show and tell. One page front and back! Linda Plank took a picture of that item, shown on pg 12 & 13 in this issue. Very cool club history. Virgil; just come on back anytime you like. Glad to have you.

Next up was Mark Garcia, president of the Heart of Route 66 Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. His attendance was/is an effort to promote inter-club activities. Possibly first up would be an inter-club cruise to Wheels Of The Past in Agra. Sounds good to me. Sounds like Mark has lots of info and experience to share.

Peter Rodrigues is BACK! We all welcomed Peter today's meeting along with being informed of several upcoming events. Hasn't missed a beat!



Studie Pete

Mark is working closely with John Harris with the goal of setting up future shared outings with the two clubs. Good things could come of this. As a further welcome, we went around the table and introduced the COCSDC.

We are at swap meet decision time. This year Shawnee and Chickasha are the same weekend. That being Mar 15 & 16.

The events Peter touched on can be found in this newsletter. I will not duplicate efforts here. And last but not least, John Harris brought to the floor a few ideas for possible club adventures jointly decided, it will be a good time. And with that, I will close with pictures, taken by Mark Garcia, of the rides waiting for us in Gandy's parking lot February 11.

Respectfully submitted by

*Glenn Masopust*



Above we see, forefront to background, Luke's Plymouth (soon to be fuel injected), Glenn's McKennan-powered Avanti II, Ken's Lark, Mel's Hawk. Peter's Chevy-powered Starlight and Don's Starliner Commander.

Ken Sumwalt's '62 Lark



Luke Rogers's '64 Cuda



Mel McGee's '56 Hawk



## FROM THE DESK OF MIKE JONES

I seem to start a lot of thoughts related to the weather when it comes to our interests . Most everything we do related to our automotive hobby depends on weather. This time of year we expect cold temperature with instances of snow and freezing precipitation. Not to jinx it but this has been an incredible winter in the New Year. Working in my unheated garage has been pleasant, I am washing cars and attending a couple gatherings I normally would not have this time of year. Let's hope it lasts.

You may have noticed the February issue of *Turning Wheels* has a new advertiser with Grundy Insurance. Grundy is a leader in classic car insurance. Our advertisers assist with keeping costs down. As always when talking with advertisers please let them know you saw their ad in *Turning Wheels*.

It's that time of year when car shows, gatherings and cruises are in the planning stages. I hope you can make lots of them. I plan to attend events in the OKC area myself this year.

As always I am looking for contributions for the Where Has Your Studebaker Been Feature. A story of somewhere of something you did with your Studebaker. A couple of photographs and I can use it.

Hope to see you soon. If I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Mike*

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(Below: From the March Issue of *Turning Wheels* Magazine)



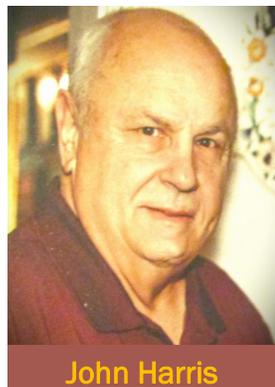
### North Texas Chapter Meeting

On Saturday, January 20th the North Texas Chapter of SDC had its first meeting of the year. Held at a local barbeque in Arlington, Texas, the meeting was well attended.

Special guest was the South Central Zone Coordinator, **Nita Ketchum**. Nita talked about her role as a zone coordinator. (See photo at left)

*Left to Right: Mike Jones, Turning Wheels Assistant Editor; Nita Ketchum, South Central Zone Coordinator; Eddie Ranne, North Texas Chapter President. Mark Chambers photo.*

## Recently Appointed Tour Master John Harris Takes The Helm



John Harris

Happy Leap Year to all COC SDC members. First, if you haven't paid your local dues for 2024, a rather paltry sum, get off your bums and do it!! Also, while you are up, we have an extra day this year to drive our cars.

With this in mind, and always looking for a reason to get the Stude out, I joined the [Canadian River Cruisers](#). Guess what? It is free! And no meetings. They have no dues at all. I went through their web site and while the pictures I saw make my car look really beat up, which it is, I am still going to give them a chance. Studie Pete gave us a schedule of their events, which is what got me interested. They have over 300 members, so they are obviously exclusive. I will let you know in future issues about what I found.

I will never be able to keep up with Glenn's schedule of attending car shows and meetings but am looking forward to seeing what is going on. Check them out if you've time on your hands.

Closer to home, Mark Garcia \*, who visited our meeting this February, is working with Clifton on getting a drive together with the Chevy Club to go to ["Wheels of the Past"](#) in Agra the first or second weekend in April. It now appears Calvin has that shop tour set for 10AM Saturday 6 April. Agra is 58 miles from Oklahoma City, 62 miles from Lake Thunderbird for those of you in the East. An easy hour each way, Agra is just north of Chandler so finding food should be a cinch. Keep your eyes open for an email about it and maybe we will have it confirmed by the March meeting on the 14th. Oklahoma always has good days during the winter. Let's get into those unheated garages and check fluid levels, etc. and get ready for a spring fling to Agra, America.

*John Harris*

This just in: Peter's e-mail suggests

**Coffee & Cars at the OKC Fairgrounds Saturday March 2, 8AM to 11AM.**

**March 15-16, 2024 37th Annual Shawnee Swap Meet.**

**Friday, March 15: 8AM-6PM**

**Saturday, March 16: 8AM-4PM**

**The Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center 1700 W Independence St Shawnee, OK 74804**

The **Almost Ready to Cruise Car Club** has approximately 30 members and enjoys a variety of activities. From sponsoring car shows to setting up cruise-ins our members bring their 1930's to almost new cars to promote many worthwhile causes. We help sponsor Santa Fest (toys for children at Christmas time), Project Safe (shelter for abused women and their families), Faith 7 (sheltered workshop for adults with developmental disabilities), the Salvation Army Angel Tree (Christmas presents for needy children), and girl scout troops. We have assisted Little League teams and other children's groups with donations in the past. Our biggest activity is the annual "Swap Meet" held the first weekend in March at the Expo Center in Shawnee, Ok. We have increased our space and can now offer inside spaces for all vendors and those selling vehicles. **We have over 150 vendors from Oklahoma and surrounding states selling car parts and other auto related accessories.**

**Mar 15 - 16, 2024 Chickasha, [Pre-War Auto Swap Meet](#)**

Grady County Fairgrounds Chickasha, OK 73023

Phone: 405-224-9090

Experience one of the world's largest early auto meets at Chickasha's Grady County Fairgrounds this March. The Pre-War Auto Swap Meet features over 1,000 vendors from multiple countries showcasing the largest selection of brass-era parts.

**April 6th 2024**

**Coffee & Cars - April Event**

8am- 11am Remington Park

Please join us April 6th at Remington Park from 8am to 11am!

1 Remington Pl, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

**John Harris Rings “Full Speed Both Engines” As Rodrigues and Hill Shovel The Coal**



**107th Anniversary. Exhibits of new automobiles, classic cars, Coffee and Cars OKC (outdoors) on Saturday morning March 2 and more info to come.**

**March 1, 2024, 9AM - 9PM  
 March 2, 2024, 9AM - 9PM  
 March 3, 2024, 9AM - 6PM**



**Midwest City Parks & Recreations** hosts a community **Cruise-In-For-Coffee**. Car enthusiasts are invited to bring their sweet rides by the Santa Fe Cattle Co parking lot in Midwest City for a morning spent meeting fellow hot rod drivers over free cups of caffeine. Make new friends, enjoy a hot cup of coffee and browse shiny cars on display during Midwest City's monthly Cruise in for Coffee.  
**7101 SE 29th Street Midwest City 73145**

**Looking Ahead —**

**April 20**

**May 18**

**June 15**

**April 19th-20th Kellyville, OK Tulsa Swap Meet [See Flyer www.thetulsaswapmeet.com](http://www.thetulsaswapmeet.com)**

**April 20th Guthrie, OK Our 2024 - Guthrie Oklahoma at the Cottonwood Flats Recreation area..** We will have use of 30 to 40 acres of grassy area with trees. Event location address is 308-398 N 5th St, Guthrie, OK 73044. Please stay tuned for our map release for further layout details for the event.

Our event will take place on Friday April 19th from 1p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday April 20th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. See Flyer <https://www.thetruckgathering.com> [See Flyer](#)

**Second Thursday of each month Meeting at Grandy's**

**7704 S Western Ave, Oklahoma City  
 9AM Thursday, March 14 next Meeting**

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**Then 9AM Thursday, April 11 Meeting**

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**“Wheels Of The Past” is now set for 10AM Saturday April 6 2024**

Clifton Hill's last report is that Dennis, of Wheels Of The Past, approved the request to open the shop to visitors on that date. Three other clubs are being invited, no specific data on that as yet. With 10AM as the time we arrive at Agra we will rendezvous at Agra, as so many live farther east and it would not be practical to meet somewhere and then continue. Also, after the shop tour the plan at present is to meet for lunch somewhere closer than Tulsa. We'll talk about it Thursday 14 March.

**April 27th Pryor, OK Annual Car Show at the William Bradford Christian School**

Pryor OK. 8:00 a.m. We will be having an open show, without classes, offering the top 50 picks with hand made trophies designed by the students. All judging will be done by the students and we are planning to have a super turnout. Come join us for a great day on April 27, 2024. [See Flyer](#)

**May 4th 2024 Coffee & Cars - May Event 8am - 11am Remington Park**

Please join us May 4th at Remington Park from 8am to 11am!  
 1 Remington Pl, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

**May 25, 2024 - Norman Veteran Center Classic Car Show 1776 East Robinson, Norman, OK**

Presented by The Disabled American Veterans - DAV & the Canadian River Cruisers -cRc.  
 \$25.<sup>00</sup> Entry Fee.. 100% OF THE ENTRY FEE GOES TO The Veteran recreation Fund of Oklahoma  
 Reg from 8 to 11. Show from 10 to 3 Judging 11:30 to 1:30 Awards at 3pm

## For Sale: Supercharged 1963 Studebaker



Studebaker Avanti (63R 3487) built by Studebaker in February of 1963

With a Supercharged R2 high-performance engine, an automatic transmission, power steering, and power front disc brakes. A frame-off restoration began in 1992 which included replacing all the necessary chassis-components and repainting the entire body in gold. After passing through a few owners, the very well-done restoration/refurbishment was completed this past year.



See **CRAIG'S LIST** for more pictures and details and pictures.

**Asking price is \$32,000.  
Ken will consider  
REASONABLE offers.**

This R2 Avanti is not perfect museum quality - But is a really nice car; a great driver, shows well at car shows, cruise nights, and is fun to drive. Springtime is coming.

# Clifton Hill with Project Cars of Interest

**1964 Studebaker Cruiser 4dr** for parts or ? Has lots of good body parts and trim. Car has the desirable fold down front seats and power brake booster. Not titled.  
 Reduced price --\$695.



**1964**



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**1963 Studebaker Cruiser 4dr for sale.**

Vehicle is very complete with V8 engine, air conditioning and power steering. Have not tried to get it running. Not titled !

**Priced at \$1995.**

**Text Clifton Hill at**

**405\*214\*8812**

The very nice 1940 La Salle 4-Door Sedan now has the new starter and is driving well. A great car.

## Elmer Davis

*Studebaker Parts for many models*

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## WHITED'S VINTAGE CAR RESTORATION

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405-614-5994

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Crescent, OK 73028

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*whiteds.vintage.cars@gmail.com*

## George Gibson

**Differential Repair**

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Moore, OK 405-881-8579

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### **Mike Moss in El Reno**

[mmoss888@gmail.com](mailto:mmoss888@gmail.com)

**Cell: 405-412-4915**

Stude engine parts and a few other miscellaneous parts I have 2 engine blocks (one 259 and one 289) and crankshafts plus pistons and rings and oil pans and intakes and exhaust manifolds. Etc.. the 289 Crankshaft is a rebuilt crankshaft.

Charles Hall tells of some kinda car club he is considering, Said it was a real good deal. I didn't get all the details and don't wanna join no more clubs, so I din't look it up, but here is his link to the one of which he spoke.

[Steering Wheel Club](#)

From Susan Lusted Files

## TECH TIPS

### Here's How to Find and Stop Oil Leaks

By Jim & Karen McKeever

San Joaquin Valley Chapter, SDC

There's nothing more frustrating than having an oil leak that puts greasy, sticky goo all over your chromed and polished aluminum engine parts (or all over your garage floor!) If you have ever wondered if there was an easy way to seal oil pan, intake manifold, or valve cover leaks, here is a little tip that will help.

For materials, you will need a tube of silicone sealer (the blue stuff or similar oil resistant type), a piece of vacuum hose large enough to go over your dipstick tube (with dipstick removed) and long enough to reach another car (about 8 feet or so should do), some duct tape, carb cleaner, and a stethoscope or reasonable facsimile. (If you already have a vacuum pump, or decide to purchase one, you can eliminate the 8 feet of vacuum hose, but you will need an appropriate length to go from the pump to the dipstick tube.)

**First**, drain the oil from the leaking engine. If you forget this, the vacuum source, (i.e. the other car) will soon have five or so extra quarts of oil.

**Second**, seal the openings on the engine (PVC valve hole, oil breather, etc.) with the duct tape. You might want to start by degreasing the engine first.

**Third**, remove the dipstick, hook the vacuum hose to the dipstick tube on the leaking engine, and run the other end to the manifold vacuum on the other car (not ported).

Start the engine on the vacuum source car and run it just above idle. Take the stethoscope and listen to all the likely places it could be leaking on the oil pan, intake manifold, and valve covers. Where there is a leak, you will hear a rush of air (HISS-S-S) being drawn into the engine. If you don't have a stethoscope, you can take carb or brake cleaner and spray it around the gasket areas, then watch and listen for it to be sucked in. Once you find the leak, take your carb cleaner and spray the area liberally to get rid of the excess oil.

Then take the tube of silicone sealer and apply it wherever the engine is hissing. The vacuum will pull the sealer into the opening, sealing the leak. Allow the sealer to completely dry, then trim off any excess, so everything looks nice and neat.

Don't forget to put oil back into your formerly leaking engine before you fire it up, or you may have to clean broken parts off the garage floor that weren't there before!

This little trick also works on new and/or rebuilt engines while on an engine stand, to make sure they don't leak before they go into your car.

**Jim & Karen McKeever**



Pete Yuens offers:

*Fellow member, John Bainbridge of the B.C. Coastal Chapter provided me with the following tip:*

When you are doing a brake job, it is important that the parking brake cable be oiled. Many brake issues are caused by the friction between the cable and the sheath. This includes NOS brake cables as they are nearly 60 years old and dry. Some NOS cable will be more that 60 years old.

**Pete Yuens says,**

For cars without power windows, the lubrication of the gears that lift and lower the windows are out of sight and out of mind, still, they need to be lubricated from time to time. It is a time consuming job but it should be lubricated to reduce the wear on them.

Photos by Linda Plank



*Newsletter, August, 1971*

## Central Oklahoma Chapter of The Studebaker Driver's Club

Meeting Date: 2nd Sunday of Each Month—Oklahoma City, Okla.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE OF AUGUST MEETING

The next meeting will be held on August 8, 1971 (2nd Sunday of the month) starting at 2:30 P.M. and ending at 4:30 P.M. This will be our Annual Business Meeting at which time new officers will be elected for the coming year. This meeting will be held in the South wing of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church located at 86th and South Pennsylvania in Oklahoma City. It will be a very important meeting—so please come out and cast your vote for the new officers. This will also be a good time for everyone to express their views, comments, suggestions for the future of this Chapter of SDC.

For refreshments we will have plenty of coffee and Kool-Ade. In case any one decides to bring some cookies, without a doubt, they will be appreciated.

—SDC—

### DUES DUE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The following members' dues are due:

Jim Bellomy, Bill Dooley, Everett Gentry, Roy Lee Whitten and Vernon L. Young.

The red No. after your name on address of Newsletter is month dues are due. If no renewal is received within three months you will be delinquent and Newsletter cancelled.

—SDC—

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Frank Reetz has appointed the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee to make recommendations for officers for the coming year: Max Fry, Basil Hayes, Virgil & Melvin Hallett, and Jim England. If you have any suggestions please contact this committee.

—SDC—

### EXCERPTS FOR OUR CHAPTER BY-LAWS

For your information and guidance in preparing for the next meeting, Article 2 of the By-Laws states in part:

Section 1—Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the CENTRAL

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE STUDEBAKER DRIVER'S CLUB, INC. shall be comprised of the following:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- All Committee Chairmen  
(Permanent)

### Section 2—Elections

A nominating committee consisting of five (5) members of the chapter shall be appointed by the President. The President shall also appoint all committee Chairmen which shall not be an elective offices. This committee shall prepare a ballot containing names of at least eight (8) eligible members of the chapter who have indicated a willingness to serve as one of the four (4) elective officers. Membership on the Nominating Committee does not disqualify any member from nomination for elective office.

The ballot shall contain names of at least two (2) members as candidates for each office. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to final balloting.

Elections shall be conducted during the August meeting after nominations from the floor have been recorded on the prior prepared ballots. Winning candidates shall be installed at the next meeting, and will assume office immediately.

**PRESIDENT**—The President shall preside over all meetings of the CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER and shall have overall responsibility for management and the chapter's public image. The President shall act as liaison between the chapter and THE STUDEBAKER DRIVER'S CLUB, INC., and it shall be his duty to obtain sanction for all chapter activities for which sanction is required by the By-Laws of the STUDEBAKER DRIVER'S CLUB, INC. The final decision for all chapter activities shall rest with the President and he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

—SDC—

The Activities Committee Reports an award will be presented at the next meet-

ing for a Studebaker made in the 1960's. Awards are planned for other year models in the future.

Cars will be judged in some or all of the following categories, depending on specialities of available judges.

### Mechanical Condition and Maintenance

- A—Engine, start and idle
- B—Windshield wipers.
- C—Exhaust system
- D—Brakes (pedal and hand)
- E—Lights
- F—Horn
- G—Tires
- H—Glass and/or side curtains
- I—Wiring (neat and safe)
- J—Cooling system (top tank, core, hoses)
- K—Authenticity

### Physical Appearance

- A—Engine room
- B—Undercarriage
- C—Body (condition of)
- D—Roof or top (if all metal do not score)
- E—Plating
- F—Paint
- G—Upholstery (headliners, floor coverings)
- H—Instruments, dash and interior trim
- I—Degree of authenticity.

—SDC—

### GOOD TURN OUT AT JULY MEETING

There were fifty-seven in attendance at our last meeting which was held at Dodson's Cafeteria. This was a fine meeting that everyone seemed to enjoy. Although the Bonneville Avanti Film was a disappointment—Jim England's slides were the hit of the day!

—SDC—

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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**MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

My Studebakering time has been seriously curtailed lately as I have been required to spend a lot of time out of town, but no matter where you go you can always find someone to talk Studebaker to. Last week it was Amarillo, Texas, during the course of business I ran on to two former SDC members who still have their cars but dropped out of the club for lack of local activity; I will be spending a lot of time there in the next few weeks and it is my fond hope that I will be able to inspire at least one man to get the ball rolling to start a club. This has brought a point home to me most forcefully. A monthly magazine just won't hold a large group together, it takes fellowship! Hasn't your interest in Studebaker increased 10 fold since joining our local group? Isn't this a perfect reason to become more active? It takes more than just members to keep a club alive—to paraphrase President John Kennedy—"Ask not what your club can do for you, but what can you do for the club?"

This is my Swan Song as your President! I would love to run again for another term, but time will not permit me this privilege, and if I am not able to spend the necessary time it would not be fair to you, my family, or SDC. The coming year will see me away from Oklahoma City a great deal plus the normal press of job responsibility. Besides, it is time for new blood and fresh ideas. Getting this club started has been the fulfillment of a dream and the past year has left me with memories and experiences I shall never forget, you are a wonderful group of people and you will never fully know what a pleasure and privilege it has been for me to serve you. Please work with your new President as you have with me.

I will most certainly work with the club and give of whatever time and talent I can muster. I have neglected my responsibility as Regional Director this past year and in the coming year I do plan to spend all the time I can find to promote SDC in the state, with the primary objective of forming several other chapters in the state. There are many others who would love a club, but we are too far away. Two or three additional chapters would make our own Central Oklahoma Club stronger since we would be furnishing the guidelines.

I have noticed a slowing down in the number of car projects among our members which has caused me some concern. Are we losing interest, or is it the heat? SDC is known among the other car clubs for the fierce pride we have in our cars. Let's all take a good look at our cars, when was the good old Stude waxed last? Spend a little time on it and then proudly

bring it to the next meeting and let the public see our pride. You have all seen the "Pride in Oklahoma" sign, let's all put a little more pride and love into our cars.

I sincerely trust that the coming year sets the pattern for the best CAR club in the Western Zone rather than just a social club; remember, your car is not only a hobby but an investment. In just 11 months the Western Zone meet will be HERE! Please don't let it sneak up on you, let's show our good neighbors in Colorado, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, etc. that we Oklahomans have come a long way since the dust bowl days. It is not too early to start.

Studebakerly,

FRANK REETZ.

—SDC—

**EXCERPTS FROM A STUDEBAKER****PUBLIC RELATIONS RELEASE . . .****"HISTORY OF STUDEBAKER" (cont'd)**

1946—Chippewa plant, built by the government in 1942 for assembly of B-17 bomber engines, purchased from the government by Studebaker for truck assembly operations.

1947—Studebaker introduced first new postwar styling in the automotive industry.

1948—First truck with enclosed cab step.

1950—First to use air-cooled torque converter transmission.

1950-53—Studebaker produced J-47 turbojet engines and military trucks for Korean war effort.

1952—Studebaker pioneers use of mechanical power steering.

1954—The Studebaker Corporation and Packard Motor Car Company merged October 1, 1954, into the Studebaker-Packard Corporation. First to use self-centering, self-energizing brakes.

1955—First complete line of 5-passenger sports-type cars by an American car maker—the Hawks.

1956—First to use flared fin brake drums to minimize "fading" due to heat. Harold E. Churchill elected President, Studebaker-Packard Corporation, August 6, 1956, following signing of management advisory agreement with Curtiss-Wright Corporation. The 1957 models introduced November 8 included: First variable rate coil springing (sedans), first non-slip differential for the low price field (Twin-Traction).

1957—Assumed the distribution responsibilities in North America for the Mercedes-Benz.

1958—Introduction of the new dimension in motoring, the 1959 compact car described as, "Smart, sensible, solid, smooth, spirited" . . . the LARK.

1958—On May 22, 1958, Lark produced. Earlier, the Lark V-4 entry in the 1,000 mile Mobilgas Economy Run topped all 4-cylinder engine models entered with 22,227 miles-per-gallon. Acquisition of C.T.L. plastics research and manufacturing organization; ultra-high temperature applications for space research. Gering Products, Inc. plastics firm acquired.

1958—Opened Studebaker car and truck assembly in Arica, Chile.

Acquired Gravely Tractors, Inc., Dunbar, West Virginia, manufacturers of self propelled outdoor power tools for lawn, garden, farm and commercial uses.

1960 Cars magazine Best Buy Award presented to the Studebaker Lark.

Acquired Clarke Floor Machine Co., Muskegon, Michigan, manufacturers of floor maintenance equipment.

Acquired D. W. Onan and Sons, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn., builders of electric generating plants.

Sherwood H. Egbert elected president and chief executive officer effective February 1, 1961.

1961—Two Studebaker Larks placed first and second in Class IV of the Pure Oil Economy Trials.

Studebaker-Packard announced that seat belt anchors will be provided on all passenger cars.

Acquired Chemical Compounds, Inc., St. Joseph, Missouri, processors and distributors of STP motor oil and fuel treatments.

Studebaker announced production of medium duty trucks and tractors equipped with diesel engines.

Studebaker Lark V-8's took first and second places in the 4,100 mile Trans-Canada Rally.

1962—CTL Division developed heat shielding used in successful orbital flight of astronaut John H. Glenn, Jr.

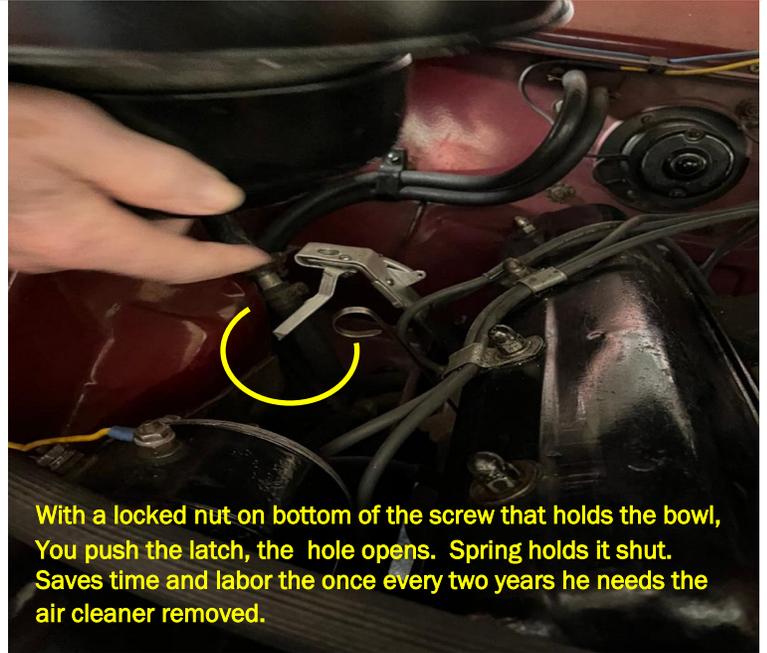
Acquired Schafer, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, manufacturers of low-temperature cabinets for dairy products and frozen foods.

Acquired Paxton Products, Inc., Santa Monica, Calif., manufacturers of superchargers, industrial blowers and similar equipment.

Studebaker Avanti sets new world production car speed record. Two and one quarter miles in 60.8 seconds. Top speed 171.10 mph.

Studebaker Avanti, new high performance personal prestige automobile introduced to stockholders and also at New York Auto Show. Studebaker shareholders approved a change in the corporation name, dropping the word "Packard".

Lazy newsletter makes a quick-release latch for his oil-bath air filter on his Starliner  
 Tired of blindly reaching under the air filter to remove the nut that holds the bowl of the air cleaner in place, Don made a latch with a release he can see and reach easily. He tried to tell his wife how wonderful it was—she was too busy.



With a locked nut on bottom of the screw that holds the bowl, You push the latch, the hole opens. Spring holds it shut. Saves time and labor the once every two years he needs the air cleaner removed.

Central Oklahoma Chapter  
 Membership Application



Dues \$15

Qualification for membership in Central Oklahoma Chapter (COC) of SDC requires current membership in the National Studebaker Drivers Club. Membership is for one year, includes 6 issues Stude Flyer . Residents of the same household may share one membership. Please print or type complete information. Make check payable to Central Oklahoma Chapter of SDC. Ask any member of COC for application to National SDC, or go online to Studebaker Drivers.

Mail to: Elmer Davis, 11828 Autumn Leaves, Okla. City, OK 73170

Name:..... Spouse .....

Address: City:.....State:.....Zip.....

Phone: ( ).....e-mail.....

If New Member, source of referral:.....

SDC National Membership # .....

Please list your Studebaker(s) year & model, etc.(use back of page if necessary!)

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We like to mention birthdays and anniversaries in our bi-monthly newsletter (The Stude Flyer) therefore, if you approve that tradition, please :

Birthday Self.....Spouse.....Anniversary.....

*Welcome to the Studebaker Drivers Club!*



## For Sale: Chevy with Big block

Sharing Events with other car clubs, we present here for your enjoyment the opportunity to view a

[Dakotas Chapter Video](#)

The 2024 Dakotas Chapter SDC Indoor Car Display at the Counts Car Show

Also, enjoy the [Dakotas Chapter Newsletter](#) (Hawk)

### Little Known or Forgotten Facts

#### About Studebaker

*source: e-mail to Pete Yuen*

Before WW1, there was a 100,000 Mile Club for Studebakers that had been driven 100,000 miles or more. In 1918, A Studebaker Big Six Touring car, called "Old Granddaddy," was driven over 500,000 miles in 5 1/2 years.

The first wagons were built in 1852. The first carriage in 1856 and the first car in 1899. It was an electric car.

The first gasoline Studebaker was built in 1904. The first 4- cylinder Studebaker was built in 1905 and had a driveshaft. Many cars still used chain drives at the start of WW1.

In 1925, Studebaker built a \$1,000,000 proving ground. GM had built a smaller one in 1924. Proving ground trees spelled out the Studebaker name and can be clearly seen at 10,000 feet altitude.

In 1926, a Studebaker Commander Six had beaten the transcontinental record by 16 hours and beat the transcontinental trains by 6 hours and 25 minutes.

In 1926, all counties in the desert states of New Mexico and Arizona used Studebaker Commanders exclusively for their Sheriff's cars.

In the teens and twenties and early thirties, Studebaker used more Timken Bearings than any other car maker, even using them on kingpins and spindles. They also used ball bearings in the shackles on some models.

Imagine we lived in a world where all cars were EVs, and then along comes a new invention, the "Internal Combustion Engine"! Think how well they would sell: A vehicle half the weight, half the price that will almost quarter the damage done to the road. A vehicle that can be refueled in 1/10th of the time and has a range of up to 4 times the distance in all weather conditions. It does not rely on the environmentally damaging use of non-renewable rare earth elements to power it, and use far less steel and other materials.

Just think how excited people would be for such technology, it would sell like hot cakes!



**Don't forget to turn your ratchets off before leaving. Might drain the Battery!**