

**\*Wishing for everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year\***

## A Word From The President

Melvin McGee

Greetings to all and to all a good ending of the trials and tribulations of another COVID-tainted year.

After our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 12, we had decided to meet at a new location for the next meeting. Thursday, September 9 found a hardy group of seven enjoying a hearty breakfast at The OK Country Café at 6072 S. Western. A room separated from the main dining area allowing better conversation conditions, a menu of tasty country breakfast choices and a very pleasant wait staff taking our requests and alertly refilling our coffee mugs made for an enjoyable meeting discussing several upcoming events.

The “Route 66 East” road trip to Sapulpa, scheduled for September 11, was postponed to September 25 and I understand it turned out to be a well-attended enjoyable event with stops at Chandler to visit the Route 66 Museum there, a fun lunch at The [Rock Cafe](#) in Stroud, ending with a tour of the [Heart of Route 66 Museum](#) in Sapulpa.

Unfortunately, I couldn’t make that trip, having received two calls from family coming to visit for the weekend. The Hawk was all shined up, ready to go, but our granddaughter was flying in from Pittsburgh to celebrate her birthday, and a nephew from Dodge City coming to help me with work on my Ford truck and the Taurus. Both were running poorly. We found and fixed the problem with the truck but were not so lucky with the car.

September 18 was one of the best so far of the “Cruise-In-For-Coffee” events at Midwest City with a

good showing of Studebakers, two cars especially highlighting the Studebaker scene. Glenn Masopust proudly displayed his nearly-finished ’55 President, and we can’t fault him for being proud of a very nice job of putting back together an inherited mix of pieces that he spent years cleaning, repairing and assembling before getting it running and drivable.

The other notable display drawing a lot of attention was Ray Utter’s 1922 [Big Six](#) Studebaker Touring. This car has an interesting history, part of the story being that Ray drove it to high school. Or was it his dad that drove it to ... at any rate, Ray drove it all the way from Shawnee to the Cruise-In.

Thursday, October 14 we again met for the regular club breakfast meeting, again at OK Country Café, this time eight of the faithful showed up. We’re doing better!

Saturday, October 16 was to have been the last of this year’s third-Saturday-of-the-month “[Cruise-In-For-Coffee](#)” at The Santa Fe Cattle Company parking lot in Midwest City. But while I was registering to win the prize of the day Susan told me it may not be the last, as she has been approached by some who wish to keep it going year-round. She will be sending an e-mail to verify and explain it.

Remember that the Club Christmas Luncheon is set for 1 PM Saturday, 11 December, again at [Charleston’s](#) on the southside, I-240 and Pennsylvania.

*Mel*



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## Member's Page

### November Birthdays

Judy Hock  
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### Anniversaries

Mike & Cindy Scott

### December Birthdays

Dennis Morrow

### Anniversaries

Lucille & Leland Laws  
Ron & Janice Hall

Charles and Sue Hall, as mentioned in the last issue of *The Stude Flyer*, have settled their RV into the park at [Tinker AFB](#) for a couple of months. Charles is now traveling each day to Mercy Hospital in north Oklahoma City, undergoing a rigorous daily treatment in fighting the prostate cancer. Charles was a welcomed companion on the "Route 66 East" we made September 25 and has been attending the recent monthly club meetings and the gatherings at MWC as well.

**Remember: Mel and Jeri-Alynn ask you to "Repondez s'il vous plait", by phone or e-mail if you plan to attend the Christmas Luncheon at 1PM Saturday 11 Dec at Charleston's.**

Clifton Hill continues to experience difficulty with the inflammation in his foot, still unable to wear his normal shoes. However, his more serious problem is with the heart, having visited the hospital to get his pacemaker installed, only to be told that he will need a heart valve installed before that task can be accomplished. He is scheduled to go in November 8 to undergo that procedure.

**Wife Betty** is doing much better, actually able to drive alone to Decatur, TX recently to attend the funeral of a relative there.

**Leland and Lucille Laws** are staying close to home these last many weeks. Lucille is on oxygen 24/7 and receiving therapy once a week for her problems of falling. Leland still dealing with heart and blood pressure problems. They both seem to coping well and say the weekend visits from the daughter in Oklahoma City help a lot.



**Apparently children can solve this in less than 20 seconds.**

**Adults struggle with it: What is the number under the parked car?**

This Brain-teaser submitted by Charles Hall. It is said the average adult (which is anyone over 64) solves it in 3 min. It has been verified that a newsletter editor requires 3 hrs.

**Don & Pat Sutherland** relaxed a few (rainy) days in October hiking the trails and viewing the beauty of [Devil's Den State Park](#), Westfork, Arkansas. Set aside as a state park in 1920, the CCC in 1933-1941 built the cabins, pavilions, the dam, and shaped the trails leading to beautiful overlooks and waterfalls. Then they spent two days in Harrison, AR visiting the gravesite of an ancestor of Pat's. They drove to this exciting adventure, joined by Pat's sister and her husband who flew in from Albuquerque, NM. They are planning another trip for about 20 years from now.

**Guess who??** First to identify this rough-in carpenter, on leave from his job in Dallas, TX in 1962, standing ready to get into his 9-year-old Studebaker Starliner Commander automatic and head into town, wins a free pass to enter the café at next month's 2nd Thursday COC breakfast/meeting at OK Country Café.

Notice the slender, sleek-yet-sturdy lines...of the Studebaker.



Above, Garland Terry's beautiful pickup. Maybe Garland will in a later issue favor us with the story of how this beauty came about. We would love to hear all such stories in the club; feel free to send yours to the editor any time. Everyone would like to read about it.

More club history: Below, left, Glenn Masopust as a 3-yr old climbs into the 1955 President his dad owned at the time.



Below, right, Glenn as a X-yr old stands beside that same car.

Glenn does have some history as a Stude Nut! Good job on the restoration, Mate !



This note received October 18 from Nancy Kimbrough of the North East Oklahoma Club:

Received this email this morning from Chris Pile on the passing of Frank Harvey over the weekend.

*I am sorry to report that long time SDC member Frank Harvey passed away Saturday after fighting colo-rectal cancer for quite some time. He will be interred during a military funeral in Florida. If I hear anything else, I will be sure to pass it along. Many of us will remember Frank as a good man with a sense of humor and plenty of Studebaker love. He will surely be missed.*



## Studie Pete's Page

Tourmaster report by StudiePete.

Nov, 2021

### [Hajek Motorsports Museum -](#)

"Home of The Champions; Hajek Motorsports in Ames, OK is one of the world's best car collections. Brent Hajek, a local car buff has converted an old school building into a really "cool" museum for hotrods, funny cars, and even Gas Ronda's Mustang. Car buff or not, this is a great place to while away an afternoon."

**Our road-trip to Hajek Motorsports Museum has been postponed. Unfortunately, the museum in Ames, Oklahoma is CLOSED for needed major repairs. Storms have damaged the roof, walls, and floors. Re-construction is coming along slowly, but they are hoping to re-open sometime in the Spring of 2022.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4JtAQ4HGx0> Check your notifications for a reschedule.

Nov. 20, 2021 Cruise in for Coffee, Sat, 8 – 11 AM -

Third Saturday from April to October **-and-November ...**

Midwest City hosts a Cruise in for Coffee.

Santa Fe Cattle Co., 7101 SE 29th St. Midwest City, OK

## Christmas Luncheon Set For Saturday 11 December

*Merry Christmas*

The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club  
WILL meet at 1 PM Saturday 11 December 2021 at Charleston's

**Postponed and finally cancelled for YEARS due to COVID, our  
Annual Christmas Holiday Meeting is on again for this year!**

**Join in the camaraderie as we meet at Charleston's, 1429 SW 74th Street**

*Santy Studie's Starlight  
Express*



Seen at MWC Cruise-In 18 September 2021

Ray U. '22 Big Six, Glenn M. '55 President, Don S. '54 Starliner, Elmer D. '53 Starlight, Mel M. '58 Hawk



Charles Hall, Don Sutherland, Mel McGee fade slowly toward coffee and doughnuts.

Ray Utter and friend share a nice feature of the '22



For any of you younger than 60 it's called a "running board".

Mel McGee's outstanding '58 Hawk



Elmer Davis's sleek modified '53 Starlight

Don, S., Elmer Davis, Mike Scott



September 18, 2021

Peter Rodrigues Brings Us "A Connecticut Barn Story"

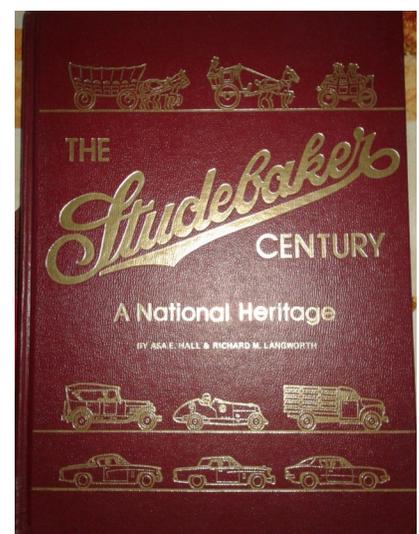


While visiting Connecticut early this Fall an ad for a 1963 Avanti caught my eye. Actually, it was the \$10,000 price that caught my interest, plus it was only 7 miles from my daughter's home. I had to take a look. I found the farm with a traditional white house and a New England red barn, and a few more large storage buildings. Dan's dad had passed away last year, leaving behind well over 70 cars. Dan had already sold quite a few, including a 1959 Hawk, a 1960 Lark convertible, and many brand Xers. There were 2 Avantis; one needing restoration, the other needing resurrection. Too late in my life for a major project, but still not too late for that right Avanti to come along. (Based on actual events.....editor)



When I was living in Connecticut, my neighbor and good friend Alan mentioned more than once to me that he knew a fellow named Asa Hall that had lots of "old cars". I never followed up on that information. Four decades later (now in Oklahoma) I read about one of the major influencers in the Studebaker Drivers Club, that same Asa Hall. This week I bought a book on eBay; "The Studebaker Century" A National Heritage, by Richard M. Langworth and Asa E Hall (yes, Asa Hall's son).

Dad-gum-it... I should've acted on Alan's information 40 years ago.....*Studie Pete*



"Treat a man as he is and he will remain as he is. Treat a man as he can and should be and he will become as he can and should be."

— Stephen R. Covey, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change

**What's in a name?**

.....submitted by Peter Rodrigues

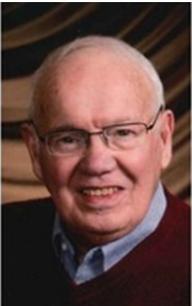
Ken Sumwalt, Curtis, and I met at a Tecumseh Braum's heading to the Wewoka Sorghum Festival and Car Show. From the next booth a fellow that saw our Studebakers, mentioned that his high school Auto Shop Teacher raced Studebakers. Interested we encouraged him to tell us more. Yes, he had grown up in Indiana his teacher was a Ted Harbit. My jaw dropped.

**Studebaker racing Legend Ted Harbit and his Chicken Hawk. WOW !!!!!**



Below: We all know and read Andy Beckman in "Turning Wheels", thus the inclusion of the following from Susan Lusted

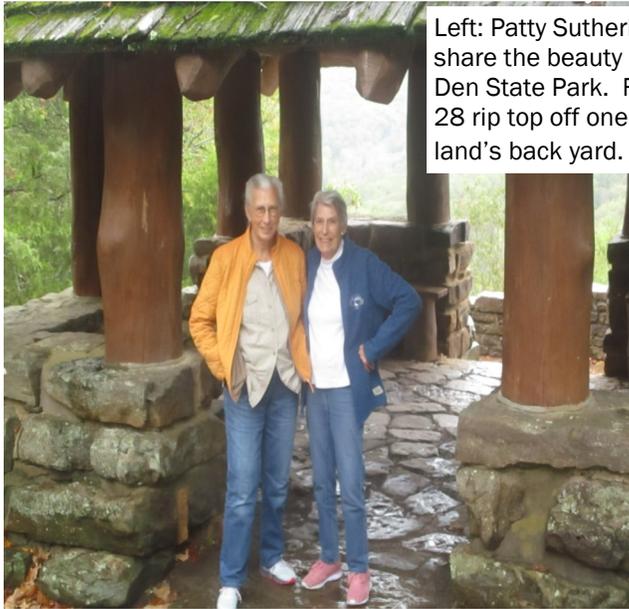
From SUSAN LUSTED, "Turning Wheels" magazine : See the note below sent by Duane Miller in regard to the passing of Buzz Beckman. Buzz is the father of Andy Beckman who works for the SDC Museum and writes in Turning Wheels.



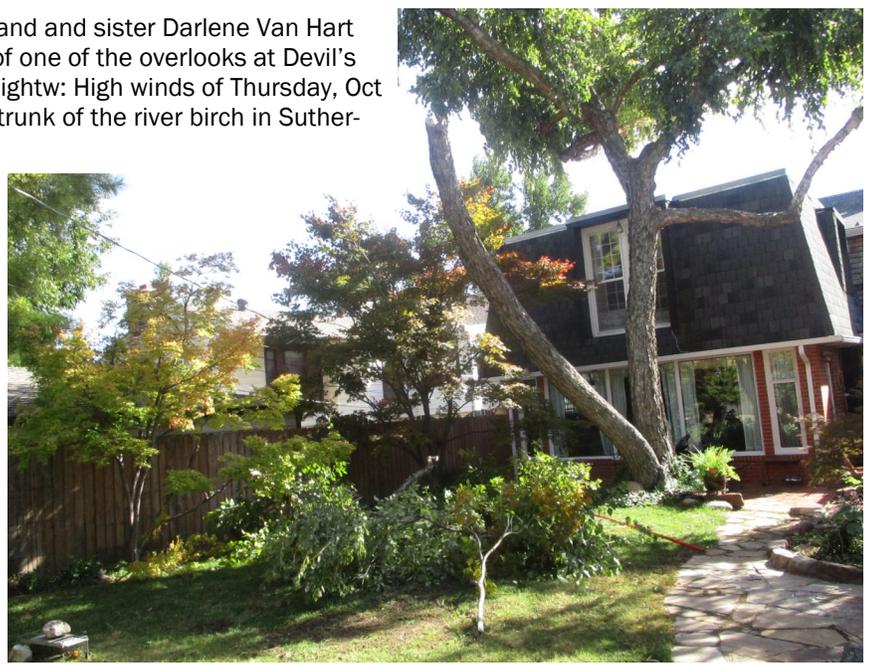
Harold L. "Buzz" Beckman, 86, of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, surrounded by loved ones at the Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Buzz was born on April 11, 1935 to Charles and Elizabeth Beckman in Newark Township, Wisconsin. He graduated from Beloit High School in Beloit, Wisconsin in 1953 and enrolled at the University of Wisconsin where he received a bachelor's degree in Education with a minor in Biology. He later earned a Masters degree in Education from the University of Kansas. While attending college in Madison, Buzz was introduced to Frances Harker by his cousin Henry Pann. Despite his love of Studebakers and the Harker family's preference for Fords, the couple was married on December 20, 1958. The Beckmans welcomed son Tom in 1964, and son Andy in 1972. Buzz was known for his love of vintage automobiles in general and Studebakers in particular. He served in numerous posi-

tions within the national Studebaker Drivers Club, and was a charter member of the SDC's Wisconsin Region. Buzz was skilled in automobile restoration and completed many award-winning projects. Always the educator, he was very generous with his time in sharing his knowledge with others. He served as a technical advisor for the Studebaker Drivers Club and also as an instructor and panelist at technical seminars. Online condolences to the family may be sent to [www.harriganparksidefuneralhome.com](http://www.harriganparksidefuneralhome.com)



Left: Patty Sutherland and sister Darlene Van Hart share the beauty of one of the overlooks at Devil's Den State Park. Rightw: High winds of Thursday, Oct 28 rip top off one trunk of the river birch in Sutherland's back yard.



OK! So I "enhanced" the scene a bit! .....editor

### 2022 DUES RENEWAL NOTICE:

If you want to be a member of the "Central Oklahoma Chapter" Studebaker Drivers Club, please mail your \$15.00 in dues to our Treasurer Elmer Davis or pay at the first 2022 meeting.

Membership Renewal – Dues Invoice on last page

Please be assured that your dues are used to finance the mailing and printing costs of this newsletter.

Those that have not paid their dues by March will no longer receive the snail-mail newsletter. You must be a member of the national SDA to be a regional member. We will email the electronic version (pdf) to anyone that wants it – just let the editor know your email address



Glenn Masopust checks to see that Ray Utter's 1922 Bi Six has not damaged Glenn's 1955 President

# The Journey Continues Charles and Sue Hall Report On .....

As you have surely gathered from prior items in this issue, Charles and Sue have settled for a while in the Oklahoma City area, while they face up to a particularly difficult challenge. This does not mean a cessation to The Journey started almost two years ago, only a slight pause and some brief excursions from this area while they deal with the problem at hand. It seems it has presented an opportunity to visit children and grand kids and interesting side trips to areas within a day's run from Tinker. We will not intrude upon this "quiet and private" interlude but will continue with "the Journey" when once again they don their traveling gear and continue The Journey after winning the battle against the cancer that has attacked Charles.

## International Drive Your Studebaker Day as we ride with Studie Pete



Another handsome



Stude 1 on IDYSD



*"It is better to live one day as a lion, than a thousand days as a lamb."* – Roman Proverb

## 1959 Silver Hawk For Sale

10/26/2021 10:28 AM

Good Morning,

My husband recently passed away and we are in the possession of a 59 Silver Hawk that he wrecked in 1976 but never got the chance to restore. I believe all the wrecked panels have been replaced. We would be interested in selling it 'as is' and letting someone else restore it. My husband was considering this before he passed. If anyone wants to get in touch with me my number is **405-760-602**.

I don't answer calls if I don't recognize the number so anyone calling, please leave a message. We want to sell it to someone who will appreciate it and restore it and give it a good home.



We are located in Lexington (actually 9 miles south of Lake Thunderbird). If interested we can submit pictures of interior, engine compartment, etc.

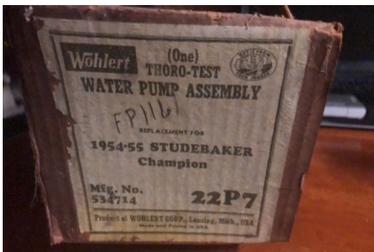
## Barn and Bus Collection Discovered, Interested In Selling All Items

I have some Studebaker parts still in the original boxes new and never used. Labels are on them; boxes show age. Labels readable. One example is water pump for 53-54. There are two of them. They are mixed in with Ford and Chevy parts.

Yes they are for sale. Probably 30 to 50 new parts never used. This came out of a parts store closure 30 plus years ago. I don't know for sure how many or what is on that shelf. It is all mixed together there on that shelf. I'm going to try to sort just through these new parts by Sunday evening. There is a set of like 15 parts manuals that was bought with these parts.

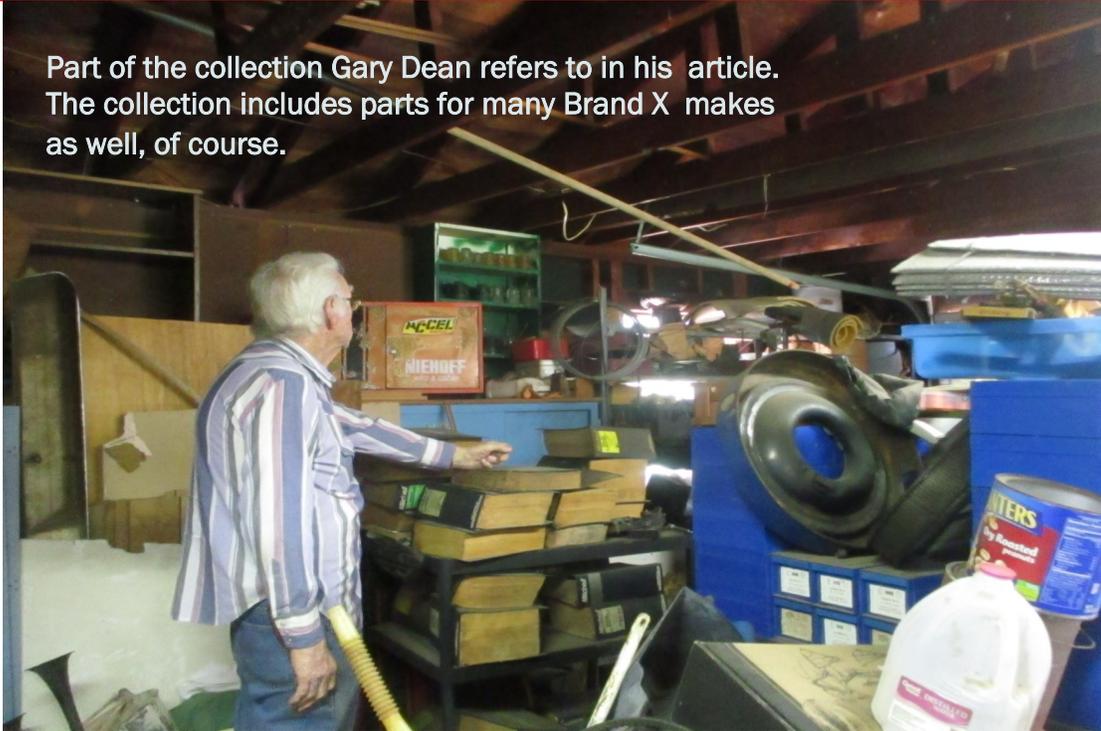
The water pump and Chevy oil pump are on e bay and market place. I will do better price wise versus what is on e bay & market place for the club members. I have them listed at \$150 and I will sell them to the members for 35 % off. So like \$100 plus the actual cost of shipping. I can also do local pickup and prefer to meet to drop multiple parts at once to the locally. There is some smaller parts in that building.

Gary Dean [gdeanrace@hotmail.com](mailto:gdeanrace@hotmail.com) 405-403-3664



I plan to have these treasures better inventoried soon. Call me, we can go see if we've got something you need, or maybe you will want to make an offer on different lots.

Part of the collection Gary Dean refers to in his article. The collection includes parts for many Brand X makes as well, of course.



Above, the shop manuals and parts catalogs from one of the auto parts stores bought ot years ago.

This individual, for whom Gary is the representative, the man to contact, has been collecting automotive parts and paraphernalia for 54 years and has come to realize he should be getting it on the market now.



And here the cutest little 60-hp Ford flathead, with transmission, from a '40 Ford receiving a Chevy eng Upgrade.

**Mike Moss in El Reno has Studebaker Parts FOR SALE:** I am a Studebaker guy and I live in El Reno, OK.. I have a '65 commander and a '63 Champ truck.. I need some info for parts availability in our area of central OK... Thanks! I have rebuilt and sold two other Studebakers about 20 years ago, a '63 Cruiser and a '54 Commander coupe.... I was a subscriber to *Turning Wheels* for about 25 years .. then because of finances had to stop, but now might be interested in getting back in.. thanks.. I have Studebaker engine parts for sale. Please message me for details. Thanks.

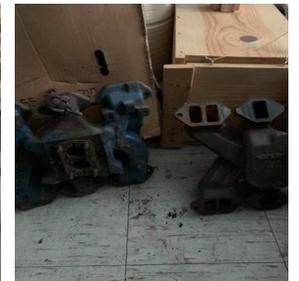
**Stude V8 parts I have for sale. I have the following:**

259 V8 blocks,      289 V8 block      289 V8 remanufactured crankshaft  
 289 pair of heads    259 pair of heads    V8 oil pans  
 2Bbl intake manifolds      Exhaust manifolds    3 4Bbl carburetors  
 V8 valve covers      V8 starter motor      Generator      Backing plates for brakes..

Attached are a few photos of some of the Stude parts I have for sale. Thanks!

Also, miscellaneous other parts. No body or interior parts. I'm in El Reno, OK. Call or text if interested.

**Thanks. Mike. cell: 405-412-4915 mmos888@gmail.com**



**Club member Elmer Davis at 405-671-7953 is a good source for hard-to-find Studebaker parts**

# Central Oklahoma Chapter

## Membership Application

### Dues \$15

Qualification for membership in Central Oklahoma Chapter 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.

**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 Membership # .....

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

1) .....

2) .....

3) .....

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.....

If time permits would you like to include the story of how your interest in Studebakers came about? This, too, would be included in the newsletter at some time. **Thank you, and Welcome To The SDC!**

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