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Serving The Central Oklahoma Chapter of Studebaker Drivers

A Word From The President

Melvin McGee



Hoping this message finds you and your family well and recovering quickly from the pleasant, 'though perhaps hectic weeks of Christmas and New Year's celebrations with friends and family.

It is a pleasure to invite you back for another wonderful year of Studebaker events and meetings. I'm looking forward to exciting events in 2023 and would urge you to join us when you can, as you will find our gatherings to be a great way to meet the new and be re-acquainted with the old friends and fellow Studebaker (or any great ride) enthusiasts. I will take this opportunity to also encourage all to share your interest in the club by inviting to the meetings and tours any you think might have an interest in joining. Guests are welcomed!

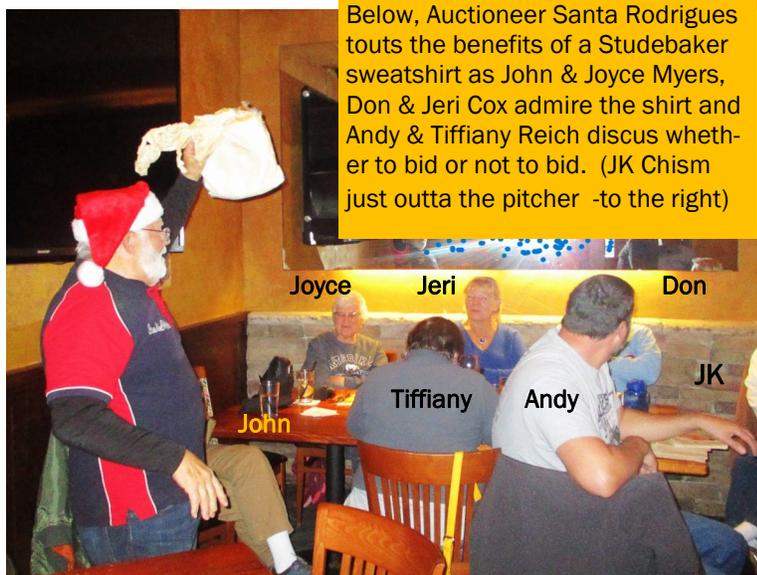
Last year certainly closed out on a good note, with the November meeting everyone was looking forward to being well attended and interesting. Glenn has information on that meeting in his secretary's report. One item on which I hope our Tour Master will follow up is Pete's plans for the road trip to the Marland Mansion in Ponca City, which the wife and I have been wanting to see. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate with the plans for the November tour and had to be cancelled until warmer weather comes.

At that meeting, the election of new officers was on the agenda and, as no one volunteered, no one offered a nominee and no one insisted on the removal of any incumbent officer, guess what: the current slate will remain in office.

The Saturday Christmas Lunch on 3 December, and the auction of items that members donated, came off very well. We had a great turnout of members and guests. Several people donated wares for auction, Pete and Elmer did a fantastic job of being auctioneers, and we raised around \$500 for the Club and had a great time doing it.

I also want to remind all that the yearly member's local chapter fees of \$15 are due, so please send them to Elmer as soon as possible. My thanks to all for the support and attendance of last year. Hope you had a good Christmas and safe New Year. See you at the January meeting.

Mel



Below, Auctioneer Santa Rodrigues touts the benefits of a Studebaker sweatshirt as John & Joyce Myers, Don & Jeri Cox admire the shirt and Andy & Tiffany Reich discuss whether to bid or not to bid. (JK Chism just outta the pitcher -to the right)



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Many thanks to those who have paid their Membership DUES for 2023!

January Birthdays

Connie Harris

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Elvis

Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary!

February Birthdays

Kelsey Walters

Mary Jones

Anniversaries

Don & Jeri Cox

In an effort to improve and update our web page, the editor asks for all members who are willing to help out to send in a picture of their project, a picture of the club member, and a little note about what enticed them to get tangled up in the club. E-mail to: dqsuds@gmail.com , USPS Mail to: Don Sutherland, 617 NW 40th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

Thank you, editor Don Sutherland



The Saturday Christmas Lunch of December 3 went well with a good attendance and a fun auction that netted the club a nice sum added to the coffers. Attending were Don & Jeri Cox, JK & Toni Chism, Elmer & Eva Dean Davis, Ron & Jan Hall. John Harris, Robin Hensley and her sister Lou Ellen Schlegel, Clifton & Betty Hill, Ed & Vicki Koehler, Glenn Masopust III, Mel & Jeri-Alynn McGee, John & Joyce Myers, Andy & Tiffiany Reich, Ken Sumwalt and beautiful grand daughter, Peter & Kathy Rodrigues, Jess Sutherland, Don & Pat Sutherland. Then quite a few of these folks joined for coffee at the OK Country Café for the monthly meeting Thursday December 8.

From the Desk Of Mike Jones

Turning Wheels Assistant Editor / Classifieds Editor

My Thoughts

By now the Holidays are a pleasant memory and our thoughts turn towards the New Year ahead. We have experienced below normal temperatures making it hard to think warmer weather will be just a few of months away. With so many projects unfinished before winter set in I find myself thinking about a few of those warm days that come around to get back at it. I hope you have good luck with your projects.

In the February issue you will notice a new feature in *Turning Wheels*, **Where Has Your Studebaker Been?** This was the idea of member Danny Taylor of Greenwood, Indiana. The first two issues will include his articles. *Where Has Your Studebaker Been?* is about your car photographed in a cool or unique location. The write up is a brief about the location and your own car. We need your contributions to make this new feature a success. I hope someone from the Central Oklahoma Chapter has a story to tell. Please send your experience on to me for consideration.

In addition to being the Assistant Editor I have been the Classified Editor for the past year. Remember your free twenty word ad yearly. Turning Wheels classified ads sell Studebakers.

I hope 2023 allows me to make it up to OKC for a meeting or event with the Chapter. My oldest granddaughter will be beginning her first year at The University of Oklahoma in the fall. I will have two reasons to travel your direction. Stay well and safe.

Mike

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2023
Oklahoma City International Auto
Show
And Indoor Ride-Along
Fri-Sun, Mar 3-5

We would like to ask all members who are willing to send a picture of your favorite car(s), a picture of the members with their cars if possible, and a brief account (lengthy is OK!) of your history with things automotive, how you came to be owned by the car and how you came to join the COC of the SDC. These items would be for the news letter, when space permits, but chiefly to bring the COC web page "current". (The editor promises to get the web page manager to get A Round Tuit.) License plates will be camouflaged, moustaches ...well?

Andy & Tiffiany Reich joined the Central Oklahoma Chapter of SDC in November of 2021 and have since been very active in club activities. As an example of one of the few responding to the "Members and Their Stories" request, below is a brief account from Andy as to how and when he and Tiffiany became interested in Studebakers and the Central Oklahoma Chapter. (reprint from a 2022 issue)

I have always been a car nut. Really, since age 10 I have been a fan of anything with a motor on it. I have had several old cars like a 1965 Ford Mustang, 1962 Chevy Bel Air station wagon, and currently a 1956 Dodge C-3 pickup, but never owned a Studebaker. (Although I really love their styling). Well, about 4 or 5 years ago, ole Ken Sumwalt was having an auction. I went down, not expecting much, but I left that auction with 3 1962 Studebaker Larks (2 Daytona Coupes) for \$800. Since then, I have been working on two, and trying to complete them.

I never kept up with Ken until just this past summer he was selling that 1956 Dodge I now own. We got to talking and struck up a friendship. He introduced me to Studie Pete, and several others, and started inviting me to all the cruise-ins and car things. I've enjoyed Ken, Pete, and all the others who welcome me in, help me find parts, teach me how to put a windshield in, lend advice, and more importantly the friendship of all these great car guys and gals I get to meet.

.....*Andy*



Andy & Tiffiany's 1956 Dodge



We recognize our national club magazine *"Turning Wheels"* as a very good source for parts and helpful information as well as very interesting and pleasurable reading. Another area to look for help in keeping your Old Stude or Brand X on the road is right here in the Chapter. Please email or call Peter if you have any source in which you are confident. If you perform automotive work or vend parts, and would like your name and contact info to be entered in this publication, please e-mail to the editor your card or other information.



Happy Anniversary to Elmer Davis!
 2023 is Elmer's 50th Year with the
 Central Oklahoma Chapter of SDC

Elmer has served as President, Vice President, many years as Treasurer; has served on the National level as Zone Manager and Regional Manager and is very much admired and appreciated by all.



Your Ad Could Be Here

(Free to COC SDC Member)



Ask Studie Pete

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 Address your question to studiepete@gmail.com

Secretary's Report On November 2022 MeetingGlenn Mosopust

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 Happinin' " 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. 3rd, 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 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 gave 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 scheduled for 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.

Amid the chaos and confusion the motion was made to adjourn, I'm sure it must have been seconded, and I have no clue as to the parties involved, but it well may have been the hard-working 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.

*cxld acct WX

These meeting notes, such as they are, respectively submitted by:

Glenn Masopust, secretary. COC SDC

Happy New Year!



Joe Parks, has been busy, with the help of his grandson, moving some boxes and things out of the shop getting ready to close it down. Last week he spent some time out at the farm and returned to find broken water pipes in the house, the first time in 43 years of living there for any problem with freezing plumbing. And this event blew a huge hole in the wall when the pipe exploded. The heater in the shop was able to prevent freezing in those walls.

Joe has received some offers on the Hawk and the truck but nothing yet close to what he would consider accepting. He is confident he will be joining us for the Thursday, January 13 Regular Club meeting. We must tell BB to have a hot cuppa waiting for him.

Mel and Jeri-Alynn McGee have enjoyed a joyful Christmas and New year's Holiday with so many of their clan joining them in the festivities this year. They are a family that does enjoy being together and Mel and Jeri-Alynn love it.

Clifton Hill commented on the demolition of the old church in Shawnee: **Nothing left!**

So you're just in time to be too late to get pictures of that project. Clifton did get some nice bricks to help build the walkway from his house to the shop. He has yet to lay the conduit for the water to heat the walkway. Clifton and Betty and Don and Pat Sutherland enjoyed the food and the celebration with 58 other Horseless Carriage Club of America members at their Christmas Lunch at The Cattlemen's on Saturday, December 17. And a fun game of Left-Right-Center.

Charles & Sue Hall, now ensconced in a beautiful home in Arkansas near Little Rock Air Force Base where they are already volunteering for duty in the Base pharmacy, as they did at Tinker during the years they lived in Oklahoma. They report temps in the very low single digits during the recent Artic Blast but did not let it stop them from an interior painting project they had scheduled for November–December, and were also able to commit some attention to a bit of insulation challenges exposed by the icy winds.

Charles reports the Hawk to be running much better after eliminating some water from the fuel. Suggesting that might be a factor in the failure of my Starliner's refusal to accelerate under load, he advised me to check for possible water in the tank sump, but, alas, after dumping 30 seconds of pumping into a container, none was discovered and the problem remained even after checking both filters and the fuel pump sediment bulb for water.

The nearest SDC for them appears to be Studebakers of Arkansas, closest meeting place up I-40 a bit at Conway, AR and some members in the Heber Springs area.

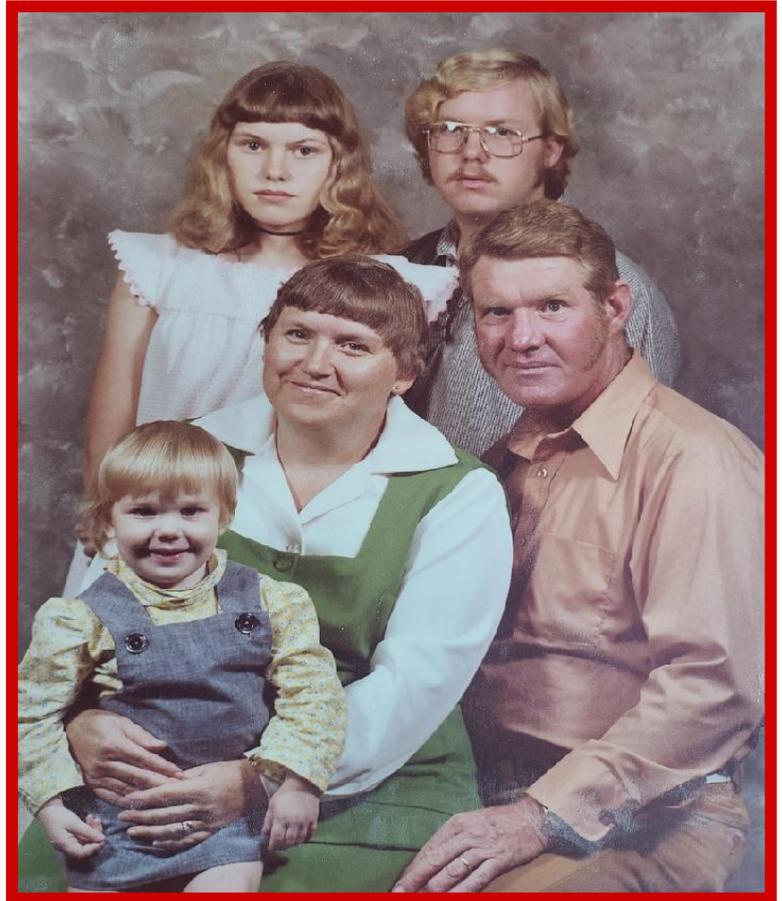


Kacie, the Hall's new puppydog

Peter and Kathy Rodrigues hurried back to Oklahoma from their very-much-enjoyed Holiday in Connecticut in time for the Christmas Lunch at Charleston's Dec 3. The Christmas Lunch would not be the same without Santa Studie Pete, and Peter is the backbone of the club in many other functions.

Lisa Robin Hensley, Leland & Lucille's youngest, favored us with these great pics of the Family, remembering Leland & Lucille, and wishing all a Happy New Year..

Leland & Lucille, wedding Day 1962



Back row: Lou Ellen Laws, now Schlegel, and Lee Laws
Front: Lisa Robin Laws, now Hensley, on Lucille's lap, and Lucille & Leland "Red" Laws, long-time members of the Chapter, who left us this year.

We were all pleased to see Robin and Lou Ellen at the chapter Christmas Lunch at Charleston's on Saturday, 3 December and hope they will continue association with the Club.

Robin and her family wanted to share holiday greetings. The card said "Merry Christmas" when received December 24. We changed it to "Happy New Year" for the Flyer,

Looks like a loving, fun family.



Happy New Year!!

Love Robin, Marc, Lillie and Richard Hensley

Jan-Feb 2022 Issue Introducing our COC-SDC Resources Sharing Page.

Central Oklahoma Chapter
of the Studebaker Drivers Club

Many of us have some information about where to go in our area for help with our classic Studebakers. Many of us (especially if you are a transplanted Yankee) don't know these contacts. StudiePete needs your help. He will soon be sending an E-Mail asking you who you have used or would recommend for work on our projects. For instance, radiator repair, front end alignment, upholstery, glass, chrome, paint, body work, etc. When you reply, this information will be put on our Facebook Page, our club Web-site, and in our newsletters (as space permits). We can all benefit. Thank You! *Studie Pete*



Mar-Apr Visit to Tom Douglas's CARSEUM



May-Jun John Harris accepts the Route 66 Passport Challenge
“...We had 3 GPS units, 2 phones and the one in the car. I suggest that if you make this trip, you have one with you. Even with all we had, we spent a lot of time lost. Being lost on an adventure is an adventure in itself. When completed, the Tourism Department rewards you with the most beautiful medallion you will ever see and a nice refrigerator magnet. “



Sep-Oct
Glenn Masopust gives an interesting account of his Car Show Marathon – six (6) in or within 2 weeks, and we remark on the loss of Leland in June and Lucille in August of same year.



April 2023

April 29th **Tahlequah, OK** 36th annual Red Fern Festival Car Show will be held on Saturday April 29. It will be held at the Tahlequah Wal Mart parking lot. Registration is only \$20, and is open from 8:00 am to noon. Trophies will be given out at 3:00. As always, the proceeds will go towards our annual Toy run held in December that provides toys for disadvantaged children in Cherokee County!

An interesting item from the files of Susan Lusted of "What's Happening" in SDC's "Turning Wheels" magazine.

Susan gathers items from many source throughout the SDC world, many contributed by Pete Yuens, providing a great help to newsletter editors throughout the system.



COAL POWERED STUDEBAKER MILITARY TRUCK

Thanks to Bill Jackameit for permission to use/share this article.

<https://billstudepage.homestead.com/files/coaltrk.htm>

Steven Schultheis relates that his Grandfather, C. M. Schultheis, was an automotive engineer with Studebaker in the 1940's and 1950's. One of his projects was a coal-powered 6X6 truck for the U.S. Army. The truck was used along the Alaskan Highway in the mid to late 1940's. These pictures were taken in South Bend in 1945. Steven indicates that the truck runs on coal, but he does not know if it has a steam engine, or if it uses a gasification process. Does anyone have additional information about this unusual truck?

(An e-mail from Bill Skizik SKIZIK777@aol.com indicates that the truck was not steam powered. Rather, it used coal gas as fuel for the engine. Bituminous coal was roasted in a chamber, and then the gasses were extracted into the engine.) [Coal-powered vehicles WWII](#)



Wishing all a great year in 23



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

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.....