



Stude Flyer

Serving The Central Oklahoma Chapter of Studebaker Drivers

SOLAR ECLIPSE OBSERVED AT SATURDAY CAR SHOW IN OCTOBER

On Saturday morning, October 14, an annular solar eclipse crossed the skies of the Southwestern United States, allowing viewers to see a dazzling “ring of fire” surround the shadowy new moon.

This rare phenomenon won’t occur again in the U.S. for more than 20 years, so astronomers were encouraging those who could to get outside and observe it safely.

As COC club member John Harris prepared his ‘55 Studebaker sedan for the car show at Southwest Mansions Independent Living Center in southwest Oklahoma City, he pondered on a way to observe the eclipse and also attend the event.

Noticing two nice welding helmets hanging next to his scuba-diving equipment, he quickly re-arranged the boot cargo in the Studebaker. Cans of engine oil, Ardex window cleaner spray - move to the box with the spare bulbs and fuses and set them on the spare tire. Hazard warning triangles, tire tools and odd-looking lug nuts, mosquito spray and wet wipes - in with the latex gloves and the hand cleaners. Box of maps? (Don’t need them now that I’ve got sat-nav! I’ll toss ‘em). He then got the helmets tucked into place and was on the highway, passing fellow club member Don Sutherland on I-35 just as Don was taking the I-240 exit west.

Soon both Studebakers were in the parking lot of Southwest Mansions, ensconced in a comfortable line with four other cars of the club, and perhaps twenty entries from other clubs, awaiting the arrival of the eclipse and the “Sooner As” Ford Model A Club.



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There was Mel and Bob Mcgee in Mel’s 53, then John’s ‘55, Lou Schlegel in her Avanti, Don in his ‘54 Starliner, and Glenn Masopust in the ‘55 President.

At the appropriate time John opened the boot and donned one of the welding helmets and offered the other to anyone willing to pay a dime a minute for the privilege and they began the watch as the moon shadow crept across the sun.

Except for Don, who, having no cash on hand, asked John if he would send him some shots of the event, and here they are. John looks so good in that helmet!



.....editor



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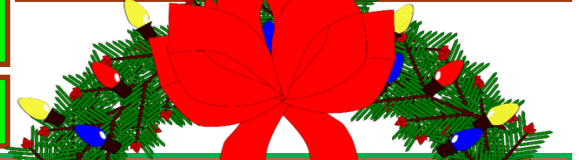
Glenn Masopust

December Birthdays

Dennis Morrow

Anniversaries

Mike & Cindy Scott



Anniversaries

Ron & Janice H

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

The next scheduled club meeting is 9AM Thursday, November 9 at Grandy's 7704 S. Western Ave. Oklahoma City. That's just south of I-240, east side of Western. We encourage all who can to make an effort to attend this meeting as we will be asking for nominations for new officers and hope you would be interested in and want to contribute your views and opinions to the process. *-editor*

This sad note from Susan Lusted, **Turning Wheels Mag** October 9:
Just heard from SDC president Denny Foust that he was notified by Sue Thompson, spouse of Warren Thompson (SDC Board of Directors Member from Australia) about 1:30 EST time this afternoon, that Warren died of a massive heart attack Sunday morning, October 8, 2023.
Please keep Sue in your prayers in the coming days, and when more information is available it will be posted.
Several years ago, Warren purchased a yellow 2006 Avanti convertible with under 1,000 miles from AOAI member Don Linder.
Just got this news on Facebook. Warren was in the International Zone.

Respectfully,
Susan Lusted

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does. William James

A Word From The PresidentMelvin McGee



Greetings to all in the Best Studebaker Drivers Club in Oklahoma. And getting better each year! We have some wonderful, interesting people in our club. As fall weather is now

here, those of us who have Studebakers without air conditioning might be getting them out and on the road more often, until actual winter conditions push them back into the garage. I hope to hear some good stories about the miles you drive yours, perhaps where you drove on IDYSD. For those of you who only recently joined the club, *that's International Drive Your Studebaker Day* and we would really like to hear your story and view some pictures of the event.

Some members made an October weekend journey down Western Avenue in Oklahoma City, joining the Sooner As and some other old iron enthusiasts to entertain the folks at Southwest Mansions, an "independent living" establishment. This being the second year for the management there to stage this event, they had everything very well-organized, we were treated royally, treated to a fine lunch and were pleased to see some fine-looking trophies were awarded. We suggested, to the managers of the event, the possibility of adding interest in the event by listing various classes to register into that would add a few trophies to be awarded.

Even with several car shows in the area, and the National going on in Wisconsin, our second-Thursday-of-the-month meetings continue to be well-attended.

I spoke to Elmer after he got back from the National and he said it was smaller than usual with fewer in attendance, and that it was held in a small town.

Even at that, Elmer deemed it a good meeting.

I'm happy to report that my wife has improved with physical therapy and is starting to get around much better. Thank God for that. We don't know how much more of my cooking we can take. She graduated from wheelchair to a light-weight walker. It's much easier to handle.

As you know, I had my Buick Lacrosse listed for sale. The first couple that looked at it bought it for their grandson, and both are now residing in Las Vegas.

We must not forget we have an election of officers coming up the Thursday, November 9. Pete informed us at the last meeting that he is having back surgery and will be weeks in recovery and won't be able to continue his position as Tour Master. We need someone to step up and nominate his replacement. He has done a fantastic job for the last several years. Also, the Christmas Lunch is scheduled for December 9 at 1:30 PM. It will be held at **Charleston's** on the south side, 1429 SW 74th St., Oklahoma City, 73159, off I-240 and Penn. We're also planning on having another auction, so if you have some items you would like to donate, gather 'em up and shine 'em up and bring 'em on down!

Please call me on **405-659-9090**. I must provide the restaurant with confirmation of the count for attendance. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

.....Mel



If you want to lift yourself up, lift someone else up. Booker T. Washington

Sept. 14, 2023

With a smaller number in attendance we just had breakfast and conversed. At present Grandy's is serving us well. John & Joyce Meyer, Mel McGee, Bob McGee, Don Sutherland, Pete Rodrigues, Glenn Masopust were noted as present. Elmer Davis was out of town at the 59th Studebaker International Meet in Manitowoc, WI. Even with so few attendees, keeping up with the ongoing conversations was difficult.

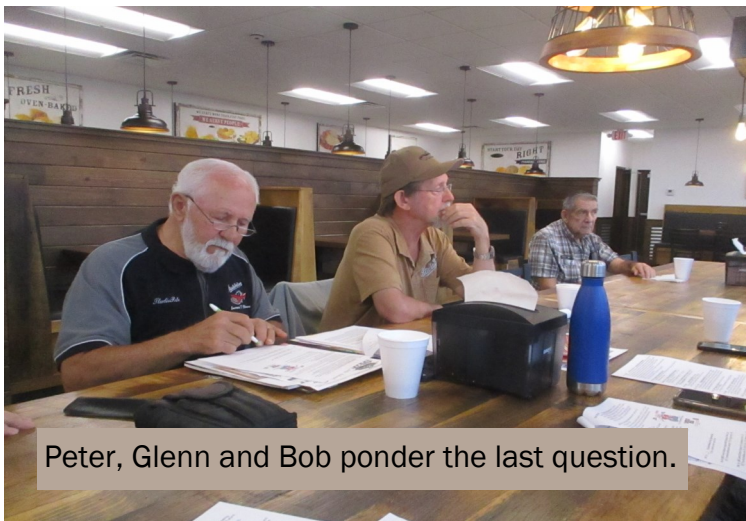
John and Joyce had just returned from a trip to Kansas, having toured the salt mine and the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson. Both are worth the trip. The salt mine has been used for various object storage and even stored some leftover Ford Mavericks for a time, while the Cosmosphere is a rather comprehensive history of America's space program. They have Gus Grissom's recovered Mercury Capsule that had been lost at splashdown and the Apollo 13 Command module. Space coolness.

Pete is still working on getting the brakes and turn signals functioning properly before giving his Avanti II a proper shakedown drive. Don's Pride and Joy, the Dutch Girl, is still having some fuel issues as a minor fuel leak has been discovered at the carb. Should be a relatively easy fix. Outcome to be provided here when isolated and addressed. Mel reports all health issues from hamstring to back are improving. Hope everyone is much better soon.

Up next was general conversation on upcoming car events. Some of the upcoming events are the Seminole Masonic lodge Car Show, the Midwest City Cruise in for Coffee, the Hot Rod Hundred Reliability Run, and the Holdenville Fall Festival & Car Show just to name a few. Pete is interested in the Hot Rod One Hundred. Outcome of these shows and possible others to be addressed in the secretary's next report.

Among the above mentioned attendees, the Christmas luncheon was brought up and the question of another auction was brought to the floor. At this writing likely doable but not fully addressed in this meeting. I guess those interested need time to rummage through their treasures. We'll have to wait and see how this plays out.

We adjourned at approx. 10:16 to the parking lot to swap lies and kick tires.



Peter, Glenn and Bob ponder the last question.

Oct. 12, 2023

This month's attendance was just short of double the Sept count. Those coming together for breakfast and lively conversation were: John and Luke Rogers, John Harris, Ken Sumwalt, Mel McGee, Bob McGee, Phillip Brand, Andy and Tiffany, Reich, Don Sutherland, Elmer Davis, Glenn Masopust. This time around everyone showed up enough at the same time that it was breakfast first and talk after. It appears that everyone was properly hungry.

Elmer started things rolling with talk of the National meet. As a vendor, Elmer did well and seemed to like the way the meet went. There were a number of self guided tours of the various sights and points of interest in and around Manitowoc. Overall, this year's National meet was well received. Next year's meet will be in Dubuque, IA.

Glenn filled in for our absent Tourmaster Pete Rodrigues. Of worthy mention was the Masonic Lodge in Seminole, which Glenn attended and was impressed. The on site food was good and priced right. Then Pauls Valley Brickfest and again Glenn attended, the 28th year the PV Police Officers have brought off this show. Probably 70 - 80 cars lined Paul Ave and bled over on to Willow. The event food was good and fairly priced.

At the time of our meeting Holdenville hadn't happened yet. Details on that show in the next newsletter. And finally Glenn, along with Pete Rodrigues, and Ken Sumwalt attended the Henryetta Labor Day Smokin' Hot car show. Two blocks of Main St were lined with some very cool cars with not one, but two Avanti's on display. Glenn's being one of them. And this is how Glenn filled in for our missing Tourmaster.

The subject of our Christmas luncheon was brought to the floor by President Mel. This in regard to needing RSVP phone calls that are needed ASAP. The subject of club officer nominations was also touched upon. Be thinking about this for our Nov. meeting. Due to upcoming surgery Pete will not be able to fulfill the duties of Tourmaster in the foreseeable future.

And finally, Elmer has kudos for Don Cox, our zone director, for his fine job at the national level. However, as a club we need to be more in tune with national requirements. That being members of local chapters need to be members of the national SDC as well. For event insurance reasons everyone at any SCD can be covered by the SDC umbrella. Better safe than sorry. "Nuff said! And one more final note is that the Dutch Girl lives! Fuel leak resolved and all seems to be functioning normally.

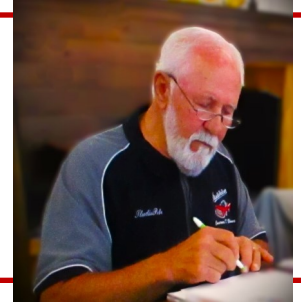


Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Glenn Masopust, Secretary.



Elmer and Evadean Davis had hardly settled into their space at the National SDC Meet when they received the word that Evadean's mother had passed away back in Oklahoma City. They are thankful that four of the family were with her when she passed. A belated expression of our sympathy is offered to Evadean and her family for their loss. The Davises have been members of the club ...for a long time. Elmer is regional manager, South Central Zone, for Oklahoma.

Peter Rodrigues is under even more than the usual pressures, trying to get church responsibilities taken care of as he also prepares for back surgery which will for quite a few weeks keep him out of the loop of action in most activities. After a 3 to 4 hour surgery in which times some rods will be critically placed, the initial phase of recovery and rehab therapy will be 2 weeks, in hospital, in a brace! We will try to keep advised on progress and where to send get well jokes. Or encouragements.



Joe Parks answered the phone with a hearty, "Howyer doin', Don?" when called on Friday to ask if he would ride with me to the November meeting. Despite his current vision problems, Joe maintains a cheery, aggressively friendly attitude. A retired Marine, having served a couple of tours in Vietnam, Joe is experiencing some good things the VA has to offer. They offer "Home Health Care" and Joe takes full advantage of that service. He says he "...will always be a Marine and a Marine never quits, so he will keep on keepin' on with whatever he's left to work with."



He couldn't promise to be available for that Thursday meeting as he might be visiting one of his many doctors. He also is happy with the help he gets from his daughter and family. Joe calls in his grocery orders and has them delivered, but his daughter drives him many of the times he needs someone to chauffeur him about.

Joe was pleased that the Hawk was back to starting and running well now, after a buddy nearby had helped him install a new starter. His vision continues to decline, causing the changing of a starter on a Studebaker Hawk to be a bit of a challenge. He feels he could still replace one on the pickup, as it "...just falls off easy." He said the pickup is running fine. We hope to see Joe at the meeting Thursday November 9 at Grandy's, casting his vote for whoever gets nominated to be the new Tour Master for the club.

Charles and Sue Hall report finishing the rebuilding and repainting of the deck attached to the mansion into which they have moved in Jacksonville, AR. He was hampered in no small degree by some medical problems he has been experiencing. A persistent coughing and eye problems. Charles, who "...if a task is once begun, never leaves it 'til it's done" did take a break a couple of weeks ago to attend his high school class reunion in California. He said there were a lot of old people there and he remembered one of them.

He also reports that the '56 Power Hawk is his driver for a week or so, as Sue has



"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year long." — Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol"



Clifton and Betty Hill are very active now, with Betty so much improved the help from the brain doctor. She gets around faster than Clifton. Clifton is, of course, very involved in car club activities, this being the season when so many of the clubs in which he is a member are staging their Christmas Dinners, etc. Clifton is a charter member of COJA, the Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association, having owned a number Jags and still in possession of the one he drove in college.



Don & Jeri at the 'Nat'l

Don & Jeri Cox have enjoyed a very busy year with Don being on the National Board of Directors as Director, Southwest Central Zone and attending events in many areas. September found them scurrying from the Central Oklahoma Chapter club meeting in Oklahoma City to the Tulsa Zone Meet, then to Ozark Trails Chapter 'Branson Orphans Car Show' in Missouri and from there to Manitowoc, Wisconsin for the National SDC meeting. And that was after having just returned from California where they still own property and are closely involved with Studebaker activities there.



Ed & Vicki at the 'Nat'l

Ed & Vicki Koehler, still busy with 'settling in down at Elgin, Oklahoma, took a well-deserved break and trucked a load of Studebaker stock up to show at the National. The '53 coupe stayed in Elgin this time. When Elmer and Evadean had to leave the meet early, due to the news about Evadean's mother's passing, Ed was offered use of Emer's vendor's booth and appreciated that opportunity. He went next to Chickasha with his stock. The Koehler's daughter has breast cancer, had surgery in October, and they intended to visit her in North Carolina after that surgery.

Vicki shared some photos she snapped at the meet. We share a few here.

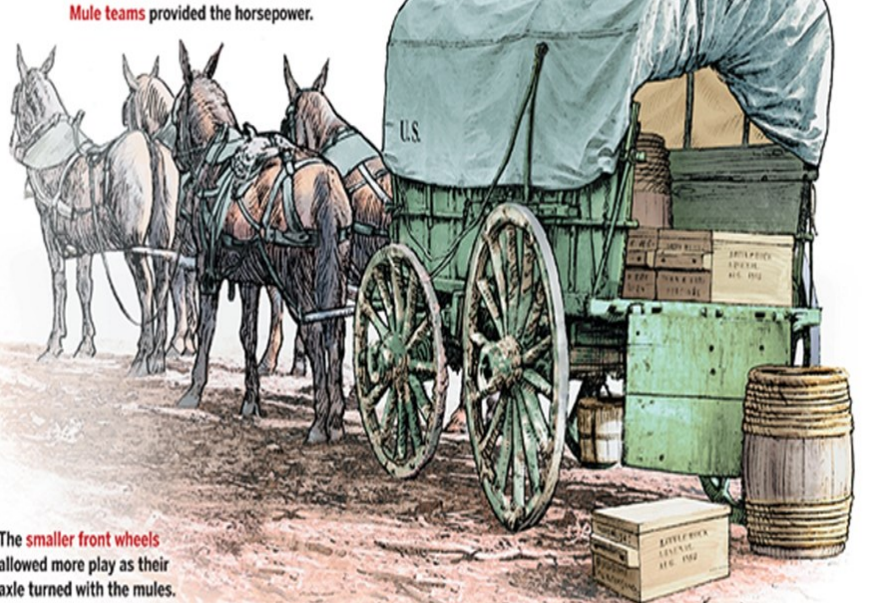


Studebaker Chuck Wagon ?

Don and Pat Sutherland came upon a Studebaker in an unexpected location in New Mexico. The third week of September the Sutherlands joined Pat's sister and her husband, Dirk and Darlene Van Hart, in a visit to the area of Ruidoso, NM. In a museum in the town of Lincoln, New Mexico, they viewed an exhibit of an item important to the cowboys of the late 1800s and used by the larger cattle ranches well into the early 1900s, the **Chuck Wagon!** Invented by Charles Goodnight, basing the creation on a surplus Army wagon made by Studebaker, **Goodnight's Chuck Wagon** came to be an essential piece of equipment on the long drives from Texas into Kansas where the westward extending railroads carried the beeves into Chicago and other eastern destinations.

STUDEBAKER BROTHERS
MILITARY TRANSPORT VEHICLE

Army regulations required the **canvas canopy** to be raised at almost all times.



Mule teams provided the horsepower.

The smaller front wheels allowed more play as their axle turned with the mules.

Both sets of wheels were built to negotiate bad roads without sinking axle-deep.

Wheelwrights crafted the wagon body of seasoned hickory and ash planking.

A four-mule wagon could haul some 2,500 pounds of supplies and ammunition.

It would be interesting to learn whether that first chuck wagon was built on the one with the extra-tall rear wheels or one with front and rear wheels closer to the same size. The example in the Lincoln museum was of the latter type. Just wunderin'

Heavy-duty freight wagons of many types and makes were converted into the all-important "chuck wagon" but the first was a Studebaker!



The "Business" end of the wagon in Lincoln.



"Coffee's ready; beans'll take a while longer."

BUZZ BECKMAN AN EDUCATOR AND RESTORER.

(Vicki Koehler sent this photo of the Buzz Beckman display card at the National meet in Wisconsin)



Harold "Buzz" Beckman was a longtime Studebaker Drivers Club member and also a charter member of the SDC's Wisconsin Region chapter. Buzz, his wife Fran and son Tom attended their first SDC National Meet in 1968 in South Bend, Indiana driving the family's 1939 Champion Custom four-door sedan. Summer SDC Meets soon became the Beckman family vacation destination whenever possible.

Professionally, Buzz was an educator. He began his career in 1958 teaching elementary school Spanish with the Manitowoc Public School system. In 1962, he was appointed as the first Department Head of the newly organized Foreign Language Department. Buzz truly enjoyed teaching and was very generous in sharing his time and knowledge with others. He served as a technical advisor for Turning Wheels "Studebaker Cooperator" column and also as an instructor and panelist at numerous SDC technical seminars. He served several stints as WRSDC President and was an SDC Regional Director. **Buzz was a skilled restorer and completed many award-winning projects, including a 1941 President Skyway Cruising Sedan, 1947 M5, and a 1956 Power Hawk. The Beckmans' beautiful 1951 2R6 truck, one of Buzz's later restoration projects, is on display at this International Meet.**



Seen At Southwest Mansions Cartober Event



COC SDC in formation by 10:00 AM on Cartober Day

Again this year Southwest Mansions Independent Living establishment on Western Avenue in Oklahoma City reached out to a number of car clubs in the area, asking if we could help entertain the residence with a showing of our favorite cars. The response was very favorable with the Sooner Model A Ford Club, the Central Oklahoma Jaguar Club, the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers, and a number of individual exhibitors showing up on October 14 at what the Southwest Mansions folks are calling their "Cartober Event".



Two perfect 1930 Fords



Jaguars & more



Popular VW Van Won



Early afternoon and everyone's leaving.

Everyone seemed to have a good time. We were certainly well fed in a comfortable area inside. The COC group (which was Lou Schlegel in the Avanti Mel & Bob McGee in the '53, Glenn Masopust in the '55, John Harris in his '55 (with welding helmets), Don Sutherland in his '54) all indicated they would like to return next year.



Stodie Pete's Page

Tour Master Alerts to Upcoming Events

Reminder:

Second Thursday of each month Meeting at

Grandy's

7704 S Western Ave, Oklahoma City

(November 9 next Meeting) Remember, this will be our meeting to elect new officers.

Nov 4, 2023 OAAA Fly-In and Car Show

Pauls Valley Municipal Airport, 19743 NCR 3240

Registration for Car Show 8am-12pm 2023

Car Show from 10am to 3pm Antique car and airplane at the OAAA Fly-In and Car Show.

Free Admission, Food Trucks, Door Prizes and Raffles, Vendors, and Airplane Show with original and restored sports cars, trucks and motorcycles and watching planes overhead.

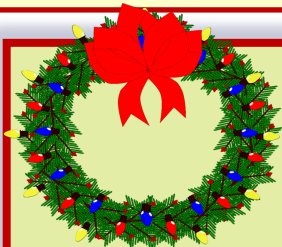
We will try to arrange a Studebaker Club Cruise to Pauls Valley

Free Admission!
FOOD TRUCKS!
DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES!
VENDORS
OAAA
FLY-IN AND
Car Show
PRIZE FOR BEST HASHTAG UPLOAD HASHTAG: #OAAAFLYIN AND FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM
NOV. 2023 04 **PAULS VALLEY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT** **10A-3P**
19743 NCR 3240, Pauls Valley, Ok. 73075

CATEGORIES TBD
CHECK QR CODE
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For more information or for vendors to reserve spot call Chris Salazar @ 405-207-6619



2023 Chapter Christmas Lunch

1:30 PM December 9

Charleston's Restaurant | OKC | I-240

1429 SW 74th St., Oklahoma City, 73159, off I-240 and Penn.

We're planning on another auction, so if you have items you would like to donate, gather 'em up and shine 'em up and bring 'em on down!

Please call me on 405-659-9090

I must provide the restaurant with confirmation of the count for attendanceMel

Things to see in OKC in 2023

The November meeting will be the Christmas Lunch. The print version of the newsletter erroneously stated that we would meet at Grandy's on the second Thursday. Not so.

2023's LAST CRUISE-IN-FOR-COFFEE at Santa Fe Cattle Company in Midwest City



Mike Scott holds forth to a crowd of admirers.

Mike Scott, Glenn Masopust and Don Sutherland were the onliest ones of the Central Oklahoma Chapter of Studebaker Drivers to appear at the final Cruise-In on Saturday, October 21. And Mike was in a 1955 Chevy.



Mike Scott's Chevy



Glenn's '75 Avanti II



1931 Model A Ford



Don's

Glenn's



Nice Rambler

One last stroll to view the same ol' rides, bid goodbye to the same ol' faces and then



... we will see you next year, same time, same place!!



Where Were You On IDYSD?

An exciting account, ~~much~~ some of it true, of the adventures of Don and the Dutch Girl on International Drive Your Studebaker Day.

In Germany, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Venezuela, New Zealand – everywhere Studebakers were marketed and anywhere a Studebaker Drivers Club now exists, Saturday, 9 September was the day to get the Studebaker on the road and allow others to view their beautiful image and performance.

Following is the account of Granddaddy Sutherland's Excursion in his 1954 Studebaker Starliner Commander.

Eager to observe IDYSD, I packed a lunch and 2 bottles of Ozarka's best, 2 quarts O'Reilly's cheapest, one OK map and set out in the Dutch Girl about noon, intending to drive to Arcadia, about 25 miles away. Earlier, my actual intention was to drive the Stude to Branson and join the fun there, but circumstances beyond my control, etc., etc.

As I drove through Edmond, the temperature gauge was leaning farther past mid-range than ever I've seen it, and the oil pressure needle was falling drastically left every time I stopped and idled at a red light, so I shifted from happy worry.

As I approached Pops Station I decided to first stop there and see if she would start immediately. If not, I would be in a more accommodating environment to await cool-down, Pops being a popular weekend destination for bikers, old car enthusiasts, muscle-car fans and other nefarious types, with plenty of shade and restrooms.

Sure enough, it imitated a low battery, wouldn't turn fast enough to start when I hit the starter after parking. I envisioned pistons melting into the cylinders. Still in worry mode I went inside, checked out the availability of sody-pop, combed my hair and returned to the car to wait.

In my absence a beautiful light blue '69 GTO had pulled up and parked across the median from the Stude. The driver returned to find me replenishing the oil for The Girl and we had a wonderful visit. Jack (Last name forgotten) retired Continental Airlines pilot, had only recently moved back to OK, settling in Edmond, and had learned of the Central Okla. Pontiac Club but did not know about the Third Saturday Cruise-In-For-Coffee at Santa Fe Cattle Co. Restaurant. He is now well informed on that subject and received an invitation to join us there the next month, and a COC SDC member application form. While we were deep into our best fabrication of fiction, an elderly couple (in their 60s at least) drove up in their 80s model Corvette and asked if a Chevy might be allowed to park in the area. Warning them to maintain their distance, we allowed it and discovered they were from PA, on their way to California, a workout for the 'Vette to some such destination being a yearly tradition for them. They wanted to talk of The Great Race and that led to talk of the 1908 New York to Paris Race won by the Thomas Flyer. Don't remember why they broached that subject, 'tho I seem to recall their mention of being related to one of the drivers.

By that time the Girl had enjoyed at least 30 min. of cooling. As the others rode off into the sunset, the 232 started easily, I was again in happy mode, called Home to tell my wife, "Pat, I'm starting for home. Leave the light on fer me and set up the Scrabble board."

Great IDYSD! I'm saving my maps of Arcadia for next year.

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THE GREAT RACE 2024

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From Pete Yuens' "Odds-N-Ends" —

"In my many years I have come to the conclusion, ... that one useless man is a shame, two [useless men] is a law firm and three or more [useless men] is a government." ~John Adams

"*If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper, you are misinformed.*" ~Mark Twain

Suggestions For Storing Your Studebaker

Compiled by Pete Yuen, B.C. Coastal Chapter -- Studebaker Drivers Club

The following is a group effort for a list of suggestions provided by **Graham Gagne , Roland Vardon, Brian Curtis and Ken Pleasance** - . Each one quickly came to the 'rescue' after Pete Yuen sent out e-mail with subject title: "HELP" and a few lines asking for suggestion to better store the Studebaker until it is used again. Many Thanks to each and every one of the past editors mentioned for their quick response with suggestions to make up the following list:

*Wash and wax the entire car. Special care to chromed parts by polishing and waxing.

*Change the oil to get rid of acids and contaminates. Store vehicle with fresh oil. **Choose oil with high zinc content. Using modern oils with low zinc content will provide insufficient lubrication for engines with flat valve lifters as used by Studebaker. Recommended oil, "CAMOil" is available and sold by B.C. Southern Interior Chapter Members, Chuck Douglas* and Brian Curtis.***

*Add STP or equivalent to the oil and then take the car for a drive to warm. mix and circulate the oil. The STP or substitute will leave a nice oil film on all the moving parts to protect them over the storage period

*Lift the car and block it up just so that the tires are not on the floor especially if there are bias ply tires on it so that they will not have a flat spot on them when the car is used again.

*When lifting the car for storage, block it up so that the wheels are not hanging on the suspension system.

*Put a little extra pressure in the tires.

*Look for any holes or openings that mice can enter into the car. If any is found, plug them.

*Use mothballs or fabric softener sheet to deter mice from entering the car. Put them into the car, the engine compartment and the trunk. Some believe that Irish Spring Soap may repel mice.

*Keep the battery charged up. If it is on a trickle charger that is left on continually, make sure that it is one that will automatically cut out when the battery is fully charged. Overcharging the battery will occur if the charger is left on and it does not have an automatic shut off. A couple of times during the storage period if the battery is being charged, the water level should be checked and topped up if it is low.

****If for some reason you do not wish to take the battery out of the car during storage, at least disconnect one of the cables.***

*When a car is stored in a garage, be sure that it is vented and the door(s) be opened periodically to better circulate the air to reduce chance of condensation in the car.

*Plastic sheet or tarp should be put under the car if it is going to be parked on grass or gravel. This will prevent moisture from seeping under the car to rot out the floor and trunk panels and the frame. This will not happen if the car is left sitting on bare ground in just one season. Over a period of time, it will happen.

*Before storing it is wise to add a Stabilizer to the gas in the tank to keep it from going stale. Drive the car around for a while to ensure that it gets into the entire fuel system before shutting the motor off. Read the instructions on the Stabilizer to see how much is needed by ratio to the gas it is to stabilize.

*If there are often significant temperature changes in the garage, it will create condensation in the gas tank. The more gas there is in the tank, the less it will condensate.

*If one can store a vehicle in a climate- controlled environment, it is essential to keep the temperature low as opposed to high. The heated garage should not be more than 60 degrees F, to keep moisture out but not enough to create problems.

*Drive the car into the garage instead of backing it in. This way, the exhaust will be facing the door.

*If you prefer to put a cover over the car, use a breathable type.

*Lubricate all hood, trunk and door hinges

*Do a lube job on the car. The grease will displace water if it got into the bearings or on bearing surfaces.

*Check to make sure that there is adequate antifreeze in the cooling system

*Change the brake fluid if more than 2 years old. Do not use brake fluid from a tin that is already open. Use from a fresh can as the fluid absorbs moisture from the atmosphere.

*In times past, it was suggested that the engine be started and run about once a month. More recently, it has been found to be better not to start the engine as in most cases, it is not allowed to operate long enough to get everything warmed up and thus creates a bigger condensation problem than if the engine was not started at all.

More timely tips from the bounteous files of Susan Lusted, [Turning Wheels](#).

Tech Tip From Rock Auto

Is that prized car tucked away for the winter? The oil changed. Fuel stabilizer elixir added to the gas tank. The car up on jack stands. Each spark plug removed, and a little oil sprayed into the cylinders. A trickle charger attached to the battery. A car cover carefully fitted. The garage alarm system activated. Time to put on the slippers and curl up by the fireplace. Wrong! It is time to panic! As I learned last week that car is at risk!

The season for storing classic cars is also the season when millions of vermin look for a safe, snugly winter home. My 1992 Dodge van is not (yet) a classic. I did not even put it away for the winter. I happily drove it on Sunday and on Tuesday I discovered the check-engine light was on and a rough running motor. When I pulled off the engine cover, I found evidence a rat had decided to bring a few tree leaves and move in next to a valve cover. Was he watching with bags packed when I backed the van into the carport on Sunday?

Rat (and mouse) incisor teeth grow continuously. They gnaw on things to keep those teeth from getting too long and probably just to pass the time. My rat gnawed the wires off one of the van's fuel injectors. In less than 48 hours, a rat disabled the Dodge. Imagine what gnawing, pooping, peeing rats or mice could do to a vehicle sitting quietly for months. A car could be totaled. I am now nervously popping the hoods on my entire fleet almost daily. The carport area is fitted with three spring loaded rat traps, two poison bait boxes and an ultrasonic [thingy](#) that supposedly makes a noise rats don't care for. I plan on redoing the fence so our dog can patrol the carport along with the yard (with poison and traps out of reach).



So far, a spring-loaded rat trap has killed one rat. His teeth had that just polished with Mopar copper wire sheen. However, I am not under the delusion that he/she was the only one. Rats breed several times a year, around ten to a litter. It is a never-ending, world-wide battle.

Frequently check on any stored car. The good news is this could be another excuse to spend more time in the garage than the house. It could be another reason to adopt a cat or dog. More good news is that my van is back on the road and I discovered Dorman makes replacement Bosch type fuel injector connectors.

By and thanks to [Tom Taylor, RockAuto.com](#)



...whatcha got unner yer hood?? Hmmm?

When you wanna be somebody you drive a new car.

When you know who your are you drive an old car.

More advice on parking your classic:

Don't Park your Avanti close to the Walkie-Talkie Building!



The Walkie-Talkie Building That Melts Cars: \$243 Million

TOLGA AKMEN/AFP via Getty Images

The Walkie-Talkie building in London, England, might look very cool, but it is the opposite. This particular building has a pesky tendency to get so hot that it's actually able to melt cars! During two hours of the day, the building acts as a concave mirror, throwing sunlight back out onto the street at a heat of up to 243 °F during the summer months. With those temperatures, the building's nickname "Fryscraper" couldn't be more correct. Unfortunately, the building cost a whopping \$243 million to construct, and now the developer finds itself having to pay off people's car repairs, too! One man was granted \$1,151 in repairs.

REMOTE BATTERY DISCONNECT SWITCH

Why you need this! *Wayne Lee*

My Studebaker has only one locking door and it's on the wrong side of the car. It's kind of a pain to have to lock my door, slide across the seat and get out on the passenger side and then lock that door.

Recently, while researching my options for a solution, I discovered a remote battery disconnect switch that comes with two small remotes. The operation is simple: push the "off button" and the battery is electrically disconnected from the car. Push the "on button" and the battery is re-connected to the car.

The switch I picked is available on Amazon for \$22.98. Click here to see it: <https://tinyurl.com/Remote-Battery-Disconnect>. It includes the pieces needed to fit batteries with the fat top posts or the small front posts.



Presented on these pages, a quick reference to the organization of the Studebaker Drivers Club noting National and international configuration with particular attention to our Southwest Central Zone. For a complete picture of the organization, use this link to access the SDC web site, [CONTACTS](#).

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Note: The [Studebaker Drivers Club](https://studebakerdriversclub.com) site (<https://studebakerdriversclub.com>) can take you deeper into the operations and activities of the National officers, as well as being a great source of information on much of the Studebaker world. Check it out!

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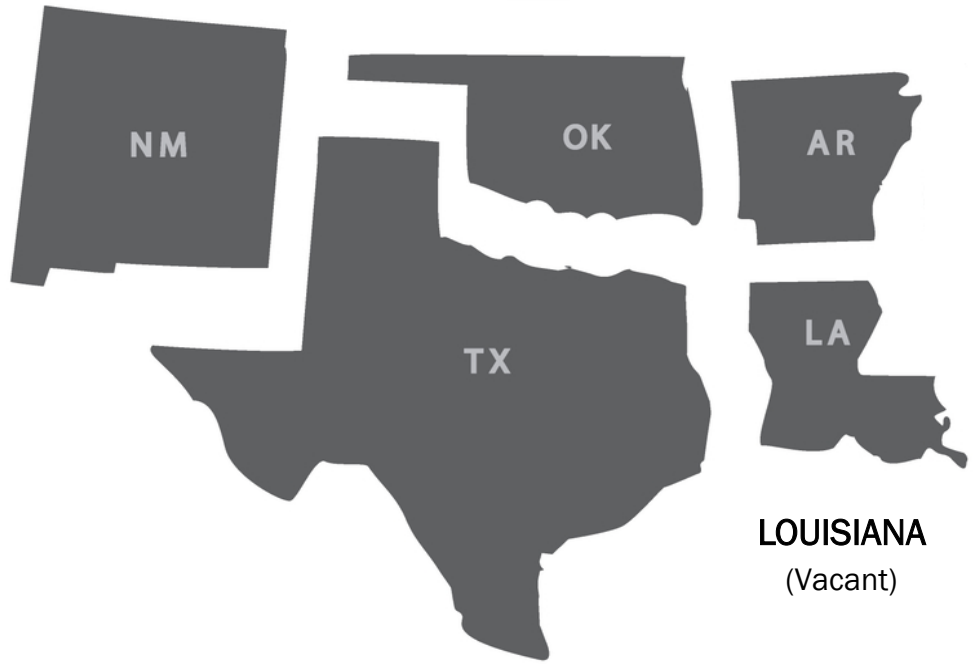
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Familiarize yourself with the National organization, visit the SDC web site and learn of the many helpful benefits available and you will appreciate what an exceptional organization you are a part of. An valuable part.

Reminder snap shots:



Christmas Lunch Saturday, 1:30PM, 9 December

@Charleston's Restaurant

1429 SW 74th St., Oklahoma City, 73159, off I-240 and Penn

AUCTION!

\$\$\$\$Start setting aside funds NOW to pay your Club membership dues for 2024! Due soon!

!!!!!!!Peruse carefully your latest issue of Turning Wheels magazine. Interesting issue.



Get to know your newly-elected Tour Master Team. Encourage their efforts.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Brace for '24

MORE! —

Odds-'N-Ends

— Pete Yuens

Thoughts of a Wandering Mind:

“May you always have "Love to Share, Health to Spare and Friends that Care.”

“Have you noticed, if you add IRS to the word, THE it becomes “THEIRS”?

I had amnesia once -- or twice. What is a “free” gift? Aren’t all gifts free?

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can’t make me happy.

One nice thing about egotists: They don’t talk about other people. Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I’ll show you a man who can’t get his pants off.

Wisdom in a Few Words:

In my many years I have come to the conclusion, ... that one useless man is a shame, two [useless men] is a law firm and three or more [useless men] is a government. ~John Adams

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper, you are misinformed. ~Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. ~Winston Churchill

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

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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!