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A Word From The President

Melvin McGee

Here we are going into March of 2021 and the one-year mark of the Pandemic. With the vaccines out now, even the latest Johnson & Johnson product, and the predictions that everyone should have received the vaccine by June or July, perhaps the world can return soon to a semi-normal state, whatever that may mean now. Then we as a club can get back together and accomplish some long-delayed projects.

I thought for a while we might have something working when, in July, Don, Peter and I were contacted by Matti Dubberstein, working with Jordan Advertising, about the June, 2021 pre-celebrations of the 100th Anniversary of Route 66 planned for Tulsa and Oklahoma City. She asked if we could work with them and other car clubs in providing old cars for those events. Unfortunately, we received a message a couple of days ago informing us that, due to COVID 19 restrictions, those plans have been postponed to 2022.

As you know, not much has happened club-wise in the last couple of months and the ice, snow and well below zero temperatures starting early February were not a welcomed distraction.

In the category of "Good News" we might list Studie Pete's decision to use the time to gather the energy to set in on reparations on the T86 transmission for his '62 GT Hawk and was able to get that project completed. He also took on the task of finding and correcting the transmission problem of Don's '54 Dutch Girl and, after persuading her to shift into Over Drive like a good girl should, decided to keep her there to start work on replacing front bushings as soon as possible. So Peter has

been constructively busy during what could have been unprofitable down time.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our fellow club members, Rev. Richard Nelson of Elgin, Oklahoma, whose death on 9 January 2021 was attributed to contraction of the Corona virus with other contributing conditions.

On a lighter note, perhaps not such a light note to Leland, club member Leland Laws apparently deciding to get out on one icy day, slipped and put a bad dent in his head while exhibiting his skills at ice skating. Taken to the emergency room at Mercy, he received several stitches and a warning to always find a soft spot to fall on. Not quite fully recovered from that mishap his attention was diverted, perhaps to a pretty lady? while driving his new pickup at the excessive speed of 5 mph in a Walmart parking lot. Hitting a steel post at exactly the correct angle, the airbags deployed, whacking Leland upside the head, destroying the cab interior and bringing the vehicle to an inoperative condition. Towed to the dealer for repairs the truck was returned to him in 'only' three weeks and the tab was 'only' \$8,000 US American dollars.

Other than those incidents I have not heard of anyone else in the club experiencing anything other than a safe and happy beginning of the new year. Hoping to see you at next meeting, Saturday 27 February, and again wishing for you a happy new year,

Mel



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Anniversaries

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Happy Anniversary

Please call the editor if your Birthday or Anniversary are not listed here. DQS dqsuds@gmail.com

James "Jimmie" Vaughan was not a member of our Central Oklahoma Chapter SDC, but most of us knew him and his very well-tended Avanti we frequently admired at some of the area Studebaker gatherings, and it was a truly saddening effect this announcement in January of the new year had upon many of us.

From: Nancy Kimbrough Fri, Jan 8 2021 at 8:15 PM

Good evening folks,

I have a heavy heart as I write this. Jimmie Vaughn's daughter, Sherry, notified us this morning that Jimmie passed on Tuesday evening 5 Jan. He passed peacefully after a breathing battle caused by Covid. Services are pending based on what the pandemic permits. We will keep you informed.

March 15, 1922 - January 5, 2021

James Patrick "Jim" Vaughn, longtime Okmulgee resident, passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2021, in O'Fallon, Ill. at 98 years of age. Arrangements are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.



Unable to find the "story of Sgt. Vaughn", I can relate only the little I learned when my wife and I talked with him at a Tulsa Zone meet some years ago. Very proud of his service in WWII, so very proud of his beloved wife as to place a memorial to her on the rear window.

Such a sad story on these pages.

Obituary - Richard & Marie

Rev. Richard H. Nelson

December 27, 1935 - January 09, 2021

Funeral service for Rev. Richard H. Nelson will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2021 at Bethel Assembly of God with Rev. Randy Shorter, Pastor officiating.

Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens under direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.

Rev. Richard H. Nelson died Saturday, January 9, 2021 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 85. He was born December 27, 1935 in Miami, Florida to Harvey D. Douglas and Thelma M. Nelson. He married Teresa Marie Mingo on May 4, 1957 at Evangel Temple in Miami, Florida. She preceded him in death on September 10, 2019.

Richard worked as a cabinet and boat builder before surrendering to ministry at the age of 33. He attended Southwestern Assembly of God College in Waxahachie, Texas and was ordained to preach. He served as a pastor to churches in Winters, Texas, Tipton, Oklahoma, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, Prue, Oklahoma, Weleetka, Oklahoma and retired from pastoring at Rifle, Colorado. Following his retirement, he continued to minister as an interim pastor to numerous churches and conducted many revival services.

He attended Bethel Assembly of God and was a member of the Heartland Conference with the International Pentecostal Church.

Richard is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Gigi and Kevin Upshaw; his son and daughter-in-law, Vaughn and René Nelson; his daughter-in-law, Debbie Nelson; six grandchildren and their spouses, Jared Upshaw, Tiffany and Tony Ganus, Brian and Rachel Nelson, Sean and Kaf Nelson, Kyle Nelson and Eric Nelson; six great grandchildren, Jaiyden, Anastasia, London, Elora, Blaine, Elliana; three siblings, Carol Nelson, Sharon Dorris and Paul Nelson; and a great aunt, Wilma Jane Clark.

His wife, a son, Dwayne Nelson, and a grandson, Bradley Upshaw, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Teen Round-Up online at www.teenroundup.org or mailed P.O. Box 2464, Prescott, AZ 86302.

Marie "Grammie" Nelson

September 28, 1935 - September 10, 2019

Funeral service for Marie "Grammie" Nelson will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in Lawton First Assembly.

Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens under direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.

Marie "Grannie" Nelson died Tuesday, September 10, 2019 west of Elgin, Oklahoma at the age of 83. She was born September 28, 1935 in Palmetto Point, Eleuthera, Bahamas. She grew up and attended school in Nassau, Bahamas. Marie met Richard H. Nelson on a trip to Miami and following a whirlwind romance they were married May 4, 1957 at Evangel Temple in Miami, Florida.

Marie worked as an officer manager for several medical offices prior to Richard being called to ministry. She then assisted her husband in ministry while raising three children. She was an excellent cook and loved people. The time she spent with her grandchildren each summer was among her greatest pleasures.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Gigi and Kevin Upshaw, Elgin, Oklahoma; son and daughter-in-law, Vaughn and René Nelson, Coconut Creek, Florida; daughter-in-law, Debbie Nelson, Daytona Beach, Florida; seven grandchildren, Bradley Upshaw, Jared Upshaw, Tiffany Ganus and husband Tony, Brian Nelson and wife Rachel, Sean Nelson and wife Kaf, Kyle Nelson and Eric Nelson; six great grandchildren, Jaiyden, Anastasia, Elora, Elliana, London and Blaine; nephews, Gregory Fountain, Anthony Fountain and Derek Fountain; niece Michelle White; and a number of grand nephews and nieces.

[Read more on this tragic story on our web page under 'Members News'](#)

Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club
Saturday the 27th of February at NOON.
Studebaker Club "Pizza Lunch"



Elmer Davis hosted Our first meeting of 2021 at The Hobby Shoppe

Ready for relief from cabin fever, club members responded en masse to the invitation to meet at Elmer's and enjoy a bit of club fellowship (lyin' a lot 'n laughin' back & forth at one another) and ate a lotta pizza and downed a few sodys. It was such a pleasure seeing so many of "the old crowd" there, surely we can soon repeat the process?



Limos await the departure of Elmer's guests on Sat 27 Feb

Elmer has many times now proved such a gracious host in a very comfortable and enjoyable venue, we owe him a special award for making it possible. On this occasion we were offered 8 different kinds of pizza, varied soft drinks and one choice of cookies (the most delicious cookies). Leland Laws, unable to attend, had asked the editor to slip a couple pieces of pizza into his pockets for Leland to come by to claim at a later date, which the editor did, but ate them before he left the meeting, thus invoking a "Don MUST avoid Leland for a month or two" policy. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable and beneficial of ...well, after this COLD and nasty weather, February 27 proved to be a great day to drive a Studebaker and enjoy some camaraderie.

So sorry some sought solace elsewhere.

Here's hoping that this kicks-off a rousing 2021 Car Season!

Details of the event on page. , if you're not asleep by now. Some names changed to protect the guilty and maintain peace in the personal lives of those involved.*editor*

"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." **Marcel Proust**

Disappointing Words From The Rte. 66 Roadfest Committee

Our highly competent Tour Master, Peter Rodrigues, whose wife, Kathy, refers to as "Sir", informs us of the following message from Matti Dubberstein, Jordan Advertising- (herein follows the text of the message rec'd by Peter:)

AAA Route 66 Road Fest - Postponed to 2022

Matti Dubberstein mdubberstein@jordanadvertising.com

3:25 PM 19 Feb 2021

To: Melvin & Jeri-Alynn McGee; Peter Rodrigues; Donald Que

Hello Melvin, Peter and Don,

I wanted to let you know that the AAA Route 66 Road Fest has been postponed to 2022. We believe an additional year of preparation and planning will create an event that truly honors the Mother Road's heritage and allow for more individuals to safely attend.

An official postponement announcement is scheduled for Monday, February 22 and below is an excerpt from the release:

In consideration of Oklahoma Department of Public Health guidance and federal health recommendations associated with COVID-19, AAA Oklahoma is postponing its Route 66 Road Fest celebration to the summer of 2022.

"Like everyone in Oklahoma, we must do all we can to ensure public safety," said Jared Peterson, president of AAA Club Alliance Great Plains Region. "We look forward to a time when long and short road trips become the norm again. By 2022, many more people from around the country and region will have a chance to join us here in Oklahoma for a celebration of the Mother Road."

"While the pandemic may have pushed our celebration back a year, it has not diminished our enthusiasm for celebrating Route 66 and the highway's historical and cultural ties to Oklahoma," Peterson said. "We can't wait to roll out the Road Fest in 2022."

We hope you'll continue to follow information about the event at www.route66roadfest.com. When more information for the event is available and for car club participation, I will reach back out with additional details.

Thanks,
Matti

Another Announcement of Cancellation: **Sweethearts & Orphans**

From Clifton Hill & Peter Rodrigues we have a definite "NO GO" on this popular event.

This show has been canceled. Gary Meek, North Texas SDC President, called the show organizer this evening.

Cancelled 1) Because of Covid,

2) Because of the weather. Certainly not because of lack of interest.

They couldn't put it together in time. We shall await what will surely be a memorable event next year as the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane organization will undoubtedly out-do themselves.



Studie Pete caught some interesting shots of well-known political personalities. On the left Pete is offered a ride in Joe Biden's very nice '67 Corvette, and on the right Bernie Sanders awaits confirmation on the cancellation of Sweethearts & Orphans 2021. He had put in a lotta time on preparing the '51 Champion and had hoped to be recognized for it.



Two of these advertisements are from The North Texas **Wheel**, newsletter of the North Texas Chapter of the SDC, permission granted by Ray Chartrand.

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NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS IN AUSTRALIA

Just six years ago, I met Richard Salter who brought me to a Studebaker Car Club of Australia meeting in greater Melbourne. There, I met so many members it felt like a bit of a whirlwind. The following Saturday, Richard brought me to "A bit of a fiddle" at Bob Godley's place. Born in the Seychelle Islands and living many years in Australia, Bob's unique and charming accent was a window into his life. Bob was a Car Guy, a real Studebaker Guy and a founding member of the SCCA. I instantly loved Bob's many Studebakers (especially his hand-made Studebaker UTE), his parts and his stories. I was enchanted as I listened to his stories and impressed by his background, his resourcefulness, and his created designs, including a triple-carburetor intake manifold for a six-cylinder Studebaker engine. I was in Australia a few years later and able to spend some treasured time with Bob Godley. He was quite special.

Bob recently passed away. Another treasure lost, but he left many warm and loving memories in the hearts of the many people he met. Richard Salter, current President of the SCCA wrote the following:

"One of the main drivers behind this club's very existence, Bob Godley was not just a member and a life member – he was a giant of a member who never failed to help another member or give his best to ensure the club thrived".

Bob's funeral:

Tuesday 2nd March at St. Anthony's corner Neerim and Grange Roads, Glenhuntly at 1.30pm.

Followed by procession past the Godley Family home in Oakleigh Road and then on to Springvale Cemetery at 2.30pm.

Drinks, nibbles, storytelling and laughs afterward at the Sandown Park Hotel at approximately 3.30pm.

Overhead valve six cylinder engine.
 Removed from a R2 half ton ruck.

History not known. Engine number from boss is:

\$25 4 600. Has accessories

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Price is \$90 Dollars

Gary Meek at 214-797-7158 or
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The editor of the newsletter is intensely questioned about use of Club funds for a trip to Arcadia, OK. Glenn Masopust, as public defender with an impressive, actually overwhelming, array of technical and verbal defense tactics as well as copies of the Guthrie Drive-In-Theatre tickets, easily won acquittal.

The acquittal of the newsletter editor having taken little time off the scheduled business of the meeting (as reported by our capable secretary) the meeting agenda moved on to the discussion of the problem of the undecipherable cause of the brake fluid leak in Melvin McGee's '58 Hawk. The fluid disappears and Mel can find no sign no where of a leak. This is where Joe Parks and Studie Pete wit an exciting rendition of a similar (SIMILAR! IT WAS EXACTLY THE SAME!!) problem with Joe's 1960 Hawk. A tiny tiny tiny pin-hole in a brake line. Full explanation on the [COC WEB Site](#). And the meeting moved on. After the discussion of whether Leland should be allowed to venture out

alone on ice was tabled, the venue of the next meeting was discussed and, as Tom Douglass was present, he was asked directly if he would suffer the members of the club to again set foot in his wonderful CARSEUM. Tom agreed to let us in if we promise to not track mud on the floor.



On the left, Kevin McGee, guest of Mel, can't believe what he's hearing and Mel seems a bit skeptic. Above, L-R, Don Sutherland, John Humphrey III, Glenn Masopust, Elmer Davis, Tom Douglass, Joe Parks and Ken Sumwalt pretend to listen as Glenn tells of good progress on his '55 sedan.





The fine group gathered at 1:00PM in Elmer's Hobby Shop on a pleasant Saturday, February 27 all agreed that Elmer Davis is the Host With The Most. Such a long time have we gone without such a satisfying gabfest discussing who will go to The National, what's the next even, why is brake fluid receding in the master cylinder reservoir yet I can see no sign pf a leak anywhere? And various problems. Who has received the second jab? Did it give you any problems?



Glenn Masopust is moving right along with his '55 Sedan, gathering parts at a prodigious rate. His immediate concern is a proper fan shroud, unable to find the correct one. We will have pictures of Glenn's efforts in next issue, unable to get them in time for this.



Ken Sumwalt's Lark and Studie Pete's '53 Starlight, admired by all who attended the Pizza Meeting

Studie Pete Remembers Visit To Australia Six Years Back

Richard Salter David Pink Michael Pink Studie Pete Phil Smith Bob Godley



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Note to the club from V.P. Clifton Hill:

There is an opportunity coming up for those who would like to be in a movie. The movie is Grey Horse, and they are wanting 75 cars, pre 1925. The movie will be shot in Bartlesville. They are paying \$350 per day, and if the car is used more than one day, they will furnish a motel room.

Shooting will start April 12 and go through Sept. 12. Sid Drapal is our contact for the movie info. For now, people can email him pictures of their cars and their contact info, and he will pass it along to the movie guys.

Sid's email is: sadtad@cox.net.

Hope everyone is staying healthy and warm! Let's hope for warmer weather soon so we can have a workday!

This is a very interesting article about the gentleman Toly Arutunoff from whom I bought the Studebaker -based prototype sports car known as the **Glasspar Ascot**. It is mentioned in the article. I believe most automotive enthusiasts will enjoy perusing this article.

USE THIS LINK: [Arutunoff](#)

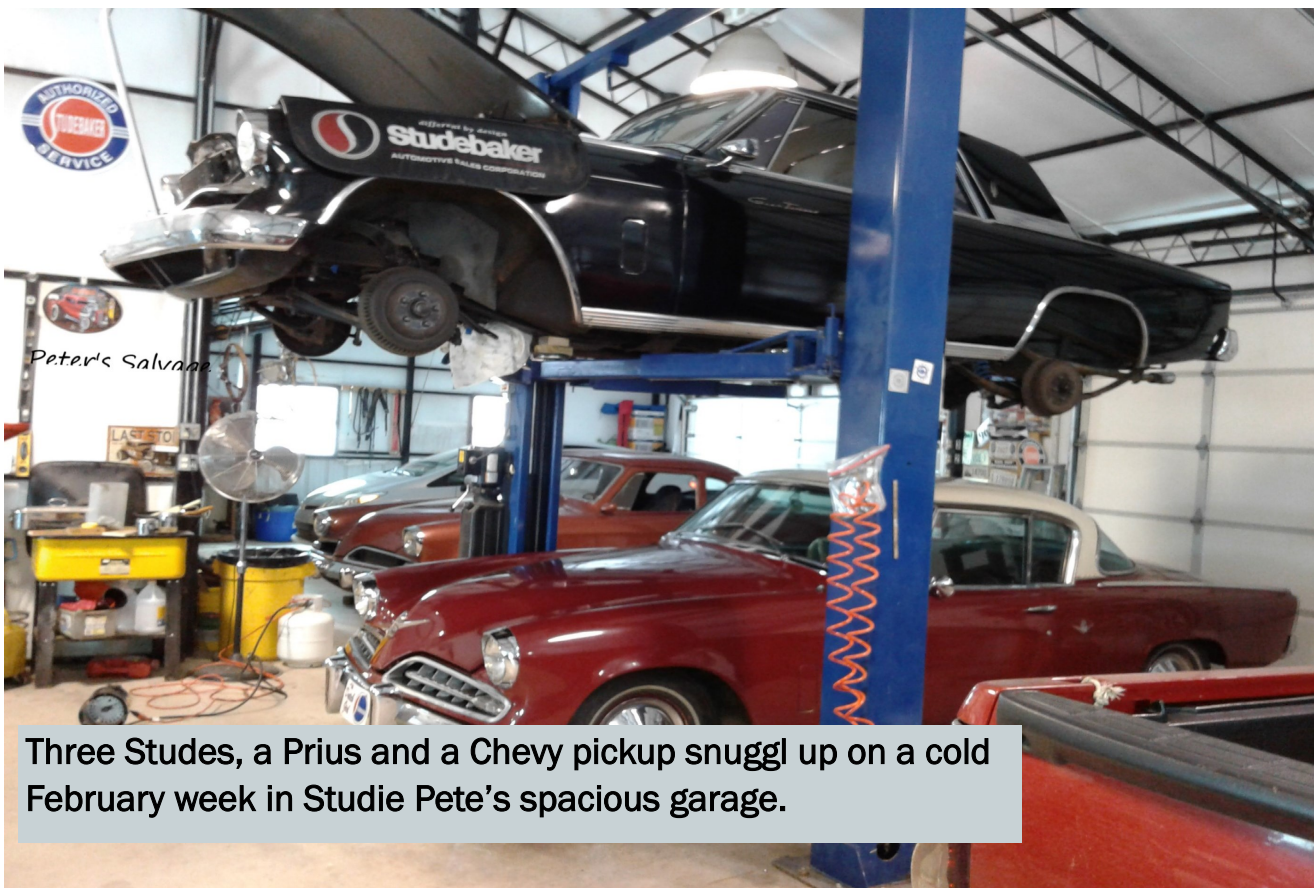
This article about Toly just appeared on Hagerty.com. Toly's wife, Karen, put it on her Facebook page. Interesting read. Clifton can probably add to the story.



Charles and Sue Hall, in the Del Rio, TX area last week, sent this sunset shot.



Dwight Deal, Glenn Masopust, and Don Sutherland met with Peter Rodrigues on a rainy day in January of this year. They were there to enjoy a seminar on the intricacies of the 3-speed transmission with over drive. Dwight was also hoping to pick some information on how to correct the problems with a poorly-engineered installation of a power steering unit. Glenn and Don were there for the cookies and hot chocolate and didn't mind at all to suffer through the lecture on O.D. and power steering. Don's O.D. had ceased to function properly on the drive down from OKC. So he was somewhat interested in the O.D. session but is rather completed. Peter found most of the parts he needed and gave a very interesting demonstration. Don left his car there.



Three Studes, a Prius and a Chevy pickup snugl up on a cold February week in Studie Pete's spacious garage.

Upcoming Events..... Check For Cancellations!

*We hope to see you at one or the other of these interesting events! **Studie Pete***

Central Oklahoma Chapter
of the Studebaker Drivers Club
master Planning Activities

March 5 & 6, 2021 Almost Ready to Cruise Car Sale & Swap Meet

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

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March 5,6,7, 2021 OKC Dealers Car Show & The OKC Auto Show

State Fair Park, 3001 General Pershing Blvd. OKC, OK

March 18, 19, 2021 Norman Swap Meet Cleveland County Fairgrounds

Come to the Norman Swap Meet to buy and sell parts for cars, trucks, street rods and more. Auto memorabilia, import parts and kit cars will be available at this year's show.

Norman, OK 73071

March 22, 2021 - Mar 27, 2021 Duncan Automotive Swap Meet

Stephens County Fairgrounds & Expo Center

2002 S 13th St Duncan, OK 73533 580-255-3231

April 17, 2021 Cruise in for Coffee,

Sat, 8 – 11 AM -Santa Fe Cattle Co., 7101 SE 29th St. Midwest City, OK

Third Saturday from April to October Midwest City hosts a Cruise in for Coffee



April 17, 2021 10th Annual Waynoka Car Show & Lawn Mower Race - Waynoka

9 am to 3 pm. Open classic car show with games, poker run, awards, rock n' roll music and concessions. Pancake breakfast begins at 7:30a.m. in the Chamber building.

April 24, 2021 - April 24, 2021 Annual Tri-City Cruisers Car Show **Newcastle**

Annual Tri-City Cruisers Open Car Show, April 24th, 2021. In Newcastle, OK behind Braums

414 NW 32nd Street (Hwy 37 & Tri-City Drive).

Registration (\$30) - 8am to 11am - Trophies presented at 2:30pm

Paula Gayanich 405-613-7463

April 30 - May 2 Annual Darryl Starbird National Rod and Custom Car Show

River Spirit Expo at Expo Square, Tulsa, OK

Friday: 12pm - 11pm, Saturday: 10am - 11pm, Sunday: 10am - 6pm

Adults:16 & above-\$25, Juniors:13-15 - \$15, Kids:12 & under - FREE

Email: starbirdshows@gmail.com Website: <https://www.starbirdcarshows.com/>

Phone: 918-406-8966

May 1, 2021 Noble Rose Rock Car Show 8am-3pm

4th & Cherry Street, Noble OK

Registration: 8am-12pm; Entry Fee: \$20 There are 30 Classes 1st & 2nd trophies+ Best of Show

Email for Car Show: rlan228732@aol.com ; crccarclub@aol.com

Website: <http://www.canadianrivercruisers.com/>

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May 5, 6, 7, 8, 2021 Chickasha Spring Swap Meet

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7-Eleven State Farm

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Thursday, March 4, 2021, Noon

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Bring out your car from the future past and join us at noon. Great weather planned. Murphy’s Cook Shack will have a food truck serving BBQ. Plenty of room for social distancing and a great opportunity