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A Letter From The President

Greetings to all as we head into the Holiday Season(s)! October was a nice busy month.

Ten members and three guests attended our business/breakfast/car-tales meeting at Grandy's on September 5. Two of the guests were Pete's friends Ric DiOrio from Simi Valley, California, and Scott Robertson from out back Sidney, Australia. Ric is a member of the Los Angeles Studebaker Driver's Club and Lofty (Scott) a member of the Studebaker Car Club of New South Wales. Lofty had flown into California from Australia and he and Ric loaded into Ric's 1956 Studebaker Pinehurst station wagon and set out cross-country for the 2019 International Studebaker Drivers Club Meeting in Mansfield, Ohio. In his article in this issue Peter shares the amazing story of how Ric and Lofty became involved in the intricately timed, convoluted delivery of two Studebaker transmissions from Connecticut to Pete's home in Oklahoma; what I would call a Very Special Delivery Service.

The other guest, Bill Morris of Noble, OK, not a Studebaker owner but arriving in his very nifty 1966 Chevy Nova SS, received a lot of attention. We showed the guests how we appreciated their visit by paying for their breakfast. Big Spenders. During the exchange of so much information and hats and pins, etc. one of the "small world" items noted was that Ric DiOrio thought Leland Laws' 1999 Avanti seemed familiar. Turns out Ric knew the individual in California from whom Leland Laws had purchased the vehicle, had seen the car before.

After the meeting Ric & Scott climbed into the heavily-loaded Stude Pinehurst and we wished

them well as they faded west, headed back to Calif. Hope they can soon repeat for another International Meet./ Oklahoma visit.

The month of Oct. was full of car shows, cruise-ins and swap meets and, while no one event was deemed a Club event, I know some members attended one or another of the many events; Peter's Stude and Mike's Chevy were at the Robber's Cave Fall Foliage Cruise, Clifton and Elmer at the Norman Swap Meet, Pat and Don at Petit Jean Mountain, some were at the Chickasha Swap Meet.

Ron Hall's auction on the 19th was deemed a success by Ron and Jan but I've yet to learn who of the club attended that event. I was unable to attend due to furnace problems, but glad it was successful.

As to up-coming events, let me advise you that The **Election of Officers Chili Dinner** will not occur this year as we held the election Oct. 31 and we don't want any more chili right now. The **COC Christmas Party** will be held on Sat. Dec. 7th at **Charleston's 1429 SW 74th** on the South side of OKC off of I-2410 and Penn, Ave. Please confirm with me your intent to attend. **405-659-9090 or 405-789-7029.**

If I don't see you in Nov. at the meeting may you all have a nice Thanksgiving. Jeri-Alynn and I will welcome our herd of eleven at our house for the big feast. The Holiday Season is something Jeri and I enjoy every year as everyone gathers at one place, everyone goes home with leftovers to last weeks... but naturally the downside is clean-up time. **Happy and Safe Holidays to all.**

Mel

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Member's Page



November Birthdays

Judy Hock
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Anniversaries

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December Birthdays

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Anniversaries

Leland & Lucille Laws
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Surely there are more birthdays and anniversaries for Nov-Dec.

If we've failed to list some that should be here, PLEASE notify the editor:

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AUCTION IN STONEWALL, OKLAHOMA

Ron and Jan report a successful auction on Oct 19 and feel bad for you if you weren't there to get in on some good buys on stuff you really need.

Leland Laws continues to enjoy each of his Avantis, winning a First at Stillwater this past weekend. Picture on page 8

Attention All Club Members:

Club Fees for 2020 are due to be paid by January 1 of 2020. For all whose fees are submitted by December 7 (day of the Christmas Party!) those names will be entered into a drawing and the membership drawn will win:

FEES PAID FOR 2021



Merry Christmas to The Winner !!!!

Congratulations to Kent Reitenour, who entered his Lark in the 2019 International Studebaker Drivers Meet and did place very well but at the time of publication we have no pictures or exact information to present. Even attending the International can be a trying endeavor, and entering a car involves even greater efforts in getting the car ready, transporting, etc. Good on ya, Kent, for the successful achievement.

Studie Pete and Mike Scott Enjoy Wilburton's Fall Foliage and Wooldridge Burger Bash

On Friday evening, there was an early registration and Burger Bash at The House of Packard (Wooldridge Ranch) on US 270, just west of Wilburton, beginning at 2:00 p.m. along with event tees and cap sales. The Burger Bash began serving at 5:00 p.m. This pre-car show gathering has been called "The Gearhead Gathering of The Year"!



The annual Robbers Cave Fall Festival in Wilburton includes over 200 arts and craft vendors, delicious food and drinks, amusement rides and an entertainment stage. The festival also features the Fall Foliage Cruise, a pre-1984 rod, custom and classics car and truck show on Saturday. This car show annually attracts 500 of the finest rods, customs and classics from the multi-state region and across the nation.



On our way to the 33rd Robbers Cave Fall Foliage Cruise, Mike Scott in his '55 Chevy sedan, Sherrill Spears in his '57 Chevy sedan delivery, and I in my '53 Studebaker (Chevy powered) met in Asher. We drove down Hwy 177 through Ada then onto Hwy 1 & 48 to Calvin where we connected with Hwy 270 and into McAlester. We checked into our motel, rested briefly,

and promptly set out to Wilburton where the House of Packard hosted their annual Burger Bash. Carl Wooldridge has a spectacular Packard operation: a special collection, restoration shop, and an incredible collectible display. Not to overlook his specialty of installing Viper V-10 drivetrains into classic Packards. Oh, My Goodness.

StudiePete



My 62 GT Hawk (289 with manual 3-speed and overdrive) developed an unusual and nasty sounding noise a few months back. After trying the most likely solutions and spending many more dollars without any success, I spoke to my old friend John O in Connecticut. Somewhat "crying in my beer" I told him I was at wit's end and that I narrowed down the problematic noise to an unlikely transmission issue. John O mentioned that he had the Studebaker Borg Warner T-10 four-speed transmission that I left behind when I retired to Oklahoma in 2003, and he added that he had 2 T-10's. John O and I oftentimes shared ownership of various auto hobby parts. I remembered the Studebaker T-10 but not the other. The possibility of installing a 4-speed into the GT Hawk and getting rid of that Nasty Noise intrigued. The next problem was getting the transmissions from Connecticut to Oklahoma.

I contacted my longtime Studebaker friend Chip Dayton, who is currently the president of the Nutmeg Chapter, to see if any Nutmeg Chapter people were going to the September International Meet in Mansfield, Ohio. I thought it might be possible to have the transmissions brought to Ohio and then have some Central Oklahoma Chapter members carry them west. Chip contacted Paul Weir of the Nutmeg Chapter SDC, and Paul, planning to attend the International, agreed.

Good News. Elmer Davis said he could bring one transmission to OKC. I was expecting to see Ric Diorio (Los Angeles Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club) and our Australian "mate" Scott Robertson (Studebaker Car Club of New South Wales, in Sydney) on their return leg of a Los Angeles to Mansfield, Ohio epic Studebaker journey. Ric agreed to bring one T-10 to me. John O would package and bring the T-10's across Connecticut to Paul Weir, Paul would transport to Elmer in Ohio, with



B-W T-10 Transmission

Elmer and Ric bringing the T-10's to Oklahoma. We have a plan.

Bad News. The week before the International Meet, Paul Weir's wife became ill, requiring hospitalization, so Paul had to cancel his plans to attend the SDC International Meet. Bummer.

Great News. Paul took it upon himself to deliver both T-10's to Dave Thibeault in Massachusetts. Dave, a member of the Ocean Bay Chapter SDC is a nationally known Studebaker parts vendor, *and* Paul's good friend. Dave would bring the two T-10's to Ohio for a COC-SDC member that he did not know; namely, me.

Gratitude. I have the T-10's thanks to John O, Paul, Dave, Elmer, and Ric & Lofty (Scott Robertson). And I have started gathering the few parts needed for the transmission overhaul and transplant into my GT Hawk.

Studebaker people are the BEST.

Studie Pete



T-10 Stude



The Pinehurst that brought them from Mansfield, Ohio to Noble, OK
Note: Kathy R thinks the T-10 would make a good table centerpiece.

THURSDAY, September 19, 2019 some hardcore Studebaker enthusiasts met for **9:00am** coffee and/or breakfast at **Grandy's** 7704 S Western Ave.

Ric DiOrio from Simi Valley, California & Lofty Robertson from Sydney, Australia were on their way west, heading back to Los Angeles from their journey to the International Studebaker Drivers Club meet in Mansfield, Ohio. They arrived at Studie Pete's Twin Pines ranch on Tuesday, replaced their rear axle bearings on Wednesday. After "tweaking" the Holley Fuel Injection on their Chevy-powered 1956 Studebaker Pinehurst Station wagon they stopped at the SDC Breakfast Gathering Place where the club performed a "meet and greet" to wish them good luck on their homeward journey to California and Australia.



Ric and Lofty



The Wagga Wagga Head Gear

Studebaker Drivers Join Horseless Carriage Club And Others For Tour Jim Bradley Collection In Edmond

Clifton and Betty Hill, members of the Horseless Carriage Club, invited Studebaker Drivers to join a group meeting at the Jim Bradley collection in Edmond and then traveling to Enid to visit the Groendyke Collection with lunch at Groendyke's Hunting Lodge. The pictures on this page were taken at the Jim Bradley building.



Above: Clifton & Betty admire original unrestored 1912 Buick. Bradley's collection included a number of "Survivors"



Jim Bradley's collection has so many excellent items, even with having sold a number of his autos at this year's Hershey Auction, with Mustangs, Packards, Fords (no Studes at this site) and even a very interesting French-made motorbike from around 1946. The signs, models of cars, ships, planes and much more would require much more time to view properly, but the group left on time at 9:15am for Enid and the Groendyke experience, after being provided maps and directions by Jim Bradley. A very enjoyable experience. Coffee and delicious doughnuts served, of course.

More shots of Jim Bradley Collection visit



Jim offers maps and directions as guests leave for Enid and the Groendyke Collection.

Kent Reitenour would like to know if anyone in the Club recognizes these people. They helped his Dad in the Great Race sometime back.



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Peter Rodrigues shares videos that give you a good idea of the activity during the Fall Festival event at Robber's Cave near Wilburton.

[2019-Video-RobbersCave-Cruise- \(4\).mp4](#)

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[2019-Video-RobbersCave-Cruise- \(6\).mp4](#)

Another Good Gathering at Grandy's on a COLD Thursday, 31 November. Halloween!



Leland shows his unique trophy the '79 Avanti won at Stillwater last Saturday.





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...his cornbread ain't done in the middle?