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Serving The Central Oklahoma Chapter of Studebaker Drivers

A Word From The PresidentMelvin McGee



We began club activities for the new year with the Jan.12th meeting, our Tour Master, Studie Pete opening with interesting info on the car auctions in February, March and April, followed by listing some attractive possibilities for upcoming tour destinations. Closely attuned to the amount of discussion following each suggestion, he will be e-mailing scheduling for these events, so be alert to those messages and mark your calendars.

Then several subjects came up and were discussed. One of those subjects was the possibility of changing our scheduled meeting time and date to better accommodate those members living farther away. It is difficult for some to make it to a 9AM meeting during the week and some might be more inclined to join us in an afternoon weekend meeting. The general consensus was that most of us very much like the weekday schedule, with most of the weekends taken with other commitments, and also are satisfied with the current meeting accommodations. Hopefully, the Christmas lunch in December and the club picnic, usually in May or June, plus the tours and other non-scheduled events throughout the season, will bring more of us together more often.

After the meeting I went home to do a minor job in one of our bath rooms, intending to replace a tub and shower water fixture. Easy job, right? Well, with the rusted old pipes it mushroomed quickly into a not-so-easy task. So, we had a re-

pipe specialist come in and do a complete re-pipe. I know when you start messing with old plumbing you have to be careful but when you touch old PVC - look out!

Five technicians came in and, knowing what they were doing, stripped out old pipe and re-routed new P E C tubing and did it in one day. To make a long story short my \$100 project cost a heck of a lot more. But on the bright side, I have no leaks and better water pressure. As it happened to be on my wife's birthday, I tied a bright ribbon around the kitchen and baths faucets and said, "Happy Birthday!" I was out of the hospital in only two days.

February 9th was our next meeting, and eighteen dedicated souls braved the cold weather and showed up at the OK Country Café. Which was fantastic and we were very happy at the turn out and I'm sure it was because they all wanted to hear me speak.

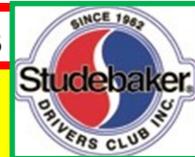
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Many thanks to those who have paid their Membership DUES for 2023!

March Birthdays

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Anniversaries



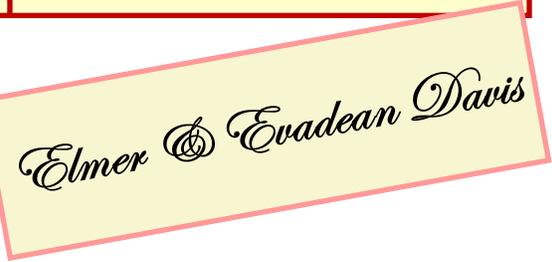
April Birthdays

Clifton Hill

Cindy Scott

Roland Walters

Anniversaries



Devastating storms swept through the mid-to eastern part of the state on Sunday night, Feb. 26 but we were glad to learn from calls to some of the chapter members in that area that none lost or experienced any serious amount of damage to any property, nor received any injuries. However, some did lose power for some time. Clifton Hill, N Shawnee, reported fences down, green house damage and loss of power. Don and Jeri Cox, Meeker, already passing through Amarillo on the way to California, said they suffered little damage. Elmer Davis, Okla. City, lost a fence but felt glad to be alive. Andy & Tiffianny Reich, Tecumseh, about the same except for the fence loss. Peter and Kathy Rodrigues east of Noble spent a wakeful night but unharmed and Peter had called Ken Sumwalt who said he and his grand daughter were fine. I hope that holds for all in the Chapter. *editor*

Charles Hall attending SDC Meetings, but not COC SDC Meetings Charles has powered up the '56 Power Hawk and attended the last two monthly meetings of [Studebakers of Arkansas](#) Chapter of SDC, one meeting in Conway, AR, 40 minutes up I-40 from his house in Jacksonville, and the last one about ten minutes from his house. He reports discussions at their meetings so far have been mostly about parts and pains plans for partying; pretty much like a COC meeting. A picture of the lineup of some of the members' rides (seen below) accompanied his last report.



Charles & Sue's '56 Power Hawk →



This time Pete had scheduled a couple of day trips, the first for 25 February at Tom's Carseum in Edmond, and that was, as usual, very interesting and enjoyable. He also handed out the itinerary for the auctions and car shows up through June.

Elmer gave his Treasurer's report, declaring the club is looking good that the dues are coming in. For those who have not paid yet, please take time to sit down and write Elmer a check.

It appears that the second Saturday in April will again mark the beginning of the [Cruise-In-For-Coffee](#) in the parking lot of the Santa Fe Cattle Company Restaurant. Research on the internet indicated a Feb 18 starting date with next Cruise-In to be in March. But a call to Cindy at Midwest City assured that it will be April.

The whole of the Studebaker Drivers Club was so saddened to hear of the passing of [Bob Palma](#), a contributor to "Turning Wheels" magazine and such a strong presence in so many of the club's activities. We will certainly miss his helpful information and instructions so freely offered these many year. We pray for express our sympathy for his family and many friends.

It appears to me that a good year for Studebaker activities is shaping up. Looking forward to seeing you at the next gathering of the chapter, Thursday, March 9.

Mel



Mel told me I can have all these old [pipes!](#)Editor

Mike Jones reports on the arrival of his 2023 C8! I think that stands for Commander?



Maybe we'll see this 'Vette lined up with the Myers' and the Walters' at a Saturday Cruise-In ?

Michael Jones, *Turning Wheels* assistant editor, member in good standing COC, North Texas club, excited about the arrival of his Corvette, ordered eons ago.



Secretary's Report On November 2022 MeetingGlenn Mosopust

January 12th, 2023 meeting and 15 brave souls were in attendance. Due to the cold, the parking lot conversations were brief. Those in attendance as follows; Clifton Hill, Mel McGee, Mike Scott, Joe Parks, Elmer Davis, Andy & Tiffany Reich, Phillip Brand, John & Joyce Meyers, Ken Sumwalt, Pete Rodrigues, Don Sutherland, Jesse Sutherland, Glenn Masopust. And as it should be with all car clubs, the social event began.

There were likely 6 or 7 conversations going on at once. Pete got group attention by asking whose Studebakers had working heaters. As expected, there was mixed response. In this secretary's response, the heater works too well. Somewhere a discussion of motorcycles and scooters popped up. Pros, cons, differences, that sort of thing. I couldn't catch much more than that. So I'm going to guess at no resolution. The subject of weather came up and all agreed -- COLD!

Joe Parks announced that his truck and Hawk are being worked on to get them running but it is slow going. I can relate to that. I feel we ALL can relate to that. Pete announced that OK Classics was presenting a car and memorabilia auction in Shawnee Jan. 13-14 for those interested. No word as to presence of any Studebakers. Mention was also made of the Sedgwick Street Rodder's Swap Meet Mar. 3-4 at the OKC fairgrounds. Pete as tour master is working on lining up another visit to Tom Douglass's Car-seum in Edmond for Feb. Details to follow. Always interesting to see how that deck has been shuffled.

In an effort to save as many Studebakers as possible, Ken Sumwalt has acquired 2 Lark builders. Anyone looking for a project? Talk to Ken. Elmer Davis stepped up to deliver the financial report. The club is doing well and stated the Christmas auction went better than first thought. Yea! Are we going to do it again? Very likely.

Pete, or was it Ken? The announcement was made about the annual swap meet in Shawnee Mar.3-4 at the Shawnee Expo center. Much interest expressed in going. And the OKC International Car Show at the OKC fairgrounds Mar. 3-/5. That is going to be a very busy weekend from what I have seen in posted events around the area. I have my plans in place. And finally as Pete, Ken and I are Avanti newbies there was discussion on the differences in the '63 -'64 Avanti versus the Avanti II up to '83. The same but different was the conclusion. Even for some of the gremlins encountered, a great car to own.

I know I heard a motion to adjourn, a second, no clue as to from whom. We had a good meeting and until next time, this report is respectfully submitted by *Glenn Masopust, Secretary.*

February 9, 2023 Meeting of the COCSDC found 18 brave souls in attendance. This in spite of cold and somewhat wet road conditions. Those in attendance were; John & Joyce Meyers, Don Sutherland, John & Luke Rogers, Mel McGee, Bob McGee, Phillip Brand, Joe Parks, Clifton Hill, John Harris, Ken Sumwalt, Pete Rodrigues, Elmer Davis, Glenn Masopust, Don & Jeri Cox, Andy Reich, and John Harris.

The meeting came to what has become our group's version of order around 9 and the conversations were like a shotgun blast - scattered all over the place. The subjects included the traffic - horrible, road conditions - again horrible, read that as pot holes, the newsletter and the need for articles, printers (Epson won), NASCAR standings, Don's continued lack of drivability on the Dutch Girl, Leno and his misfortunes, The upcoming Shawnee swap meet, the tourmasters' schedule with printed handout, I passed around the order and build sheets for my Avanti II, and I think that about covers most of what I heard. I hope I got the high points.

Our first upcoming club event will be the shop tour of Tom Douglass's Carseum Sat 2/25 at 11 am. All are looking forward to how the deck has been shuffled. Always something new. As we poured over the event schedule that Tourmaster Pete handed out, it looks like April is going to be a pick and choose kind of month. But when it comes to car and car related events, when is it NOT a pick and choose situation? Whatever you choose the end goal is always to have fun. What Pete presents are the fruits of what *he* would like to attend. As it turns out the events presented are mostly a consensus. Great minds think alike, as the saying goes.

Mel put the question of change of venue on the floor for discussion. Seems there may have been concerns about current venue. For now we will be status quo. The subject of meeting day and time were also of some concern. In the discussion that followed this also will remain status quo. And lastly, we all express support to Clifton Hill as his wife is undergoing some medical testing.

And with that, we had another good meeting and comradery. There was no formal adjournment as we just started to drift out to the parking lot. This around 10:40. Till next month, this is *Glenn Masopust, secretary*, signing off and respectfully submitting these sketchy at best notes.



From the Desk Of Mike Jones

Turning Wheels Assistant Editor / Classifieds Editor

My Thoughts

I find myself always thinking about weather when I think about activities with our cars. I was glad to hear that, as far as your editor was able to determine, all of your chapter experienced no serious damage or injury during the recent storm. I am one of those car owners that has collector cars that don't see rain, snow or possibilities of bad weather. I know there are owners who don't care one way or the other but I am not one of those. I can remember the exact occasion when one my Corvettes saw rain for the first time and even snow on one occasion. We lived in Florida at the time, never expected snow on a trip to Orlando from South Florida. In my state of Texas and yours in Oklahoma we think of crazy winds, hail and even worse. I don't have to remind anyone that spring will be here soon and our weather can be unpredictable.

As a result of my name and contact listed in *Turning Wheels* magazine I receive all types of calls seeking all kinds of information or just an old Studebaker enthusiast who seems lonely and wants to tell a story. I always have an open ear. Troubling however this past month I have experienced a few calls and emails from those who have been scammed. One person who was seeking specific parts was taken for four hundred dollars. The person who answered his ad in *Turning Wheels* seemed credible but never came thru once paid. A couple of others believed they were dealing with scammers when answering their ads. It is terrible but I guess the times we live in cause us to be more protective. Know who you're dealing with and do all you can to verify their identity when selling or buying anything at all.

The "Where Has Your Studebaker Been?" feature debuted in the February issue of *Turning Wheels*. I have received many positive comments and already members have submitted at least four similar stories for consideration. I am hoping someone from this chapter has a story to tell.

As the Classified Editor also I can inform you that ads for the April issue have increased dramatically. Must be a sign of spring that we want to sell and buy Studebakers.

I wish all of you safe and enjoyable experiences as spring brings more Studebaker activities. A special thanks for allowing me to share my thoughts with you.

...Mike

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2023

Oklahoma City International Auto Show

And Indoor Ride-Along

Fri-Sun, Mar 3-5

1963 Studebaker GT Hawk, 289 V/8

Powershift Automatic - Power Steering.

Original condition, interior is good, chrome is good, and glass is good. Body is straight. Runs, drives, and stops. Does have exhaust leak, but still, plenty of power. The only bad spot is the trunk. There has been rust through in the trunk. Pictures show the 2 spots with repair. This car is not perfect, but a great car to improve upon.

Car is currently located in Meeker, OK.



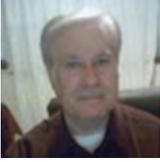
**For info, call Don at 951-529-0873. E-Mail: studebaker_don@yahoo.com
Price \$8000 OBO**



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Mike Moss '65 Commander For Sale



Hi Don,
Just wanted to share with you that I am selling my ['65 Commander 2dr](#). I live in El Reno and someone would need to pick up the car on a trailer. It has a rebuilt **Buick 350V8** installed with only about 300 miles on it. It will need an interior and some body work. It would be a great project for a Stude guy. I am relocating and need to sell within 2-3 weeks. **I am asking \$5,500.00.**

I also have some Stude parts I need to sell..

- _one 289 rebuilt Crank... 175.00 (standard size)
- _one 259 crank not rebuilt 100.00
- _set of used v8 pistons 40.00
- _2 water pump housings 30.00. each
- _4 sets of valve covers 40 a set
- _BW 50's auto transmission 200.00

Here are a couple of videos of the car.. I can share other pictures if someone is interested.

Use this url to see video of the car

<https://youtube.com/shorts/J0uscqBVOzE?feature=share>

Thank you so very much for your help! I really wanted to finish this car and keep it.. but I cannot. Regards,

Mike Moss text: 405-412-4915

[Video of Buick Engine in '65 Stude](#)

Elmer Davis

Studebaker Parts for many models

Call 405-634-3033

George Gibson

Differential Repair

2860 Woodlawn Drive,

Moore, OK  405-881-8579

Tour Master Studie Pete offers this link to registration forms for upcoming events:

[Car Show Registration Forms](#) (download to print out and mail)

Your Ad Could Be Here

(Free to COC SDC members)

\$\$\$\$ to Civilians

Ask Studie Pete

For Studebaker help of any technical nature– *any nature*
Address your question to
studiepete@gmail.com

Technical Tips (contributions from various newsletters)

Generator testing – Do you have a generator you don't know if it is good or bad? Take a jumper wire and ground the field to the generator body. Hook the negative side of a battery to the field. Hook the positive side of the battery to the armature. If the generator turns, it's good. If it doesn't turn, something is wrong with it.

(Ron Smith, Washington Dictator, Tacoma Area)

Painting Smaller Parts – When you need to paint smaller parts (door jambs, etc.) and you don't have a compressor, you can use the Preval Spray Gun Power Unit (about \$5). This system is a gas charged power unit that attaches to a six-ounce paint reservoir. Standard automotive enamels and lacquers can be used. This makes it easier to match your car's paint colour.

Similar to traditional spray methods, the paint must be reduced with the appropriate enamel reducer or paint thinner (available from your paint supplier) in the proper proportions. Your automotive paint supplier can also supply a viscosity drip cup which helps you determine when the paint is mixed properly. Remember to use low tack masking tape – it is more expensive but well worth it in the long run. Remove the tape when the paint has set up – about 1–2 hours. (from Stude Road Dust, North Puget Sound)



Stude Pete's Page

Tour Master Alerts to Upcoming Events

March 3 & 4, 2023 Almost Ready to Cruise Car Sale & Swap Meet

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

Aisles of over 150 vendors from Oklahoma and surrounding states selling car parts and other auto related accessories. **8a to 6 p**

March 3rd and 8a to 4p March 4th

March 3,4,5 2023 OKC Dealers Car Show & The OKC Auto Show

State Fair Park, 333 Gordon Cooper Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK

March 9, 2023 Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club

SDC Thursday Breakfast at the: OK Country Café - 6072 S Western Ave. OKC

March 17 & 18, 2023 33rd Annual Inter- national Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet

Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, OK

The largest selection of brass era parts anywhere. Limited to automobiles, parts, transportation items pre-1945. There is plenty of free parking, and admission is free.

March 23, 24, 25 – 2023 Duncan Automotive Swap Meet Stephens County Fairgrounds & Expo Center Duncan, OK 73533

MARCH 25, 2023 Honks & Horns Car Show Benefiting the Norman North Band 9 AM – 2 PM at 2801 Westport Dr, Norman, OK (this is in that little 90 degree turn where the access road meets Robinson along I-35. Where Ferguson is located). We will have coffee call there at the show with our mobile coffee pot and donuts, compliments of the club.

March 26, 2023 Bronchothon at UCO - Annu- al Car Show - Sunday, Mar. 26, - from 11-2pm.

Bronchothon - organization that supports the Children's Health Foundation of Oklahoma. Everything we raise goes to **ONLY** children in Oklahoma.

Registration \$20 the day of the show or before!

April 7 & 8, 2023 Hogs and Rods all Transpor- tation Swap Meet - NORMAN

Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Norman OK, Cars- Trucks- Boats Bikes-Bicycles-Planes.. All Transportation Related Items Welcome! Night Security • FREE Admission • FREE Parking • FREE Parts Hauling • Food Trucks on Grounds • Billboard Advertising. RAIN OR SHINE

Inside space 10' x 15' \$50 each Outside space 10' x 15' \$25 each

April 13, 2023 Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club

SDC Thursday Breakfast at the: OK Country Café - 6072 S Western Ave. OKC

April 15, 2023 Cruise in for Coffee COC SDC 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 16, 2023 (SUNDAY) The Spring Thunder- bird Casino Car Show Norman OK

A cRc operated show in conjunction with the Thunderbird Casino. Proceeds to be given to Food and Shelter, Veteran recreation Fund, or Absentee-Shawnee Indian Chil-

(More events listed Page)

PeteYuens suggests, "You need only two tools. WD40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move, but it should, use WD40. If it moves, but it shouldn't, use the Duct Tape."

April 22, 2023 Annual Cruisin' the Chisholm Trail Car & Motorcycle Show

Registration - from 8-11 AM at 12th and Main St. Duncan, OK 73533

Judging begins at 11 AM. Award Ceremony Presentation, 4 PM.

Car Show Cost = \$20 to participate.

April 27,28,29 - 2023 Pate Swap Meet at Texas Motor Speedway - Fort Worth, TX Best Swap Meet in The Southwest, A great place to find everything Car Related and Friends
Address: 3545 Lone Star Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76177
Website: <http://www.pateswapmeet.com/>Contact Jack Brookshire, Pate Director 432-940-0184 jbrookshire@pecostx.gov

April 28th & 29th, 2023 Studebaker Drivers Club 48th Annual Spring Zone Meet

Sponsor: Northeast Oklahoma Chapter of SDC Location: Stoney Creek Hotel & Convention Center

200 W. Albany Street Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Room Rate: \$ 105 plus tax per night* **code STU-DE21** to book Phone (918) 416-8100 * breakfast included. NEO call 800-659-2220

April 29 – 2023 Annual Tri-City Cruisers Car Show Newcastle, OK Rain Date May 6th.

Newcastle, OK behind Braums 414 NW 32nd Street (Hwy 37 & Tri-City Drive).

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

50/50 drawing and some premium prizes. Handcrafted Top Ten Trophies -Participant Voting. Plus, Handcrafted Specialty Trophies and several Sponsor Trophies. NSRA Safety Inspector on site. All paid entries receive their car's picture on a plaque.

May 6, 2023 Rose Rock Car Show in Noble - 8am-3pm
4th & Cherry Street, Noble OK

9 am to 4 pm. A CRC event. A true family atmosphere in Noble at this show. Lots of spectators and great vintage cars! 30 Classes 1st & 2nd trophies+ Best of Show

\$25 Entry Fee Registration 8am-12p Judging 12pmm-1:30pm Awards 3pm

Email for Car Show: [crrccarclub@aol.com](mailto:crcclub@aol.com)

May 10 - May 13, 2023 Chickasha Swap Meet in Chickasha, OK

The Chickasha Swap Meet is an AUTO Swap Meet event. Open 1PM Wed. to Sat. at 4PM. Most vendors come set up on Wednesday. **OUTSIDE EVENT** –

Spaces 10x30 each = \$40 each BEFORE April 15- and \$50 each after that.

\$5 parking Email [Chickasha Antique Auto Club](mailto:Chickasha Antiqu Auto Club)
Phone [405-224-6552](tel:405-224-6552)

May 11, 2023 Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club

SDC Thursday Breakfast at the: OK Country Café - 6072 S Western Ave. OKC

May 13, 2023 Nettie Davenport Day Celebration

Main Street, Davenport, OK 74026

At the annual Nettie Davenport Day Celebration, honor the community's heritage with an eventful day spent in downtown Davenport. Since 1978, families have come out to engage in bike and trike races, arts and crafts and city-wide recognition of fun categories like the mother with the most children present, the couple that has been married the longest, the oldest person present and the youngest person present. Come on down for the annual Davenport High School alumni parade, banquet and reunion after taking part in the annual horseshoe tournament and car show, featuring fourteen specialty awards.

Car show registration: 8-11am, Parade: 11am, Car show judging: 12:30pm, Car show awards: 3pm

May 20, 2023 -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](#).

May 20, 2023 Budweiser's Custom Cars Super Show Tour Adults: \$25

Oklahoma Expo Hall - 3213 Wichita Walk - Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Budweiser's Custom Cars Supershow stops at the Oklahoma State Fair Park. This indoor show inside the Oklahoma Expo Hall will feature over 100 categories, including lowriders, classics, imports and much more. Stick around to if your favorite cars win cash prizes during this car show in Oklahoma City.

May 20, 21, 2023 Kiamichi Street Rods Rod Run Broken Bow, OK City Park

Kiamichi Street Rods Rod Run, held in Broken Bow City Park - over 150 pre-1973 street rods. Hosted by Kiamichi Street Rod Association, annual event also features a poker run, door prizes and more. ..Rows of classic trucks, muscle cars and vintage vehicles.

May 27, 2023 Bethany 66 Festival & Car Show, Route 66 Bethany, OK

Area from 38th Street North to 39th Expressway, between Peniel and Asbury.

Saturday afternoon complete with family-friendly activities, food trucks and sidewalk sales. **Browse through rows of classic cars in the car show** or watch a myriad of live entertainment acts in the entertainment tent. Fun-filled event off Route 66 in downtown Bethany. Car Show Entry fee: \$25.00

June 8, 2023 Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club

SDC Thursday Breakfast at the: OK Country Café - 6072 S Western Ave. OKC

June 18, 2022 - Jun 26, 2022 AAA Route 66 Road Fest

Bennett Event Center Oklahoma City, OK 73107

over 400 miles within its borders, Oklahoma is the perfect place this unique, weeklong event beginning in Oklahoma City and ending in Tulsa

(more from our Tour Master)

June 17, 2023 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](#).

June ----- Shawnee, OK - The Knights Auto Club 35th Annual Car Show

The Knights Auto Club of Shawnee OK is very proud to announce their 35th annual car show in beautiful Boy Scout Park, 1400 East Main (corner of East Main and Pesotum streets), Shawnee OK. Registration received before 20 June \$15, day of show is \$20. Show registration will be 8-11 am, voting 11 am to 1 pm, awards will begin at approx. 3 pm. For additional info contact Bud 405-306-0160, Randy & Lisa 405-275-0241, you can also check us out on Facebook: Knights Auto Club of Shawnee OK.

(Following, an article from Susan Lusted / Pete Yuens files)

ANOTHER FEATHER IN HIS CAP

By, and Thanks to Dan Kuhl

We in the Studebaker world are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Avanti debut. I believe this celebration should include all aspects of this car's great history, including a little-known achievement by Raymond Loewy.

In my search for material concerning the anniversary, I chose a subject that was in its infancy in the 1950's and became one of the dominate features on the cars manufactured today. This feature is automobile safety.

With the rising death toll from auto accidents the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and Cornell University embarked on a joint project in 1957, the first "research based" safety car.

Ford was responsible for the engineering and [Raymond Loewy](#) the esthetic design aspects of the safety car. According to media hype the car would allow its occupants to walk away unharmed from a 50 mph collision.

Features of the Cornell-Liberty safety car included a rollover bar, shock absorbing bumpers, and side protection to protect the occupants during a side crash. Other features included seat belts that would protect the occupants from the "second collision" with the dash/steering wheel or the windshield.

For those that are interested the original 13- page manual describing the features of this car, it is available at the [Henry Ford Museum](#) web site. This car clearly demonstrated that safety can be achieved without destroying the cars aesthetic aspects.

Somebody at Studebaker was paying attention. The [Avanti](#) designed by Raymond Loewy's team in Palm Springs just four years later clearly demonstrates that safety and design can go hand-in-hand. The Avanti came with a padded dash, rollbar, seat belts, bucket seats, and special door locks, all of which were to keep the driver and occupants secure in the Avanti. And, to prevent accidents the Avanti came with disc brakes, very much ahead of other American manufacturers at the time of its debut. The Avanti was truly ahead of its time, and a real example of the Cornell-Liberty safety car. In closing, the Cornell-Liberty safety car is on display at the Henry Ford Museum.

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[HENRY FORD MUSEUM](#) at:

<https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/artifact/368754#slide=gs-226103>

A Visit To Tom Douglass's Fantabulous CARSEUM 25 February



HAPPY FRIENDLY FACES are seen everywhere as we view shots of the very successful shop tour of club member Tom Douglass's awesome CARSEUM Saturday, 25 February.

Here we see John Harris listening and Laughing as Melvin and Jeri-Alynn McGee tell of the harrowing experience with the re-piping of their home water system. Lucas Rogers, tired of the story, walks away to look at more hot cars. In the background Tiffianny Reich and Joyce Myers admire some Mustangs.



On the left, Clifton Hill tells a friend, a member of the Heartland Ts Club, about a 1938 Buick he once owned like the one at which they're looking.

To the right, Andy and Tiffianny Reich, Luke and John Rogers gaze at the amazing collection of fascinating automobilia.





Peter Rodrigues & Glenn Masopust ask Glenn's friend how she likes the collection.



Above, JK Chism talks with Mel McGee as Jeri-Alynn & John & Luke Rogers admire the wall displays. Below, left, the Batmobile and below, right Tom Douglass describes some of the interesting aspects of the Batmobile as John & Joyce Myers, Andy and Tiffanny Reich, Phil Brand, Clifton Hill and John Rogers listen in.



The Batmobile!

Many thanks to Tom Douglass for sharing with the chapter his magnificent collection of Awesome Autos. ...editor



Bob Palma

From **Peter Rodrigues** <studiepete@gmail.com> Sun, Feb 19, 2023 at 9:29 PM

Sadly...

Robert J. "Bob" Palma, 77, Brownsburg, Indiana, succumbed to pancreatic cancer on February 16, 2023. Bob was born in Chicago on February 11, 1946, to Lumir and Alice Palma and was raised downstate in Paris, IL.

Bob's first job was teaching Auto Mechanics at Indianapolis' Arsenal Technical High School, after which he pursued a career writing and editing Industrial Arts Education textbooks for Indianapolis' Howard W. Sams Publishing Company and its affiliate, Bobbs-Merrill Educational Publishing. He then turned his life-long automotive passion into his full-time job as an independent contractor-buyer for several dealerships.

Bob's writing skill was put to good use writing for many automobile magazines when not buying cars. **Those included a 40-year stint as Technical Editor for Turning Wheels, the international publication of The Studebaker Drivers Club.** He was also a columnist for Hemmings Classic Car and had feature articles published in Collectible Automobile, Crankshaft, and Old Cars newspaper.

Robert J. Palma Obituary

Studebaker National Foundation creates Bob Palma Scholarship



SNF creates Bob Palma Scholarship

The Studebaker National Foundation has an important mission – to preserve the legacy of the Studebaker Marque, while also enhancing the knowledge and appreciation of Studebaker's history and to preserve/restore vehicles to convey the story. The SNF provides funds, vehicles and information for various charitable and educational purposes that are related to all aspects of Studebaker.

SNF will present a Scholarship in honor of the late Bob Palma.

Bob Palma lived a life filled with Studebaker delight, history and satisfaction while helping others needing technical advice, encouragement and reasons to enjoy everything Studebaker!

Bob was a Technical Editor for *Turning Wheels* Magazine and a writer for many other automotive magazines, where he always wrote about Studebaker with alluring appeal.

He was one of the biggest contributors on the Studebaker Forum Group and also had great joy supporting Studebaker performance and racing.

While constantly helping people troubleshoot technical issues, he always became friends with everyone along the way and set a good example of someone who will be missed, but not forgotten!

Bob's Studebaker research and technical advice helped put, or keep many Studebakers alive and rolling down the roadways.

If you would like to support the Bob Palma Scholarship you can make your tax deductible donation at the website: <https://www.studebakernationalfoundation.org/> or by mailing your donation to the SNF Treasurer, Linda Derbidge at P.O. Box 151854, Ely, NV 89315 Thank you for your support.

More Studebaker Foundation information at - <https://www.studebakernationalfoundation.org/>
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A final submission, a simple bit for your information and entertainment.
Activate this link for a good Studebaker story. From the Susan Lusted files, download it once you get it, tpo make it easier to read.

[Johnny Wheelbarrow](#) Or, another look at the same subject: [Wheelbarrow Johnny](#)

A note from the editor- I just came across this statement in “*Studebaker Special*”, the weekly newsletter of the Midway Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club and thought it notable and wanted to share with the COC. Alice has, I believe, filled the newsletter editor’s position quite capably. Fifty years is a lot of editing.

Editor’s Note: As announced previously, this will be my final issue as editor of the Studebaker Special. I have enjoyed meeting and appreciated knowing so many Studebaker enthusiasts in the last 50+ years but am “aging out”. Hopefully, a new *Studebaker Special* editor will come forward soon.
Sincerely,

Alice Baty

You’ve done a wonderful job, Alice. Congratulations and Best Wishes in your “retirement”.

Don S.



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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.....