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The Presidents Reflections

As time marches on we find ourselves already in the 4th month of 2023. I recently celebrated my 74th birthday. Birthdays always put me in a nostalgic mood, Col. Brooks had asked me to look for some old photos and stories about the early days of our chapter. That made the pool of nostalgia even deeper. As I waded through those memories I kept getting farther and farther back into the pages of my memories until I reached my early teens.



Even as a very young boy, I always liked cars. I also liked to be different from the mainstream. When I was young, we always had to pick a favorite in everything. All my buddies and classmates were taking sides on which was their favorite car. FORD or CHEVY! I wanted to be different, and My uncle had just bought a new 1957 BUICK. I thought it was a cool car with the little side corner windows in back and it had 1957 written on the grille. So, my favorite car became a 57 Buick.

Leaping forward a few years to 14, there was a man in our church who took up a lot of time with us kids and he drove a cool sporty looking car. It was long and black, sleek and different looking from anything else around. I didn't know what it was, but I liked it. It turned out to be a 1956 Studebaker Sky Hawk. Up until then, all I knew about Studebaker was the old Bullet nose and I didn't care for them at that time. One day a strange looking car came driving through our neighborhood. Again, I didn't know what it was, but I liked it. I circled the block on my bike so I could get a better look at it. I rode down the street behind it and read STUDEBAKER AVANTI on the trunk lid and I was awestruck.

A year later Studebaker made the announcement they were stopping car production in the USA. Used Studebakers were CHEAP! My Dad loved a bargain, so he got a great deal on a 59 Lark Wagon. I learned to drive in that wagon and when I was 15, Daddy bought a 1948 Champion Convertible from a neighbor for \$35.00. Like I said they were CHEAP.

I turned 16 and got my license in that convertible and Daddy gave it to me. But he told me the tires that went on it and the gas that went into it were up to me. I soon learned he had given me a way to go to work. I developed a deep affection for the Studebaker marque even though they were out of business. Daddy gave the Wagon to one of my older brothers and bought himself a 62 Lark. I wore the 48 completely out and traded it in on a Ford. After I blew up 3 Y block V8s, I traded it for a 54 Champion coupe. Pretty soon I was offered the opportunity to buy a 57 Silverhawk from a friend, so I sold the coupe and bought my 1st of many Hawks. Unfortunately, It overheated and destroyed the engine and I bought a 57 Chevy.

Back to the man at church who drove the Sky Hawk. One Sunday morning I saw his wife drive into the parking lot in a new 1967 Dodge Dart. I was waiting by her car when she came out after services were over. I told her "I love your new car, but did you trade the Studebaker in, and where? because I want to try to buy it!" She said her husband didn't like the offer they made him so he still had it but would probably sell it. I bought it.

After that I talked Miss Edie into marrying me. Children came, we moved to Georgia, children grew up. I gave my daughter Rebecca a 63 Daytona, I gave my son James a 51 Starlight Coupe. I gave Cilicia a 65 Daytona, but she turned it down and bought her own Chrysler. I gave the 65 Daytona to Rachel. She turned it down too and bought herself a Pontiac. James finally took the Daytona for a daily driver.

There you have about 40 years of my Studebaker memories. I have about 30 more, but I'll save them for another time. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting in Richmond Hill in May. Happy Studebakering!

Neil

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2023 So. Ga. Studebaker Chapter Meeting

Rick Hughes 1955 Studebaker Pickup – Modified. Rick drove in from Cordele, Georgia. The meeting was at Hutto's in Ocilla, Georgia. More about the meeting and photos on pages 4 and 5.

Photo by Col. Brooks

Treasure & Membership Report

By..... Hon. Col. Terry Brooks



Don't Forget!

To be a member of the South Georgia SDC, you must be a member of the National Studebaker Drivers Club.

To join the National SDC, go to www.studebakerdriversclub.com, click "About," and then click "Membership."

Bank Account:

Account Summary: .. for Feb 2023

- Deposits & Credits: ... 1 Deposits
- Checks Cleared: 2 Checks
- Checks Outstanding: . 0 Checks
- Maintenance Fee: None
- Acct. Activity & History: Good Standing

Account Summary: ...for Mar 2023

- Deposits & Credits: 1 Deposits
- Checks Cleared:0 Checks
- Checks Outstanding: .0 Checks
- Maintenance Fee:None
- Acct. Activity & History: Good Standing

Bank Statement can be furnished upon request.

Membership & Dues:

- Total Active Members (individuals): 91
 - ✓ Total number of families represented: 53
 - ✓ Members Paid Dues (families):..... 53
 - ✓ **Members Unpaid Dues (families): 0**
 - ✓ **Total Honorary Member (individuals): 5**
 - ✓ **Total Subscribers (individuals):..... 4**
 - ✓ **Total Inactive Members (individuals): 18**

Website Activity:

144 Page Views

60 Unique Visits

11.022 Pages views per visit (average)

You can scan the bar codes below by selecting your phones camera and focusing on the one of the bar codes to go directly to our Facebook Page or Website.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/121344184681953>

<https://studebakercarclub.weebly.com/>

Kentucky's Mammoth Cave Tour Guide Instructions

"Please make your best effort not to touch the cave formations or any of the rocks around you, says the park tour guide as you begin your tour into the cave. The oils in your fingers can actually damage the cave features and discolor them."

The tour guide continues with, "There is one exception to this rule." The tour guide pauses, allowing her words to linger.

"If you're falling – well grab onto something."

Garden & Gun Magazine April / May 2022

Secretaries Report

Minutes from last meetingJanuary 14th, 2023



The **South Georgia Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club** meeting occurred March 18th, 2023.

It was a cold and dreary day found 23 people present, sixteen club members, one guest of Rudy Smith, and six of Loren's family there for the meeting and to celebrate Loren's Birthday, at Hutto's BBQ for our regular car meeting hosted by Loren and Betty Hendley. It also happened to be Loren's 88th Birthday. After Loren asked God's provision over the food and meeting, we feasted as is the norm at Hutto's. The food never disappoints. March is full of Member's birthdays, and they were all recognized.

Newsletter Editor Terry Brooks noted that the Club's 30th Anniversary is this year, and a special edition of the newsletter is being planned for June/July. Members were encouraged to submit memories and other notables to him for inclusion. A recap of some of our more memorable trips and projects were mentioned. It was noted that while the members and cars have aged, the world is still full of adventures to explore and members were encouraged to be aware of events, festivals, car shows, etc. that we may be able to attend as a group.

The March 2024 calendar planning is underway, and members were encouraged to host. It has been the practice of the club to cover the cost of the hosts meal at each meeting, but also the practice for the host to decline. After discussion, Bill Van Alstyne made a motion that the hosting member's dues would be covered for the year, as a fairer compensation and incentive for others to host. Motion was seconded by Elza Fowler and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report, by Terry Brooks, shows our books in good shape and current.

Update on member's health, those previously ailing were given along with gratitude for recoveries and continued wishes for good health.

Remaining meetings for this year were reviewed and a reminder for the next meeting, May 13, 2023, at Bubba's Bistro was announced.

With nothing further, Loren closed us in prayer along with thanks for the birthday wishes and commented that a day with family friends and Studebakers was "a good day", as the day opened up into bright sunshine.

Til next time,

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Burnette

New Member Challenge

When a Chapter member recruits a new member to join SDC and the South Georgia Studebaker Drivers Club Chapter, he/she will have Chapter dues paid for the following year. Just ask the new member to mention your name on the application where it asks, "Referred By".

Chapter Name Badges & Shirts

If you would like a South Georgia Studebaker Chapter Name Badge or shirt for yourself or a family member you can order them through Neal Thornton or Col. Terry Brooks at 259lark@gmail.com or (912) 375-7986. The name tags are available in white plastic with the chapter logo and your name. Shirts are blue oxfords with logo on left chest plate. Give Neil Thornton or Col. Terry Brooks your shirt size and \$30.00 to receive your shirt. (New Price effective January 2022)

"Things Kids don't Remember."

Typewriter Eraser



You could easily convince kids today that this was some kind of weird Christmas decoration, or a baby toy, but if you ever used a typewriter, you remember these. The brush was important because little bits of eraser grit could jam your machine.

March Meeting Photos

March 18, 2023 @ Hutto's Bar-B-Que & Grill Ocilla, GA. Loren & Betty Hendley

Thanks for Hosting!



We had a great turnout for the March meeting and Loren's Birthday.

Twenty-three people were present, sixteen club members, one guest of Rudy Smith, and six of Loren Hendley's family there for the meeting and to celebrate Loren's 88th Birthday. Loren never said what his age was, but we found out, it really doesn't matter, "you are only as old as you feel." We had cupcakes furnished by Heather and her family in lieu of cake. Members present were, Neil & Edie Thornton, Rebecca Burnette, Loren & Betty Hendley, Col. Terry & Andria Brooks, Bill & Patti Van Alstyne, Rudy Smith, Elza Fowler, Heather, Jack & Henli Culpepper, Barney O'Quinn, and Rick Hughes. Guests were Jim Johnson (with Rudy Smith), Rick & Brenda Fletcher, Marilyn Seagroves, Derrick, Breonna & Faith Harper (family of Loren Hendley).



We had three Studebaker's present as seen in photos below.



Neil and Edie's Pink 1962 Lark. Henli Culpepper's Red 63 GT Hawk, driven by her mother Heather Culpepper as Henli is not old enough to drive just yet. Note the 63 GT Hawk was a gift to Henli from her great grandfather Loren Hendley. We also had Rick Hughes 1955 Studebaker Pickup.

May Club Meeting



Mark your Calendars!

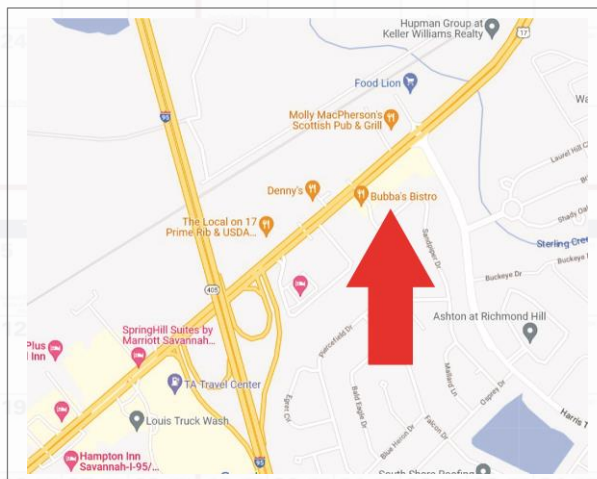
May 13th, 2023 – Saturday – 12:00 a.m. to ~1:00 p.m.

Bubba's Bistro

Address: 3881 US Highway 17,
Richmond Hill, GA 31324-3365,

Phone: (912) 756-3535

Host: Andria & Terry Brooks (912) 656-3581



Upcoming Events

July 15th, 2023 – Saturday - 12:00 a.m. to ~1:00 p.m

SKIPPERS' FISH CAMP

Address: 85 Screven Street, Darien, GA 31305, Phone: (912) 437-3474

Host: James & Valaree Thornton, Info: (912) 366-8711

September 16th, 2023 – Saturday - 12:00 a.m. to ~1:00 p.m.

Hazlehurst-Jeff Davis Historical Museum Society

Address: 61 E Coffee Street, Hazlehurst, GA 31539, Phone: (912) 551-9028

Host: Neil & Edie Thornton, Info: (912) 375-7986

November 4th, 2023 – Saturday - 12:00 a.m. to ~1:00 p.m.

Ole Timers Country Buffet

Address: 2922 Watson Blvd., Centerville, GA 31028, Phone: (478) 953-0030

Host: Russ Winge, Info: (478) 953-1261

Thank you all for hosting!

We need 2024 Hosts!

Have you considered Hosting an event? It is not complicated, you just pick one of your favorite spots (Restaurant, Park, Museum, or even your home) then make plans with the owner for a group of fifteen to twenty-five people to gather on the specified date for the meeting and a meal. The local businesses will love it and they will remember what the So. Ga. Studebaker Chapter is afterwards. The club pay your next year's dues for the Hosting. *Voted on at the 03/18/2023 mtg.*

*Our
thoughts
and
prayers
are
with you!*

Karl Peace difficulty with hand after breaking his Humerus.
Edward Burris been in the hospital.
David & Barbara Whitworth, David's recovery from effects of stroke.
George Klutkowski with some medical concerns.
Loren & Betty Hendley on going medical difficulties.
Teresa Smith on going medical difficulties.
Valaree Thornton with health concerns
And any others we may have missed.
Please remember these folks as they recover.

Today's Thought

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day. - Unknown

Birthdays & Holidays



APRIL (04)

- 02 Peggy Roberts
- 11 Bubba Fowler
- 12 Dr John Hollier
- 15th Good Friday
- 17th Easter Sunday
- 17 John Covell
- 25 Ann Lee
- 26 Bill Van Alstyne
- 27 Arlene Hollier
- 30 Lynn Shackelford

MAY (05)

- 04 John Findley
- 08 Richard Miller
- 8th Mothers Day
- 13 George Young
- 16 Dylan Kelly
- 18 Dwayne Kelly
- 23 Wayne Edwards
- 24 Paul Hersey
- 30th Memorial Day
- 30 Logan Breedlove

*Let us know if we missed
anyone's birthday!*

Recipes

Tostada Pie

Deep dish pie shell	1 lb. ground beef
Onion	2 bouillon cubes
15 oz can refried beans	salsa or tomato sauce
ch green chiles (1-2 T) opt.	cheddar cheese
sour cream	lettuce
tomatoes	

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Bake shell 8 min. Remove from oven.
Reduce oven to 325 degrees.
In large skillet brown meat with onion & bouillon.
Stir in beans, chiles, & tomato sauce (or salsa).
Turn into prepared shell.
Bake 20-25 min. or until bubbly around edges. Let stand 10 min.
Garnish with rest of ingredients. Refrigerate leftovers.

Tostada Pie from Karel Daniel, Thank you Karel.

Would you like to share your favorite recipes.



What's in your Garage or Driveway?

Unique Club Studebakers

Did you know we have two special cars in our club?

Richard Millers 53 Commander. Richard has had the 53 for five years now but there was a time when it was getting chopped by the Hot Rod Hall of Famer Dick Dean?



There's just no debating it: True artists recognize and are usually fans of other artists. Musicians, writers, and actors all have their idols, and so do the big-name old-time customizers. Among those unsung idols is Dick Dean, sometimes known as the most famous ghost-builder that ever lived.

Richard has done all of the drive train and interior on the car since he purchased an empty shell.

Found in the Studebaker Drivers Club Forum;

Gentleman's Chop Magazine Article 01-07-2013, 08:12 AM
By Pat Dilling, President Member, Olivehurst, CA.

<https://forum.studebakerdriversclub.com/forum/your-studebaker-forum/general-studebaker-specific-discussion/69832-gentleman-s-chop-magazine-article>

"Discussion during the thread about the custom '61 Hawk in another thread has led me to share this article. It is an article from Custom Rodder Magazine from Spring 1991, written by Jerry Weesner. The article follows famous customizer Dick Dean as he chops the top on a '53 Starliner. The method used by Dean is quite simple, the technique can also be applied to a Starlight, but is much more difficult because of the B pillar and door frames.

Moderators, if posting this article violates forum rules or copyright laws, please remove it. Custom Rodder Magazine is no longer being published as far as I have been able to determine. I purposely left the files large for maximum visibility. I am not promoting doing this, but the article has been mentioned numerous times on the forum so I thought I would share it with the group."

In 1964 George Barris asked Dean to run the famous Barris Kustom City. His work with Barris included many notable cars, including the Surf Woody (designed by Tom Daniel), the X-PAK 400 floating air fan car, and cars for television shows such as the *Munster Koach* and *Dragula* for *The*

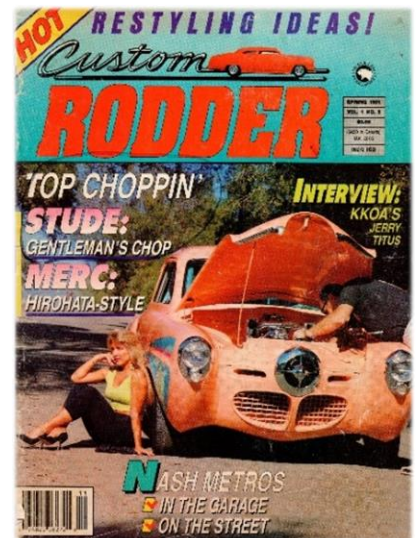
Munsters, and cars for *Beverly Hillbillies* and *Mannix*. Dean collaborated with Dean Jeffries in 1966 on several TV cars, including Black Beauty for *The Green Hornet* and the Monkeemobile for *The Monkees*.

Dean continued to build cars with Dean Jeffries until his retirement, including the character cars in *Death Race 2000* [1975], the remote-control Ford Explorers for *Jurassic Park*, the ECTO-1 Cadillac Ambulance for *Ghostbusters*, prop vehicles for the James Bond film *Diamonds Are Forever*, and the *Flintstones* movie. Dean was honored with many trophies and was inducted into thirteen Halls of Fame.

Richard's car was in the Spring of 1991 Custom Rodder Magazine. On page 26 of the magazine the car with the flames is Richard's car. In the article Dick Dean Chops the top on this 53 Studebaker.

I have attached the Magazine article in case you would like to read it.

See photo below.



Jason Saxon's 53 Champion



When you see Jason's 1953 Studebaker Champion for the first time the first word that comes to mind is "Wow!". This stunning 1953 Studebaker Champion Starlight Coupe must be one of the most amazing restomods we've ever seen. It has been featured in both "Popular Hot Rodding" and "Custom Rodder" magazines and praised for its high-end components and attention to details. It was designed by Robert Bourke and was one of the most breathtaking and graceful designs of its era. That sleek and swoopy body is finished in bold Sherwin-Williams Ultra Glow Orange metallic paint that shows best in the sunlight, but sure catches attention in the dark as well.

The Bodywork is by Robert Digman, Lost Nation, IA. Painted in Sherwin Williams Ultra Glow Orange by Terry Van Dyke Buckingham, IA.



A few of the features are a 56 Studebaker hawk dashboard with Dakota digital instrumentation. Airtique Air conditioning with Billet Specialties vents. Alpine sound system with CD changer.



The trunk is detailed with the Studebaker Logo and all panels are closed. The plexiglass shows off the power amps for the Alpine sound system with CD changer and battery compartment.



When Jason saw the car while on the road as a trucker just north of Nashville Tennessee in Hendersonville, Tennessee at Maplewood Motors, Jason turned his truck around and bought the car. Jason shared his car with us at our January meeting as seen in the first photo on the page.

All information came from Jason Saxon and the following websites.

<https://classiccars.com/listings/view/366044/1953-studebaker-champion-for-sale-in-la-verne-california-91750>
<https://www.idealclassiccars.net/vehicles/909/1953-studebaker-champion-starlight-coupe-restomod>

Note the car is for sale, check it out at.

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/897898311249730/?mibextid=dXMlch>

Is your car Unique?Hon. Col. Brooks

Studebakers and Gangsters

Here is an excerpt from "Public Enemies" by Leroy Thompson from "Gunslingers of The Gangster Era" fall 2015 edition.

DILLINGER

Although he was not the most proficient bank robber of the era, John Dillinger's notoriety probably made him the best known. The fact that many of the other famous criminals of the era, such as George "Baby Face" Nelson, Lester Gillis, Homer Van Meter and "Red" Hamilton were part of Dillinger's gang only added to his notoriety.



Beginning in 1933, Dillinger and his gang robbed various banks across the Midwest, garnering about \$300,000 (a little under \$5,400,000 in current dollars). Firepower and audacity trumped sophistication for Dillinger and as related below, he was willing to learn from more cerebral bank robbers.



Dillinger's notoriety made bankers and law officers especially fearful of him robbing the local bank. For example, on June 30, 1934, the Dillinger gang hit the Merchant's National Bank in South Bend, Indiana. Dillinger and four accomplices carried out the robbery with two staying outside and Dillinger and two others entering the bank. Dillinger fired a burst of fire from his Thompson into the ceiling.

As they exited the bank, Dillinger brought out a bank officer for use as a human shield. As they fled, they fired burst over the head of a crowd that had gathered in the street. This robbery was the last one Dillinger would carry out and netted \$24,439 (about \$500,000 plus today).

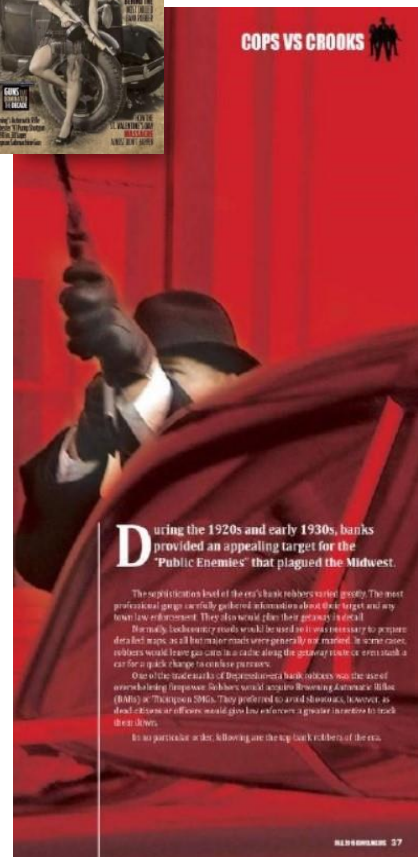
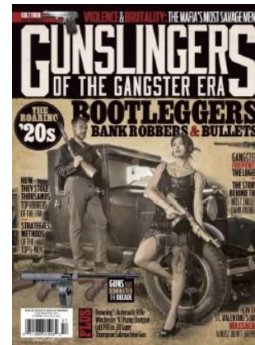
The robbery has such an impact in South Bend that the Studebaker Company, which was based there, built a special vehicle with gun ports in the windshield to pursue Dillinger and other bank robbers in the future.

This is the colt .380 Pocket Hammerless pistol that John Dillinger was carrying the night police killed him outside the Biograph Theater

Studebaker built this bullet-proof car complete with gun ports in the windshield for the pursuit of Dillinger and other bank robbers.

Photo of John Dillinger toting a Thompson submachine gun to the left.

"...Dillinger and his gang robbed various banks across the Midwest, garnering...a little under \$5,400,000 in current dollars."



Tech Tips/Notes

from one Hon. Col. to another, RIP Technical Editor, Hon. Col. Bob Palma



Hon. Col. Robert J. "Bob" Palma, 77, Brownsburg, 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.

when Bob was 16 the family moved to Indianapolis in 1962. He graduated from Arlington High School in 1964. He then graduated in 1969 with a degree in Industrial Arts Education from Purdue University. At Purdue, Bob was a member of The Purdue Reamer Club.

A greater benefit of Reamer Club membership was a fellow pledge brother introducing Bob to that brother's fiancée's roommate at Indiana University, Carolyn Kuster. "Cari" and Bob were married on July 31, 1976, and blessed with two wonderful children, Joe [Melissa] Palma of Wexford PA and Kate [Michael] Marciniak of Westfield IN. In turn, their children blessed Bob and Cari with four wonderful grandchildren, all the apples of Bob's eye: Lucas Palma, Will Marciniak, Ellie Marciniak, and Joshua Marciniak.

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.

Bob's writing and collector-car-hobby participation attracted the attention of persons in the Kentucky and Tennessee Governors Offices, whereupon he was appointed a **Kentucky Colonel** and Tennessee Squire by those Governors "for preserving our automobile heritage."

At the 566-car 2022 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Show in Rosemont IL, Bob was presented with the prestigious Living Legend Award for, "...your dedication and continued support of our hobby." Before passing, Bob was

able to briefly serve on the Board of Directors of Indiana Automotive, the affiliate group of Historic Landmarks of Indiana devoted to promoting and preserving Indiana's automobile heritage.

Bob was a Life Member of The Antique Automobile Club of America, The Studebaker Drivers Club, The Purdue Alumni Association, and The National Rifle Association.

<https://www.ericmdbContext.com/obituary/RobertBob-Palma>

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 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/>

You may also mail your donation to the SNF Treasurer, Linda Derbidge at P.O. Box 151854, Ely, NV 89315 Thank you for your support

Good Samaritans Still Exist!

Story of a Good Day:

From: Loren Hendley

Loren Henley called me February 17th as some friends, Andria and I were leaving Sam Sneads after our Valentines Dinner to tell me his great news.

Loren had visited several of his doctors in Tifton and got great news from his, Cardiovascular and other doctors, and a PA. The doctors gave Loren good news for his checkups, and the PA had a pill to help him with his bathroom trips. So, after all the good news he and Betty decided to go to Applebee's and eat a bite of BBQ. After Loren ate, he went to the restroom to wash the BBQ from his hands and while he washed his hands his 14k gold ring with three diamonds fell off of his hand and into the sink. Loren retrieved the ring and placed it back on his finger.



The ring is important to Loren since Betty bought the ring thirty-five years ago for him as a show of her love. Well Loren got up to the cash register and realized he still had some BBQ on his hand, so he wiped his hands with a paper towel and then paid for their lunch. When Loren got home to his surprise the ring was gone. This upset Loren because of the sentimental value of the ring. Later that afternoon Heather (Loren's Granddaughter) came over and discovered Loren was distraught over losing the ring, so Heather called Applebee's and told the manager that her grandfather had lost his ring and that it meant a lot to him.

Well, three minutes later (according to Loren) the Applebee's Manager called to inform them that someone had found the ring on the floor in front of the cash register and turned it in. Heather jumped into her car and drove right up there to Applebee's to retrieve the ring and return it to her grandfather.

So, it is true that there are still Good Samaritans out there.

Are you one?

Thanks, Loren Henley for this great story.

1955 Studebaker President V-8 Donation

From: George Gratton



A 1955 Studebaker President was donated to the Danny Norman Museum Tea Grove Plantation in Allenhurst Georgia collection. Danny and Vince in above photo.

This car was found in Dublin Georgia. Where it was kept as a "parts" source. It was last known as a drivable car in California.

The car was acquired by George Gratton of the South Georgia Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club. He, with Mike Benson (also member of South Georgia Chapter, SDC), and Vince Pinault (Dixieland Cruisers car club of Savannah) recovered the car. Vince, Paul Arms (Dixieland Cruiser), and George went about collecting parts and assembling the car to as complete as they could, as you see it, "patina" and all. Thanks to South Georgia Chapter, SDC, Neil Thornton President for donation of parts, and members of the 2 clubs for their help.

Studebaker in 1955, was the oldest vehicle maker in the world, and remained in full production 'till 1966 closure of the Hamilton Ontario Canada assembly plant. The first vehicles came from Peter Studebaker's shop near Hagerstown Md. before the American Revolutionary war. The last car from the South Bend In. factory was made by the successor company, the Avanti II, about 1984. Studebaker wagons, buggies, Prairie Schooners, and eventually "horseless" powered vehicles were dominant in the building and expansion of the US and Canada. The first President of the United States to commission vehicles for the US Army was believed to be Abraham Lincoln, the last Lyndon Johnson.

We are very happy to have this Studebaker in the Danny Norman collection.

Again, thanks to all that made this happen.

Thanks, George Gratton, and the others.

Studebaker Links:

***Denotes New Websites and Videos**

Studebaker Vendors

<http://www.studebakervendors.com/>

Pat Skelly Pertronix III Install Test Run

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocUU9h4x50A>

Find your car (s) in the movies

<https://www.imcdb.org/>

Antique Studebaker Club

<http://www.theantiquestudebakerclub.com/>

The Avanti Owners Association

<http://www.aoai.org/>

So. Ga. Studebaker Drivers Club

<https://studebakercarclub.weebly.com/>

Ethanol-free gas stations near you:

<http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=GA>

A Virtual Tour of the Studebaker Factory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOAdYJAS5P0>

South Bend's Studebaker Legacy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvKW931UMgM>

Get your Studebaker Production Order Sheet:

<https://www.studebakermuseum.org/store/studebaker-production-orders>

Studebaker Dealerships Listing

<https://www.studebaker-info.org/Dealers/GAdealers.html>

Studebaker Addicts International Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2209016075/>

Studebaker International Inc.

<https://www.studebaker-intl.com/index.html>

The Studebaker National Museum

<https://www.studebakermuseum.org/about/museum-history/>

The Studebaker Drivers Club

<http://studebakerclubs.com/>

Studebaker-Info.Org.

<https://studebaker-info.org/>

Studebaker Related Web Sites

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2209016075/>

Barn Finds

<https://barnfinds.com/studebaker-graveyard/>

Interesting Auto's



December 4th, 2022, Classic Car & Truck Show, Hamlin Hills Farms, Forsyth, GA. Eric Lee with Sweet Pea at the event gets a 3rd Place trophy. Way to go Eric, OOP's Sweet Pea!

Would you like your cars photo (s) to be included in one of the next **Smoke Signal** newsletters, then submit your photos to be included.

Forward your photos to Terry Brooks at teanle@com-cast.net or you can give them to Terry at the next meeting and he will scan them for the future **Smoke Signal** newsletter (s) and return the originals to you. You can even text them to Terry.

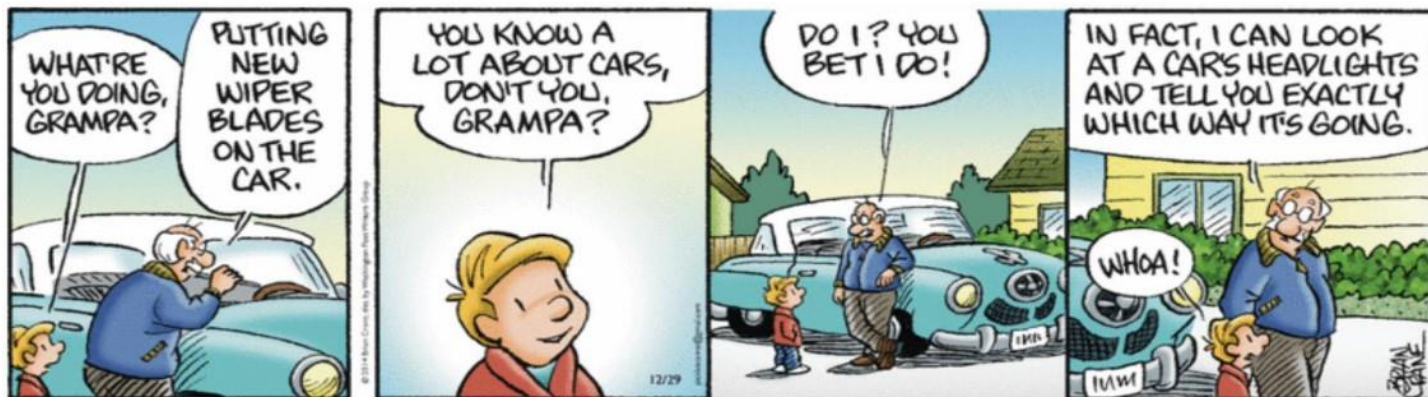


Thanks to all who Contributed to this Newsletter.

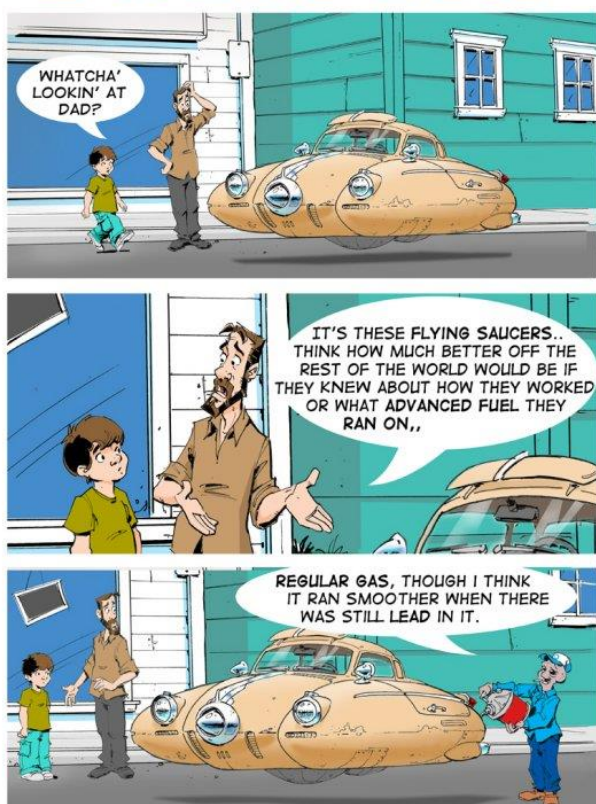
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The Photos: Wayne Lee & Eric Lee, Col. Brooks, George Gratton

The Humor: Free Humor Website, Ted Bastien, and Unknown



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"Light travels faster than sound, which is the reason that some people appear bright before you hear them speak."

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Another Fake Part!
Piston Return Springs



BERSG-1078

Piston Return Spring
SG-1078 Found on
EBAY for \$11.88

Check it out on EBAY.



For Sale

As a service to our members the Smoke Signal Newsletter will post on a in order of arrival, all Studebaker connected advertisements. South Georgia Chapter members will receive right of way when space does not permit all ads. All ads will be published for three months if space allows. Each publication can be extended three months. If you would like to extend or remove your ad, contact the Smoke Signal Editor at teanle@comcast.net and express your desires. You may incorporate one photo with your ad to be contained in the Newsletter, more at the Editors discretion. The Smoke Signal Editor reserves the right to organize the ad for the best fit. You remain exclusively liable for the substance of your ad. South Georgia Studebaker Chapter shall not be liable for the correctness and legitimacy of your contents.

If any of you have been looking high and low for the reproduction Halibrand wheels of the type that were a dealer-installed option on Studebakers in the 1963-64 timeframe, which were previously available from Real Rodders Wheels in CA, they are available again, at long last, after having been sold out and unavailable for at least 4 years. My set of four wheels and spinners is arriving next week and I'm excited.



15 X 10 HALIBRAND 7011



15 X 6 HALIBRAND 7011 WHEEL



15 X 7 HALIBRAND 7011 RETRO



3 PIECE TRI BAR



3 PIECE TRI BAR

If you wish to order, the wheels are \$369 each (\$1476 for a set of 4); a set of 4 matching reproduction Halibrand spinners is \$275. To order, call Pat O'Brien at Real Rodders Wheels, at 805-402-2212.

<http://realrodders.com/product-category/aluminum/halibrand/>

I am only providing this heads-up as a courtesy to chapter members. I have nothing to gain by promoting these wheels.
(Apr – May)

More Cars for Sale



1963 GT Hawk - New Rose mist paint, re-chromed bumper, new fuel pump, water pump, motor mounts, brakes, re-built carb, 289 2-bbl dual exhaust, automatic, manual steering, and brakes. Original interior.

From the Bill Tilden Estate. \$14,000.
Richard Forgay, (770) 775-2064.

From the North Georgia Chapter of
STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB.

(Apr-May)



1954 Commander hard top - New paint, bumpers, brakes with finned front drums. Carb rebuilt, new Coker wide whites, original red vinyl interior. 232 V8 3-speed with overdrive. Most exterior chrome replaced with NOS.

From the Bill Tilden estate. \$18,000.
Richard Forgay, (770) 775-2064.

From the North Georgia Chapter of
STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB.

(Apr-May)



1960 Lark VIII Convertible - 259 V8, Auto, Twin Traction, Dual Exhaust. Excellent Condition. \$19,500.

Rhea Berry at
(734) 424-0687.

From the Western Lake Erie
Chapter of STUDEBAKER



DRIVERS CLUB (Apr-May)

Calendar of Events

Richmond Hill Cars & Coffee

Mar. 5th, thru Saturday, Oct. 1st, 9 am to 11 am
11460 Ford Avenue, Richmond Hill, GA
Richmond Hill Historical Society and Museum

CARS AND COFFEE @ Dunkin' HINESVILLE

541 W Oglethorpe Highway
Every last Saturday of the month, 9 am to 12 am

DARIEN CRUISE IN

3rd, Saturday of each month 4 pm to 7 pm
Ruby Tuesday's Darien Outlet Mall
exit 49 off of I-95

CAROLINA DREAMERS CAR CLUB

Cruise-In 4th. Thurs. of each monthly, 5 pm to 8 pm
Shelter Cove Community Park,
39 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island SC

CARS AND COFFEE HILTON HEAD

3rd, Saturday of each month 8 am to 11am
1 University Blvd, Bluffton, SC

SOUTHERN CRUISERS CRUISE IN

3rd, Saturday of each month 6 pm to 8 pm
Statesboro Mall Highway 80, Statesboro, GA
First Friday Night of every month meet at Fordham's
Farmhouse Restaurant, in Statesboro off US 80 6PM-8P

RINCON CRUISE IN

2nd, Saturday of each month 3 pm to 6 pm
Huddle House, Rincon, GA

CAFFEINE & OCTANE

1st, Sunday of each month; 8 am to 11 am
4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30346
For info: caffeineandoctane.com and on Facebook

CAFFEINE AND EXOTICS

Dates and times vary
1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, Georgia
More info: caffeineandexotics.com, and on Facebook

5TH ANNUAL HORSEPOWER FOR KIDS' CAR SHOW

April 1st, 2023, at 10 am to 3 pm
Red Door Auction
300 US Highway 80, Bloomingdale, GA 31302

RED DOOR AUCTIONS

April 1st, Bloomingdale, GA

PERRY AUTO FAIR AND SWAP MEET

April 7th, 2023, 8 am - Apr 8th, 2023, 5 pm,
Georgia National Fair Grounds, Perry, GA
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ALBANY EXCHANGE CLUB CAR SHOW

April 15th, 8 am to 5 pm
810 Westover Road Albany, GA

ROCKABILLY RESSURECTION

April 15th, 9 am to when ever
5444 HWY 17 North, Kingsland, GA

RUN TO THE RAILYARD

April 15th, Springfield, GA
More to come on this event.

ALBANY EXCHANGE CLUB CAR SHOW

April 15 08:00 am to 05:00 pm
810 South Westover Road
Albany, Georgia

SUTTON CAR SHOW

April 15th 1 pm to 5 pm
211 Chapman Road, Byron, GA 31008

SPRING FLING FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW

Savannah Mustang Club
April 29th 10 am to 5 pm
JF Gregory Park, Richmond Hill, GA

SAVANNAH MUSTANG CLUB

May 6th 9 am to 4 pm
Skidaway Island Baptist Church,
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EDT
Skidaway Island, Savannah, GA

ALTAMAHA CRUISERS

May 6th, Jesup, GA
More to come on this event.

GOLDEN ISLES CAR SHOW

Golden Isles Church of God
May 13th, 9 am to 2 pm
200 Boswell Lane, Brunswick, GA

CRUZIN' COWETA

Coweta County Fairgrounds
275 Pine Road Newnan, GA 30263
Event hours are to be determined.

ROLLING STANGS

June 13th, JC Lewis-Statesboro, GA
More to come on this event.

KLEAN EXHIBITION SAVANNAH

June 17th, 2023, at 12 pm to 8 pm
Savannah Convention Center
1 International Drive, Savannah, GA 31421

If you have an event, please forward to be added.



76th Annual Pine Tree Festival & Southeast Timber Expo Car Show

SATURDAY May 6, 2023 8 AM to 3 PM

REGISTRATION: 8 AM - NOON JUDGING: 10 AM - 2 PM
\$20 DAY OF SHOW AWARDS TO FOLLOW

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May 20, 2023





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Awards: 2:30 PM	Door Prizes

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LUKE DUKE IS HEADING TO THE CAR SHOW...

STOP BY & SEE TOM WOPAT

REGISTRATION: 8 AM - NOON
COST: \$25
JUDGING: 10 AM - 2 PM
AWARDS TO FOLLOW

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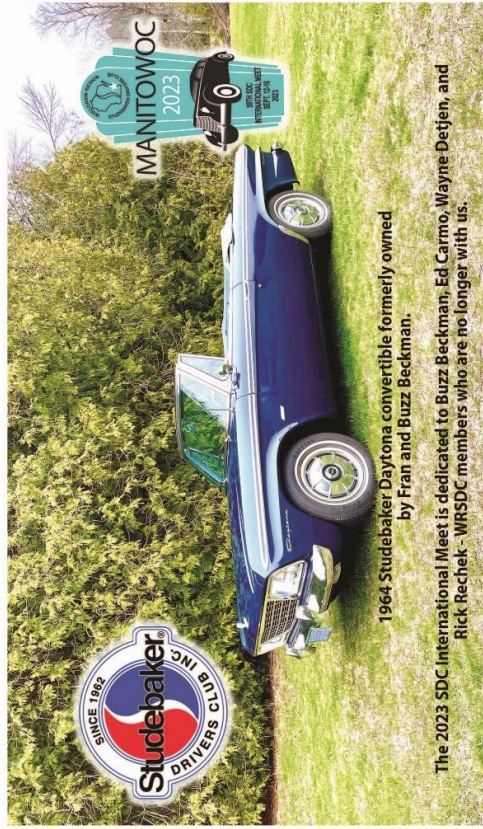
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Visit scenic Manitowoc and Two Rivers, Wis. on September 12-16, 2023!

Northeast Wisconsin is a beautiful place in late summer - and the Wisconsin Region
Studebaker Drivers Club will have a wide range of great activities planned for the
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Look at what we have planned for you on September 12-16, 2023!

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- A choice of great driving tours at Wisconsin's beautiful lakeshore including a Green Bay Packers Lambeau Field Tour in Green Bay, plus Manitowoc and Two Rivers attractions that include a Maritime Museum with a WWII submarine tour. Farm Discovery Center, Wood Type Museum, breweries, wineries restaurants and other beautiful area attraction.
- A Studebaker Parade on Wednesday night from the Manitowoc County fairgrounds to Two Rivers (Historical Home of the original Ice Cream Sunday!)
- Food Trucks, a sock hop, and plenty of places for fine entertainment.
- For a complete schedule of events go to: www.sdcmeet.com!



Membership Application & Renewal Form

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

The SDC welcomes anyone with an interest in Studebaker history and Studebaker produced vehicles. Memberships one year only and include twelve (12) issues of *Turning Wheels*. All chapter members must also join the national club a completed copy of this form along with payment in the form of credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover), check or money order in U.S. Dollars to: Studebaker Drivers Club, PO Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715, USA.

NEW U.S. Membership:		1-Year	3-Years	5-Year
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Membership with Periodical Class mail	\$29.00	n/a	n/a
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Overseas Membership with Air mail	\$66.00	\$186.00	\$308.00
Other:		1-Year	3-Years	5-Year
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Total Amount: \$

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
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South Georgia Studebaker Chapter Membership Application

Studebaker ownership is not required, just an appreciation for the marque. You must be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club to apply for membership in a local chapter! If you would like to become a member of the South Georgia Studebaker Chapter, please fill this out and send or hand it to Col. Terry Brooks.

Referred by: _____ NAME: _____
 SPOUSE'S NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY, STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
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What Studebakers do you own?? Year Model Body Style

Dues: \$20.00/year (First Class Mailing) SEND APPLICATION AND CHECK PAYABLE TO:

SDC South Georgia Studebaker Chapter,
 Attn: Col. Terry Brooks 141 Mackay Drive Richmond Hill, GA 31324

You must be a member of Studebaker Drivers Club (national organization) to be a member of South Georgia Studebaker Chapter SDC Membership # _____

If not a member see pricing schedule below For new members only of the SDC prices are as follows:

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