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### The Presidents Reflections

I am sure by now that everyone Is aware of the passing of our friend and longtime club member, Loren Hendley. Loren served as our Vice President for the better part of two decades and was our major fundraiser for several large events our chapter hosted including three Georgia State meets and a Southeast Zone meet.





Loren and his Red GT Hawk were ever present at every activity we were involved in, and always had various members of his family with him.

Loren was a proud Veteran of the US Army where he served his country for 20 years. He was also a Vietnam war hero where he was exposed to Agent Orange and suffered the effects of it for the rest of his life.



James, Edie, and I were privileged to attend the funeral. The family had requested some Studebakers to be driven in the funeral procession along with Loren's GT Hawk. We drove our Pink Lark. David Roberts brought his dad's 57 Transtar down from Byron, both cars were well received.

Two Pastors stood up to extoll the many virtues of this extraordinary man with heartwarming stories of his devotion to his family, his Church, His friends, and his country. They brought the congregation to the brink of tears several times.

Three of his Granddaughters stepped up to the podium to sing. I have known these Ladies since they were teens but had no idea, they had voices so powerful. They chose a song made famous by the Judd's. When they opened up in perfect harmony with "Grandpa, Tell me about the Good Old Days." It was more than I could handle. I had to pull out my big Bandanna to wipe away the streams of tears running down my face.

I will never forget my friend Loren Hendley, and if you got the opportunity to know him, you won't ever forget him either.

Rest in peace my friend. Enjoy your reward.



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### 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 Jun 2023 Deposits & Credits: ... 1 Deposits Checks Cleared: ...... 3 Checks Checks Outstanding: . 0 Checks Maintenance Fee: ..... None
- Acct. Activity & History: Good Standing
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- Account Summary:...for Jul 2023
- Deposits & Credits: ....1 Deposits
- Checks Cleared: ......1 Checks
- Checks Outstanding: .1 Checks
- Maintenance Fee: ..... None

Bank Statement can be furnished upon request.

### Membership & Dues:

<ul> <li>Total Active Members (individuals):</li> </ul>	97
✓ Total number of families represented:	57
✓ Members Paid Dues (families):	57
✓ Members Unpaid Dues (families):	
✓ Total Honorary Member (individuals):	7
✓ Total Subscribers (individuals):	6
✓ Total Inactive Members (individuals):	

### Website Activity:

225 Page Views

**120**Unique Visits

**10.045** Pages views per visit (average)

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/121 https://studebakercarclub.weeblv.com/

### **Front Cover**

Dr. Anthony "Tony" Costrini at the June 3rd, 2023, Richmond Hill, Ga. Cars & Coffee. Five of our members & their cars were present at this event. Dr. Tony Costrini's 63 GT Hawk, Joe Lake's 55 Commander Coupe Modified, George Gratton's 86 Avanti. Mike Benson's 55 Commander & Andria Brooks' 59 Silver Hawk.

See page 8 for more on Tony's car. Photo by Col. Brooks

### Welcome New Members



clubs, so they are true car enthusiasts. We have seen them at car events every weekend & have become good friends.

Conrad & Michelle Monroe are our newest chapter members. They live in Richmond Hill, Ga. and own a 1956 Dodge Station Wagon Modified "that everyone at the local car events ask Conrad & Michelle if it is a Studebaker?"

Below: Their 56 Dodge lined up with the Studebaker's at the 05/06/2023 Richmond Hill Cars & Coffee. They have been members of many car





The South Georgia Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club meeting occurred July 15th, 2023.

The hot, sunny July day lived up to the challenge of SUMMER, as each day tries to beat the temperature of the previous but made a lovely day for a car club meeting. 26 friends and members met up at Skipper's Fish Camp in Darien, Ga. for our regular meeting. Each July marks an official anniversary for our South Georgia Chapter, which had its beginnings in Hazlehurst, Ga, in July 1993. 30 years together, of births and deaths and countless life events in between, all marked by a mutual love of Studebakers....all makes and models and kinds....as varied as the members themselves.

This meeting, hosted by James and Valaree Thornton, was opened with prayer from our VP, Rudy Smith, asking blessings upon the meal (FANTASTIC, as per usual) and requests for mercy and healing for those in need. We had 3 Studebakers and a very happy Dodge station wagon in the parking lot. President Thornton recognized the handful of charter members present at today's meeting and reminisced on the charter members no longer with us, noting they have clearly left their mark on our club. He also noted that of the charter members with us, they also still have their "charter" cars. The Treasurer's report showed a solid balance, and our membership records boast 98 members, representing 58 families. Thanks to our Membership Director/Editor, an upcoming feature in Turning Wheels will be forthcoming noting our club's 30-year Anniversary and its accomplishments during said time.

President Thornton gave an update on the Annual Great American Race, and annual event that changes its course yearly, once again making its way to Tifton, Ga, a stop on the journey from St. Augustine to Colorado. A fun event, it features all sorts of vehicles, including a Studebaker. During the last stop in Tifton, a few years ago, member Loren Hendley had made certain we would have good parking. This year, due to health reasons, he was unable to attend. Neil also shared an anecdote about a young man in a convenience store who wanted to show him a pic of a

Studebaker his relative has...it was Loren's! Both Neil and the young man enjoyed a moment of knowing the same man and car- Studebaker makes a connection wherever it's mentioned.

One item of business included a request from the National Museum for a donation to help offset costs of a STEM program, which is designed to offer learning opportunities for kids. After discussion, motions, and a vote, it was agreed to donate \$100 donation for the project. Valaree Thornton gave an update on the \$1,000 Christmas donation we voted to give back in November 2022, to the Senior Citizen organization she represents. The funds are still being used and the gratitude of recipients is still felt. With limited time in our meeting room, the meeting drew to a close with a reminder of the next meeting, September 16, 2023, in Hazlehurst. We closed as we began, with prayer, asking God's blessings on us as we stepped out into the still hot, sunny day, full bellies, fuller hearts, and parking lot perusing of the cars.

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 or 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 at <a href="mailto:259lark@gmail.com">259lark@gmail.com</a> / (912) 375-7986 or Col. Terry Brooks at <a href="mailto:teanle@comcast.net">teanle@comcast.net</a> / (912) 656-3581.

The name tags are available in white plastic with the chapter logo and your name for \$10.00.

The shirts are blue oxfords with the logo on the left chest plate for \$30.00. Don't forget to give your shirt size.

(New Price effective January 2022)

July 15th, 2023 @ Skipper's Fish Camp, Darien, GA - Host James & Valaree Thornton

# Thanks for Hosting!













We had twenty-six attending our Skipper's Darien, Georgia event, there were twenty-four members and two guests in attendance. Beginning at the top left and going across the first row of photos: (New Members) Teri & Joe Lake, (New Members) Conrad & Michelle Monroe, Mike & Janet Aspinwall, Mary & Graham Bird, Rudy & Teresa Smith, (Guests of Rudy) Jim & Sandra Johnson. The second row of photos; James Thornton, Barney O'Quinn, Rebecca Burnette, Amy & Dylan & Dewayne Kelly, Ann & Richard Miller, Andria Brooks (Col. Brooks taking photo), Dewayne & Dylan & Amy Kelly with Jack standing with his back to camera.

The photo to the right is Valaree & James Thornton, Edie & Neil Thornton, Rebecca Burnette, Barney O'Quinn.

The photos below are the four-chapter cars that were present, from left: Conrad & Michelle Monroe's 56 Dodge Wagon Modified, Richard & Ann Miller's 55 Commander Modified, Neil & Edie Thornton's 60 Lark Convertible, Col. Terry & Andria Brooks' 62 GT Hawk.

The below Photo to the right is, Richard & Ann Miller's 55 Commander Modified, Conrad & Michelle Monroe's 56 Dodge Wagon Modified, Col. Terry & Andria Brooks' 62 GT Hawk on our drive from Savannah, Georgia to Darien. See the Darien sign on the right stating "Darien 20 "Miles". Nice job catching that, Joe. The driving photos were taken by Joe & Terri Lake.







### **September Club Meeting**



### Mark your Calendars!

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Saturday - 12:00 a.m. to ~1:00 p.m. Georgia Bob's BBQ

Address: 120 Howland Ave., Warner Robbins, GA 31088 Phone: (478) 287-2108

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

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Saturday - 12:00 a.m. to ~1:00 p.m. Carey Hillard's

Address: 11111 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA 31419, Phone: (912) 925-3225 Host: Richard & Ann Miller, Info: (912) 335-7268

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Saturday - 12:00 a.m. to ~1:00 p.m. Georgia Bob's BBQ

Address: 120 Howland Ave., Warner Robbins, GA 31088 Phone: (478) 287-2108 Host: Bobby & Elaine Dorsey, Info: (478) 957-5065

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 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: Terry & Andria Brooks, Info: (912) 656-3581

Thank you all for hosting!

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 will pay your next year's dues for Hosting. Voted on at the 03/18/2023 mtg.



Karl Peace difficulty with hand after breaking his Humerus. Edward Burris been in the hospital.

David & Barbara Whitworth, David's recovery.

Ann & George Klutkowski with some medical concerns.

Betty Hendley and family in this difficult time.

Teresa Smith is having medical difficulties.

And any others we may have missed.

Please remember these folks as they recover.

Check out our Memorial Page:

https://studebakercarclub.weebly.com/memoriial-page.html



### **Today's Thought**

Common sense is like a deodorant. The people who need it most never use it. - Unknown

### **Birthdays & Holidays**



### AUGUST (08)

01 Graham Bird

02 Nat'l Ice Cream Sandwich Day

04 Heather Culpepper

07 Purple Heart Day

12 Rudy Smith

18 Betty Hendley

26 David Roberts

26 Lisa Lee

27 Don Eastwood

30 Ann Miller

31 Glenda Haggard

### SEPTEMBER (09)

01 Rick Hughes

04 Labor Day

09 Andria Brooks

09 Art Joly

12 Amy Kelly

14 Shirley Lowery

16 Betty Hersey

18 Nat'l Cheeseburger Day

19 David Whitworth

19 Teresa Smith

22 Deloris Durden

27 Nat'l Chocolate Milk Day

28 Jack Durden

Let us know if we missed anyone's birthday!

### **Recipes**

### Southern Squash Casserole

https://www.yummly.com/recipe/Southern-Squash-Casserole-1096634?prm-v1

### 6 SERVINGS

- 32 oz. squash (bag of frozen, or 6 cups large sliced fresh squash)
- 1 onion (large, sliced and roughly chopped)
- 2 Tbsp. butter ({I use Smart Balance})
- ½ cup sour cream ({I use fat-free})
- 1 tsp. seasoning (Camp Mix, {or you can use Paula Deen's House Seasoning})
- 2 cups cheddar cheese (grated)
- 1 cup Ritz Crackers (crushed, {I use Whole Wheat Ritz Crackers})



Would you like to share your favorite recipes.

### From the Editor:

The editor thought it would be fun and interesting to add some articles about our members cars, their stories, and their history, like the one on page 8 of 20 about Dr. Tony Costrini's 63 GT Hawk.

Therefore, the editor will be adding a section to the Smoke Signal Newsletter consisting of a page or two about our members cars, titled **Members Cars**.

The subject matter will be a history of the car, the things that you have done to the car and what you are planning to do to the car. The article will also include photos and events that you have taken the car to and drives that you have had in the car.

We would like to know what people say about your car at the events and while on drives that you have taken.

If you would like to have your cars story and history told please fill out the Smoke Signal Car Article Form.PDF found on our website: <a href="https://studebakercarclub.wee-bly.com/latest-newsletters.html">https://studebakercarclub.wee-bly.com/latest-newsletters.html</a> titled Smoke Signal Car Article Form.PDF.

The form could be filled out quickly and the chapter members will find your stories interesting.

### Members Car (s)

Tony Costrini Pictured with his 63 GT Hawk on the Cover.



Hi Terry, you asked if I would share details of our efforts to enhance the appearance and performance of the 1963 Studebaker Gran Turismo I purchased in March of this year. I believe we made a few nice improvements. It is important to note that the car had undergone extensive renovations by the previous owner(s). It is most unfortunate that a "box" of documents promised to me at the time of purchase was not provided to me by the seller. This lack of information diminishes not only the value of the car but also the potential enjoyment of seeing just how much effort must have been exerted to upgrade the car to the condition it was in when purchased.

We promptly purchased a shop manual as well as a chassis and parts catalog.

We made a few mechanical interventions including motor mounts and transmission mounts and a minor tune up.

We painted the wheel rims to match the car. We received estimates as high as \$15,000 for a paint job, but we were very satisfied by the "Excellent Driver" paint provided by Maaco for well less than \$3,000.00. (Jason is a real paint veteran who likes to paint old cars). (912) 226-7312. The dash was an old, faded vinyl wood grain. It was replaced by a hammered aluminum pattern Wrap which looks great. Taylor at G-Force films in Savannah (912) 655-2888 did excellent work, in my opinion. We replaced some of the older badging.

We replaced the horn relay, and the 2-tone sound is great. We replaced the wiring and bulb for the fender well set up which lights the



acrylic "wings" on the fenders. We repaired the wiring for the trunk light and hood engine light. We fixed the radio which now plays the AM gospel station in Savannah. We replaced the rear speaker as well as the rear decking and the trunk front wall.

We spent several hours rebuilding the reclining gear for the passenger seat. The seat now reclines safely and sits in the appropriate position.

We purchased new adjustable vents for the air conditioning unit, spiffed up the casing, and added aluminum vinyl to enhance its appearance. The interior required minor cleaning. We removed the leather wrap



on the steering wheel, preferring instead the original black beautiful but pitted wheel. (I was unsuccessful in finding a white steering wheel new or used. (I should note that the ladies at Studebaker International were very helpful). The clock works and is keeping the correct time.

Studebaker floor mats were not available, so I purchased nice plain mats then took a picture of the large Studebaker emblem on the trunk of the Studebaker then had it digitized so that it could be used as a pattern for the mats and a smaller version for a patch for my shirt. This worked out very well and was inexpensive. We replaced the old trunk mat with the same factory pattern.



We purchased a hood liner but haven't installed it. The interior hood surface looks good after the paint job. We did clean the engine as well.

The engine did have a stalling problem. This has been eliminated by the use of marine ethanol-free gas and use of octane booster.

The car seems to have been well received at a few shows and generates frequent friendly conversation and comments when on the road. I am enjoying it!

I will gladly give credit for much of this work to my friend,

David Capallo. We did this together, but he is "way more talented" than me.

Thanks Tony





May 3, 2023

South Georgia SDC c/o Col. Terry Brooks 141 Mackay Drive Richmond Hill, GA 31324-4631

Dear South Georgia SDC,

### CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

BUILT TO LAST: STUDEBAKER BUILDINGS PAST & PRESENT Open through May 30, 2023

TOP OF THE LINE: STUDEBAKER'S PRESIDENTS Open through June 4, 2023

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CARS & COFFEE May 13, 2023 from 8:00am -10:00am

SPEAKER SERIES May 17, 2023 at 1:30pm

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE AT COPSHAHOLM July 8, 2023

10:00am - 4:00pm

On behalf of the Studebaker National Museum, I want to gratefully acknowledge your contribution of \$100.00 for the Adopt-A-Car Program. You have adopted the 1963 Zip Van through May 31, 2024.

Your contribution will be used to ensure that the Studebaker National Museum Collection is cared for and enhanced so that the Studebaker legacy can ignite the passion of automotive enthusiasts for generations to come.

Included in this mailing is your adoption certificate. In addition, your inscription will be placed on the plaque adjacent to the vehicle signage for the duration of your adoption term. Your contribution will also be recognized on our website.

Visit the Museum soon to see how your contribution allows us to continue investing in our Museum's Collection.

Sincerely,

Patrick Slebonick **Executive Director** 

Please retain this I \$100 on May 3, 20. tax-exempt organ for this contribution allowable by law. advice so please c of this gift.

Adopt-A-Car Program Certificate of Adoption South Georgia SDC has generously provided for the care of this and other vehicles

in the Museum's Collection with the adoption of the

1963 Zip Van through May 31, 2024

Certified By

Executive Director

On This Date: May 3, 2023

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July 24, 2023

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

Dear South Georgia Chapter SDC:

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS
MID-CENTURY MASTER: THE
DESIGNS OF BROOKS
STEVENS

Open through January 15, 2024

THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF ANTHONY SCHMIDT
Open through January 28, 2024

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CARS & COFFEE

- 10:00am

August 12, 2023 from 8:00am - 10:00am

SPEAKER SERIES August 16, 2023 at 1:30pm

CARS & COFFEE September 9, 2023 from 8:00am On behalf of the Studebaker National Museum, I want to gratefully acknowledge your generous contribution of \$110 for the STEM Engineering Design Education Program. The Museum depends on private support from individuals, foundations, and corporations, and your gift is an important part of that.

With your gift we can honor and perpetuate the industrial heritage of South Bend and the Studebaker legacy. This mission is fulfilled with every special exhibition and engaging program at the Museum. In addition, your gift ensures that our permanent exhibits are cared for and enriched. By creating these opportunities for visitor engagement, the Museum ensures that the Studebaker flame will burn brightly for generation to come.

We hope you will visit the Museum so you can see the many ways your financial support enhances the exhibitions and educational programming.

Sincerely,

Patrick Slebonick Executive Director

Please retain this letter as written acknowledgement of your contribution of \$110 on July 24, 2023, to the Studebaker National Museum, Inc. a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. No goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution. This contribution may be tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. The Studebaker National Museum does not provide tax advice so please consult your tax professional to determine the deductibility of this gift.

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# Tech Tips/Notes

### **Brake Fluid Testing**

By Wayne Lee

Automotive brake fluid does a great job of activating the brake cylinders that, in turn, push the brake shoes against the drum, so we can stop our Studebaker when we need to. However, brake fluid has a downside you need to be aware of, namely; it absorbs moisture from the environment. The technical term for this is Hygroscopic. Hygroscopic is the phenomenon of attracting and holding water molecules via adsorption from the surrounding environment. When this occurs, the moisture content can change the chemistry of the brake fluid, which can *negatively* affect how well your brakes work. Additionally, the extra moisture will cause the metal in your braking system to begin to corrode and rust.

This hit home recently as I've been helping a young fellow resurrect his 1957 Studebaker Transtar pickup. While jockeying the truck around the yard, one of the rear brakes locked up solid. No amount of rocking it with the engine would free it. This could have been disastrous if we'd been out and about town in it.

I found the brake master cylinder was full of brake fluid, but it was a dirty rusty brown color, certainly not what I expected to see. Tearing into the brakes I found the wheel cylinder components were rusty and inhibiting the free movement of the components which is why the wheel had locked-up.

TESTER
Brake Fluid Analyzer

This test pen applies to detection of the DOT4 brake fluid parformance, indicating the brake condition through five LED lights. It is using the AC pulse testing the method, greatly to reduce the polarization phenomenon during the brake fluid testing, the test result is accurate and the measuring speed is fast. In order to save power, this test pen has the automatic shutdown function, it will automatically turn off the power to save power 20 seconds after starting up every time.

Seeing this I became concerned about the brakes in our other Studes. What I needed was a quick and easy way to check the moisture content of brake fluid. The answer was found in a small device that looks like an ink pen called a **Brake Fluid Tester** available at auto parts stores and online parts outlets as well, often for less than \$20.

Powered by a small battery, the tester has green, yellow, and red LEDs, and two metal contacts at one end. **The operation is simple:** install the battery, turn on the tester, dip the metal contacts into the fluid bowl of your brake master cylinder. The tester measures the moisture content and lights up the appropriate LED. Before testing the Transtar, I tested an old bottle of DOT3 that's been on the shelf for several years. It lit up the yellow LED. I also tested a new bottle of DOT3 and it lit up the green LED. When I tested the Transtar, the tester lit up the red LED indicating too much moisture in the brake fluid – thus confirming why I was seeing the rust in the brake system.

We all spend a lot of time making our Studebakers look good. Why not spend a minute checking your brake fluid to ensure you and your family's safety?!



### **Studebaker Car Care and Tech Tips**

By Bill Jarvis May/June 2023 (Vol. 27 No.3)

From: The Atlantic Canada Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, StudeNews

Which oil should my Studebaker use?

Like some other Studebaker owners, I have been using Castrol Diesel 15W40 oil in my 1947 Studebaker Champion for a few years. This gave the car excellent oil pressure while using much less oil. I was happy.

The long-time experts who wrote the Studebaker Co-operator feature in Turning Wheels, such as Jim Pepper and the late Bob Palma disagree. They very strongly stated that oil intended for Diesel engines should never be used in any engine with flat-tappet camshafts. Their reasons appear in recent issues of Turning Wheels. When people with their expertise speak, I pay attention.

What engines have flat-tappet camshafts? All engines built by Studebaker, and just about any other make that DOES NOT have hydraulic valve lifters.

So, what oil should we use? Bob and Jim recommended Valvoline VR-1 Racing Oil, or any other oil specifically rated for collector-car engines with flat-tappet camshafts. Other good oils are Z-Rod 20W50 Synthetic, Lunati 15W50 Hi-Zinc, Mobil 1 Flat-Tappet 10W40, Brad Penn, Lucas, Amsoil, Royal Purple 20W50, etc. These are compounded with the correct formulas which include ZDDP additive.

CarQuest sells Valvoline VR-1 Racing Oil at a few of its stores, including Moncton and Dieppe.

### Oil Pressure Hoses

Oil pressure hose, between the Engine to the Gauge!

Perhaps this hose is the original and it had been on the car ever since new, or it could have been replaced one or more times by now. Still, it is a good idea to check it before you take the Studebaker out on the road so that it reduces the probability of having trouble with it while you are driving.

The location of the hose is towards the rear of the engine compartment, next to the firewall.

The lower end of the hose is connected to the engine. The top end of the hose is connected to a solid line that goes through the firewall and attached to the oil pressure gauge.

Through time, the hose will deteriorate. When the engine is operating, this hose is under pressure and heat and needs to be flexible as the engine "rocks" each time there is acceleration or deceleration.

If you find the hose to be hard and inflexible, it is time to change it.

The following, informative article is written by Jon Myer, who has written many technical articles in the past.

Oil Line Flex Hose by, and thanks to Jon Myer.

The oil line flex hose at the right rear corner of the block on

V8s and the right rear lower corner on six- cylinder engines can become a big problem. These hoses are made of rubber and must carry whatever oil pressure shows on the gauge. On some engines when they are cold it could be as high as 80 pounds.

If your car has an oil light then it doesn't have a hose, so no need to worry about it.

To check this hose, first open the hood and locate the hose. It will be on the passenger side, rear of the engine. It comes up to connect to a copper line covered with rubber that runs along the firewall from left to right. Take hold of the hose and bend it and wiggle it a little. You may be surprised to find it break off in your hand. If it breaks while you are driving, you may end up needing an engine overhaul if you don't catch it in time.

If you are going to replace it, the best way is to cut off the hose just above the brass fitting that screws into the head and use a six- point 7/16 socket on it. If you use an openend wrench, it may be so tight that the hex will collapse and strip off. Then you have a hell of a time getting it out. The Studebaker number for the V8 hose is #530096. It is suggested that you keep one in the glove box as they are pretty cheap.

### It Pays to Read the Instructions - True Story!

NASA, the space shuttle people developed a gun to shoot chickens at the wind shields of space craft and other aircraft to test the effects of a bird hitting it at a high speed. It uses compressed air to shoot a dead chicken at a velocity of about 500 MPH. The English and French train operators heard about the gun and wanted to test it on their high-speed trains due to the increased speeds they were trying to achieve. After much paperwork and red tape, the arrangements were finally made, and the gun was shipped to Europe for testing. The test commenced and the test engineers were horrified to find that the chicken went through

the windshield, smashed the train engineer's seat back and lodged itself in the back wall of the cabin. They sent off a quick letter to the NASA engineers to see if maybe they could explain why their results were so bad, was it the design of their trains?

NASA sent back a one - line response.

THAW THE CHICKEN.

Sometimes it does pay to read the instructions. Gleaned from the S'Coupe Express, Willamette Chapter Newsletter. Thanks to Jean Lasseter, Editor.

### Studebaker Links:

\*Denotes New Websites and Videos

Studebaker Vendors

http://www.studebakervendors.com/

Pat Skelly Pertronix III Install Test Run <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocUU9h4x50A">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocUU9h4x50A</a>

Find your car (s) in the movies <a href="https://www.imcdb.org/">https://www.imcdb.org/</a>

Antique Studebaker Club <a href="http://www.theantiquestudebakerclub.com/">http://www.theantiquestudebakerclub.com/</a>

The Avanti Owners Association <a href="http://www.aoai.org/">http://www.aoai.org/</a>

So. Ga. Studebaker Drivers Club <a href="https://studebakercarclub.weebly.com/">https://studebakercarclub.weebly.com/</a>

Ethanol-free gas stations near you: <a href="http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=GA">http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=GA</a>

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

### **Interesting Auto's**









Joe Martin with his 27 Club Sedan Packard at the Station Exchange Senior Care, Car event. Other cars that were present our 59 Silver Hawk and Conrad Monroe's 56 Dodge Present

Forward your photos to Terry Brooks at <a href="mailto:teanle@comcast.net">teanle@comcast.net</a> or you can give them to Terry at the next meeting and he will scan them for the future <a href="mailto:Smoke">Smoke</a> <a href="mailto:Signal">Signal</a> newsletter (s) and return the originals to you. You can even text them to Terry.

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 <a href="https://www.studebakermuseum.org/about/museum-history/">https://www.studebakermuseum.org/about/museum-history/</a>

The Studebaker Drivers Club <a href="http://studebakerclubs.com/">http://studebakerclubs.com/</a>

Studebaker-Info.Org. https://studebaker-info.org/

Studebaker Related Web Sites https://www.facebook.com/groups/2209016075/

Barn Finds

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

Other events we have attended since our Chapter meeting in May include;

Motors 4 Mom: with the WS6.

Richmond Hill Cars & Coffee: Brooks' 59 Silver Hawk, Benson's 55 Commander, Lake's 55 Commander Mod, Costrini's 63 GT Hawk (on cover), Gratton's 86 Avanti & Monroe's 56 Dodge Mod.

The Station Exchange Senior Care Car Event: to the left.

**1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Car Event**: Brooks' 62 GT Hawk, Richard Miller's 55 Commander Mod, Conrad Monroe's 56 Dodge.

**Richmond Hill Cars & Coffee**: Brooks' 59 Silver Hawk, Monroe's 55 Monroe's 56 Dodge Mod.

**Independence Day Car Event**: 59 Silver Hawk, Monroe's 56 Dodge Mod. Both won ribbons.

**Dixieland Cruisers Drive** on "National Eat Ice Cream Day!" 62 GT Hawk 56 Dodge Mod.

### Thanks for Contributing to this Newsletter.

**The Articles**: Neil Thornton, Rebecca Burnette, Dr. Tony Costrini, Wayne Lee, Bill Jarvis, Hon. Col. Brooks.

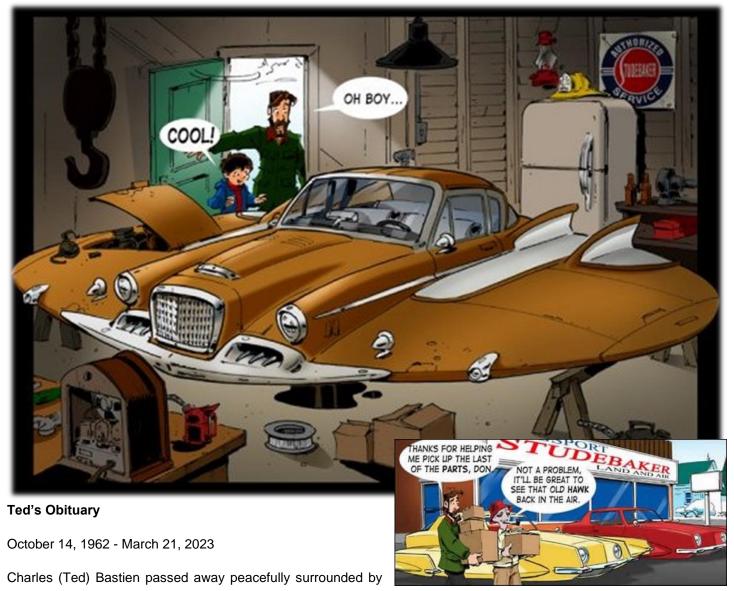
The Photos: Joe & Terri Lake, Dr. Tony Costrini, Col. Brooks,

The Humor: General Jokes

### **BUGSPORT**

If you ever saw Ted Bastien's cartoon series, BUGSPORT, you know his amazing artistic skill and his love of Studebakers in all forms. Ted was an Emmy-winning Canadian artist who worked on many animated shows as well as his own online comic series, BUGSPORT. Sadly, he has passed. An archive of his work can be found on <a href="Archive.org">Archive.org</a> if you enter <a href="Tedsstudio.org">Tedsstudio.org</a> in the Wayback Machine.

I will miss seeing Ted's new Cartoons with Studebaker's in them, I have included two examples for your memories.



family at Toronto General Hospital after a difficult battle with cancer. Beloved husband of Rose and father to Phillip, Ted will be missed by his siblings John (Viviane) and Kate (Walter), his brothers and sisters-in-law Vito (Lina), Kathy (Jim), Mary (Gino), and Terri (Nino), and his several nieces (Laura, Lauren, Tanya, Eva) and nephews (Paul, Andrew, Daniel, Sean, Maison, Aiden). Ted was predeceased by his niece Carmen (2006) and his brother-in-law Jim (2021).

Born in Sarnia, Ontario to Ivan and Dolores (DeFields) Bastien, Ted grew up in Windsor and went on to graduate from Sheridan College's Classical Animation program in Oakville. An Emmy and Canadian Screen Award-winning director, Ted worked on many animated favorites, including PAW Patrol, The Magic School Bus, Handy Manny, Mike the Knight, Brace Face and Little Bear.

A celebration of life will take place later. Any donations made in Ted's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society will be greatly appreciated.

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### **Fake Or Not Part!**



Crescent Metric and SAE Adjustable Wrench 4 in. L 1 pc. At ACE Hardware for \$19.99

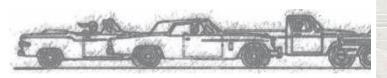
Is it SAE or Metric?



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### 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 <a href="teanle@comcast.net">teanle@comcast.net</a> 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

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.

<u>http://realrodders.com/product-category/aluminum/hali-brand/</u>

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**







1930 Studebaker Commander Sedan, Great looking Car! The car was purchased from its original owner in 1995 and frame off restoration in 2005. The car came from California and has been in the SDC for most of the car's life. The color is green with black exterior with the original trunk for the luggage rack. The interior is the original Mohair Interior with many extras; step plates on running boards, footrest in back seat compartment, lots of chrome extras, spare tire, extra lights, rear light, wooden wheel spokes and medal wheels in great shape just needs new lacquer. The tires were purchased in 2005. Straight Eight engine with manual shift transmission. Runs, drives, and stops good with following. The eight-volt battery needs to be replaced, carburetor leaks, top cloth is pulling out at rear, but the rest is in good condition. Located in Richmond Hill, Georgia asking \$32,500.00 Only serious / interested buyer may contact Carol Brink @ Carolbrink@sbcglobal.net or (912) 755-2026.

### **Reoccurring Calendar of Events**

### Richmond Hill Cars & Coffee

Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, thru Saturday, Oct.1<sup>st</sup>, 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**

3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 4<sup>th,</sup> 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**

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

### **SOUTHERN CRUISERS CRUISE IN**

3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday of each month 3 pm to 6 pm Huddle House, Rincon, GA

### **CAFFEINE & OCTANE**

1<sup>st</sup>, 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

# 1ST SATURDAY MONTHLY CRUISE IN @HARBOR FREIGHT – TIFTON

Harbor Freight Tools (Tifton) Tifton, GA

### **Individual Calendar Events**



### Thunder at the Castle

August 19 217 Lee Place Rd NE

Veterans Carrie Trucking for Cause Car Show, September 23, Pembroke, Ga

3rd Cruisin' Car Show in Honor of SGT Patrick M. Sondron

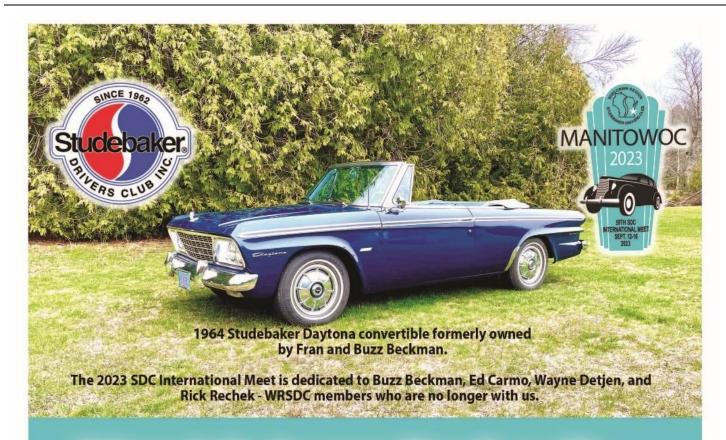
October 28, 2023, 6 PM – 9 PM EDT Freedom Field 111 Bear Country Blvd Rincon, GA



### Chip'n Away @ Heart Disease CARDIAC Car Show

November 4, 2023, 9 AM to 3 PM North Houston County Sports Complex Warner Robins, GA

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



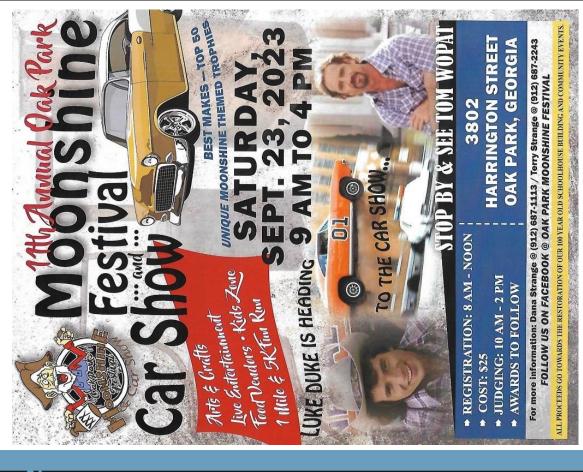
## Visit scenic Manitowoc and Two Rivers, Wis. on September 12-16, 2023!

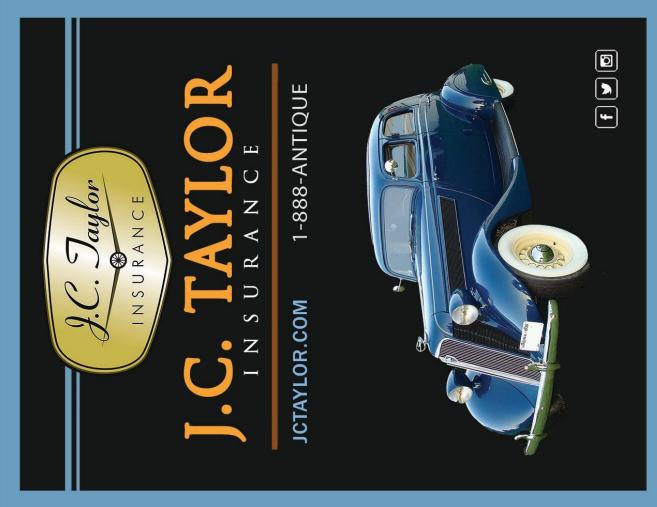
Northeast Wisconsin is a beautiful place in late summer - and the Wisconsin Region Studebaker Drivers Club will have a wide range of great activities planned for the 59th SDC International Meet, Stay tuned for more details! We'll see you there!



Enjoy the hospitality of our friendly community. Home of the Ice Cream Sundae

Two Rivers, Wis.







# Membership Application & Renewal Form

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 clut a completed copy of this form along with payment in the form of credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover), check or i 

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# South Georgia Studebaker Chapter

Membership Application

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 Studebaker ownership is not required, just an appreciation for the marque. You must be a member What Studebakers do you own?? Year Model Body Style ZIP to Col. Terry Brooks. (Home) EMAIL: SPOUSE'S NAME: CITY, STATE: Referred by: ADDRESS: PHONE (Cell)

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

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