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The Presidents Reflections



Well, it seems another year is swiftly fading into the past. 2023 is almost gone and we have survived it.

Our Chapter has gained some and lost some. We are grateful for the new members

we gained this year and glad to see the Chapter growing. I am especially glad to see the young folks taking an interest in the old cars. One of our greatest losses this year was the passing of a good and faithful club member, Loren Hendley. He made such an impact on this club that he will be missed and remembered for years to come. R.I.P. My Friend.

As the Christmas season approaches, I am taken back to the days of my youth when Christmas was always so special. I had cousins who lived in Florida and Louisiana that I only saw once or twice a year, and Christmas was one of those times. Uncle Benny lived near Tampa, Florida and was the manager of a large citrus grove farm. He would always show up at Grandmother's house with a car load of cousins and all kinds of fruit to share. His brother, Uncle Robert, lived in New Orleans and had two children about my age. He always had the coolest stories to tell.

We always had plenty of firecrackers, cap pistols and other noise makers to play with, but the most important thing was we were out of school for two whole weeks! We hunted squirrels and rabbits, and skipped rocks across the pond and got lots of presents. We were taught that Christmas was a celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday. We were told the story of the trip to Bethlehem, and the Wise men and the birth of a child who would grow up to be the Savior of the world. Even as a child I wondered Why I was getting gifts if it was Jesus' Birthday?

My Mother, with her infinite wisdom told me that Jesus already had everything in the world so he needed nothing else, but he loved us so much that he wanted us to have the gifts that would bring us joy.

As I grew older I began to understand the significance of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior and began to try to live a life that I thought would be pleasing to him. I have never regretted my choice.

I hope this Christmas season brings much joy and happiness to everyone who reads this and please remember Jesus offers the gift of eternity in Heaven to all who will accept it.

Merry Christmas to all!

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Front Cover

Al Wessel's 1929 FE President. See page 8 for more on Al Wessel's 1929 FE President.

Photo by Terry Brooks

See page 7 of 22 (bottom right corner) for how you can get your car on the front cover of an upcoming newsletter.

Treasurer & Membership Report

Do not Forget!

It is that time of the year again, the South Georgia Studebaker Chapter Dues are due. You can make your check out to the South Georgia Studebaker Chapter and send to Terry Brooks at 141 Mackay Drive, Richmond Hill, GA. 31324



Bank Account:

Account Summary:for Oct. 2023 Deposits & Credits:2 Deposits Checks Outstanding: ...0 Checks Checks Cleared:1 Checks Maintenance Fee:None Account Account Deposit Checks Maintenance Fee:

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 Bank Statement furnished upon request.

2024 Membership & Dues:

Website Activity:

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one of the bar codes to go directly to our Facebook Page or Website.





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Facts from Mike Benson

What was the best year for Studebaker?

The 1950 Champion was Studebaker's all-time highest-production model, with more than 270,000 examples built. 1950 was also Studebaker's peak peacetime employment year, with nearly 24,000 workers.

One of 1,841 electric automobiles Studebaker built between 1902 and 1912. The coupe's batteries weighed 970 pounds. Here are some examples of popular EV models' battery weight: A Tesla Model S has a roughly 1,200-pound battery. A Tesla Model Y has a 1,700-pound battery.

Welcome New Members

Ken & Song Charpentier of Hinesville, Georgia. They own an 89 Avanti, scene page 10 of 22, "Events Attended by Members", from the Richmond Hill, Georgia Cars & Coffee.

Mike & Marsha Byrd of Darien, Georgia. They own a 62 GT Hawk and Stude Pickup. They moved to Darien from the Atlanta area and were members of the North Georgia Chapter.

Secretaries Report



It was a cool rainy day in Warner Robins, however twentyone of our members made the trip with another five guests for a total of twenty-six present. Because of the cool and rain only one Studebaker made the trip. Jack and Deloris Durden drove their beautiful 56 Power Hawk. Jack stated, "They drove less than ten miles unlike the others who had much longer trips."

Elza Fowler opened the meeting in prayer, and we continued to eat that great BBQ from Georgia Bob's BBQ.

Neil greeted everyone, then recognized new members Ken and Song Charpentier. (See page 9 to see Ken and Song's 89 Avanti). And new members, not present, Mike and Marsha Byrd. Mike and Marsha lived in the Atlanta area and are members of the North Georgia Chapter, but recently moved to Darien and have now joined the South Georgia Chapter. Mike and Marsha have a 63 GT Hawk and Pickup Truck.

Neil then recognized our guests, Holder, and Lucy Copeland (Wayne and Ann Lee's great granddaughter and her daddy), Debbie Driskell friend of Barney O'Quinn Jr. Andrea Charpentier (daughter of Ken and Song Charpentier).

Neil recognized our Veterans, eight in total were present.

Neil discussed his friend's car event in Hazelhurst on December 9th, 2023. Neil talked about his friend and that the car events proceeds would go to *The Tunnel to Towers*. Neil will have his two Lark's at the event and would like to see chapter members participating in the event.

The Treasurer report stated that our chapters account is in good standing.

Neil discussed that every year the chapter will give contributions to a local charity, hospital etcetera. This year, Neil thought the chapter should be given to *The Tunnel to Towers* organization. A motion by Russ Winge and seconded by Elza Fowler and then by a majority group voted it was decided to give *The Tunnel to Towers* \$250.00. The Treasurer will write a Letter of Contribution to *The Tunnel to Towers* and check for \$250.00 and forward it to Neil to present to the event sponsor. The letter will state that the contribution is in Honor of Loren Hendley.

The next meeting on January 13th, 2024, is at Hungry Hillbilly Grill and BBQ. We discussed our IDYSD trip to Hungry Hillbilly Grill and BBQ and the fun and food was great. The latest Turning Wheels Magazine had our IDYSD photos and notes on page 25. Logan Breedlove will be our host for the meeting.

Neil discussed our members that have health difficulties, and we need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Our editor discussed that several members have committed to sending in short articles and photos of their Studebakers for the upcoming newsletters.

Everyone wished us all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Elza Fowler dismissed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Terry Brooks for

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.

Place your order with:

Neal Thornton; <u>259lark@gmail.com</u> / (912) 375-7986 or Terry Brooks; <u>teanle@comcast.net</u> / (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. Do not forget to give your shirt size. (New Prices effective January 2022)

Meeting Photos

Photos taken on November 11th, 2023, at Georgia Bob's BBQ - Warner Robins, GA.

Thanks for Hosting Russ Winge!

I express regret for not taking more photos, I was busy taking the minutes, however the following are the photos that I did take with a list of all members present. Jack Durden's 56 Power Hawk is the only Studebaker that made the trip.







Members present: Neil Thornton (Pres.) Terry (Treasurer) and Andria Brooks, (Host) Russ Winge, Barry Jones, Elza Fowler, Barnie O'Quinn JR., Rick Hughes, Wayne and Ann Lee, Eric and Lisa Lee, Bob Haggard, David Roberts, Peggy Roberts, Bobby and Elaine Dorsey, Jack and Deloris Durden. **New Members:** Ken and Song Charpentier. **Guests:** Holder Copeland, Lucy Copeland (the Great granddaughter of Wayne and Ann.) Debbie Driskell (with Barney), and Andrea Charpentier (with Ken and Song).

Below, four generations of the Lee's, Wayne & Ann with son and grand-son-in-law, great granddaughter, and Chapter President Neil Thornton.



January 2024 Chapter Meeting

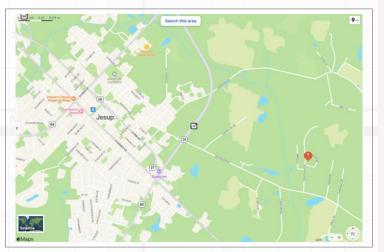


Mark your Calendars!

January 13th, 2024 – Saturday - 12:00 p.m. to ~1:00 p.m. Hungry Hillbilly Grill & BBQ Address: 340 Northview Dr, Jesup, GA 31546-3125

Phone: (912) 427-3330 Host: Logan Breedlove, Info: (912) 278-3023





Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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

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

May 11th, 2024 – Saturday - 12:00 p.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

> July 13th, 2024 – Saturday - 12:00 p.m. to ~1:00 p.m. Georgia Bob's BBQ

Address: 120 Howland Ave., Warner Robins, GA 31088, Phone: (478) 287-2108 Host: Elza Fowler, Info: (478) 320-1462

September 14th, 2024 – Saturday - 12:00 p.m. to ~1:00 p.m.

IDYSD Address: TBD, GA 31088, Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX Host: Neil & Edie Thornton, Info: (912) 375-1003

November 14th, 2024 – Saturday - 12:00 p.m. to ~1:00 p.m. Bubba's Bistro

Address: 3881 US Highway 17, Richmond Hill, GA, Phone: (912) 756-3535 Host: Andria & Terry 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 South Georgia Studebaker Chapter is afterwards. The club will pay your next year's dues for Hosting. Voted on at the 03/18/2023 mtg.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during these trying moments of your lives.

Today's Thought

Joe Lake recovering from surgery. Ann Miller recovering from eye surgery. Conrad & Michelle Monroe recovering from eye surgery. Edward Burris been in the hospital. Esther & Wayne Edwards Health Problems Ann & George Klutkowski with medical concerns. Teresa Smith is having medical difficulties. A.J. Jarvis Family Please remember these folks as they recover and others we may have missed. Clubs Memorial Page: https://studebakercarclub.weebly.com/memoriial-page.html

It doesn't matter what temperature a room is, it's always room temperature. - Unknown

Birthdays & Holidays

Wishing you all a Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

01 Perry James 04 National Cookie Day 07 Pearl Harbor Remembrance 08 Al Wessel 11 Edward Burris 11 Terri Lake 16 Russ Winge 17 Barry Jones 24 Christmas Eve 25 Christmas

JANUARY

01 New Years 03 Michael Benson 04 National Trivia Day 05 Tracey Culla 07 Stephen Cade <u>13 So Ga Studebaker Meeting</u> 15 National Hat Day 16 Janice Childers 19 National Popcorn Day 21 National Pie Day 23 National Pie Day 27 Patti Van Alstyne 28 Bud Childers 31 National Hot Chocolate Day

Let us know if we missed anyone's birthday!

Recipes

Southern Cornbread Salad

Ingredients

- package (8-1/2 ounces) cornbread/muffin mix
 cup sour cream
 cup mayonnaise
 envelope ranch salad dressing mix
 large tomatoes, seeded and chopped
 cup chopped sweet red pepper
 cup chopped green pepper
 auge frazen carn thousad
- 3-1/2 cups frozen corn, thawed
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup thinly sliced green onions, divided
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 10 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

Directions

Prepare and bake combread mix according to package directions, using an 8-in. square baking dish and crumble when cool. Mix sour cream, mayonnaise, and salad dressing until blended. In a separate bowl, combine tomatoes, peppers and 1/2 cup green onions. In a 3-qt. glass bowl, layer half of each: combread, beans, tomato mixture, cheese, bacon, corn, and dressing. Repeat layers. Top with remaining green onions. Refrigerate for 3 hours.

From: Taste of Home Website www.tasteofhome.com.

How about you sending your recipe for the next Newsletter?

From the Editor: We thought it would be interesting to add individual editorials about our members cars, their stories, and their history. We will be adding an article to each of the Smoke Signal Newsletters consisting of a page or two about our members' car (s), titled **"Members Cars."**

Please fill out the Smoke Signal Car Article Form.PDF found on our website: <u>https://studebakercarclub.weebly.com/latest-newsletters.html</u> and forward it to the editor at <u>teanle@comcast.net</u>. The form can be completed quickly, and the other chapter members will find your stories and history interesting.

Thanks in advance, Editor Terry Brooks



Members Car (s)

1929 President FE Studebaker of Al Wessel MD Al Wessel MD



Al's father bought the car in 1966 for \$100.00 and 100 S&H Green Stamps books. The car has been restored to 85% of its original status.

The engine is a flat 8 with a 3-speed manual transmission.

Some of the things that has been repaired on the car are:

- ✓ Paint & Clear Coat
- ✓ Upholstery
- ✓ Motor rebuilt (twice)
- \checkmark Rebuilt the carburetor in AZ.
- ✓ Rebuilt the fuel pump in Mass.
- New gas tank Iowa
- ✓ New tires
- ✓ Gas Tank rebuilt in Iowa.
- ✓ Obtained many parts for the car's needs.
- ✓ Bought luggage carrier and trunk Circa 30's.

Currently attempting to finish some finer items. Needs Gauges, Speedometer, and some décor items that are tough to find.

When the car was purchased,

- ✓ It had good metal,
- ✓ Was not running.
- ✓ There was no glass.
- ✓ The top was weathered.
- ✓ A cottonwood tree was growing out of the back seat.
- ✓ All the tires were flat and rotted.
- ✓ Was found sitting alongside a corn field in Cottonwood, SD Badlands area.

Al drives the car to events occasionally and says this 1929 is usually the oldest car at the event.

Al has learned that the cars design is simple, yet good engineering and it has no sensors.

Al's humorous story is about when the police spot the car, they flash their blue lights and siren wanting him to stop so they can see the car. Al's thinking please do not pull me over.

Al's dad always appreciated the help and encouragement from club members in South Dakota – Grant and Mary. Al as well appreciates the friendship and help he gets from club members like Brad who put the car together and locally Jim and Bill for their help and encouragement to keep the car running.

Al has been showing the car in honor of his dad and for the family heritage since 1966.

Al said, "Thanks Dad 💙"

Al says that people tell him it is a nice car and neat! They commonly ask Al to talk about the rebuilding of the car. Al's dad did most of the work on the car with help from people before computers became available.

Al's dad always desired to drive the car to Mount Rushmore, but never did, however Al did drive the car to Crazy Horse for a Regional Studebaker Event.



The first time we saw Al's 1929 FE President was March of 2021 at a South Georgia Studebaker Chapter event in Darien, Georgia, photo above. We were at Skipper's Fish Camp and this tall and large man comes walking in and asks, "if we are the Studebaker Club," and we replied, "Yes we are!" We all rushed out to see this beautiful car. Al had driven his 1929 FE President to Darien, Georgia from Saint Simon's, Georgia to meet with the club that day and Al joined the club that day and has been a member ever since.

If you have seen Al in his car at a car event, you know he is very proud of this 1929 FE President, as he should be.

..... Al, thanks for sharing your story. Page 8 of 22

Are Oil Companies Ripping Us Off!

During a discussion with some friends, one of the friends starts to tell us how oil companies are ripping us off at the pump. This may be true, but his point is *"When you get to your favorite gas pump you do not know what level of gas the last customer pumped, and it remains in the hose."*

For instance, if you are purchasing the high octane and the last person purchased low octane, then are you getting the low octane that is residually left in the pump hose with your purchase? Good question!



Well after some research and findings from Shell Oil Company this is what was found.

Shell says that it is true that the hose does have residual fuel from the last purchase. The size of the pump hose plays a role in the results, but the average hose is $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter and eight foot long. Shell says that this average

hose size will contain 0.3962581 gallons from the last purchase. So, are the Oil Companies making big profits off this fuel? On average this works out to 0.35 dollars each time this occurs; however, we must consider when the hose has high octane for the person pumping low octane. Meaning that the oil companies are breaking even. So how does this affect your car's performance? For most cars with larger gas tanks, when filling a tank that needs several gallons it will not affect your performance, however if you are filling a motorcycle tank then it makes since that it would affect your motors performance.

I personally am more concerned with getting residue from the underground storage gas tanks.

You know that when the gas trucks show up, they pump new fuel into the underground gas tanks and that inertia from the fuel dropping/being pumped into the underground tank will disturb the existing debris and fuel in the existing in the tank causing the debris in the tank to be pumped into your car if you purchase your fuel right after the underground tanks are filled. Yes, some pumps today have inline filtration systems on the gas hose and that removes most of the debris from the agitated fuel in the underground tank. I always watch for the tankers and avoid the pumps at that station for a day or so to allow the debris to settle back to the bottom.

Back to fuel remaining in the hose. A friend told me he drove his motorcycle across the United States by just draining the hose at gas stations into his motorcycle's gas tank, and never purchased a drop of fuel. What do you think?

Remote Battery Disconnect Switch

My Studebaker has only one locking door and it's on the wrong side of the car. It's kind of a pain to have to lock my door, slide across the seat and get out on the passenger side and then lock that door.

Recently, while researching my options for a solution, I discovered a remote battery disconnect switch that comes with two small remotes. The operation is simple: push the "off button" and the battery is electrically

disconnected from the car. Push the "on button" and the battery is re-connected to the



car. The switch I picked is available on Amazon for \$22.98.

Click here to see it: <u>https://tinyurl.com/Remote-Battery-Disconnect</u>. It includes the pieces needed to fit batteries with the fat top posts or the small front posts. Installation on the negative battery post was straight forward with simple hand tools. Connecting the red wire to the positive battery post completed the job; all in less than 15 minutes start to finish. Now I can disconnect the battery with a simple push

button and the car cannot be started without the remote.

Isolating the battery and denying anyone the ability to start the engine will give you confidence that whatever vehicle you've installed this switch on will still be right where you left it when you come out of the store.



Events Attended by Members

Where have you driven your car over the past few weeks?



Forward your photos and events that you have participated in, and we will add them right here in this section in the next newsletter.

September 30th, 2023, I.C.E. Car Show On Tybee Island, GA.



It was a great day to attend a car event. There were many cars on the beach this day, so many that they had to turn many away. The South Georgia Studebaker Chapter had three cars there, all shown above. Richard Miller's 53 Commander Mod., Terry & Andria Brooks' 59 Silver Hawk, and Conrad & Michelle Monroe's 56 Dodge Wagon Mod., with Conrad's surfboard hanging out the back window.

October 7th, 2023, Richmond Hill, GA. Cars & Coffee

The last C&C for the 2023 year.



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October 7th, 2023, Richmond Hill, GA. Cars & Coffee Continued

The South Georgia Studebaker Chapter had four cars and six members present. Members present; Mike Benson in his 53 Commander, Terry & Andria Brooks in their 62 GT Hawk and 59 Silver Hawk, and Conrad & Michelle Monroe in their 56 Dodge Wagon Mod. George Gratton attended but did not drive his Studebaker, it is still in the shop.

During the event we saw a great looking 89 Avanti drive in, so we went over to meet the gentleman driving the Avanti, his name, Ken Charpentier from Hinesville, GA. We talked for several hours about Studebakers and Ken and (Song not at the event) have joined the South Georgia Studebaker Chapter. They attended our November meeting at **Georgia Bob's BBQ** in Warner Robins, Georgia.



Just like all of our cars, this 89 Avanti has an interesting history/story. When you meet Ken have him share thie cars history with you. We look forward to getting to know Ken and Song at our upcoming events.

The Real Squeal BBQ & Music Festival

Lyons, Ga October 7th, 2023 Three members of the So. Ga Studebaker Chapter attended. Neil Thornton with his 60 Lark & 62 Lark (James Thornton Drove) Rudy Smith with his 55 C Cab Pickup Truck. Sorry no Photos.

Highlands Mustang Car Show

Savannah, GA October 14th, 2023

Five members of the South Georgia Studebaker Chapter attended this event with three cars, Richard & Ann Miller in their 53 Commander Mod., Conrad & Michelle Monroe's 56 Dodge Wagon Mod., with Conrad's surfboard, and Terry Brooks' 59 Silver Hawk. The Miller's 53 was runner up in the Import Category. Photo next column.



Brake the Stigma At Tanger Outlet Mall, Pooler, GA October 21st, 2023

Six members of the South Georgia Studebaker Chapter attended this event. Ken & Song Charpentier in their 59 Pontiac Catalina, Terry & Andria Brooks in their 62 GT Hawk and Conrad & Michelle Monroe in their 56 Dodge Wagon Mod. The 56 Dodge Wagon was the only one recognized and got a trophy. There were over one hundred cars present.



27th Annual 8-Flags Car Show Fernandina Beach Fl October 21st, 2023

Richard & Ann Miller Attended the Fernandina event in their 53 Commander Mod. Richard's 53 Commander is pictured above in the Highlands Mustang Car Show above. Richard said there were more than three hundred cars present and many were high dollar cars that were trailered in this year. Richard also stated he had the only Studebaker there this year. Car, Truck & Bike Show Soperton, GA October 28th, 2023 Rudy Smith Attended this event in his 55 C-Cab Pickup.



Photo from or 11/12/2022 South Georgia Studebaker event in Lyons Georgia.

Cruisin Food Classic Car Show Savannah, Georgia October 28th, 2023

Friendly's Mission sponsered the event and is a non-profit that has helped twenty homeless veterans find a home in the last year. The veterans have to be drug free and work a job to qualify for the benefits.



Hey, who are those guys in the back seat?

The *Friendly's Mission* is smiliar to *GoodWill*, except the workers work without pay and one hundred percent of the profits from the store goes toward helping the homeless veterans.

Friendly's Market is a great organization to support.

For photos of our cars see page 13 of 22 under Halloween Photos.

Old Car City - White, Georgia October 28th, 2023

Ken and Song Charpentier visited *Old Car City*. The following photos of a 42 Commander *(I think, but the tail lights match a Champion!)* they spotted while visiting *Old Car City*. Ken said that there were lots of Studebakers there and it was a great destination for a day visit.









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Darien Car Show – Darien, Georgia November 4th, 2023

A couple for the South Georgia Studebaker Chapter Members attended the event. Left to right below; Conrad & Michelle Monroe in their 56 Dodge Wagon Modified & Terry & Andria Brooks in their 59 Silver Hawk and Richard & Ann Miller in their 53 Commander Modified. The Monroe's won one of the forty People Choice Awards.



From the Editor.

When my father-in-law passed the 59 Silver Hawk down to Andria and I in 2018, he gave us eighteen rules, and rule three was to show the car as much as possible. We think we have done that as you can see below.

Twenty-twenty three has been a busy year for my wife and I as we have shown our 59 Silver Hawk and 62 GT Hawk, Studebakers at thirty-six car events/weekends and attended another thirteen events in our WS6 Pontiac or truck. Since receiving the Silver Hawk we have shown the car in eighty events, the GT Hawk in fifty-six events and the WS-6 in ten events.

During the past six years we have shown two Studebaker cars at the same event twenty-eight times and attended one hundred eighteen events.

When we show the two Studebakers, we set up drivein speakers that we installed blue tooth speakers and play fifties music as seen below. Everyone loves the speakers and talk about when they went to the drive-in theaters in the old days.

Where have you taken your car?



Halloween Car Decorations



Neil Thornton loaned one of his Studebaker Trucks out to a local Hazelhurst business for a Halloween Scene.



Neil & Edie Thornton's Yard – Hazelhurst, Georgia Halloween 2023 Decorations Above is more from Neil and Edie Thornton's Yard Art.





Joe & Terry Lake's Halloween Decorations – Savannah, Georgia. Joe's 55 Commander Coupe Modified is decorated nicely with accent lighting that shows it off well at night. *"BOOOOOOO!."*



Cruisin Food Classic Car Show -Savannah, Georgia October 28th, Above and to the left: the Brooks' 59 Silver Hawk got a Trophy and \$100.00 Award for "The Best Decorated Car."

The Monroe's 56 Dodge Wagon Modified was voted as "The People's Choice."

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Tech Tips/Notes

Aligning Doors

It requires some concentration, but the results are worth the effort. BY LARRY LYLES

Illustrations by Leo Bestgen The engine hums with the perfection of a blues band on Saturday night. The paint has the luster of spilled water. The ... wait a minute. What's wrong with the door? It sticks out at the bottom like a big rudder on a small boat. It opens easily, but then promptly sags a full inch.

Doors are among the hardest parts of a car to get right during restoration. Hoods can be easily aligned, trunks can be jimmied and slammed, but doors must be right. People interact with doors. They open and shut them and can't help but look at them as they approach the car.

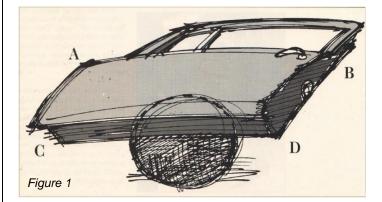
So why are doors often left sagging or ill-fitting? Simple. They are heavy, cumbersome, and quite often misunderstood.

But don't fret, there are ways to master a troublesome door.

First off, you have to forget that the thing giving you all this trouble is a piece of sheet metal. Rather, think of it as a simple geometric object that is continuously being attacked by one of the most irresistible forces of nature gravity.

Concurrently, keep in mind a well-known law of physics: For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

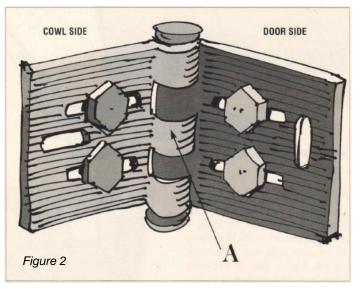
Adjusting the door hinge at point A will result in an opposite movement at D. Adjusting the hinge at C will cause an opposite reaction at B.



Next, think of the door as a geometric plane balanced on a ball (see figure 1). Think of this door as being slightly "out at the top" that is, elevated just a bit off balance at the top rear (B).

Keep in mind that there are almost as many different hinge designs as there are old vehicles with doors. Although the hinge mountings in your car may be different than those illustrated here, the principle of alignment will be the same.

Also, loosen' hinge bolts by turning them one full revolution only. Loosen only the bolts on the side of the hinge you wish to move. Furthermore, take your time. Knock off for a



short break if the door seems to be getting the best of you. This can be tedious work and it requires your full attention.

Now, to get the door illustrated figure 1 back in balance, first loosen the lower hinge on the door side at position C and slide the door out. This will result in an opposite reaction at B, bringing the door in a little at the top rear.

The opposite will work if the door is slightly in at the bottom rear, position D. Moving the door inboard at A will result in pushing it out at D.

Sounds simple? In theory it is. But as most of us have learned, in the real-world things sometimes don't work quite this easily. Sometimes the door just refuses to move enough to realign itself, like when you move the door all the way in at the top front and still it won't align, or when it moves so far in at the top that it will no longer align with the fender.

In that case, adjust the top front of the door so that it's the same distance in there as it is out along the back edge. That is, if you run a finger along the back edge of the closed door, it should stick out from the guarter panel about the same amount all the way from top to bottom. When you have achieved this, the striker or latch mechanism mounted on the body post can be adjusted inboard until the door moves in enough to fit properly when shut.

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Now, what to do about a sagging door? First, determine the condition of the hinges. With the help of an assistant, who can watch the hinges while you work, open the door fully and lift it gently with the aid of a small floor jack. See Figure 3 for proper jack placement.

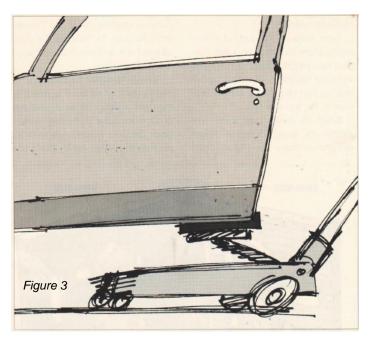
Notice the jack is situated toward the rear of the door to ensure that it puts leverage on the hinges correctly. (If the door must be removed, as in a case of worn hinges in need of replacement, the jack should be placed under the center of the door.)

Slowly raise the door with the jack. Do either of the hinges move at their joints? That is, does the hinge section attached to the door move forward or the lower hinge piece move back without causing the car to move? If the answer is yes to either or both, you need to renew the hinges. If you're lucky, the hinges will take new bushings. If not, new hinges are in order.

In this typical hinge installation, free movement at A indicates worn hinges or hinge bushings. Note that by loosening the bolts on one side, adjustment can be made either forward or backward via the horizontal slots in the hinge itself. Adjustments on the other side can be in or out, via the horizontal slots in the hinge, or up or down via the vertical slot.

On the other hand, if the hinges appear solid and the entire car moves in response to the jack, the hinges are good. Any sagging can be reduced by readjusting the hinges where they mount to the cowl post.

To do this shut the door, kneel beside it so you are staring straight at the handle, and gently open it. It sags, right? But what about the gap between the door and the quarter panel? Did this gap close a fraction at position B when you opened the door? If it did, the top hinge needs to be



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adjusted forward. If it didn't, the bottom hinge needs to be adjusted backward. To make these adjustments for sagging, begin by loosening whichever half of the top hinge is mounted parallel to the door. Now lift the door at the rear and retighten the hinge, Figure 3. The door should retain its normal position in relation to the fender and the quarter panel when shut, while at the same time losing its unsightly sag.

Similar results may be accomplished by loosening the corresponding lower hinge and lifting the door, but this method may throw the door out of alignment in relation to the fender and the quarter panel. That is, the gap around the door may be uneven. Adjustments here should be made in small increments, and very carefully.

You now should be able to handle most any door-fit problem you encounter. Just remember that most of these old doors are quite heavy, so a good floor jack is a must when working on one. Few tools are required, as most doors are installed with hex-head bolts that fit a 1/2-inch or 9/16-inch socket, open or box end wrench. Sockets are the easiest to work with unless tight clearances between the door and cowl post prohibit their use.

The jack should be positioned at the rear of the door when making adjustments, or at the center to balance the door should removal be necessary. An L-shaped block of wood (a notched 4x4 works well) should be used to prevent damage to the bottom edge of tile door, Figure 4.



Some older door hinges are held in place with Phillips-head bolts. A good hand impact screwdriver is recommended for removing this type of bolt.

Reference:APRIL 1995 CLASSIC AUTO RESTORER
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Santa Claus Impersonator

Santa is visiting the children's school at Christmas time. The parents were asked to supply a gift for their children a few days before so the teachers could give it to Santa with their name on it. A five-year-old Tommy was extremely excited to see Santa. However, he was slightly disappointed by his very visible simulated beard and small figure.

Looking at his teacher, he stated, "I don't think that's the real Santa."

His teacher tried to console him, but he still looked at Santa skeptically. After getting his present, he went and sat next to his teacher with his open present.

"See, I told you he is the authentic Santa; he knew precisely what you wanted."

Tommy eyed the man speculatively and then Tommy said, "Yeah, but he's still suspicious."



All of us know the true meaning of Christmas.

During this time, we will all enjoy celebrating with our families and the young children. Watching their faces as they open their Christmas gifts and eating the Christmas food, all the wonderful food and do not forget the desserts. It is a time to be happy and thankful for all we have, had, and will have in the future.

Yes, we will also long for those we lost over the past years, remembering them, and rejoice for those new babies, young new couples, and family members.

As we go through this season be happy with your family and friends, enjoy this time with them. Make good times that will be remembered in the future as these are the best of times for us now.

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Let us all say Goodbye to 2023 and Welcome to 2024. It is going to be another wonderful year with our Studebaker's, and friends through this approaching year.

From your Editor Terry Brooks and the South Georgia Studebaker Chapter



Studebaker Links:

Studebaker Vendors http://www.studebakervendors.com/

Pat Skelly's Pertronix III Install Test Run https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocUU9h4x50A

Find your car (s) in the movies <u>https://www.imcdb.org/</u>

Antique Studebaker Club <u>http://www.theantiquestudebakerclub.com/</u>

The Avanti Owners Association <u>http://www.aoai.org/</u>

So. Ga. Studebaker Drivers Club <u>https://studebakercarclub.weebly.com/</u>

Ethanol-free gas stations near you: http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=GA

A Virtual Tour of the Studebaker Factory <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOAdYJAS5P0</u>

South Bend's Studebaker Legacy https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvKW931UMgM

Funny Bone

"Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers." - Socrates



I saw a sign at an auto repair shop that I use to go to for auto work: "WE CHEAT THE OTHER GUY AND PASS THE SAVINGS ON TO YOU!"

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

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 <u>http://studebakerclubs.com/</u>

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

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

Barn Finds <u>https://barnfinds.com/studebaker-graveyard/</u>

As I was leaving the auto repair shop, I overheard a customer saying:

"I certainly hope it doesn't take me as long to pay the bill as it did for you to get the part."

Overheard at a car dealership: "I'd like to trade in this classic car (old 56 Chevy). The only women I pick up in it are classics too!"

Old woman driving in a car with her cat. I can't use a cell phone in the car, I must keep my hands free for making gestures."

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Shops & Venders



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.

1962 4 door Studebaker Lark, Seller's description follows.



With V8 259 (originally was an inline 6), NOS master cylinder & new brake shoes & new wheel cylinders, new 11" drums & plates on the front & 10" drums & plates on rear, rebuilt fuel pump needs installing, new fuel line covered with Tompkins Industries abrasion sleeve, rebuilt 4 barrel Holley carburetor & new Holley Power Shot air filter, 14" rims, new trunk latch, seats stripped to frame, door panels removed, rocker panels rusted, surface rust, needs glove box, floor is good for age, alternator instead of generator, new spark plugs, brakes need bleeding, rust on one corner of hood, trunk latch replaced, have Production info from Studebaker Museum, have V 8 trunk emblems. Was running before fuel pump was removed, needs interior, body work & paint to make it your own.

Bill of Sale provided. HIGHLY MOTIVATED TO SELL, MAKE AN OFFER. \$5,000 or OBO.

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Located in Woodbine, GA. Contact information: (912) 409-9112 putonthearmorofgod@gmail.com.

1963 Avanti for Sale

This car belonged to A. J. Jarvis, one of our club members. The family has put it up for sale.

63 Avanti, body# RQ3230. Fair to decent shape, R-1 289 4bbl, automatic, power steering, power brakes, A/C car. No rust in the hog troughs/underneath. Was being driven up until a few years ago, last time it was started and let to run was late summer last year. 59,932 miles showing. Located central Georgia.

Asking \$16,000. For more information contact Nathan at (770) 276-0280.





Can be seen on GroupWorks: https://app.groupworks.com/#/posts/167181.

For more photos and information view these autos on our website on the Classified page: https://studebakercarclub.weebly.com/classifeds.html.

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Calendar of Events (Re-occurring)

Richmond Hill Cars & Coffee

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

1ST SATURDAY MONTHLY CRUISE IN @HARBOR FREIGHT – TIFTON

Harbor Freight Tools (Tifton) Tifton, 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

RINCON CRUISE IN

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

DARIEN CRUISE IN

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

Calendar Events (Individual)

Full Throttle Truck & Car Show Saturday, December 9, 2023, 10 AM – 5 PM EST Hazelhurst, GA



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Last Saturday Cruise In, 6 -9 pm, at Bruster's Real Ice Cream.

Monthly business meeting, First Friday, 6:30 to 7:30 pm



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-8PM

CARS AND COFFEE @ Dunkin' HINESVILLE

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

CAROLINA DREAMERS CAR CLUB

Cruise-In 4^{th,} 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

CAFFEINE AND EXOTICS

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

Louisville 2nd Annual Car Show Saturday, December 9, 2023, Louisville, GA



If you are aware of an event, please forward it and your event will be included.

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