

The *Studebaker* Drivers Club  
Orlando Area Chapter  
P.O. Box 698  
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

FIRST MEETING HELD OCTOBER 15, 1983

Officers were elected on a voluntary basis. These officers will hold office for a period of six months until the club is fully organized and a regular election can be held. Officers will also serve as members of the board.

Officers are as follows:

FRANK AMBROGIO	PRESIDENT
ANITA AMBROGIO	SECRETARY
RICHARD & LUCILLE GREEN	TREASURERS
DWIGHT & CAROLYN SWANSON	MEMBERSHIP & ACTIVITIES
FRED & RUTH WILCOXSON	EDITORS TO NEWSLETTER

### M O N E Y !

No checking account will be set up at this time. Bills will be presented to the Treasurers and receipts will be issued for other than postage. Two officers, other than the Treasurers must approve expenditures other than postage.

Dues of \$10 per year were established. This includes both family and single memberships. Family memberships include spouses and children 18 and under.

### M E E T I N G S !

Meetings will be held on or about the 2nd Saturday of each month and will be rotated between members' homes until a satisfactory meeting place can be located.

By-laws contained in the "How to Start a Chapter" pamphlet will be used the club is better established.


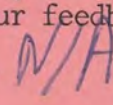
"Orlando Area Chapter" was chosen as our club name. No charter membership will be applied for with the national club at the present time.

DO YOU HAVE ANY STUDEBAKER PARTS, MEMORABILIA, CARS, TRUCKS, etc. that you would care to BUY - SELL - TRADE?

The quickest way to move it is to SAY IT IN YOUR NEWSLETTER! It's only \$1 per ad, per issue. Money will go towards postage and other expenditures.

Do you have a recipe that EVERYONE loves? Let's have it, we'll print it for all to share.

Enclosed with this addition, please find a card to fill out and return to our membership committee complete with your name, address and phone number. We know you are out there and interested, we need your feedback to make this organization a success.

SEND YOUR CARD T O D A Y !  

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWSWORTHY ITEM TO BE SUBMITTED TO NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT:  
RUTH & FRED WILCOXSON  
(305) 896-6809



## LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD IN SOUTH BEND!

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Dwight's Truck on-line in SOUTH BEND

I would like to give you some insight into the truck Dwight Swanson has that won 2nd place. It all began in October of 1982 at the Studebaker State Meet in Kissimmee. Dwight, wife Carolyn and 12 year old Dwight Jr. were there with their 1952 Starlight Coupe while I and my family were there with my 1962 4WD Pickup. We hit it off and became fast friends. Dwight caught the truck bug. I introduced him to my father-in-law, Jeff Elliott, who was also at the meet. Jeff did all of the engine, body and upholstery work on my truck. At the awards banquet Dwight and I walked away with second place trophies. From that time on our families started seeing each other on a regular basis.

Dwight wanted a '52 pickup to tow his '52 coupe. He wanted to restore one from the ground, up. He located a truck, bought it, sight unseen, and flew to Dallas to drive it home. After adding some make-shift wiring, a new battery and some vital fluids, he drove home to Orlando, having more guts than I ever will! Late that night, he drove into Jeff's yard driving a truck that looked "pretty rough". When the sun rose the next morning it looked worse. A truck for parts only was found in Georgia. Then came the Lark with a good motor.

From sometime in January 'til July 17th, when the Swanson's headed for South Bend, Dwight was a permanent fixture at Jeff's house. Carolyn spent hours on the phone with every known parts house, searching frantically for just the right part while Jeff, Dwight and myself proceeded to reduce the three vehicles to a heap of components. At least three times Jeff was visited by Longwood Police officers for zoning complaints for running a junk yard from his home. Each time we would hide the skeletons to avoid arrest.

As the pieces quickly became ready, Dwight would whisk them to Tampa to be painted by Mark Zorn, known by some as the best paint and body man alive. By June, almost everything was painted and ready to be assembled. Our dreams became reality as the transformation took place, this was going to be a beautiful truck.

Less than ten days till departure time, still no steering pump. The only solution was to BORROW the one from my '58 Commander. I drove it to Longwood sitting on a milk crate, the pump was removed, cleaned and painted almost immediately, and placed in the truck.

July 17, 1983, 10:00pm. The trailer lights were wired. Dwight pulled a trailer full of suitcases, etc. to avoid having to load down the bed of the truck. With less than 250 miles on the engine or truck, the Swanson's set out on the 1170 mile trip to South Bend.

At the awards banquet, July 23, 1983, Dwight was awarded second place in his class. Sitting at the table next to him were: Jeff Elliott, Longwood, FL, mechanic and advisor, Mark Zorn, Tampa, FL, paint and body man extraordinaire, and Fred Wilcoxson, Orlando, FL, friend and mechanics' assistant.

Fred D. Wilcoxson

editor's note:  
Dwight ALSO took home  
BEST OF SHOW at the State  
Meet in Pompano.



- minutes -

Meeting of NOVEMBER 12, 1983 held at the home of Dwight & Carolyn Swanson.  
All Board Members were present.

Guests attending the meeting were:

RUSSEL & DOTTIE THOMAS

JEFF & LOU ELLIOTT

STEVE KENNEDY

All have joined the Club and were welcomed by all.

Our President, FRANK AMBROGIO discussed a letter he received from George Krem, President of SDC in South Bend. George discussed the functions of the various officers in SDC. His letter will appear in TURNING WHEELS and any of you may obtain your own copy of the letter at our next meeting.

FRANK stated that he had sent a letter to Don Curtis who is in charge of SDC Chapter Chartering explaining our plans to become a Chapter when the Club grows.

FRANK passed around an information pamphlet he had designed and asked for comments and/or changes. It was accepted as-is and Editor RUTH WILCOXSON will prepare and copy them for distribution to prospective members.

The Board then considered the proposal by Frank to offer reduced membership prices for people joining during different times of the year. After some discussion, it was agreed that anyone joining after AUGUST 1st of any year will be paid in full until OCTOBER 1st of the next year.

CAROLYN SWANSON stated that the post cards, used to inform any would-be STUDEBAKER owner of our club, are ready for distribution. Each member was given a few cards to be planted on STUDEBAKERS sighted on the streets to inform the owner of our Club and how they may receive more information.

FRED WILCOXSON congratulated DWIGHT SWANSON for winning BEST OF SHOW at the State Meet held in Pompano Beach in October. FRED also suggested that a photo and notice be put in our next newsletter.

LUCILLE GREEN gave the Treasurer's Report stating that we have \$40 less the \$10.80 used for postage to mail our NEWSLETTER. It was decided that the \$30 received from new members will be used to do a second mailing to all prospective members, using our new pamphlet providing all the information needed to join.

CAROLYN SWANSON stated that 54 letters went out, 5 were undeliverable and 1 reply was received. We also added the five new members.

The Board decided to state the time and place of the next meeting in the letters to prospective members, but will not include the address. A phone number will be provided. The reason is that the meetings are currently being held at the homes of our members.

EDITOR RUTH WILCOXSON gave a report stating that 200 copies of our registration form were printed and 100 of our information cards. We discussed having membership cards printed with further discussion on the matter being held to the future.



ORLANDO AREA STUDEBAKER CLUB

the presidents' podium  
November 14, 1983

Here we are in our second month of organization and I think we can all give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. We received three new family memberships and considering the time frame involved, I think this shows some good results. I would like to welcome these members to the Club.

I was really impressed at our last meeting by the work and diligence exhibited by our Board. Our first Newsletter, put out by RUTH WILCOXSON, was a quality product and we should all thank her for the super job she did. As more material is submitted by OUR MEMBERS, I look for our NEWSLETTER to be a first class publication that will be a fine reflection of our Club. I want to stress that ANYONE can submit articles for publication and I encourage all of you to do just that. We should, of course, always strive for accuracy of our facts, especially related to STUDEBAKERS.

We also owe our thanks to our Membership Director, CAROLYN SWANSON and Treasurer, LUCILLE GREEN, for the time and effort they expended in getting the word out about our Club to the many area STUDEBAKER owners listed in the SDC Roster. The response did not cause the Post Office to hire a ton of new employees, but the important thing for all of us to remember is that now these folks KNOW WE ARE HERE. Over 50 letters went out which is a lot of addressing, stamp pasting and letter sealing. This month they are going to do the same and include our new information pamphlet and registration form. This pamphlet has everything they should need to join our Club. All this mailing with Christmas card season just around the corner may cause them to end up with lock jaw.

It should be obvious to even the casual observer that we have the nucleus of a good, hard working, dedicated group of STUDEBAKER lovers and I am looking forward to working with all of you in our efforts to make the ORLANDO AREA STUDEBAKER CLUB a S U C C E S S !

Frank J. Ambrogio

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V.P.'s note... I have asked the Editor to include in this newsletter a registration form for Restorations '84, an A.A.C.A. sponsored "open" one day event. Events such as this are excellent opportunities for us to show our enthusiasm for STUDEBAKERS. I encourage every Club member to wax up their pride-n-joy and show that the ORLANDO AREA STUDEBAKER CLUB has ARRIVED and is here to stay. February is the month for lovers. And, I LOVE STUDEBAKERS!; I'll be there to prove it! Please join me and make a MODEL-A driver nervous!

From the Wilcoxson's, and in behalf of all the STUDEBAKER CLUB MEMBERSHIP, I wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season.

Fred D. Wilcoxson



Activities Director DWIGHT SWANSON stated that there were no activities planned at the present time, however, it is decided that we will have a Christmas Party following our next meeting on DECEMBER 10th. Each parent will provide a present for each of their own children, \$3-\$5 price range. The party will be BYOB & RSVP.

FRANK suggested that now that we have a few more members, that we should think of having a Vice-President. FRED WILCOXSON agreed to serve as current VP. It was then pointed out to our new members that the current slate of officers would serve only till April first of '84, in a temporary capacity, and then a new Board will be elected.

FRED suggested that with the background RUSSEL THOMAS has with STUDEBAKER, he might consider writing a series of articles for our newsletter. No commitment was made but there was favorable reaction by all members present.

FRED also asked JEFF ELLIOTT if he might consider writing a series of technical articles for the NEWSLETTER. JEFF said that he would keep the thought in mind; again, no commitment was made.

FRED suggested that all be on the look-out for GRAND OPENINGS of shopping centers, etc., so that we might display our cars at one of these functions and generate some revenue and publicity for our club.

FRANK stated that until we become an official Chapter of SDC, that we simply call ourselves the ORLANDO AREA STUDEBAKER CLUB. All agreed.

All our chairmen were commended for a job well done.

The address for submitting articles to the NEWSLETTER is:

RUTH WILCOXSON  
P.O. Box 13910  
ORLANDO, FL 32859

The address for membership information is:

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ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714  
ATTN: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

minutes submitted by;  
Anita Ambrogio, Secretary  
Orlando Area Studebaker Club



...and for that festive occasion, try these DELICIOUS Sausage & Cheese Balls submitted by Anita Ambrogio:

2 Cups BISQUICK  
1 LB. SAUSAGE  
10 OZ. CHEDDAR CHEESE, GRATED

BLEND SAUSAGE & CHEESE BY HAND. ADD BISQUICK AND MIX THOROUGHLY. ROLL INTO SMALL BALLS. BAKE AT 400 degrees FOR 15 minutes.

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Monthly Report  
OCTOBER 1983

Membership dues for new members @ \$10 ea. ....\$40

NOVEMBER 1983

Balance from October .....\$40  
3 new members @ \$10 ea. .... + 30  
TOTAL .....\$70  
Stamps for mailing ..... - 20  
BALANCE .....\$50

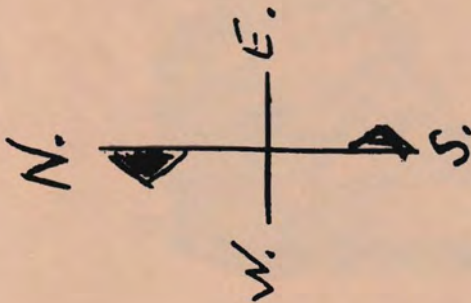
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Happy Birthday to our December members... Lou Ellinft	December 13th
(daughter of Ruth & Fred).....Christine Wilcoxson	
(Son of Ruth & Fred).....John Wilcoxson	December 16th, 1 year!
	December 27th, 8 years!

(please note that Lou is Grandmother of both children!)

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Springs

HOME Depot  
MARSHAIS

DENNY'S

NORTH LAKE BLVD

TO 17-92

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TO APOPKA

JEFFERSON  
WARD

and  
HILL  
MALL

Richard Green's  
605 N. LK. BLVD #90  
ALTAMONTE Springs Fla.  
32701

Phone- 339-2122

HATTAWAY DRIVE

ALTAMONTE RIDGE

Richard  
GREEN'S  
House → APT. # 90

PARKING  
OUT ON  
STREET

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TO SANFORD





# Saturday, February 4, 1984

Registration from 9:00am to 11:00am Exhibit from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

RESTORATIONS '84 is an exciting display of antique and special interest cars, featuring a flea market of automotive-related and antique items.

It's at FLORIDA FESTIVAL's front parking area, just across from SEA WORLD, located at Interstate 4 and the Beeline Expressway.

Register in advance, or the day of show. Car entry at \$8.00 (\$10.00 show day) and flea market spots at \$15.00. EACH REGISTERED CAR WILL RECEIVE:

Discount coupons to Sea World and Florida Festival, and a commemorative plaque. People's choice judging along with category prizes will be awarded.

Come join your fellow enthusiasts at Florida Festival, where there's no admission charge.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

REGISTRATION: Grace Mowson (305) 644-5669

FLEA MARKET: Ted Janowski (305) 834-7937



## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

(Must be received by Jan. 27, 1984 to guarantee dash plaque)

Car entry at \$8.00 each  
(will be \$10.00 the day of show)

Flea Market space at \$15.00 each  
(automotive related and antique items only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MAKE & MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ CATEGORY # \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MAKE & MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ CATEGORY # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration to: Grace Mowson, 870 W. Forest Brook Rd. Maitland, Florida 32751

### CATEGORY

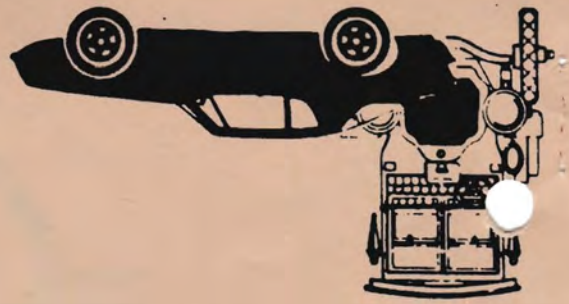
1. 1880-1929
2. 1930-1939
3. 1940-1950
4. 1951-1959
5. 1960-1982

### SPECIAL CATEGORY

6. FORD MUSTANG
7. CHEV. CORVARI
8. FORD THUNDERBOLT
9. COMMERCIAL VEHICLES
10. OTHER

Make  
check payable to:  
Florida Region ARCA





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Remember our next meeting/Christmas Party

December 10th at the Greens'

See you there!

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Call our  
membership  
committee  
for details!