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OAC SDC Meeting minutes

Jan 11, 2003

The meeting was called to order by president Dean Gessner at 7:15 pm. Members present were the Gessners, Ambrogios, Golubs, Rays, Gormicans, Morgans, Rusty DeFazio, Don Dodgen and Bob Oakes. Since no meeting was held in December, there were no minutes to be read. Treasury balance after all meet bills have been received is \$2608.08, plus \$40.00 from more T-shirt sales.

Bob Oakes was asking about membership renewals. He had not received a renewal form in the mail. Dean said he would put the form into the next newsletter and asked everyone to update the info regarding their cars. Jim Morgan also asked when a new membership roster would be available.

Dean had a letter from the Orange County Parks & Rec office. A celebration of Dr. Kelly Day (who donated land for Kelly Park) will be held on <u>Sat Feb 15<sup>th</sup></u>, 9-4 pm at Kelly Park in Apopka, and our club is invited to bring our vehicles. Those bringing an old car will not be charged admission to the park, and a free lunch will be available. Members indicating they would attend included Dodgen, Ambrogio, Gessner, Morgan, Gormican, Oakes, Ray and Golub. Dean will contact them to give a count.

Monthly breakfasts – since the numbers are down, Dean brought up finding a new location which would be more convenient and less expensive. Some suggestions were Bob Evans – Lake Mary & I4, Angels, I4 & Colonial, Denny's in Casselberry, and Colonial House in Sanford. Members will get info on space available and we can discuss at the Feb. meeting. We may consider having 2 locations, on alternating months.

Activities: Does anyone have suggestions for spring or summer activities. Some ideas were Warbird Museum in Kissimmee, Garlitz Museum, Lakeridge Winery weekend concerts, or perhaps meeting up with the North Central Florida chapter for an outing. It might be best to plan something during the summer when we don't have any meetings.

Larry Golub mentioned an AACA event planned for <u>March 8<sup>th</sup></u> at the Marriott near Orlando Airport. Only members can enter vehicles, but everyone is invited to come out and see the cars.

A signup sheet was passed around for bringing goodies to the meeting.

Feb - Don Dodgen

March - Barb & Larry Golub

Apr – Jim & Ann Morgan May – Becky & Jerry Ray

Sept – Anita Ambrogio Oct – John & Joann Gormican

A 50-50 drawing was held and Jerry Ray was the lucky winner. Thanks to Paul & Marion White and Rusty DeFazio for providing goodies for the meeting.

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## Studebaker DRIVERS CLUB INC.



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Dear Studebaker Friends

26 November 2002

I am hopeful all of you are well and content as we approach the Holiday Season. I am writing this message to you as the Thanksgiving gatherings reach their peak and I take a bit of time from my Studebaker administrative chores to reflect upon those things for which we regularly give thanks. More importantly, maybe we should be thinking about that which we, almost always, take for granted, that deserves more thanks than anything else in our lives. In my case, anyway, I truly believe, over all else, I need to express my thanks to my mother and father and brother and sister, for the love and support they have unfailingly given me all the years of my life. Think about it!..... In most cases, no one else has been a comforter and provider, longer and with more intent, than your Mom and Dad and Brother and Sister. Now is probably as good a time as any to make a call or drop a note to say thank you. .... I must tell you...........When I sat down to write this note to you, I had no idea of sharing what I just did, but it was on my mind. What I'm really writing to you about is supporting the Studebaker National Auction in June,

Just hours after I was elected to this position, Colin Fort, said to me "Come on. We gotta go out and get stuff for this auction from the vendors." That's when I learned the responsibility for the Studebaker National Auction rests with the vice president. So we did. We took our "stolen" bell cart and walked the rows of vendors begging for things from their stock to be auctioned off Wednesday night. We quickly learned that we were the third team that had been through soliciting and actually the host club had done a fine job of getting things. I had the thought that next year maybe we could do this without going out with the cold sell at the eleventh hour and maybe make things a little less painful. For the 2003 auction, I'm hopeful of getting the support of the vendors with some pretty nice stuff, but I'd like to get the local Chapters involved to a greater degree than they have been. I might point out here that the highest selling item in the 2002 National Auction was the beautiful quilt, a donation of the Ozark Trails Chapter.

At your December or January Board Meeting and Chapter Meeting, I would like for you to talk about what sort of significant donation you can make, as a Chapter, to the 2003 National Auction, June 25, 2003. No. It sure isn't too early to start thinking about this. It would be nice if it were Studebaker related, but it doesn't have to be. It can be something the Chapter, as a whole, made. Something purchased and donated or something donated by a merchant in your club or in your community. The possibilities are limitless. I'd just like to see one item from each Chapter. Make it a Chapter project and designate someone to get it to Sacramento. You can bring it to the Terrace Room of the Doubletree Hotel, the Meet Headquarters 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sunday or Monday 22 or 23 June 2003. That is where the items will be on display until Wednesday. They will be identified with your Chapter name and out where people can see them and a security officer will be there all the time the room is open. If there is a problem getting the donation to the Meet give me a call here at home or through the Doubletree operator after June 19, 2003.

I would encourage each and every one of you to attend the auction which is right after the Studebaker Drivers Club Membership Meeting in the Grand Ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel about seven thirty pm. We've got a great auctioneer in Colonel Bill Lefty of Roseville, California who promises a spirited snappy auction which should be over by about nine pm. Don't expect to wait in a line to get your bidder number as your International Meet Registration Number is your bidder number and all you have to do is tell the clerk you are there. Call me if you have any questions and thank you so much for your support. It is my prayer that each member of this great club and their families have a healthy, safe Holiday Season.

Richard Dormois, Vice President, Studebaker Drivers Club

#### Florida State Meet 2002 Kudos

By Anita Ambrogio

Once again we collectively breathe a sigh of relief that the meet is over, and at the same time, feel a little sad that it is over. This was our biggest success yet. I was told by many of our guests that it was a really terrific meet. We had the highest number of cars ever at a state meet - 104 registered (and the Cades only brought 3), plus many drop ins. What makes it even more is that we had amazing registrations, which means that almost everyone brought a car. Our banguet total was 166 - the biggest ever for a meet hosted by our chapter. They loved the goody bags and door prizes, thought the banquet meal was "the best they ever had at a meet", and so on.

Those of us who put together goody bags, handled registration, hospitality, t-shirt, raffle and 50-50 sales, passed out door prizes, counted ballots, took care of trophies and dash plaques, etc. deserve all the many compliments on putting on an exceptional meet.

Special thanks goes to Dave Cramp who, in spite of Sharon having emergency surgery, fulfilled all his responsibilities in putting together the goody bags, and even took over Sharon's in providing food and beverages for the hospitality room. (We should pay him mileage for all his trips back and forth to Kissimmee)

Thanks also, to Sam Dixon for allowing us to use his suite for our hospitality room. Even though the hotel provided us with a meeting room, we couldn't serve food for liability reasons.

My major disappointment was the number of our members who did nothing to contribute to the meet, either before or during the event, other than to come and enjoy it as though they were not part of our chapter.

It would have made it more pleasurable for everyone if more help had been offered. Some of the workers might even have had a chance to look at all the gorgeous cars.

Well, maybe next time!

#### MARRIOTT COMES THROUGH

By Frank Ambrogio

If anything informative came out of this meet, it is that the Marriott proved to be the correct choice as the host hotel. Many people came up to me and said that it was a great setting.

Our show has grown over the past 15 years, into something larger than the meets of the 1970s and 1980s. The smaller hotels are no longer viable alternatives as a host site, unless we want to place severe limits on the amount of participation.

Of the sites we had considered, none would have been able to accommodate our needs. Parking would have been woefully inadequate at any of the other sites, and we would have had to turn guests away from the banquet even if they registered on time. That, at least in my opinion, defeats the purpose of the meet.

Last spring several members expressed doubts that we could attract more than 80 cars and 140 banquet attendees. Well, the figures are in, and the results speak for themselves. The 104 cars set a record for the state meet. We could have easily had 180 people at the banquet if those procrastinators had registered, even as late as Friday.

The Marriott was the best choice, and our chapter members made the correct decision in selecting it as the host hotel.

#### PICNIC AT KELLY PARK

We had one of our smallest turnouts for the picnic at Kelly Park on November 10<sup>th</sup> in Apopka. Even so, we managed to have a great time.

By the time most members showed up, they found that Dean had already gotten the charcoal fire started. A few members came a little early, and more showed up later. The total was probably in the 20-25 range.

We began cooking the food around 1:00 and after dinner, we had a short meeting. Most of the meeting centered around the state meet, and the upcoming Christmas dinner.

A few people arrived in their Studebaker, including Dean & Jean Gessner, Jim & Ann Morgan, Marty Burns, Bob Oakes, & Joe Donoughe. We were blessed with spectacular weather. It is too bad that more "dues payers" don't take part in some of our chapter activities. We certainly had the space!

Afterwards, everyone packed up and headed for home. Despite the small crowd, we had a nice outing, as usual. Probably, many people forgot about the picnic because of the state meet. Maybe next year we will have a better response.

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Once again, the Orlando Area Chapter celebrated the Holiday season on December 8th, with our annual dinner and gift exchange. The setting was Logan's Roadhouse on State Road 46, just East of I-4.

The official start time was 1:00 pm, but we started a little late due to some late arrivals. The late start didn't seem to bother anyone. It just gave us more time to visit.

As with the picnic, we had a rather small turnout for this event also. There were a few no shows, leaving the total at just over 30. We had

plenty of room and lots of peanuts. We had a choice of several items from three different menus and three price ranges. Our server, Margaret, was really impressed with the whole club and the Studebakers.

Everyone seemed to have a good time, and we didn't finish till well after 4:00 pm.

#### TIME TO RETIRE!

By Guess who (Hint, initials = FA)

Now that I'm no longer an officer, and the State Meet is a memory, I will no longer have anything to input to the newsletter. The series on the state meet, picnic, and Christmas dinner concludes my contributions.

I've decided to become a "dues payer" like so many of you. I'm tired of getting the newsletter and reading nothing more than what I wrote a few weeks earlier. From now on, it's up to you.

I hope the rest of you will give Dean some help.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Regularly Scheduled Chapter Events

- (OAC) MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month from Sept-May at Sanford Motor Co. 3418 S. Orlando Dr. (17-92), Sanford, ½ mile north of Lake Mary Blvd. (NOTE: Generally, the meetings for November and December are held at the picnic and Christmas dinner respectively, instead of at Sanford Motors.)
- OAC MONTHLY BREAKFASTS are at 8:00 am on the last Sunday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Hwy 434, two blocks South of Hwy 436, Altamonte Springs. BYOB (Bring Your Old Baker).

From your editor

At the last meeting we talked about the spring picnic we have on the east coast. Jim Morgan brought up the idea that it was not worth spending \$50 to rent a spot for the picnic if so few people attended. So we dicided not to the spring picnic and maybe have someother kind of outing in the spring. If you have any ideas let me know or bring it up at the next meeting. With that in mind our club has been invited on Feb. 15 to a participate in the commemoration of the donation of land from Dr. Kelly to the county known as Kelly Park. They said they had room for as many as twenty old cars, so far we have seven studies to attend so if you have nothing planded for that saturday lets see more of thoes Studies at the park. Kelly pafk is the same place we have our fall picnics north of Apopka, Fl.

#### TECH TIPS

#### Fix for your Vacuum Wipers

Are the wipers on your Studebaker getting real tired? Don't despair! Here is a cheap, easy, and effective fix that takes only ten minutes. No parts to buy, and you don't even have to take the wiper motor off the car! What you have to do is clean the air filter in the wiper motor. Yes, Buckie, there IS a filter in there. If you study the motor housing, you will note there are three holes in the underside of the housing. They are the air inlet ports for the motor, and the filter behind them probably has not been touched since the car was built a half century ago.

The little cover plate is held on by two screws that have odd shaped heads. They can be removed with locking pliers. Remove the cover plate and its gasket. Use a sharp-pointed tool to pry the felt filter out of the housing. You may have to scrape the mud off of it. Then wash it in soap suds and water and squeeze it dry. Don't oil the waper valve parts as oil gets sticky when it ages. Either squirt the valve with silicone spray, or just leave it clean and dry. Put a little very light grease on the cover gasket before you reinstall the cover, it must be air tight.

If all this doesn't make your wiper run faster and steadier, maybe you should check the vacuum side. Make sure the hose is not leaking air, that the engine is properly tuned, and the orifice fitting in the manifold is not clogged. You might even oil the arm pivots. But I'll bet you won't have to do more than just clean the filter!

<This tip by Earl Haley originally appeared in the Turning Wheels, Sept. 1984 and was brought to our attention by the Heart of Dixie Chapter newsletter The Headliner, Brian Larson, Editor.>

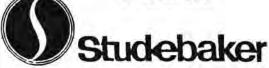
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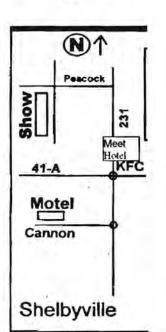




## MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHAPTER 31st ANNUAL CAR SHOW MARCH 15, 2003



Studebaker ALL INDOOR Car Show Shelbyville Agriculture Center 2119 Midland Road, Shelbyville, TN



#### REGISTRATION

#### VENDOR INFORMATION

Inside heated and cooled vendor area
Outside vendor area all in enclosed building
Inside Space 10 x 10 \$20.00
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#### **EVENTS**

\*Swap Meet set up Friday, March 14 (12 noon-6 pm)

\*Hospitality Room Friday, March 14, (6 pm-8 pm)

\*Car & Toy Show Saturday, March 15 (8 am-3 pm)

\*Judging ends Saturday, March 15, at 2 pm

\*Swap Meet Saturday, March 15 (8 am-1 pm)

\*Home made food booth and refreshments

\*BPQ Banquet dinner/trophies/door prizes

Saturday, March 15, 5:30 pm

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#### THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

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#### THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB - ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER

The Orlando Area Studebaker Club was organized on October 15, 1983 and was chartered as the Orlando Area Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club on June 19, 1984. The Charter was presented to the Chapter at the International Studebaker Drivers Club meet in Kissimmee on July 6, 1984.

The Chapter was formed to:

Encourage the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and enjoyment of Studebaker and related automobiles.

Provide accurate historical and technical information on Studebaker automobiles, the Studebaker Drivers Club, and the Studebaker Corporation.

Promote good fellowship and pride of ownership among Chapter members.

Publish a newsletter containing news and information concerning both national and local activities, technical advice, and items wanted or for sale.

Meetings are held monthly or as noted in the newsletter and are open to all members and prospective members. Family membership dues are payable on October 1st of each year. See the membership registration for more information on our dues policy.

Ownership of a vehicle is not a requirement for membership. Many members are either looking for some special model or are simply interested in the colorful history of the Studebaker Corporation which spanned 114 years (1852-1966).

Greasy Prints is the official bi-monthly publication of the Orlando Area Chapter - Studebaker Drivers Club. All comments and opinions are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy of the Chapter.

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#### NEW BREAKFAST LOCATION

Orlando Area Chapter moves breakfast to new location in Sanford

In an effort to attract more members to our monthly breakfasts, the Orlando Area Chapter has selected a new location. At the January meeting, it was decided to have breakfast at the Steak n Shake in Sanford at the Seminole Towne Center Mall.

The restaurant is located just South of SR-46 and East of I-4 at 40 Towne Center Cir. Just take I-4 and get off at exit 101C. Go East to the Town Center Blvd (1st signal light) and turn right. Go to the 2nd signal light and you'll see the restaurant on the right.

Attendance at our monthly breakfast has fallen off dramatically over the past 5-7 years. Previously we had 15 to 25 people attending regularly, when we used to meet at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Lake Mary. I'm not sure who changed the location, but since that time, we rarely have more than 10 people meet for breakfast.

A change in location seemed to be in order, and so those present at the meeting opted for the new site.

Only 10 members opted to open this new chapter in our monthly breakfast saga. It is hard to say if we've made any progress, at this point. Those diehards included Dean Gessner, John & Joann Gormican, Jerry & Becky Ray, Bob Coolidge, and Frank & Anita Ambrogio. Only two

Studebakers were brought to the breakfast. The Rays brought their 1957 Silver Hawk, and Dean brought his 1952 Pickup.

Everyone agreed that the change was for the better. The food was at least as palatable as the former location, and the prices were about half. There was plenty of parking and we had the entire facility to ourselves. Only two other people came in during the hour and a half that we visited together.

Our breakfasts used to be a great social event, as well as a great club activity. We need to establish that situation again. Sunday morning is such a great time to be out on the road in your Studebaker. Traffic is light, and the weather is usually nice.

There are so many nice cars in our chapter. Yet most of them sit in the garage and rarely see the light of day.

The beauty of it is that we simply set the time and date, and anyone can attend as they see fit. No reservations, no commitment, no problems. You can come one month, and skip the next if your schedule allows.

Everyone should mark the last Sunday of the month on their calendar and plan to attend at least half the breakfasts this year.

#### Orlando Area Chapter

Meeting of Feb 8, 2003

Meeting came to order at 7:10 pm. Members present were DeFazios, Golubs, Gessners, Morgans, Gormicans, Rays, Ambrogios, Bob Oakes, Bob Coolidge, and Faibisy, Minutes from Jan 11 were read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2708.08 plus several more membership renewals. John Gormican reported that the outing at Kelly Park, which had been scheduled for Feb 15th had been rescheduled for Feb 22nd and then cancelled by the County Parks & Rec. Dept.

Larry Golub asked if anyone knew of parks in Orange & Seminole counties. Members mentioned several that might be available for an outing. Bob Coolidge offered to check the county web site for locations.

Old business: Dean asked if anyone had checked out possible new locations for our monthly breakfast. Anita Ambrogio mentioned that Steak n Shake at I-4 and SR 46 never seemed to be busy on Sunday mornings, and perhaps the S&S at I-4 Hwy 436 might also be a possibility. After some discussion it was decided to try the Sanford location (near of I-4 and SR 46) for our Feb breakfast. Dean or John will some of the contact regular present this attendees not at meeting to let them know of the change.

Other than a FlyIn in June at the Bob White Airport, for which John did not have a set date, no new activities were discussed for this spring or summer.

Membership - Bob reported that all but a few from last year had renewed for the coming year. He will prepare a roster to be included in the next newsletter.

Bob C. mentioned that a parade of old cars will take place at Daytona Beach on Tues. Feb 11 at 11:00 a.m. This is in connection with race

week. Jim Morgan, who participated in the races on Daytona Beach in 1958 or 1959 will be in the parade with his original 1956 Golden Hawk (had the car up to 140 mph at that time.)

There is an event coming up at Ormond Beach celebrating the 100th anniversary of beach races with a reenactment of the race. Bob C. gave some background on the history of beach racing. He will bring videos to a future meeting.

The AACA meet will be held at the Marriott at the Orlando airport on Mar 8th.

Bob Oakes mentioned that he had won a trophy at the Lakeland car show held at the speedway. Dean & Jean had attended a car show in Tavares.

Since the February volunteer to bring goodies was not present, we didn't eat, and Anita didn't bring the coffee maker. A 50-50 was held and Stan Faibisy was the lucky winner of \$8.00. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Anita Ambrogio.

#### MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Membership Director Bob Coolidge has submitted the new chapter roster. It is the most comprehensive one we've had. It includes not only name, address, phone #, but also email address, and studebakers owned.

Bob sent it via Email in Word format. It was 6 pages long, and far too large to include with the newsletter. We did a little editing and got it to a more manageable two pages. It is more congested than the version Bob submitted, but it gets the job done for our purposes.

Noticeably absent from the roster were such long time members as Larry & Joann Good, Jerry & Cindi Shelton, and Dave Straughn. Also missing was our current secretary, Sam Dixon.

The complete roster is included with this issue of Greasy Prints. Please keep it handy so that if you need to contact a member, you'll have the information.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jerry Ray

beginning	Feb	was	\$ 2608.08
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We still have some State Meet shirts left \$5.00, if any one wants one or more

#### A NOTE ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This issue is the result of a couple of people working together. Instead of one person doing it all, we have at least two people sharing the duties. One will try to put most of each issue together, and the other will be responsible for the mailing, printing, and addressing.

We will be trying this method over the next couple of issues to see how it works out. The main goal is to get the newsletter back on schedule. Lately, it's been almost two months behind. With two of working together, we hope we can fix that situation.

So now we have a pretty good system in place, but we need your help. The editor's job is simply to arrange the articles in an orderly fashion, and mail the newsletter. It DOESN'T mean he writes the articles. That's where you come in. We need you, to help us fill these pages.

Tell us how you got interested in Studebakers, or how your project is coming along. Did you take your car to a show or cruise, find a part that will interchange with a Studebaker part number? Let us know. The whole idea is to communicate and to spread information.

If you have email, that is the easiest way to contribute. Simply email your story. We can "cut and paste" it right into the newsletter, without retyping it. We have a great spell checker, so we can correct most errors. Trust me, with the computer's help, we'll make you look good.

Just email your article to us at: anitambr@earthlink.net and we'll do the rest.

If you don't have email, you'll have to sent it the old fashion way, but regular mail. Just send everything to us at the Yalaha address as shown on the back page of each issue.

Please note our new breakfast location shown below. Mark your calendar for March 30 and plan to visit your fellow chapter members.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Regularly Scheduled Chapter Events

- ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER (OAC)
  MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are at 7:00 pm
  on the 2nd Saturday of each month
  from Sept-May at Sanford Motor Co.
  3418 S. Orlando Dr. (17-92),
  Sanford, ½ mile north of Lake Mary
  Blvd. (NOTE: Generally, the meetings
  for November and December are held
  at the picnic and Christmas dinner
  respectively, instead of at Sanford
  Motors.)
- OAC MONTHLY BREAKFASTS are at 8:00 am on the last Sunday of each month. Steak 'n Shake, 40 Towne Center Circle, at the Seminole Towne Center Mall. I-4 (Exit 101C) and SR-46, Sanford. BYOB (Bring Your Old Baker).

#### CAR SHOWS AHEAD

Some shows are coming up in March and April

A couple of car shows are scheduled for March and April. In March, the annual Speedway Spectacular will be held at the Daytona International Speedway. Several members have attended this show in the past, as well as the Turkey Run in November over Thanksgiving weekend.

This is a 3 day event running from Friday through Sunday. It features a car display, with no awards judging as far as I know, a car coral, swap meet, music and other activities. It is probably the largest show in Florida during the Winter-Spring season.

The biggest drawback is the cost of entry. Last year the price was \$35.00. This isn't too bad if you decide to go for more than one day, but it is pretty steep for a single appearance.

Consequently, we have never had a great turnout at this show. We have made overtures in the past to try to get the club to pay part of the fee, but this has never materialized.

The participants do get to enjoy the show, but it does make for a long day. Some club help with the cost is not such a bad idea, as those people who participate are representing our chapter and Studebaker. It seems that a 50/50 split would not be out of line.

The second show which, will occur during the Easter Weekend of April 20, is the Easter Rod Run. This show has been held at the Holiday Inn at University and Alafaya Trail near the University of Central Florida.

This show attracts a lot of cars and runs the gamut from original to custom and modified cars. They usually have a decent swap meet, but not much in the way of Studebaker parts.

The show is sponsored by the Early Irons Club and they have always done a great job. Several restaurants are within walking distance, and the Holiday Inn usually has a lunch bar available.

We don't know the price of entry for this show, but the price does include the Friday night Bar-B-Que which starts at 6:00 pm. They usually stack your plate pretty high with food, and it is worth the price of admission by itself.

They offer several diversions during the day on Saturday, including many unusual games. We have had as many as six Studebakers at this show in the past, but the numbers have fallen off in recent years.

If you haven't had your Studebaker on display for a long time, this show is a good one to attend. The location makes it pretty central for almost all of our members and you can come and go as you please.

We don't have the particulars on either show, but if you are interested, Bob Oakes has been a regular attendee of both events. Perhaps he has more information and can help answer your questions.

If anyone knows of any upcoming car shows, please send the information to us at either the Yalaha address or email to anitambr@earthlink.net.

We would like to see a lot more exposure of our Studebakers at various car shows and cruises this year. We hope you will help and get that Studebaker out there for everyone to see.

IF you attend an event, with or without your Studebaker, drop us a note and let us know about your experience. Maybe we can encourage others to get out and join the party.

#### Orlando Area Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club Membership Roster 2003

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1955 Studebaker Commander Hardtop
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1962 Studebaker Daytona 2 dr. hdt.
1963 Studebaker GT Hawk
1963 Studebaker GT Hawk
1964 Studebaker Daytona Convertible
1964 Studebaker GT Hawk

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1946 Studebaker M5 Pickup truck
1961 Studebaker Hawk
1963 Studebaker Avanti
1963 Studebaker Champ Pickup truck

David & Teresa Findlay 3569 Halifax Drive Port Orange, Florida 32129 386-788-2587 1953 Studebaker Commander Starliner 2 dr. hdt.

Dean & Jean Gessner 8721 Highway 48 Yalaha, Florida 34797 352-324-2230 1922 Studebaker Light Six Touring Car 1952 Studebaker Custom R Series Pickup 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk

Lawrence & Barbara Golub 102 Wild Plum Lane Longwood, Florida 32779 407-788-0117 407-788-0117 fax lhg@cfefcu.com 1964 Studebaker Daytona Wagonaire 1964 Studebaker GT Hawk 1964 Studebaker Avanti R-1 1975 Avanti II 1976 Avanti II

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1964 Studebaker Avanti R-1

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1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk
1980 Avanti

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1963 Studebaker Cruiser 4 dr.
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kpricejr@att.net
1948 Studebaker Champion 4 dr. sed.

Jerry & Becky Ray 1012 Cama Court Winter Springs, Florida 32708 407-699-5364 studedude@earthlink.net 1957 Studebaker Silver Hawk

Alberto & Olga Sanchez de Fuentes 1482 Grandview Boulevard Kissimmee, Florida 34744 407-847-4678 olgasdf@aol.com 1964 Studebaker GT Hawk 1964 Studebaker 4 dr. sed.

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1957 Studebaker Champion 4 dr.

Dwight & Carolyn Swanson 745 West Cobb Parkway, SW Marietta, Georgia 30064-2737 770-423-1202 770-423-1203 fax

1952 Studebaker 2R5 1/2 ton pickup

Paul & Marion White 32404 Okaloosa Trail Sorrento, Florida 32776 352-383-7279 astude@aol.com 1938 Studebaker Commander 2 dr. 1955 Studebaker 2 dr. hdt.



## Advertising As History The American Automobile Overseas

By Brooks T. Brierley, Vero Beach, Florida

Print advertising has become a very durable bit of automobile history - it can provide technical information about a model, illustrate a body design, describe a marque's customers, tell something about the manufacturer, or more. Fortunately, the ad is also accessible authentic history. Most libraries and archives have them; some are loose pages found when looking under picture files, others are still in the original magazines; many are increasingly relegated to images on microfilm. They are among the easiest automobilia to find and collect.

The National Automotive History Collection (NAHC) includes a vast selection of ads among the pictures, clippings and catalogs that are kept in gray archival boxes - requesting a make of car and year, such as 1958 Plymouth or 1924 Velie, will bring them out. There is an even better perspective looking through the many magazines that originally carried these ads. Prewar foreign magazines can be a particularly interesting source of these, as they often include an emphasis or perspective different than both their general circulation counterparts and ads used in the United States.

Many of the NAHC magazines offer incredibly complete views of a country's pre-World War automobile history - the Dutch De Auto and the British Auto-Motor-Journal are two examples of these. Rarer periodicals, such as the two years (1924 and 1926) of Asiatic Motor, an impressively printed Shanghai, China, publication covering automobiles in the Orient, allow a narrow but indepth look of how the automobile participated and influenced life in that area of the world. Some of the more obscure American marques were

doing business out there; something made easy by a single dealership might represent half a dozen marques. Situations that go unnoticed today were special events then: the popularity of automobiles made the arrival of a shipment of Studebakers on the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Russia the catalyst for both news coverage and a magazine advertisement.

One of the more unusual sources of display advertising are the great prewar coachbuilders' magazines, the French L'Auto-Carrosserie and its American counterpart, Vehicle Monthly. Most of their display advertising does not sell cars but rather the supplies to build them. Among the individual coachbuilder ads are illustrations of unique body designs that are otherwise lost.

One of the few relatively recent published accounts of advertising American automobiles abroad is Russell Pierce's 1991 book, Gringo-Gaucho: an Advertising Odyssey. Pierce was a J. Walter Thompson employee who worked in South America. His experiences with Thompson's American accounts there include General Motors. Several prewar car ads - all with a strong head office design theme are shown in the book. Yasutoshi Ikuta's 1988 artistic look at American automobile advertising, The American Automobile is a reprint in English of his 1986 Japanese book, Reproducing in color a number of ads from both the antique and classic eras, it offers an overseas view of American automotive promotion.

Many American automobile manufacturers controlled their display advertising from head office, doing the artwork here (or in their ad agency's foreign office),



Hupmobile was one of the American manufacturers attempting to capitalize on the potential for automobile use in Czarist Russia. The Russian Automobile magazine was written in Cyrillic, making many marquees' names unrecognizable without their logo. Fortunately, this Hupmobile ad in issue #13 of 1913 insisted on using its Western name.



This 1931 Reo-Royale ad was seen in the Dutch magazine DeAuto. The format is identical to the firm's American ads of the same time.

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adding copy in whatever language was needed. This master format could be sent to the foreign country where a dealer's name and appropriate text could be added locally. That insured a consistency in the marque's advertising message. When this procedure was not followed, the results were mixed aesthetically. Packard's Paris dealer/distributor, Barbezat, had artist Marc Real create a unique series of highly sophisticated illustrations of the cars in 1929 that were seen in both French magazines and newspapers. Some of these flat line images were in reverse, drawn like a blueprint. In one. Packard's famous "Ask The Man Who Owns One" slogan was in bold type of alternating italic and roman letters set around a large exclamation point. Other Real ads were in conventional positive form. with somewhat abstract shapes. The series lasted only one season and was followed by conventional American-drawn advertising.

Marques that were modestly popular here but had a very enthusiastic following abroad often followed the 1929 Barbezat procedure. Graham was a very good example of this in the early 1930s. The marque's series of newspaper ads shown during the Geneva. Switzerland, automobile show are great Art Deco graphics. Small in size, they convey a good sense of marque's interest the in design and achievement in competitions. Graham's ads in Holland at that time were a bit

softer - one showed the cars among canals in the lowland countryside. Beneath the illustration was hard information; the names and addresses of every Graham dealer in the country.

Jordan used the large manufacturer ad approach. Former advertising man Ned Jordan's forte was the display ad; as early as 1920, one could see his hand in the company's ads in Brazil's Auto Propulsao magazine or the Japan Advertiser newspaper. By 1930, as Peerless was attempting a comeback, its European ads also were drawn by head office.

An interesting advertising twist was taken by Stutz in British distributor Warwick Wright, on New Bond Street in London, continued to promote and advertise the cars as the United States factory was winding down operations. Only a handful of cars were said to leave the Stutz factory in 1934, yet that October Warwick Wright was exhibiting them at London's annual Olympia car show, placing fullpage display ads in the British car magazines. The effort not only helped mask Stutz' situation, it also revealed the extent to which an automobile company could continue to appear to be a going concern. At the time, many car companies on the brink of shutting down tried to raise capital through the relatively inexpensive illusion of making a handful of cars and sales in small areas.

Not all the interesting and informative automobile ads are from

before World War II.
Aero Willys' Swiss
distributor had some
colorful color ads drawn
in the early 1950s; the
Paris dealer used some
interesting newspaper
ads during the Salon de
l'Automobile. A large
rectangle of simple black
and white text. with a
small logo. from 1948
may be the most
provocative ad of all —

a Zurich. Switzerland dealer was selling both Porsche and Tucker. That one is not only another story – a good-sized book could be based on what happened there! ■



This impressive March 1932 Graham single-column ad in the Swiss newspaper. Journal de Geneve, appears to have been drawn.



This October 1934 British Statz ad gives no hint that the American factory was almost shut down.

ILLUSTRATIONS – all from the NAHC except the Reo-Royale and Stutz from Library of Congress



The story behind this 1948 Swiss ad for Porsche and Tucker has yet to be revealed.

#### THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

## ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

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#### THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB - ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER

The Orlando Area Studebaker Club was organized on October 15, 1983 and was chartered as the Orlando Area Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club on June 19, 1984. The Charter was presented to the Chapter at the International Studebaker Drivers Club meet in Kissimmee on July 6, 1984.

The Chapter was formed to:

Encourage the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and enjoyment of Studebaker and related automobiles.

Provide accurate historical and technical information on Studebaker automobiles, the Studebaker Drivers Club, and the Studebaker Corporation.

Promote good fellowship and pride of ownership among Chapter members.

Publish a newsletter containing news and information concerning both national and local activities, technical advice, and items wanted or for sale.

Meetings are held monthly or as noted in the newsletter and are open to all members and prospective members. Family membership dues are payable on October 1st of each year. See the membership registration for more information on our dues policy.

Ownership of a vehicle is not a requirement for membership. Many members are either looking for some special model or are simply interested in the colorful history of the Studebaker Corporation which spanned 114 years (1852-1966).

Greasy Prints is the official bi-monthly publication of the Orlando Area Chapter - Studebaker Drivers Club. All comments and opinions are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy of the Chapter.

ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER - SDC DEAN GESSNER - EDITOR 8721 HWY 48 YALAHA, FLORIDA 34797





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#### BREAKFAST/MEETING AT DELEON SPRINGS

Orlando Area Chapter combines business with pleasure

The members present, at the March meeting, decided to travel to Deleon Springs for the pancake breakfast. They opted to cancel the Saturday night meeting, and have a short meeting at the breakfast on Sunday.

New member, Pat McClish, offered to get the information from the park and make the reservation. Anita Ambrogio agreed to make an event flyer and notify the members who were most likely to attend. If you didn't receive a notification, you need to work on your chapter participation skills.

Two options included a chance to caravan as a group to the park, or to simply meet at the park entrance.

Our caravan started from the parking lot of Staceys buffet in Orange City. Members joining the caravan were Dean & Jean Gessner (1952 Custom R series Pickup), Jerry & Becky Ray (1957 Silver Hawk), Frank & Anita Ambrogio (1956 Golden Hawk), and Dan & Pat McClish.

From there we traveled the 16 miles through Deland and into the Deleon Springs Park. Members meeting us at the park entrance were Dave & Teresa Findlay (1953 Commander Starliner), Don Dodgen and two guests (1963 GT Hawk), Stan Faibisy, Rusty & Karen DeFazio, and John & Joann Gormican.

We had quite a time. The weather was perfect, especially for driving a

Studebaker without A/C, and traffic was minimal at that hour. The club paid the entrance fee to the park, so the only expense was the breakfast.

Once we got inside, the group of 18 participants was seated at two tables and we proceeded to make our own pancakes, french toast, etc. The tables are equipped with built in grills in the center of the table. The staff provides the batter, syrup, butter, coffee and other items. The guests cook everything except meat items such as bacon and sausage.

Our resident electrician, Rusty DeFazio found the electrical outlets, and got us plugged in. From there, we did what our chapter members do best, Eat! I think we should change our name to the Studebaker *Diners* Club, as we always get better attendance at eating events than we do at driving events.

The participation was pretty good. We had such a great time, that we completely forgot about having a meeting (the minutes which follow are from the March meeting.)

Consequently, we didn't have our chapter elections. This means that you still have a chance to run for one of our officer positions. All positions are open, so don't be shy.

Everything turned out pretty well. Thanks to Pat McClish for setting things up.

#### Orlando Area Chapter

Minutes March 8, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Members present were Gessners, DeFazios, Morgans, Gormicans, Bob Coolidge, Don Dodgen, Rays, Sheltons, and Ambrogios. New members Dan & Pat McClish, who had joined at the state meet, were welcomed. They are the owners of a '57 Hawk and an '80 Avanti.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Treasurer's report - present balance is \$2,690.70, plus a few new memberships.

Dean reminded everyone of the new breakfast location, the Steak & Shake at I-4 and SR46 in Sanford, near the Seminole Town Center Mall. Those who attended in Feb. seemed to be pleased with the prices, food, and service. A motion was made and passed to make this a permanent change. We may decide on an alternate site if anyone comes up with another location.

Frank brought up the club coffee pot, asking whether we wanted to continue having it at meetings. After some discussion, Gormicans offered to take it over. Paul & Marion White have done a fine job in lugging it to and from meetings during the past several years.

Don Dodgen offered an apology for missing his "goodie" duty for the Feb meeting, due to his work schedule.

OAC meet T-shirts are still available for \$5.00 from Jerry Ray.

Anita suggested that we should consider replacing Sam Dixon with a new secretary since he has not been active for several months. A motion was passed and seconded to wait until regular April elections to look for a replacement.

Frank talked about the TW voting form for a new SDC Regional Manager. There are 2 nominees for our area - Steven Cade and Frank Miles. He had talked to Steven and Steven said he definitely did not want the position. Voting forms were passed around to

the members, and collected by Frank to be returned to the SDC Vice President.

Jim Morgan suggested we plan a spring activity at DeLeon Springs for breakfast since we would not be having a picnic at Kelly Park in Merritt Island. A motion was made and passed to meet at DeLeon Springs for breakfast on Sat, April 12th 10:00 am. Since this is our normal meeting date, the meeting will be held there and the regular evening meeting will be cancelled. Pat McClish offered to contact them and make a reservation for us. She will pass the info to Anita, who will send out a postcard or flyer to all members with date, time, map, and a possible location to meet for those who want to caravan.

Bob C. mentioned he had been at the AACA meet at the Orlando Airport Marriott earlier in the day. Larry Golub was there with his GT Hawk - the only Studebaker present. Over 300 cars were in attendance,

Dean thought we might consider making one of the local cruises a monthly activity. Several were mentioned by members - Steak & Shake, I-4 and SR 46 - 1st Sat., Downtown Sanford, 3rd Sat., every Thurs. night in St. Cloud. No definite plans were made.

Don Dodgen had been at the York Swap Meet. He said the number of vendors was not as good as in previous years.

A 50-50 was held and Anita was the big winner. Very good goodies were provided by Jim & Ann Morgan. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by Anita Ambrogio.

## PUBLIC SUPPORTS AVANTI MOTOR CORPORATION (From Old Cars Weekly)

When Avanti Motor Corp. Chairman Michael E. Kelly first heard of General Motors' legal actions against his company, the largest of only a handful of independent automakers in the United States, the first thing he

thought of was the legendary battle annually. Cmon GM. Lighten up." In of David and Goliath.

Kelly had just unveiled the Studebaker XUV (for "Xtreme Utility Vehicle"), his Georgia-based company's first foray into the sport utility market, at the Chicago Auto Show when he heard that GM sought to have his company remove the XUV from the show. When show officials said, "No,' GM sought court injunctions to to stop Avanti from displaying the XUV at any auto show. What Kelly described in his initial media response as 'GM's bullish ways' didn't work in the first two rounds with Avanti.

A June court date has been set for GM's subsequent lawsuit to block Avanti's manufacture of Studebaker XUV, which it claims "knocks off' the shape of GM's Hummer H2 and will confuse the public. In the interim, experts and non-experts alike have been filling up the bleachers on the new Avanti's side of the field, and some of the support for the new 'David' - in contrast to GM's 'Goliath" - has come from unexpected places.

An on-line poll by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution asked, "Which would you drive?" and of the 4,429 that responded with a preference, 84 percent chose the Studebaker. But that wasn't a case of home field advantage; another on-line poll in GM's own 'backyard' also fell to the maker of the XUV. The Detroit News asked its on-line readers who should win the lawsuit, and more than 52.62 percent said the Studebaker XUV.

Weighing in with more detailed opinions were experts in the automotive field, including Edward Lapham, editor of Automotive News, who noted in a March 3 editorial, 'GM is bearing down on Avanti Motor Corp., a tiny Georgia company that makes the Raymond Loewy designed Avanti sports car, which Studebaker produced a generation ago. The company builds about 150 Avantis

the same story, reporter Ashley McCall quotes Karl Brauer Edmunds.com, a car rating service, as saying that "if GM can sue Avanti over this, there's like five other companies that can file lawsuits based on the same thing. Would you want to start a legal precedent like that?'

Avanti Motors, now in its 40th year, not only keep Avanti from displaying currently produces four models - the XUV at the Chicago Auto Show, but Avanti, SVO Lister, Beck 904, and, arriving this fall, the Studebaker XUV. For more information about Avanti Motor Corp. and the vehicles it builds, visit the company's web site at: www.avantimotors.com

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Bob Coolidge

I received a renewal from long time member Dave Straughn. This puts our membership at 45 families.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jerry Ray

Balance as of 4/13/2002 \$2661.30 Income \$ 10.00 Expenses \$ 30.00 Ending balance \$2641.30 We still have some State Meet shirts left for \$5.00, if anyone wants one.

#### ABOUT EMAIL

No jokes or special causes, please

We use our email address for several purposes. We would appreciate it if you would refrain from sending jokes, special causes, and other nonsense.

Recently, we had to change internet service providers. We were receiving over 130 messages a day. Very few were of any importance, and usually we received 3-4 virus attachments.

If you decide to ignore our request, that's no problem. We will simply pass along any virus messages, we receive, on to you.

#### Paul D. White Sr.

#### February 25 1925 - April 25, 2003

Long time Orlando Area Chapter member, Paul White lost his battle with cancer on April 25, 2003. Paul served our chapter in many capacities through the years, including Vice President, Activities Director, and most recently, Secretary. There were many facets to his life, most of which were unknown to his fellow chapter members. The obituary, from the Ann Arbor News, written by those who loved and knew him best, tells his story. Thanks to member Dave Straughn for providing it.

Our husband, father, grand-father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend passed away on Thursday, April 25th, 2003 from melanoma in the care of Hospice and family. Paul was born on February 25, 1925 in Pittsburgh, PA to Joseph Curtis & Mabel Louisa (Dauenhauer) White. His father passed away when he was eight years old.

From that young age he worked to help support his mother (who passed away in 1957); his sister, Adelaide Race; and his brother, Donald survive. He graduated from South Hills high school in Pittsburgh and enlisted in the U.S. Army in which he served as a medic in the 66th Division in France during World War II. He married Marion Elizabeth (Webster) White on January 8, 1949 in Taylor, MI. She survives.

loving, He was caring, a father to his four inspirational children Constance Jean Sell of Colstrip, MT, Sherry Lynn (Phillip) Nino of Adrian, MI, Paul D. (Miriam) White, Jr., Ann Arbor, MI, and Kathy Louise (Daniel) Krull of Midland, MI. survived by eleven also grandchildren whom he loved dearly: Amy Sell, Corey (Traci) Sell, Jeremy (Michelle) Sell, Justin Sell, Cameron Sell, Julie (Arthur) Rick, Scott White, Leah White, Karis White, Jacob Kelsee Krull; and great-grandchildren: Mackenzie Sell, Ethan and Isaac Sell, and Lucas Rick.

His friends and family will always remember his high-spirited character and his sense of humor. Upon return from the war he enrolled at Michigan State Normal College (Eastern Mich. Univ.) where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in business education. He also attended the University of Michigan Graduate School. He taught

business classes at Dundee High School (MI), South Redford High School (Detroit, MI) and Cleary College (Ypsilanti, MI).

He began his insurance career with Nationwide Insurance before opening his own independent insurance agency, the Paul D. White Agency, in 1964. His wife, Marion, worked with him in the agency as his secretary. They sold the business to their son in 1980.

He served on the Board Directors and as a member of the Loan Committee for the Ann Arbor Co-op Credit Union. He was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor before the family's move to Dexter, Michigan in 1968. In Dexter, he joined the Dexter United Methodist Church. In 1976, Paul and his wife retired to their home in Sorrento, FL for the winter months where they enjoyed their membership at the Rolling Hills Community Paul enjoyed Church. singing in the choir.

At age 70, he learned to play the clarinet, oboe and saxophone, eventually playing in the church orchestra.

He was an avid collector of antiques, especially enjoying his Studebaker car collection. Many of his family and friends have enjoyed stained glass projects he made for them.

A Memorial service will held at the Dexter United Methodist Church on Saturday the 3rd of May. The family will receive condolences at 10:00 a.m. with the service to begin at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lake & Sumter Hospice, 12300 Lane Park Rd, Tavares, FL 32778.

#### DAYTONA BEACH 2002 TURKEY RUN

by Bill Ladroga, Sarasota, FL (This was taken from Studegram, newsletter of the Ocean Bay Chapter newsletter, reprinted with permission)

Thursday
morning,
Thanksgiving
Day, my wife
Lu and I went
to Daytona
Beach from
our home in
Sarasota. We



were going to show our 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk. It was a beautiful day and the weather was supposed to be sunny and cool for the four days of the Run. We were going for just two days.

This annual event, held at the Daytona Speedway, the home of the Daytona NASCAR 500, was



supposed to be bigger than ever this year. Last year, the cutoff was 5,000 hot rods and antique cars, but more space was allotted this year and about 6,000 cars were anticipated.

The 150-mile trip turned out to be a bit more expensive than we had planned. Just east of Orlando on Route 4, we



felt a vibration from the right rear of the car. Before we knew it, we heard a loud "Bang!", and were forced over to the side of the shoulder. The rear tire had shred its carcass and we had rubber tread and steel radial place! all over the Fortunately, our spare was in good condition so we changed the tire. The bottom of the rear edge of the fender and the stainless steel wheel trim were not so lucky. The fender was pushed upward about three inches, the

body bracket was broken and missing, and the trim piece was creased about 3" up from the bottom. The wires had left many small pockmarks in the fender too. Bodywork will have to be done and the stainless trim piece straightened out, but at least Lu and I were safe. It hurt though, this was the first time we ever had any damage to the car in the seven years we've owned it.

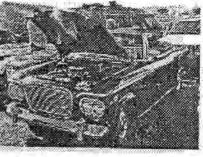
A coincidence of the blowout event was that a huge tanker truck pulled up behind us while we were on the shoulder. Out came Luther Jackson, a fellow 56J owner and someone we knew from some National and State meets! He was returning from a run from Spokane, Washington, and recognized our car. He stopped to help and we chatted a bit. After getting the tire changed, we were on our way to Daytona Beach again.

Arriving at the Speedway at about 10:30 a.m., were surprised at just how big the infield is at the racetrack. It held easily



5,000 cars, hundreds of parts vendors, two "cars for sale" corrals and many food concessions. We parked with a group of fellow Studebaker owners. On Thursday, there were about 20 cars in our reserved section, but by Friday, we packed in 42 cars.

The club section parking was arranged by Avanti owner, Mickey Prankas, from Miami, North and all we brought food

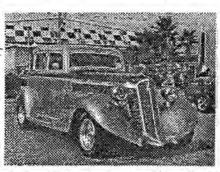


to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Mickey even brought two turkeys!

Thursday's attendance was fairly heavy, but Friday, after everyone had

celebrated the holiday with their families, I think that half of florida decided to come to the Turkey Run! There were very few show car parking places left and the spectator crowd was so heavy it was hard to take a picture of a nice car since there were so many people around it. The spectators really Red the roadway leading to the tunnels leading out of the raceway. They lined up along the side of the road and watched the cars go by, applauding the really nice ones. Of course, many of the rod owners obliged the crowd by revving their engines with deafening roars from their exhausts.

Lu and I walked miles and miles for two days to most of the vendors and the two car corrals. We didn't find very many



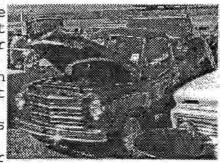
Studebaker parts, but one vendor had a nice burgundy 1961 Lark convertible for sale for \$14,500. It had a Chevy 350 in it.

We spent
Thursday
night at a
hotel right
on the
Beach. We had
an ocean view
and a view of
Atlantic



Avenue. Cars were Cruisin' Daytona Beach main streets into the wee hours of the morning. It was a sight to see the motel parking garage full of hot rods and antique cars.

Since everyone b r o u g h t something for a potluck lunch on both days, we spent both days sharing meals with the Studebaker



owners with what we had. The two

turkeys didn't go very far with this hungry bunch!

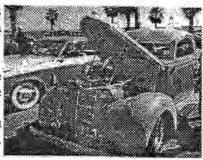
The car corrals were filled with literally hundreds of cars for sale. A few of them were Studebakers. A beautifully done 1935 sedan with a Lincoln 460 engine particularly caught our eye. The owner was asking \$43,500 for it.

There was also a fabulous bright red 1949 tilt bed pickup truck for sale at \$34,500. A beautiful airbrush



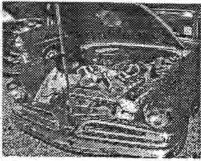
painting called "Dreaming" was on the floor of the bed.

Our section was well-visited on Friday. Many people came just to see the Studebakers. We even met a neighbor from our development on Friday. I



guess you can't hide anywhere! We had everything from a 1921 Tourer to several Avanti IIs in our section. A bright yellow 1937 Coupe Express was particularly well done that had a Studebaker 289 V-8 in it and a custom bed. There was even a 1953 coupe with an outrageous 500+ cubic inch V-8 with a huge hole cut in the hood to fit the carburetors and air filters!

One thing is beginning to strike us as we go to the various meets in Florida: There don't seem to be very many stock Studebaker



restorations. The summers are so hot here that driving an antique car is a chore without A/C. Many owners opt to install after market air conditioning

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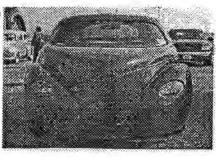
in their cars, but even more have converted to engines and transmissions of other makes. We know, because we decided to install in our 1964 Cruiser that we use as a spare car. But then, we don't claim that the Cruiser is factory original.

Of the 42 cars in our section, our 56J and two 1953 Champions (a coupe and a hardtop) were about the only authentic restorations. All the rest were modified in some way. Even the 1957 President Classic and the unfinished 1957 Packard Clipper had after market A/C and non- Studebaker chrome engine accessories and custom interiors.

After getting a sun burn on our faces from two days of walking, sitting and chatting, we left the race way on Friday afternoon for the long threehour ride home. We bought a spare tire from the Coker Tire trailer at the Run and had it installed at a tire dealer in Daytona Beach on Friday morning since Coker didn't bring tire mounting equipment. After fighting the horrendous traffic for almost an hour getting out of the raceway to Route 4, the rest of the trip home was uneventful. We arrived at home tired and filled with all sorts of images of so many beautiful with such beautiful cars craftsmanship.

If you're ever in Florida during Thanksgiving weekend, be sure not to miss this huge event in Daytona Beach. Just be prepared to fight the crowds while you're looking at thousands of beautiful cars. Who knows? Maybe we'll see you there!

(This pickup for sale was labeled a Studebaker, but I'll be darned if I can find a family resemblance!)



(Editor's Note: Thanks to Bill Ladroga for this great account of the Turkey Run, and to Mickey Prankas for setting things up.)

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Regularly Scheduled Chapter Events

ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER (OAC)
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are at 7:00 p.m.
on the 2nd Saturday of each month
from Sept-May at Sanford Motor Co.
3418 S. Orlando Dr. (17-92), Sanford,
1/2 mile north of Lake Mary Blvd.
(NOTE: Generally, the meetings for
November and December are held at the
picnic and Christmas dinner
respectively, instead of at Sanford
Motors.

OAC MONTHLY BREAKFASTS are at 8:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of each month. Steak 'n Shake, 40 Towne Center Circle, at the Seminole Towne Center Mall. I-4 (Exit 101C) and SR-46, Sanford. BYOB (Bring Your Old Baker).

#### CHAPTER OFFICERS

President Dean Gessner
Vice President Jim Morgan
Secretary Sam Dixon
Treasurer Jerry Ray
Membership Dir Bob Coolidge
Activities Dir Vacant\*
Editor Dean Gessner

\*If anyone is interested in the Activities Director position, please contact Dean.

We were supposed to elect new officers at our April meeting. Since we didn't have a meeting, due to the pancake breakfast at Deleon Springs, we will have to take care of that business at our May meeting. The May meeting will be on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Sanford Motors in Lake Mary.

WARNING: You may want to attend the May meeting. If you don't, we might elect you, President. It just might be in your best interest, to show up to defend yourself!!!

NOTE: An updated summary membership list is provided next.

# Living Legends of Auto Racing 10th Annual Beach Parade February 11, 2003 Daytona Beach, Florida Silver Beach to Daytona Beach Shores and Return

Tuesday morning was crisp but clear as approximately one hundred racecars, racecar replicas, and flying mile cars made their way down the Silver Beach ramp onto Daytona Beach. The parade followed the beach race course first established by Sig Haughdahl and sanctioned by AAA in March 1936.

Participant cars included a 1926 Ford Speedster, 1932 Ford Sprint Car, Chevrolet, Ford, and Plymouth coupes and coaches from the 1930s, 1947 Kurtis Kraft midget, Hillegass sprint cars, and a variety of stock and modified race cars from the 1940s, 50s, and 60s.

Three drivers participated in the cars they actually raced on the beach. These were Russ Truelove-1956 Mercury NASCAR Grand National, Brice Stultz-1937 Ford Flat Back NASCAR Modified, and Jim Morgan-1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk-NASCAR Flying Mile.

Notable participants from the racing community included Ray Fox, Rex White, Marvin Panch, Sammy Packard, Vicki Wood, Johnny Allen, Mac McDonald, Dick Egan, JB Day, Gene White, Russ Truelove, Joe Epton, and Lois Tyler.

replicas from NASCAR car Race included, 1959 Chevrolet # 27 Junior Johnson -1960 Daytona 500 Winner 1959 Chevrolet # 4 Rex White 1956 Dodge # 500B Fonty Flock 1949 Plymouth # 42 Lee Petty 1959 Studebaker Lark # 69 Harold 1939 Ford # 14 Bob and Fonty Flock 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle # 13 Smokey 1949 Studebaker # 77 Dick Linder 1987 Ford Thunderbird # 9 Bill Elliott 1955 Ford # 90 Benny Arnold

Join us on February 10, 2004 for the next beach parade, which will go off in the afternoon to accommodate the Atlantic Ocean tide schedule.

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#### THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB - ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER

The Orlando Area Studebaker Club was organized on October 15, 1983 and was chartered as the Orlando Area Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club on June 19, 1984. The Charter was presented to the Chapter at the International Studebaker Drivers Club meet in Kissimmee on July 6, 1984.

The Chapter was formed to:

Encourage the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and enjoyment of Studebaker and related automobiles.

Provide accurate historical and technical information on Studebaker automobiles, the Studebaker Drivers Club, and the Studebaker Corporation.

Promote good fellowship and pride of ownership among Chapter members.

Publish a newsletter containing news and information concerning both national and local activities, technical advice, and items wanted or for sale.

Meetings are held monthly or as noted in the newsletter and are open to all members and prospective members. Family membership dues are payable on October 1st of each year. See the membership registration for more information on our dues policy.

Ownership of a vehicle is not a requirement for membership. Many members are either looking for some special model or are simply interested in the colorful history of the Studebaker Corporation which spanned 114 years (1852-1966).

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#### ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER GOES GRUISING

Chapter adopts last Saturday of the month cruise in Sanford

At the chapter meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the members present decided to pick a cruise to attend on a regular basis. After searching through the calendar section of a local cruise magazine, it was decided to attend the Sanford Cruise held on the last Saturday of the month, hosted by the Celery City Cruisers.

The cruise is located at the Kash & Karry parking lot at Airport Rd and Hwy 17-92. Our chapter has had a long time association with the Celery City Cruisers dating back to the late 1980s. We used to attend the cruise on a regular basis when it was held at the Wal-Mart parking lot, about a half mile to the South of the current location.

Most of you received an Email or a post card telling you about the cruise, including the time and date. To say the response was less than spectacular would be a gross understatement. Dean & Jean Gessner, with their 1952 custom pickup, along with Jerry & Becky Ray, in their 1957 Silver Hawk, were the only participants. Frank & Anita Ambrogio came along for moral support.

Though the number of participants was small, we had a great time visiting. The weather was as nice

as anyone could hope for. We had a nice shady spot and there was a pleasant breeze.

The number of cars at the cruise was less than used to show up at the old location. I'd guess that about 50 cars were in the parking lot, and there were some very nice ones. It seemed to be a friendly crowd and everyone appeared to be having a good time.

Our chapter doesn't meet during the summer, so this is a nice way to keep in touch and keep the Studebakers on the road. At the end of the cruise, a few cars lined up for a muffler 'rapping' contest. Dean didn't participate, but I think his truck sounds better than any of those who did.

The highlight of the evening occurred when the host club selected Jerry & Becky's 1957 Silver Hawk as the recipient of the club choice trophy. Not only did we have fun showing the crowd a few Studebakers, but one of them one the only prize of the night.

The cruise ended a little after 9:00 pm, so the three hours we spent together seemed to go by very quickly. We'll be doing it again, so mark the last Saturday of the month on your calendar, and plan to join us.

#### Orlando Area Chapter Meeting Minutes May 10, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Members present were Gessners, Morgans, Gormicans, Bob Coolidge, Don Dodgen, Rays, and Ambrogios.

Minutes were not read as they had been in the newsletter. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,641.30, plus \$15 in petty cash. A check for \$87.00 was given to Dean for newsletter postage and printing. Jerry stated that he still had State Meet T-shirts for \$5.00

After some discussion regarding elections, a motion was made and seconded to table elections until the fall when more members were present. We will keep the current roster of officers until that time. Dean thanked Frank for his work on the newsletter. Rusty DeFazio (in absentia) was elected as Activities Director, pro tem.

John said there would be a Fly-In at Bob White airport on June 14.

Everyone was saddened by the loss of Paul White. A motion was made and passed to send a donation of \$50 to the Lake-Sumpter Hospice in memory of Paul. Dean will check to see if there is some way to do a memorial to SDC in view of Paul's longstanding membership and devotion to Studebaker. A card was received from the North Central Florida Chapter. It will be forwarded to Marion.

Dean mentioned that Zellwood Station (which will be Marion White's winter home) always holds a Christmas Parade, and suggested we make it a club activity. The matter of our Christmas dinner was raised. If any other members suggest another location, it will be brought to the membership. Otherwise we will again reserve a day at Logan's Roadhouse.

Since there is always an auction at the SDC Intl meet, it was decided to send several T-shirts for auction items. Dean will inquire as to who should receive them.

Discussion was then held as to a new location for our meetings. Even though Don Bales has been more than generous in offering his place for our meetings, it was felt that it is some inconvenience to him now that his business has changed. A few members offered to check into some local restaurants for a meeting place. We talked about changing meeting nights, but some are unable to make weeknight meetings, and some would not be able to attend Sunday morning meetings. An earlier meeting time might be necessary, especially if we plan to meet for dinner prior to the meetings.

Frank told Bob Coolidge the notice of our breakfasts in TW was incorrect - I-4 was shown as 14, which could be confusing to people. Bob will get it corrected.

It was decided to have a cruise-in as a club activity. The one selected for May is at Kash & Karry parking lot, 17-92 and Airport in Sanford. All local members will be notified by post card.

Dean had been contacted by the Sunshine Chapter. They were very impressed with the Class signs from our State Meet, and would like to borrow them. They could be transported to the meet by one of

our members.

The 50-50 was held and Anita was AGAIN the winner of \$8.00. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Delicious brownies were provided by Becky and Jerry Ray. (too hot for coffee). Submitted by Anita Ambrogio (very temporary secretary)

## THE LAME EXCUSE Officer positions remain unfilled

One of the most often used excuses, members use to get out of serving as a chapter officer is, "I don't have time." This is, as MASH's Colonel Potter used to say, "bull cookies." Except for the editor, none of the positions requires more than two hours per month. Most require less than one hour per month.

I speak from experience as I have held every position, except that of the treasurer. At one point, in the mid 1980s, I held six of the seven positions concurrently (that means at the same time.)

Let's take a closer look at the positions and examine the amount of time needed to accomplish the job.

VICE PRESIDENT: This is the cushiest job of all. It requires nothing. In the rare instance the president is unable to attend a meeting, the VP would have to conduct the meeting. This rarely happens and since we only meet 9 times a year, the chances are minimal. We usually schedule our two picnics and Christmas dinner on a meeting weekend, where we could easily avoid a meeting. So this leaves six meetings a year where the VP might be needed.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: This is yet another "bread" job (a loaf a day.) This position has been vacant for about 4 years, so how hard can it be? We only schedule three events a year, the two picnics and the Christmas dinner. These are pretty much automatic in that everyone knows the routine.

TREASURER: The only occasion this job requires any time commitment is during the membership renewal period. It involves filling out a deposit slip and making a couple of trips to the bank over a two or three month period. The bulk of the job consists of writing a check to the editor every other month

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: As with the Treasurer, the bulk of time spent is during the membership renewal period. Once that is done, it is simply, sit back and relax. Even during the busiest time, less than two hours are required each month.

SECRETARY: This actually involves a little time. Our meetings last about one hour, so this is busy time. Once the meeting is over, the Secretary should submit the minutes to the Editor. Another half hour shot. Again we have from six to nine meetings a year, so the average is much less than two hours a month.

PRESIDENT: This one isn't a lot of work, but it has the aggravation. Trying to keep the club afloat, when no one wants to help, can be very frustrating. The time required for this job is mostly limited to the meetings. less than two hours Again, month. Did I mention that we only meet six to nine times a year? So the average is, guess what, much less than two hours.

EDITOR: This job takes the most time, and work. Depending on the final product, an editor can spend any amount of time putting the newsletter together. More time is spent on trips to the printer and post office, affixing the labels and stamps, folding each issue, and finally stapling each one. A person would have to be crazy to accept this job. Yet, without the newsletter, there would be no club. Chapters have shown this to be true, time and time again. Don't worry! We are lucky! We already have two "brain dead" members handling this thankless job.

Of course, all of the officers could submit a report to Greasy Prints, which would then involve extra time. However, that might send the editors into shock.

So the next time you want to offer an excuse as to why you can't be an officer, PLEASE don't' say "I don't have the time." That is a lame excuse!

What you are really saying is: "I'm too lazy", "I don't give a damn", "I don't want to get involved", "let someone else do it", or "I just want to pay my dues and be left alone."

When you say you don't have time, that lame excuse translates to all of the above.

#### OAC BREAKFAST CLUB

Monthly Report

The OAC monthly breakfast for April saw a drop of 3 from the previous month. Only 8 people opted to join their fellow chapter members. John & Joann Gormican, and Bob Coolidge were joined by Jerry & Becky Ray (1957)

Silver Hawk), Dean Gessner (1952 Pickup), and Frank & Anita Ambrogio (1956 Golden Hawk).

The May monthly breakfast enticed eleven members to attend. Those who put in an appearance were: Frank & Anita Ambrogio (1956 Golden Hawk), Jerry & Becky Ray (1957 Silver Hawk), Dean & Jean Gessner (1952 Pickup), Bob Coolidge, John & Joann Gormican, and Rusty & Karen DeFazio.

The number was small, but quantity was less important than Quality. We had a nice group, and we had a great time visiting. We left Steak 'N Shake around 9:30.

Rusty announced that he had given the go-ahead to the restorer, on his 1957 Golden Hawk. The projected time frame is about 8 months, but we all know how that goes. Maybe Rusty will keep us up to date on the progress. It should be a nice Studebaker when the job is done.

#### THE TREASURE CHEST

By Jerry Ray

BALANCE MAY 1	\$ 2641.30
NEWS LETTERS	-87.00
MEMORAL FUND	-50.00
BALANCE JUNE 1	\$ 2504.30
PETTY CASH	16.00

#### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Bob Coolidge (ghost written by editor)

Nothing new to report this month. No new members joined since the last report. If there are any corrections to the roster, please contact me so I can make the adjustment.

#### THE GREASE MONKEY



#### TECH TIPS

If you have a tech tip which you feel will be of interest to our members, please send it to

the Editor.

The following was taken from the July-August 1999 issue of Studegram, the newsletter of the Ocean Bay Chapter.

#### STICKY BRAKES IN OLDER CARS

by Dave Thibeault

Recently, I received a call from an old friend who still drives Studebakers as his his only transportation. He asked the cost to convert to disc brakes on his Hawk. He was asking about both original Studebaker discs and some of the brake conversion kits that are available because he was experiencing what seemed to be excessive brake fade when using brakes on long hills. his Interestingly enough, he said his Champ pickup did not have the same problem. The Hawk has finned brake drums and the Champ has smooth ones, so the Hawk should have less fade than the Champ!

My friend had completely gone through the brake system with new shoes, wheel cylinders, drums turned, etc., but the fade had persisted.

The problem was actually the result of a condition that is not taken care of very often on driver" cars, rust accumulation and scale on the outside of the drum. The brake drum must take the heat generated by shoe contact and transfer it to the air flowing around the drum. That

is why finned drums are better than smooth, since they have higher air turbulence around them and a greater surface area to make the thermal transfer. That is also why disc brakes work so well. But external rust causes a problem. Rust is a significant insulator, thermal even compared to the cast iron in the drum. The heat generated while braking with a rusty drum cannot be dissipated fast enough. The heat gets trapped in the drum and brake fade results.

Whenever a brake job is done, the drums are usually turned so there is no rust on the shoe contact surface. But more work is needed if you are to return the brakes to like-new". Ever wonder why the brakes on an old car do not seem to be what they used to be? Often, a brake job doesn't return the brakes to the condition expected, and inferior replacement parts" are blamed. The brake drum should be glass beaded sandblasted to remove the rust and scale on the outside of the drum.

One problem with sandblasting or glass beading is that the bearings must be removed or covered up so no grit gets into them. This takes some extra time but is really worth doing. What I do is take the drums to an automotive machine shop and have them glass beaded but not turned. I bring them home and completely paint them with a very high temperature paint. These paints are available at auto parts stores for painting exhaust manifolds and headers.

About paint color: It may seem strange, but paint the drums black. Many custom or modified cars with wire wheels have colored brake drums. The color affects brake performance too. A black

surface will radiate heat and transfer more heat energy away from the drum than any other color. If the brakes drums are to be turned, which I only do if they really" need it, then I paint the shoe contact surface inside the drum. When they are turned, I tell the machinist to take only enough of a cut to remove the paint. This way, he makes shallow cuts. Once the paint is gone, the drum is smooth and round again. This saves the drums for a much longer life. Usually, a machinist takes a deep cut out of the drum so they will only have to make one pass on the lathe, but try and find new brake drums! It's worth talking to the machinist and asking him to be careful and help save your drums.

Feel free to call me if you are having a problem with your brakes or you have questions at (508) 897-3158, evenings.

NOTE: Dave is the owner of Dave Thibeault's Studebaker Parts & Services. Contact Dave Thibeault, 13 Nick Lane, Maynard MA 01754.

## WHEELS TV prepares for fall 2003 launch

Email: mathiowetzk@krause.com From Old Cars Weekly May 22, 2003

MASSACHUSETTS Automotive Networks, LLC, has announced plans to launch WHEELS TV, the first national television network exclusively focused on the world's love affair with automobiles, motorcycles, and trucks. WHEELS TV targets fourth quarter 2003 launch with a line-up of original and acquired programming that explores the many aspects of motor vehicles. Programs on tap will be magazine and lifestyle programs, documentaries, new vehicle profiles, how- to shows, travel, safety and recall alerts, event coverage, news, movies, TV action, and comedy series. Showing currently in development include 'Ultimate Garage," 'World's Fastest Wheels,' 'The Highway My Way,' and 'Hot Streets."

WHEELS TV President Jim Barisano states, 'We've been producing automotive programming for major networks and the auto industry for 15 years. This experience will be put to good use with WHEELS TV. The automobile plays a huge role in everybody's life, yet it is underserved in the television world. WHEELS TV is going to change all that."

WHEELS TV will launch with a robust programming library, including automotive history, auto-enthusiast features, magazine-style stories drawn from the founders' numerous hit program series, including 'Wild About Wheels.' Targeted core viewers have real economic muscle, with fully 41 percent of all durable goods expenditures in the U.S. 'In today's crowded automotive marketplace, manufacturers looking for new and more efficient ways to reach consumers, " Barisano 'WHEELS TV added. will closely with the auto industry to creatively deliver its message to our uniquely targeted audience viewers who are already thinking about the car.'

"Automotive is a huge untapped market for programming and advertising,' said Frank Hughes, vice president of the National Cable Television Cooperative (NCTC), an organization representing small and medium-sized cable operators that

serve more than 14.5 million subscribers. 'This viewer segment has substantial buying power, spending over \$700 billion each year on vehicles, aftermarket parts, and auto accessories. WHEELS TV will be the first network of its kind to serve this market with creative programming and product information."

John Coscia, WHEELS TV executive vice president, adds, knowledge we've gained producing prime-time, general-interest automotive television for worldwide distribution is being leveraged to create a powerful network with proven consumer appeal. automobile is everywhere on the I believe that, ultimately, WHEELS TV will be, too."

WHEELS TV is a subsidiary of Automotive Networks, LLC, a Delaware corporation. WHEELS TV has been developed in cooperation with Global Television Network, Ltd., producers of automotive programming for Discovery, PBS, Speedvision, Fox, and Outdoor Life Networks.

## \* \* \* ABOUT OAC \* \* \*

## OAC MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of each month from Sept-May at Sanford Motor Co. 3418 S. Orlando Dr. (17-92), Sanford, 1/2 mile north of Lake Mary Blvd. (NOTE: Generally, the meetings for November and December are held at the picnic and Christmas dinner respectively, instead of at Sanford Motors.

OAC MONTHLY BREAKFASTS
8:00 a.m. Last Sunday of each

month. Steak 'n Shake, 40 Towne Center Circle, at the North end of the Seminole Towne Center Mall. I-4 (Exit 101C) and SR-46, Sanford. BYOB (Bring Your Old Baker).

### OAC MONTHLY CURISE

6:00 PM Last Saturday of the month. Kash & Karry, Hwy 17-92 and Airport Blvd Sanford.

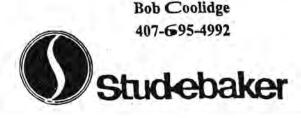
### CHAPTER OFFICERS

President Dean Gessner
Vice President Jim Morgan
Secretary Vacant\*
Treasurer Jerry Ray
Membership Dir Bob Coolidge
Activities Dir Vacant\*
Editors Dean Gessner
Frank Ambrogio

\*If anyone is interested in the Activities Director or Secretary position, please contact Dean.

The current officers have agreed to continue in their present roles until October. At that point, we will have elections for the period through March of either 2004 or 2005.

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10 / 1 to 5 / 1 203 Palm St. Fruitland Park, FL 34731 352-365-0743 5/1 to 10/1 1152 Ct. Fit. 38 Nortolk, NY 13667 315-384-3926 Hi Dean, Hope I'm not too late getting this to you for the edition going out this week.

Thanks to All!!!!

How my family and I have appreciated all your cards and phone calls since Paul's death. Our church in Florida (Rolling Hills Community Church in Zellwood) has always had a Memorial Gardens where we each had planned to have our cremains interned. But, our Mich. church (Dexter Methodist) built a new church in the country some time ago, and just three years ago established a Memorial Gardens. We were very active in that church for many years; Paul said, "Now that there's a Memorial Gardens at Dexter, I want half of my cremains there and the other half at Florida Church!" In the presence of friends, while discussing this he further said, "Can't decide if I want my right half, left half, top or bottom half in which place!!" Our friends reply, "Paul, you find humor in everything, I do believe!"

Paul said one advantage he had knowing that his days on this earth were being numbered, he had the distinct privilege of planning his own Memorial Service choosing the music in the order he wished it, who to render it, what instruments to be used, the scripture to be used, and his notes say, "a brief

message by Peter (or Fla. minister), and Bill (our Mich. minister)!"

Mar. 18th, when chemo was discontinued since it wasn't stopping the aggression of the melanoma, Paul was advised that he had 2 to 6 months. His plan was to visit Mich for a couple of weeks, return to Fla., and expire there. The first Memorial was to be there, and shortly thereafter one in Mich. We never expected his life to end so suddenly, so now the services he planned are much further apart than expected. Our family feels that we must follow his wishes even though there's quite a span between the services. Our son and three daughters wish to be with me for the Fla. service which is scheduled for Oct. 25th @ 11:00 a.m. followed by a catered luncheon; This is the earliest date in the fall that can be arranged because of our kids busy schedules.

We truly enjoyed celebrating Paul's life here in Mich. May 5th, and I know we will again! How special to hear the remembrances from so many of dear family and friends; many of you have met my brother, quiet Bob, who said, "We've lost our social director; he always found special events, concerts,

and so forth to attend, and they were usually FREE!"

Thank you again to each of you; I've lost the LOVE of MY LIFE and BEST FRIEND and how I do miss him! Other than the seven years he taught school, we were always together in our Insurance Business, vacationing together, and retiring together.

All my love and that of my family,

Marion

To all the Orlando Area SDC folks,

I've been most remiss in getting to all the thank you notes; Forgive the type written note, I'm just too slow with the left hand to get through this list of donations in Paul's memory to Lake Sumter Hospice. They were so terrific each one: nurse-Linda was unbelievable in her caring patient way, then the social worker, the chaplian, the respite care giver, and on the list goes. We were so blessed to have them! Now that I look at the Memorial list I have your correct address, Dean; I hope the item for the newsletter reached you in time for the most recent edition. I left your email address and phone number at my computer in Fla. I was expecting to get to it while I was down there the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Again I as well as my family say thank you so much; I'll see you all sometime in September.

Fondly, Marion



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# FLORIDA STATE MEET INFO

### State Meet Preparation Update:

Much planning and preparation has already gone into the October State Meet hosted by our own Sunshine Chapter. Particular thanks go to Gary Johnson, Butch Figurella, John Loerop and Steve Wiley for their hours of work to make this an enjoyable event for all Studebaker enthusiasts!

The State Meet will feature a 1950's era Studebaker showroom theme.

## Meet planning so far has included:

- 2003 Studebaker State Meet T-Shirts during the event
- Dash Plaque & Wall Plaque Trophies
- Hospitality and refreshments for arrivals on Friday, October 10
- Grill menu for lunch items to be sold on Saturday October 11 (Sirloinburgers, Hot Dogs, soft drinks etc).
- Coordination of event judging and awards
- Preparation for Fun Auction
- Vendor participation and support.

We still need members who are available to help with registration and hospitality! For more information on the meet, please call Gary Johnson at (305) 871-8408 or Butch Figurella at (561) 793-4957.

### THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB - ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER

The Orlando Area Studebaker Club was organized on October 15, 1983 and was chartered as the Orlando Area Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club on June 19, 1984. The Charter was presented to the Chapter at the International Studebaker Drivers Club meet in Kissimmee on July 6, 1984.

The Chapter was formed to:

- Encourage the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and enjoyment of Studebaker and related automobiles.
- Provide accurate historical and technical information on Studebaker automobiles, the Studebaker Drivers Club, and the Studebaker Corporation.
- Promote good fellowship and pride of ownership among Chapter members.
- Publish a newsletter containing news and information concerning both national and local activities, technical advice, and items wanted or for sale.

Meetings are held monthly or as noted in the newsletter and are open to all members and prospective members. Family membership dues are payable on October 1st of each year. See the membership registration for more information on our dues policy.

Ownership of a vehicle is not a requirement for membership. Many members are either looking for some special model or are simply interested in the colorful history of the Studebaker Corporation which spanned 114 years (1852-1966).

Greasy Prints is the official bi-monthly publication of the Orlando Area Chapter - Studebaker Drivers Club. All comments and opinions are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy of the Chapter.

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# JOINING A CLUB Once you get started, look out!

Prior to joining the Cowford Classic Chapter (Jacksonville) and the Studebaker Drivers Club in 1981, I had never belonged to any club. I just didn't want to get involved. I liked doing things on my own. The lure of Studebaker proved to be irresistible.

Though old Chevrolets, Fords, and Plymouths seemed plentiful, I had seen very few Studebakers in the prior twenty years. The fact that there might be more than a handful still resting somewhere on the planet, was inconceivable.

Like most novices, I simply wanted to sit, learn, and observe. The last thing I wanted to do was serve as an officer. There was no chance of that happening, as three months after joining the local chapter, I moved to Orlando.

Now I had a real dilemma. I knew nothing about Studebaker, and after having a taste of belonging to a chapter, I wished there was a chapter in Orlando. The Central Florida Chapter was the closest thing to a local chapter, so I joined it, after learning about it in mid 1982. That chapter began life in Casselberry, but shifted its focus to the Tampa area.

I stayed true to my philosophy and never considered getting involved

in any way. In the late summer of 1983 I met a few Studebaker freaks who had been entertaining the idea of starting a new local chapter. One thing led to another, and the Orlando Area Studebaker Club was born in October of that year.

Now the trouble began. We had 8 founding members (4 couples), and 7 officer positions to fill. I had mixed feelings, as I wanted the club to start, but I didn't want to get involved. I realized that there was no way out, and ended up as the President.

This was a whole new ball game for me, and in retrospect, I can say that I was pretty bad. The other officers helped hold things together for the next two years and we even hosted the State Meet in 1985. I didn't do much at the meet, but the other officers really picked up the slack. It looked like we were really on a roll, and new members were joining at a fast clip.

Divorce, separation, and shifts to new cities decimated the chapter in mid 1985 and left all the officer positions vacant, except the office of Treasurer. I wanted to see the Chapter survive, so when no one jumped in to fill the positions, I took on all of them myself. Thus, two people filled

seven positions. I held 6 of them and Cindi Shelton remained as our Treasurer. We had just enough officers to sign checks.

Things got better the next year, and we got a few more volunteers. I was able to reduce my involvement to only three jobs, President, Editor, and Membership Director. I've been involved ever since.

The point of all this is to recap what I had written in the last issue. Being an officer isn't that much work! Believe me, I know how you feel. But, I've been on both sides of the fence, and there isn't a whole lot of difference no matter which side you are on.

There certainly is no pressure. Everyone else is just happy that they don't have to do it. There is no hot shot trying to climb the corporate ladder to claim your position! If anything, the hardest thing is to get out. In twenty years, I haven't figured out how to do that.

When I indicate that I've had enough, I'm accused of abandoning the ship. Dean is in that position now. Ten years as President is more than enough. It is time for someone to step in and give him a break. We postponed our elections from April to October because no one was willing to make a commitment. Sooner or later the bubble is going to burst and we will go the way of the Studebaker Corporation.

## THE 21ST ANNUAL GREAT RACE

Competition ends in Lake Mary FL Story by Frank Ambrogio Photos by Anita Ambrogio

The 21st running of the Great Race began on June 21, 2003 at the Community Recreation Center in Livonia MI, 20 miles from where I was born. competition portion, of the race, ended at the Orlando Marriott in Lake Mary FL, 6 miles from my home. In between, the racers would pass through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas during the first week of the race. The second week, had the racers heading through Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

The Orlando Marriott - Lake Mary is the same location that we held our Studebaker State Meet last October. I spoke with the Orlando Marriot's Diane Nelson, who had been our hotel contact for the State Meet. I asked if there would be parking for old cars, which were not in the race. She informed me that the Corvette club was coming and there would certainly be room for one more car.

Anita and I arrived, in our 1956 Golden Hawk, around 4:45 P.M.. Anita went inside to find Diane and get our parking instructions.

We drove to where the Corvettes were parked and told the Corvette contingent that our car was actually 1956 a Corvette prototype. They didn't buy it, but seemed to enjoy the moment. They were a very cordial group and we exchanged pleasantries for a few moments. There were only five corvettes in the area, but we didn't want to take up one of their spaces in case more cars came later. Instead we parked on the end of a row, directly in front of the Corvettes.



Diane Nelson poses with the Hannibal
Twin 8. The scissors action will lift the
body 10 feet.

(Photo by Orlando Marriott staff)

C O m

On the grounds, were the two cars featured in the Warner Brothers' movie, The

Great Race.
The 1965
c o m e d y
starred Tony

Curtis, Jack Lemmon, Natalie Wood and Peter Falk. In the movie, the (white) Great Leslie, was driven by Tony Curtis, and the (black) Hannibal Twin 8 was driven by Jack Lemmon. The Hannibal Twin 8 had a scissors type mechanism, which could raise the body ten feet in the air.

The cars were purchased several years ago by Rodney Rucker of Winslow AZ. Rucker, at one time, stated "I know how much I appreciated these machines when I was a kid, and I want to share the enjoyment and appeal with others." That was certainly evident on this evening as both cars were a big hit with the crowd.

We got in position to watch the Great Race cars arrive. We were joined by fellow chapter members, Jerry & Becky Ray and Dan & Pat McClish. Unfortunately, neither Anita nor I thought to bring a camera. Due to some problems with publicizing the event, The crowd was not as large as expected.

The Great Race cars began arriving at 6:00 P.M.. As each one entered at half minute intervals, the official announcer Brian "Motor Mouth" Goudge broadcast the name of the driver, navigator, car and the city of the owner. He also gave other interesting details about each car and crew. The cars

proceeded on to the staging area where they would be on display till 9:00 p.m.. We went to eat, then returned to take a closer look at the cars.

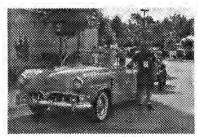
On the way back, we spotted an Avanti. As far as I know, it didn't participate in the race. Information attached to the car indicated that it was one of 25 special models built. It had virtually no bright work, and was in very nice condition. The owner was not around, so I couldn't get more information.

If the information was correct, the car would have been a 1983 twentieth anniversary edition Avanti. I don't recall if it had a Florida license plate. Fred K. Fox had a series of articles, in Turning Wheels, on Post-Studebaker Avantis in 1996. Page 27 of the March issue shows such a car, owned by Harry and Mary Hackett of Inverness FL. The logistics would be right, so perhaps this was the same car.

We came back to find that the Great Race cars had parked in the area where our 1956 Golden Hawk was parked. We were the first (or last) car in one of the rows. Wish had that camera then! Many thought spectators we had participated in the Race, several asked us questions about it. It was tempting to fabricate some story about our "Great Race adventure," but we fought the urge and admitted the truth.

There were groups of people gathered around each of the cars, including ours. It was truly a great event and what a thrill to have our car parked among all those Great Race vehicles. I didn't get a picture on Kodak paper, but I'll always have the

image in my mind. We did return the next morning, with a camera and without the Studebaker, and took pictures of the cars before they left for a trip to Daytona Beach.



Bob Wilson stands beside his 1952 Studebaker Commander Convertible

There was one o t h e r Studebaker in the parking area, a 1952 Commander convertible owned by Robert "Bob" Wilson of New Castle,

Delaware. Unlike our car, this one did participate in, at least, part of the Great Race. It was one of two "Tours Cars" as it only participated in the last two days of the race. Bob hooked up with the other racers in Chattanooga TN and continued on through the Carolinas and Georgia, before entering the Sunshine State.



The 3 headlights and unusual door opening arrangement can be seen in the front view of the 1947 Tatra T-47

Among the more unusual cars, was a Czechoslovak ian built 1947 Tatra T-87 with a 3-liter V-8 air-cooled engine, and 4-speed a standard

transmission. The four doors pivoted on the "B" pillar. The front doors, hinged at the back, opened from the front while the rear doors, hinged at the front, opened from the rear.

The sleek aerodynamic shape, with three headlights and a large rear dorsal fin, allowed the car to reach a speed of 100 MPH with a 75 horsepower engine. The T-87 was produced from 1936 to 1950 with a total production of 3023. The Tatra is virtually unknown outside

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Curtain. Tatra
made cars
until 1999,
but still
produces large
industrial
trucks. I've
read reports



read reports The rear view of the 1947 Tatra T-47 that indicate shows off the dorsal fin.

the Tatra was

not very dependable and prone to breakdowns. If this car made the entire 4000 mile trip, it would seem to belie that notion or, they simply had a fantastic support crew.

On Friday, Independence Day, we returned to the Orlando Marriott with a camera in hand. The cars departed at half minute intervals for a trip to Daytona Beach. During the morning departure from Lake Mary, I had the pleasure of helping to start a 1941 Cadillac Convertible. The driver was Bea Crimmel and the navigator was Wayne Hoag. Engaging the ignition only produced a click, so three of us got behind the car and pushed.

We had to push the car, up a s l i g h t incline, but it rolled effortlessly. We only



moved the This 1941 Cadillac Convertible failed to car about 5- start, but the slightest push got it going.

8 feet and

probably at a speed of less than one half MPH. The navigator told the driver to "just leave it in third gear and pop the clutch," which he did. Following that, the driver just sat there, and I

laughed to myself. Did they really think that car would start, at that speed? Everyone seemed dazed for just an instant. "Did it start?", asked the navigator. "Yes!", came the reply. The engine was so quiet that no one knew if another push would be needed. I have to tell you, I was very impressed.

Once in Daytona Beach, the winners were announced, at the ceremonial finish, which took place at the bandshell along the Atlantic Afterwards, Ocean. participated in the Centennial of Speed Celebration on the sand in Ormond Beach, a city located a few miles to the North. They returned to the Orlando Marriott - Lake Mary where the winners were honored, and trophies awarded, at the awards banquet.

On Saturday, July 5th, the racers returned to Daytona Beach for the official Grand Finish of the Great Race of 2003. The racers took a victory lap around the Daytona International Speedway, before the start of the Pepsi 400 NASCAR race. Speed Channel followed the entire Great Race and planned to air the edited version on August 16 at 2:00 PM. I'll have to catch a rerun of that telecast as I'd be attending the famous Woodward Avenue Cruise in Detroit on that date.

The Great Race is quite a spectacle and shouldn't be missed if the opportunity to see it, arises. It is a wholesome event embracing the theme of God, Country, and Family Values as it crosses America each year. It is a fine representative for the old car hobby.

The winners received a portion of the \$250,000 prize fund. The entry fee for the race was \$8000.00 which covers the driver, navigator, and two support crew members. At that price, I think it is pretty safe to say that I have gotten as close, to participating in the Great Race, as I will ever get.

I can live with that!

Primary sources for this article are the Official Great Race Program, Standard Catalog of American Cars, Turning Wheels, and the Lane Motor Museum.

### WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

Cars were everywhere By Frank Ambrogio

While in Detroit for my high School reunion, we stuck around for the Woodward Dream Cruise. But first we had to endure 26 hours without electricity. We got caught in the great blackout of 2003

I went with my brother in his 1927 Ford Model T. His VMCCA club had an area reserved so we just parked and watched the cruisers go by. There were about 20 pre-war cars parked at a bank parking lot.

The cruisers paraded up and down Woodward Avenue and it was a sight to see. I spotted a 1960 Hawk and an Avanti. We walked up and down Woodward, about a mile in each direction. I'm glad I had a chance to see it at least one time.

#### FINNED BRAKE DRUMS

Reproductions from Turner Brake

Jim Turner of Turner Brake has just reproduced the 11" finned brake drums that go on the front of many Studebakers. The hub is not included, but new stude are

provided.

If your car has left hand threads on the driver's side studs, you will also need new lug nuts. The studs that Jim provides are right hand thread. The price is a reasonable \$124.95 each plus shipping.

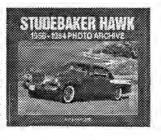
New Old Stock drums have become hard to find, so this should be a good product for Turner Brake. If anyone is interested, visit the website at www.turnerbrake.com or call Jim Turner at 317-877-0453 (After 6 PM CST.) The mailing address is 7293 Oakbay DR., Noblesville IN 46060. Email Jim at diskbrakel@insightbb.com

### STUDEBAKER HAWK 1956-1964 PHOTO ARCHIVE

New Ed Reynolds book covers them all

Studebaker.

International owner, Ed Reynolds has published an excellent book on all the Hawk models produced by Studebaker.



It is 126 pages of some great photographs, most of them from the author's collection. Ed's father, E. T. Reynolds worked in the Engineering Department for Studebaker and Ed made many trips to the Proving Ground where he often saw Studebaker prototypes.

The book has a lot of great information on, not only the 1956 Golden Hawk, but all the Hawks from beginning to end.

For more information on ordering contact Ed Reynolds at Studebaker International, 97 NORTH 150 WEST,

GREENFIELD IN 46140-8562 Tel. 317-462-3124, Email info@studebaker-intl.com

### CAR SHOWS

A few are coming up soon

Oct 4-5 - Lake Mary. Auto & Truck Show I-4 exit 101A and follow the signs. Show time is 9AM to 5PM Info: John Karis 407-322-0590 or www.rotary-lakemary.org

Oct 10-12 - Dearfield Beach. 26th Florida State Meet, see the flyer.

Nov 1 - Leesburg. 18<sup>th</sup> annual car show hosted by Uniques and Antiques at Wendy's on U.S. 27. Show time is 8AM to 4PM, awards. Info: - Tom 352-751-0499 or uniquesandantiques@earthlink.net.

### OAC BREAKFAST CLUB

Monthly Report

The OAC monthly breakfast for June brought out the "usual suspects" once again. 11 people opted to join their fellow chapter members. John & Joann Gormican,, Dean Gessner, Jerry & Becky Ray, and Bob Coolidge were in attendance. They were joined by Don Dodgen with two friends (1964 Daytona Convertible), and Frank & Anita Ambrogio (1956 Golden Hawk).

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Joe Donoughe informed the group that he had sold his 1956

Commander four door to a man in Tennessee. The new owner reported that the car made the trip without a single problem.

Bob Coolidge drove his 1964 GT Hawk for the first time since 1992. Now that he has completed his barn in Deland, he has access to his cars. It will be good to see them all on the road again.

Why not attend the next breakfast, on the last Sunday of the month. If you don't drive your Studebaker, you can still join in.

### CHAPTER RENEWAL TIME

Please renew promptly

It is membership renewal time once again. Dues must be received by October 1. A registration form is provided with this newsletter. Complete the form and make your check payable to Orlando Area Chapter-SDC.

Mail the completed form, along with your check to:
Bob Coolidge
207 Ringwood Dr
Winter Springs FL 32708.

### 26TH FLORIDA STATE MEET

Coming in October

The Sunshine Chapter has set the weekend of October 10-12 for the Annual Florida State Studebaker Meet. This year it will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Deerfield Beach. We've included a flyer.

The Sunshine Chapter hosted the meet in 2000 and did a great job. Let's have a good turnout from our chapter and lend our support.

Please register early, especially

if you plan to go to the banquet so the host chapter members can finalize their plans.

### \* \* \* ABOUT OAC \* \* \*

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### OAC MONTHLY CURISE

6:00 PM Last Saturday of the month. Kash & Karry, Hwy 17-92 and Airport Blvd Sanford.

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Vice President Jim Morgan
Secretary Vacant\*
Treasurer Jerry Ray
Membership Dir Bob Coolidge
Activities Dir Vacant\*
Editor Dean Gessner

\*If anyone is interested in the Activities Director or Secretary positions, please contact Dean.

The current officers have agreed to continue in their present roles until October. At that point, we will have elections for the period through March of 2004 or 2005.

#### 26° FLORIDA STATE MEET 2003 Come visit our Replica 1953 Studebaker Showroom and personally meet Raymond Loewy, "C.I": FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 1 - 10 pm At the Hilton: Registration 8 am - 6 pm Vendors open 8 am - 11 am 3 pm - dark Hospitality - Reception Registration open Thank you for sharing in our event in the Hillsboro Room 11 am - 3 pm Judging entries --- Sunshine Chapter Vendor setup 7 pm - 9 pm Awards Banquet 7 pm - ? Fun night activities 9 pm - ? Fun Auction Send registration w/ check payable to John F. Loerop: For Information call Meet Chairmen: 4370 Maurice Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33445 Gary Johnson at (305) 871-8408 Butch Figurelle at (561)793-4957 (561) 498-8280 Treasurer, Sunshine Chapter Two nights at the Hilton are \$79.00 per room per night based on two people. For information on rooms for 3 or 4 people, contact the Hilton, Deerfield Beach, FL at 800-624-3600 or 954-427-7700 Fax: 954-422-1777 Water source for washing cars on Saturday from 6:30 am - 9:00 am in the north parking lot near loading dock area. Sat. night 6:30 pm (Cash bar in the Lounge): Banquet dinner \$25.00 per person. \$13.00 for children 12 and under. Name Spouse Phone Zip City & State Address Adults No. in Party Children Chapter General Registration: \$15.00 - One vehicle After September 15, 2003: \$20.00 Model 1st Veb. Make Model Year 2nd Veh. \$10 Make Swap Meet Space (Outdoor) - Registration Required \$5.00/space AWARDS BANQUET DINNER \$25 00 X No. of Adulta Children 12 and under \$13.00 X No. of children TOTAL - Make check (No cash) payable to John F Logrop Total Please Register as EARLY as possible. Rooms at the Hilton are limited to 221. Hilton Deerfield Beach, 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 Special Studebaker Club Rates start at: \$79 double occupancy. For information and Reservations: 954-427-7700 Fax: 954-422-1777 or Toll Free: 1-800-624-3600 www.deerfieldbeach.hilton.com Directions: Proceed from Deerfield Beach Exit 42A on I-95 east on Hillsboro Blvd. To 1st traffic light. Turn north. Follow signs to registration desk at the north portico entrance. I do hereby release and hold harmless SUNSHINE CHAPTER OF THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB, INC. from any suits, actions, damages, or claims which may arise from any loss or damage to me, my family, or my personal property during, before, or after participation in this event. SIGNED DATE

# THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUBE

### ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER

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### THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB - ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER

The Orlando Area Studebaker Club was organized on October 15, 1983 and was chartered as the Orlando Area Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club on June 19, 1984. The Charter was presented to the Chapter at the International Studebaker Drivers Club meet in Kissimmee on July 6, 1984.

The Chapter was formed to:

- Encourage the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and enjoyment of Studebaker and related automobiles.
- Provide accurate historical and technical information on Studebaker automobiles, the Studebaker Drivers Club, and the Studebaker Corporation. Promote good fellowship and pride of ownership among Chapter members.
- Publish a newsletter containing news and information concerning both national and local activities, technical advice, and items wanted or for sale.

Meetings are held monthly or as noted in the newsletter and are open to all members and prospective members. Family membership dues are payable on October 1st of each year. See the membership registration for more information on our dues policy.

Ownership of a vehicle is not a requirement for membership. Many members are either looking for some special model or are simply interested in the colorful history of the Studebaker Corporation which spanned 114 years (1852-1966).

Greasy Prints is the official bi-monthly publication of the Orlando Area Chapter -Studebaker Drivers Club. All comments and opinions are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy of the Chapter.

ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER - SDC DEAN GESSNER - EDITOR 8721 HWY 48 YALAHA, FLORIDA 34797

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# 26TH ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE MEET It just keeps getting better!

The Sunshine Chapter continued the ongoing tradition of hosting yet another great Florida State Meet. The entire crew, led by Gary Johnson, Butch Figurella, John Loerup, Mickey Prankas, Linda Sinclair, and others, did a magnificent job. The Hilton proved to be an excellent venue for this, the 26th edition of the annual Studebaker pilgrimage.

We missed the Friday activities, so we can't report on anything that may have happened on that night. No one else filed a report.

A few Orlando area Chapter members who brought their Studebakers were: Dean & Jean Gessner (1952 Pickup), Jim & Ann Morgan (1956 Golden Hawk), Dave & Sharon Cramp (1959 Silver Hawk), and Harmann & Margaret Krueger (1980 Avanti II). Robert & Mary Cade, Stephen Cade, Don & Edith Fifer and possibly others also brought Studebakers, but I'm not sure which ones.

Other chapter members attending were Don Dodgen, Jerry & Cindi Shelton, Larry & Joann Good, and Jerry & Becky Ray.

The unofficial number of cars present was 62. Our own Rusty Defazio and Stephen Cade helped out with the judging. The weather

was quite warm and muggy, but not a drop of rain fell, so all in all, it was a very nice day.

The swap meet had about 5-7 vendors selling their wares. Jerry Ray had his usual array of toys for sale, and Stephen Cade, AKA Stephen Allen's brought a large selection of parts.

The banquet was well attended, and lasted well beyond the awards presentation. Gary Johnson, John Loerop, and Linda Sinclair did service at the microphone.

As we entered the banquet hall, we were welcomed by many of the Sunshine Chapter members. A girls' quartet displayed great harmony as they sang songs from a bygone era. We were also treated to a speech by a Raymond Loewy impersonator who did a fine job entertaining the crowd. He had his facts down pretty well, except he didn't know the first name of his wife.

The lady impersonating Mrs Loewy could offer no help on this matter. For those of you who have an insatiable interest in such matters, Mrs Loewy's full name is Viola Erickson Loewy

SDC Board member, Ed Burris, who drove his 1963 Studebaker Cruiser from the Atlanta area gave a

speech and touched on a variety of subjects. In the twenty plus years that I have been in the Studebaker Drivers Club, Ed has proven to be the most dedicated board member.

An auction proved to be too loud and too late for us, so we called it a day and retired to our room.

On Sunday, we woke up early, so we decided to just hit the road. I-95 South of Lake Worth, was closed so we exited I-95 and picked up the Turnpike at Lake Worth. We had good driving conditions all the way home.

Thanks, once again to the Sunshine Chapter for doing such a great job. I'm sure there were a few fires to put out, but they were transparent to me, and probably most of the attendees. We have enjoyed every meet we've attended, no matter where it was held, or what the weather was like, and this meet was no exception.

As I understand it, John Ernst and the Central Florida Chapter will serve as the host Chapter for next year's State Meet. They always do an excellent job, so I hope you will plan to attend.

This would put our Chapter and Jacksonville in line for the 2005 and 2006 meets. For meet pictures see studebakeronline.com

### EDITOR'S NOTE (issue error)

The last issue of Greasy Prints was erroneously listed as Number 5 July-August. That issue, of course, should have been listed as Number 6 September-October. If, for some reason, you save your newsletters, you might want to note this correction.

## Orlando Area Chapter Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm. Members present were Gessners, Morgans, Coolidges, Rays, DeFazios, Cramps and Ambrogios.

Minutes were not read as they had been in the newsletter. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2504.30, plus \$1 in petty cash.

The matter of elections was raised by Dean. No nominations were offered, but Dave Cramp offered to take the position of Activities Director, Anita Ambrogio volunteered to be Secretary, and Rusty DeFazio will take over as Treasurer, as Jerry Ray will be moving back to Texas in the spring. Jim suggested we not vote on the officers until next month at the State Meet in the hopes that someone else will volunteer.

Bob Coolidge said he had searched around for a new location for our meetings. He said he had talked with the people at *Golden Corral* and they would allow us to reserve the room as long as we agreed to purchase meals. The cost would be about \$10.00+ per person.

Anita said she and Frank had stopped at the Panera Restaurant at I-4 & Lake Mary. They have a separate room which would be suitable and it can be reserved in 2 hours increments. We would be required to spend a total \$50.00 for use of the room. The members were more agreeable to this. After some discussion, it was decided to meet there on Nov 8th at 6 PM to have a meal and see how it will work out. (Editor's Note: A later visit to Panera Restaurant revealed that this would not be a feasible location. See information later in this newsletter)

Our picnic will be held on Nov 9th at Kelly Park as usual. Members are asked to bring their own meat, utensils, and a dish to share. Dean will go early to start the fire. Time: 1:00 PM.

For our Holiday Dinner we will again reserve Dec 7th at Logan's Roadhouse unless someone else suggests another location. Gifts valued at \$5-\$10 will be brought by those interested in participating in the gift exchange.

The State Meet will be held in Deerfield Beach Oct 10-12. Calling the 800 number for the hotel is useless as they say all the rooms are booked. Dean has a number at the Hilton if anyone wants to try and get a room there.

### Several upcoming car shows:

- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Uniques & Antiques show in Leesburg
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Celery City Cruisers in Sanford across from Flea World
- Nov 27-30 Turkey Rod Run.

Dean suggested we donate \$20.00 to Mickey Prankas for our club members to park (and eat) with the Studebakers. We will check with him at the State meet to see if he is handling this again before deciding.

The 50-50 was held and Anita was AGAIN/AGAIN the winner. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Goodies were provided by the Ambrogios.

Submitted by Anita Ambrogio

#### CHAPTER NEWS

Changes are in the works!

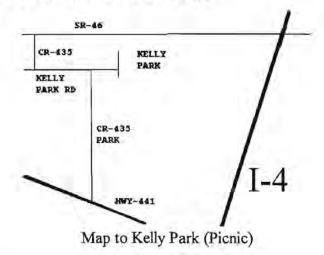
We won't be having our regular meetings at Sanford Motors in November and December. Instead we will meet at our annual fall picnic and Holiday dinner. Here is a rundown of what we have planned for the next couple of months.

### PRE PICNIC DINNER

First, we will have a special pre picnic dinner on Saturday, November 8, the day before the picnic. The location is Crispers, 1869 W State Road 434 in Longwood. Crispers is in the Longwood Village Shopping center, 1 block East of I-4 on the North side of SR-434.

The fare at Crispers consists of salads, soups, and sandwiches. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, and if the mood strikes us, we may have a meeting also.

### ANNUAL FALL PICNIC



The picnic will be on Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of November at Kelly Park. Dean will arrive early to get the charcoal fire started. The rest of

us can arrive by 1:00 p.m. As usual, the chapter will supply the charcoal and the ants. You must bring your own food, utensils, chairs, etc., and a dish to pass.

Kelly Park is located in Apopka. Take Orange Blossom Trail Highway 441 to Apopka. Turn North on Park Avenue (CR-435). Stay on Park to the end (about 5 miles), then turn right on Kelly Park Road. Go to and turn left. the end The to the park is entrance immediately on the right. See map.

If you are coming from the North, take Highway 46 to CR-435, which is about 10 miles West of I-4. Turn South on CR-435 and take it to the end. Turn left on Kelly Park Rd and go past Park Avenue to the end. Turn left, then right, into the park.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park, so do your drinking ahead of time. There is a \$3.00 entrance charge per car.

### TURKEY RUN AT DAYTONA

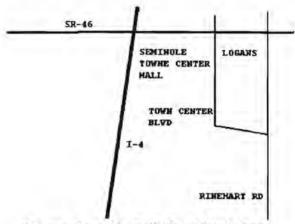
Mickey Prankas, from the Sunshine Chapter is again spearheading the drive to get a Studebaker presence at the Turkey Run Thanksgiving weekend. He will have an area set up for Studebakers, and will need to know how many spaces to reserve.

For more information, contact Mickey Prankas at 305-893-6337, 871 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> st. The email address is stdbkr1955@aol.com.

So far, the Rays, Gessners, and Ambrogios have signed up.

#### HOLIDAY DINNER

Our annual Holiday dinner will be held on Sunday, December 7 at Logan's Roadhouse Grill, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Logan's is located on State Rd 46 in Sanford Exit 102 - 1/4 mile East of I-4.



Map to Logan's Grill (Holiday Dinner)

Following dinner, we will again have our Holiday Auction Gift Exchange. If you wish to take part in the fun event: Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5.00 or more Contact: Anita Ambrogio 352-735-9193 no later than November 30 (limited seating).

### OAC BREAKFAST CLUB

Monthly Report

11 people opted to join their fellow chapter members for the OAC monthly breakfast for August. John & Joann Gormican,, Rusty Defazio, Dean Gessner, Jerry & Becky Ray (1957 Silver Hawk), and Bob Coolidge (1959 Scotsman) were in attendance. They were joined by Don Dodgen with one friend (1964 GT Hawk), and Frank 3 Anita Ambrogio.

Ten members, and 2 guests attended the **September OAC** monthly breakfast. Attendees included: Dean Gessner (1952 Pickup), Frank & Anita Ambrogio (1956 Golden Hawk), Jerry & Becky Ray (1957 Silver Hawk), Bob Coolidge (1949 Land Cruiser), John Gormican, Rusty & Karen Defazio, and Don Dodgen (& two guests.)

Don arrived after we were seated, and left before we adjourned, so I'm not sure which Studebaker he brought. He almost always arrives in a Studebaker, so I'm pretty sure he did so this time also.

The November breakfast will be on Sunday November 30, and the December breakfast will be on Sunday December 28. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

### CHAPTER RENEWAL TIME

Please renew promptly

Membership renewals are now <u>past</u> <u>due</u>. The deadline was <u>October 1</u>.

If you haven't submitted your dues, a registration form is provided with this newsletter. This will be your last notice.

Bob will be doing the roster in January, and if you don't register immediately, you'll be excluded.

Bob can't read your mind, so if you don't renew, he can only assume you chose not to renew, and didn't simply forget.

Complete the form and make your check payable to Orlando Area Chapter-SDC.

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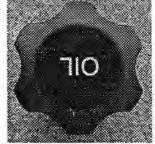
### THE BLONDE AND THE 710

A few days ago I was having some work done at my local garage. A blonde came in and asked for a Seven-hundred-ten. We all looked at each other and then another customer asked, "What is a seven-hundred-ten?"

She replied, "You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine, I have lost it and need a new one." She said that she did not know what it was used for, but this piece had always been there. He gave her a piece of paper and a pen and asked her to draw what the piece looked like. She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710.

He then took her over to another car, which had its hood up and asked, "is there a 710 on this car?"

She pointed and said, "Of course, its right there."



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#### TENTATIVE MEET SCHEDULE

State and Zone Meets for the next few years will be as follows: STATE MEET 2004 - TAMPA STATE MEET 2005 - ORLANDO(?) ZONE MEET 2006 - GAINESVILLE STATE MEET 2006 - JACKSONVILLE(?)

### WINTER PARK CAR SHOW

Exotics were the norm

We went to the car show on Park Avenue in Winter Park on Sunday, October 19. The array of cars that lined the Avenue made quite a splash with the upper echelon crowd.

This was not the typical car show that we are accustomed to. All the cars were in the 5 and 6 figure range and many were brand new, brought to the show from local area dealers.

Among the cars displayed were big name brands such as Rolls Royce, Lotus, Farrari, Bentley, Porsche, Lamborghini, and Alfa Romeo. There were two Auburn Speedster replica models, along with a 1955 T-Bird and a Cadillac Escalade. Rounding out the display were a couple of 1932 Ford roadsters.

The setting was fantastic, and the

cars looked right at home on Park Avenue. The weather was beautiful and we enjoyed strolling up and down the Avenue to look at the fine array of exotics.

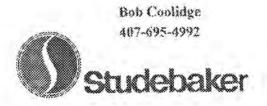
Many of the owners offered to let us sit in their car, and claimed that the cars were daily drivers. It was a little hard to fathom driving a car with those hefty price tags to the local Publix for a bag of chips and a half gallon of ice cream.

I fully expected the atmosphere to be a little on the snobbish side, but in fact it was rather down to earth. Most of the owners were very cordial, and knowledgeable about their "ride." It was a whole different circle than what I'm used to, but in the end, one fact seemed to permeate the show.

A car show is a car show, no matter what type of vehicle is on display. The owners take pride in their cars, and enjoying showing and talking about them. I really enjoyed this show as it was certainly different from the shows I normally attend.

I would imagine this will be a regular event, as the local area merchants were open for business and seemed to be drawing quite a crowd. If you have a chance to see the show in the future, I think you would enjoy it.

www.Studebakerracing.com



# **1st Georgia State Studebaker Meet April 2&3, 2004 in Warner Robins** Ramada Inn & Conference Center

### **GENERAL REGISTRATION**

\$5.00

(You must register to participate in the events)

### BANQUET BUFFET

\$12.50

(Children under 10-\$6.25)

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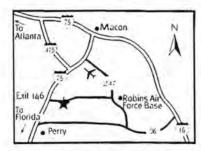
Cars

First 75 to pre-register will get FREE meet t-shirts, so please include shirt size on the registration form.

#### VENDORS

Outdoor Swap Meet-No Charge Bring your own tables.

Ramada Inn & Conference Center I-75 Exit 146 2725 Watson Blvd. Warner Robins, GA 31093 Phone (478) 953-3000 (800) 545-7321



Mention the Stude baker Drivers Club to get the meet rate of \$50 + tax with free break fast buffet for two, good until March 14, 2004.



# **South Georgia Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club**

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, April 2, 2004—Swap Meet Set-up noon—6 p.m.

Registration 5-8 p.m. Hospitality 5-8 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 3, 2004—Hospitality 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Car Show 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Registration 8 a.m.—noon, judging noon—3 p.m.

Outdoor Vendors 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Awards Banquet 6 p.m.—until?





# Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. Ist Georgia State Studebaker Meet

April 283, 2004

Warner Rebins, GA Ramada Inn & Conference Center 2725 Watson Boulevard (1-75 Exit 146)
Warner Rebins, Goergia 31093
Hestod by the South Goergia Chapter of the SDC Visit us at WWW.GoergiaStudebaker.COM

Call Joel at 478-994-6927 with any questions concerning the meet. Get your registrations in early.

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The Chapter was formed to:
• Encourage the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and enjoyment of Studebaker and related automobiles.

Provide accurate historical and technical information on Studebaker automobiles,

the Studebaker Drivers Club, and the Studebaker Corporation. Promote good fellowship and pride of ownership among Chapter members.

Publish a newsletter containing news and information concerning both national and local activities, technical advice, and items wanted or for sale.

Meetings are held monthly or as noted in the newsletter and are open to all members and prospective members. Family membership dues are payable on October 1st of each year. See the membership registration for more information on our dues policy.

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