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## From the President

By Don Dodgen

Happy New Year to all you "Studebakerians." I hope that you and yours have had a nice holiday season. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for in this country, no matter what your political leaning is.



Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, many Americans take time to reflect on our country and on the marvelous confluence of events that have led us, as a nation, along this path, and well we should.

In Late November, I flew on Allegiant Airlines non-stop from Sanford Airport to South Bend IN. It cost me just \$89.00, a real bargain! In 2 hours and 10 minutes, we flew over 1100 miles. I rented a Ford SUV and brought some parts back in it. Also visited friends along the way.

If you've never been to South Bend, you really are missing something. SASCO sells parts that were once in the factory parts inventory, and always, there is a hidden treasure of a part that you stumble across as you walk down the aisles.

The Studebaker National Museum is only a half mile or so away, and is a truly comprehensive display of over 130 years of Studebaker transportation. No other company anywhere can better that record, even as of today. A truly amazing variety of products. Also nearby, there's even a restaurant operating out of a mansion that once belonged to one of the five Studebaker brothers.

All in all, South Bend is well worth a visit, even if you just combine it with a visit to one or more other places like I did, by renting a car and driving it home and seeing other sights along the way. Or, you can fly round trip!

I hope that as 2007 approaches (and by the time you get this newsletter, it will be here already) you will consider making a New Years resolution to attend more club meetings and functions. A few of you do, but we need

more of you at our meetings. For some of you, I know, it is a sacrifice, for one reason or another, and I understand that. But all that we ask is that you try. And you never know - it might become a habit! We hope so. Until next time...

## 2006 Christmas Dinner

By Don Dodgen

December 9, 2006 was a pleasant day in Central Florida and at 5:00 PM, 15 people gathered at the Sanford Ithop on Hwy 17-92 for our annual Christmas dinner/meeting.

Frank & Anita Ambrogio, Karen DeFazio, John & Joann Gormican, Don Dodgen, Dean & Jean Gessner, Marion White, Larry & Barbara Golub, Jim & Ann Morgan, and Jerry & Cindi Shelton were the attendees.

Another location had been planned on, but unfortunately went out of business in October, leaving us hanging.

Everyone seemed to enjoy IHOP though. Some people were even observed ordering a breakfast rather than a dinner selection. That's somewhat unorthodox on the surface, but perfectly allowable under the circumstances!

John Gormican cheerfully hosted our traditional Chinese auction once everyone present had eaten their fill. Many nice gifts were chosen or re-chosen, and everyone seemed to have a good time.

There was a short business meeting prior to the auction. We discussed possibly going to the air museum, and/or the pancake breakfast in DeLeon Springs. Dean was going to check on these items and we will let you know the results.

Our Secretary has informed me that the meeting minutes have been misplaced, so we will not be able to relate any other information on what transpired at the meeting. We were all pretty much in the holiday spirit anyway, so we didn't really didn't make any concrete decision.

We'll further our discussions at the January meeting. Hope to see you there.

## From The Editor

This newsletter nearly was sent out without any of the preceding material being included. The deadline for submissions had passed and nothing had come in. There was no report on the picnic. There was no report on the Christmas Dinner. There was no report on any of the monthly breakfasts. Minutes were taken at the December meeting, held at the Christmas Dinner, however the Secretary informed me that they were lost. Therefore, there were also no meeting minutes to report. The entire issue would have consisted of this page and the Want Ad page.

Things were looking worse than bleak. I was prepared to simply mail the newsletter, as is, which was everything from this point on. Thanks to our President, we have a little more than a skeleton issue to mail to you. Don brought his two reports to the breakfast on New Years Eve morning, and I was able to slip them in.

We simply can't expect the same, one or two, people to supply articles and information for the newsletter. More people must contribute, or we may have to consider a quarterly printing and mailing schedule.

## Membership News

To join our chapter, or to renew your membership, send your name, address, phone number, and details of the Studebakers you own, along with your check. Renewals are still \$10.00 per family.

The dues schedule for new members is shown in the "Join Our Chapter" section of this issue. This section also contains my mailing address and Email address.

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8:00 a.m. Last Sunday of each month. TooJays Gourmet Deli, 3577 Lake Emma Rd (off Lake Mary Blvd), Lake Mary, FL. Mark your calendar and join us at TooJay's. And, BYOB (*Bring Your Old Baker*).

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 10- C.A.C. Pancake Breakfast at Deleon Springs. Breakfast call is at 11:15 and dont be late or youll not be seated. Location is at Deleon Springs State Park. See you there.

Apr. 14- O.A.C. is having an outing at Fantasy of Flight which is just north of Lakeland. Well be meeting there at 11 am. Karan DeFazio called and got the information on prices on tickets. Adult admision is \$26.95 at the door. Karan said she would get discount tickets through A.A.A. for \$21.95. You must get the \$21.95 to Karan before Mar.31 for the discounted price. Bring a box lunch or there is diner at the museum. For more Information go to [WWW.fantasyofflight.com](http://WWW.fantasyofflight.com) The club deecided to donate ten dollars to the Stude. museum for every person that goes to the air museum. So lets see how many people we can get there. To get there take exit #44 east off Interstate 4 in the area of Lakeland,Fl. When you see the red and white water tower you are there.

#### LOCATION

Fantasy of Flight is located on I-4 at exit#44, halfway between Orl. and Tampa. Our red and white checkerboard water tower is easily seen from the I-4 exit.



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We are the owners of a 1950 Studebaker School Bus and are interested in selling same. The Bus is in really good shape; the motor has been recently completely overhauled; brand new tires in back; front tires are good. We painted it white with a blue stripe along the side; installed some carpet and bolted a Poker Table in the center. We are enclosing a picture; \$6,850.00 cash; if any questions, etc., please call: 712-852-2090. The best times to call would be early morning, noon, or evening; we do not have an answering machine. Robert and Bonnie Wuebker, 404 N. Superior St, Emmetsburg, IA 50536, 712-852-2090

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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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Happy Spring Time to you all! As I write this column, it is supposed to get down into the low 40s by sun-up. But, when you will be reading this, spring will be well on its way.



Yes, time to work on that Stud Bucket. It's not humid yet, not hot, not rainy. Three of your favorite excuses, (mine too) are shot down for the next 3 months or so. So let's make the most of it and work on them 'Bakers.

I almost had a tragedy. While having the engine pressure washed in my 1963 Hawk last week, the engine was started up to move the car. At that moment, the oil pressure hose going from the engine to the oil pressure gauge broke off at the motor. Oil went everywhere. If I had been driving the car at 70 M.P.H. out on I-4, I probably would have lost all the oil and ruined the engine.

That hose had lasted 44 years or so, long beyond its design life. Even now it doesn't look bad, but the brass fitting end snapped right off of the rubber hose part. I ordered 3 new ones, they are only \$16.50 or so each, for the 3 cars I am now driving. Cheap insurance. You might want to change yours. I certainly recommend it.

Until next time....

## OAC Meeting minutes

January 13, 2007

Submitted by: Anita Ambrogio, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at approx. 7:05 p.m. Members present were Don Dodgen and friend Fred Trowbridge, Marion White, DeFazios and grandson Shane, Gessners, Ambrogios, Morgans, Gormicans, and Stu and Thelma Chapman from Burlington, Ontario.

Minutes from the Dec meeting were not available. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2104 plus \$29 to be

deposited. Report was accepted.

**Under old business:** After some discussion, the trip to Fantasy of Flight was finally scheduled for April 14th. The cost per person with tickets purchased at AAA will be approx. \$20. Karen will verify the amount with AAA and notify Dean for inclusion in the newsletter. We will meet there at 11:00 for lunch and the tour. It was decided that rather than subsidize the club members for part of the charge, a donation of \$10 will be made to the Studebaker National Museum for each attendee. Karen is to receive payment for those planning to attend by April 1st.

A motion was made and carried for our annual trip to DeLeon Springs for the pancake breakfast. It is tentatively planned for Feb 10th. Dean will call and make sure that date is available. If not, it will be moved to the 17th. He will make the reservation for 11:00 am and we will meet there at 10:30 as everyone must be present before they will seat us.

Marion mentioned that the Post Office now has Studebaker mouse pads for sale.

Frank said the votes for Regional Manager are being accepted. Nominees are Edith Fifer and Steve Wiley. He provided the forms for each member to fill out. They were returned to him and he will mail them.

Dean asked whether we had any information on the Insurance for Club Officers. Frank will contact Brian Millette and find out the status. *(See next story)*

A 50-50 drawing was held and the winner was Thelma Chapman. Meeting was adjourned at about 7:50 pm.

## Chapter Officer Liability Insurance

Brian Millette Provides an Update

It is true that SDC will be paying for the Officer Liability Insurance starting in July of 2007. Hopefully, by the first of February, we will have a form on the SDC Website that can be filled out by the chapter and sent to me. I will need the current officers, their SDC member number and it would be great if at least one e-mail address for the



group was provided. If you want to send that in before it gets on line, that is fine. I am saving those who send in early. If a chapter does not send the list, their officers will not be covered.

Brian Millette.

*(NOTE: Frank sent the requested information to Brian in an Email, so our officers will continue to be covered by the insurance)*

## **OAC Meeting minutes**

**February 10, 2007**

**Submitted by: Anita Ambrogio, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at approx. 12:40 pm. Members present were Don Dodgen and friend Fred, DeFazios, Gessners, Ambrogios, & Gormicans. This was after a fine breakfast at DeLeon Springs State Park. We enjoyed pancakes, eggs, bacon, ham, etc., along with blueberries and chocolate chips.

**Under old business:** A brief discussion was held regarding the Fantasy of Flight plans. Don made a motion to reinstate the \$10 club donation toward the Fantasy of Flight ticket price for members and their spouses or guests. This would be in addition to the donation of \$10 per member to the Studebaker Museum. The motion was seconded and passed. The full amount will be forwarded to Karen by Mar 31st, and reimbursement will be given to those attending. No reimbursement will be given to "no-shows". Other chapters will be invited to join us, but will arrange for tickets on their own.

Frank passed on the information he had received from Brian Millette regarding Insurance coverage for club officers. He has forwarded a list of our officers to Brian. If at least 50% of all chapters participate, the insurance should be in effect sometime in July 2007.

Postcards. Rusty is still working on that project. If he cannot get all the info on a regular post card size, he will use larger cards and we will have to pay 39 cents to mail them. They will be sent to past club members and others within a reasonable distance from Orlando.

Rusty mentioned the car show coming up in the Villages on Feb. 17th. Studebaker will be the featured marque, so all members are encouraged to bring their cars. There is also one being held at Cranes Roost behind Altamonte Mall on that date, but participation is limited to 100 cars.

**Under new business:** Frank reminded us that elections are coming up in April. Nominations will be accepted at the March & April meetings.

No 50/50 drawing was held, the meeting was adjourned about 1:20 pm and everyone headed home.

## **January Breakfast Meeting**

**By Don Dodgen**

Close attention was paid by all major news media as members and friends assembled for our monthly breakfast.

There was a close result in the "battle of the breakfasts" as omelets won out 4 to 3 over combination breakfasts. A few "also rans" appeared on the tables as well.

We almost made it into double digits as 9 people attended our Sunday morning repast. Bob Coolidge, Dean & Jean Gessner, John & Joann Gormican, Don Dodgen and new tenant Nathan Wyant, Rusty DeFazio, and guest club member Wayne Farmer were in attendance.

Wayne is a snow-bird from Washington state, who winters in Kissimmee, and intends to join our chapter.

A good time was had by all as club business was discussed, as well as many other items of interest generally.

Full coverage of all of our world changing deliberations and decisions were made available for transmission to all world governments and organizations upon our departure.

We had a nice time at De Leon Springs for our February meeting. In April, we are going to Fantasy of Flight. This is YOUR club and one of the things mentioned on the survey was MORE ACTIVITIES. We are trying to have different kinds of activities for different people. PLEASE support YOUR club.

Check your calendar, get off your rusty dusty, and ATTEND CLUB ACTIVITIES. Please do your part.

## **The Village's Car Show**

**By, Karen DeFazio**

On Saturday, February 17, 2007, Rusty and I went to the Village's Car Show. This is an open car show, but this month they featured the "Studebaker".

Our car is very close to being completed, but not quite ready, so we drove our every day car up. We were pleasantly surprised when we arrived, to see how well organized it was. They had several streets roped off and the car show was situated on the street, which was surrounded by a lovely huge park. The weather was sunny but a little on the cold side. But there were still over a hundred cars, including Studebaker Hawks, Larks, Trucks, Daytonas and Packards. We were told there are usually over two hundred cars but they figured the cold scared some of the people away. All the cars were so beautiful, and it was very interesting to see the other



makes and models of cars.

There were several food vendors and "oldie music" playing from the park. Also there were a lot of nice stores and restaurants to tempt you.

The Villages have a car show every 3rd Saturday of the month. They have you bring in your car at 2:30pm and the show lasts until 7:00pm. After the show they have a "cruise of cars" around the town.

Rusty and I really enjoyed it and both agreed it was one of our favorite car shows we ever attended. Hope to see you there next month!

## **Breakfast at Ponce De Leon Springs**

*By, Karen DeFazio*

It was a chilly morning on Saturday, February 10th when we met for a fun breakfast at Ponce de Leon Springs. It seemed good to get out of the cold when they called for the Studebaker Club to be seated.

Each table has a grill built into the table. You place your order, they turn on the grills and they bring you your beverage, uncooked eggs, two different kinds of pancake batter, blueberries, chocolate chips, sliced bananas, bread and eggs. (The only thing you don't cook is the meat product that you might have ordered.) Then you are ready to cook! As we were cooking our breakfast we noticed the other end of the table, and you would have thought we had some short-order cooks among us, as their food looked so professionally cooked. Every pancake was perfectly rounded! This is pretty smart of the restaurant as no orders are sent back and it sure is fun! It's been a long time since I laughed so much at breakfast.

In attendance were Anita & Frank Ambrogio, Joanne & John Gormican, Jean & Dean Gessner, Karen & Rusty DeFazio, Don Dodgen and his guest Fred Trowbridge.

When we were finished eating, we went outside to one of the picnic tables and had a short meeting. I look forward to our next outing in April at "Fantasy of Flight", located in Polk County. Other locations of the Studebaker Club are cordially invited to join us.

## **Orlando Area Chapter Breakfast**

*February 25, 2007*

*By Anita Ambrogio*

Toojay's was the location of our monthly breakfast. Members present were John & Joann Gormican, Dean Gessner, Don Dodgen & friend Fred, Rusty & Karen DeFazio, Frank & Anita Ambrogio, Bob Coolidge, and all the way from Merritt Island, Jim & Ann Morgan. Three

Studebakers were driven - 2 1956 Golden Hawks owned by the Ambrogios and the Morgans, and a 1949 Land Cruiser owned by Bob Coolidge. We all ate heartily and had some lively conversation. Rusty passed around the post card he designed and everyone agreed he had done a fine job. Everyone headed home about 9:30 am.

## **A Dream Fulfilled**

**Chapter One**

**By Don Dodgen**

There they were, almost like book-ends. Two 1964 Hawks, offered to me at the same price of \$1250.00 each. I had to choose one, but which one? One had a better body, and the other one had a non-original Avanti R-1 engine. Both were automatics and nicely equipped.

I stood there in that garage, trying to decide. They both ran well. Finally I decided on the R-1 Hawk. I gave the man a deposit and got into my car for the 100 mile drive home from the Tampa area. It was frustrating to me that the man would only sell one of the two - they each had something the other lacked.

Two weekends later I was back to take delivery. For some reason the man insisted that I put the BACK wheels up on the tow dolly, instead of the FRONT wheels! So, off we drove, me driving the tow vehicle and my friend in the Hawk. He had his hands full. The Hawk was all over the road, even at 35 mph. Finally we turned it around and towed it the normal way, and things improved.

Then tragedy struck! As we're going 60 mph up I-4, the driver's side door on the Hawk flew open. My friend reached up to grab it and lost control. Cars scattered as we jackknifed and skidded into the grass median. Tune in the next issue for the next episode of "A Dream Fulfilled".

## **Chapter Elections**

**Call For Nominations**

Our by-laws provide for annual elections to be held at the April meeting. We have seven elected officers and all are open for any chapter member in good standing to serve.

The positions and current officers are listed in the **OAC Chapter Officers** section, later in this issue.

If you would like to nominate yourself, send your notice to Don Dodgen. If you would like to nominate someone else, you must first obtain permission from that person, and submit the nomination and permission to Don also.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the April meeting.

## From The Editor

Karen DeFazio has shown us just how easy it is to contribute to our newsletter. It's such a simple thing to write a little story about some event you attended. We can correct your spelling and grammar by simply processing the story through the computer software. Why not give it a try. We promise we'll make you look good in print.

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**March 20** Sunshine Chapter 3rd annual Studebakers at Old Town 2:00 PM Contact Butch Figurella 561-793-4957 butchfig@bellsouth.net

**April 14** Fantasy of Flight and Monthly meeting 11:00 AM at Fantasy of Flight. Contact Karen for payment.

**April 29** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's.

**May 12** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at ?

**May 27** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's.

**June 24** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's.

**July 29** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's.

**August 26** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's.

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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.

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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## From The President

By Don Dodgen

Here I am, writing to you in the afterglow of our great outing/April meeting at Fantasy of Flight.



It was a bit overwhelming, in more ways than one, as we had inadvertently picked the same weekend to be here as a big annual Ford Mustang show! So there were a lot more people and cars than we thought would be there. But all took it in good stride, and we saw some beautiful, restored hallmarks of aviation history. Some you could only look at, but some you could even get on board! Very interesting and informative.

Our postcard project is almost done. Rusty DeFazio has done a terrific job in heading up this project. We will soon have some really nice cards to give out or send out. A month ago, a young couple joined my church. They have a Studebaker! A city building inspector came to check my garage remodeling - guess he's got a Studebaker too, because he got really excited in front of the carpenters when he saw mine, and said he had to come over to see me ON HIS OWN TIME! My point is that you never know when opportunity will come knocking. Let's work together and get some new blood into our club.

And yes, after 4 years of planning and waiting, and one hurricane, the construction remodeling of my garage is almost done. Its been a long road. Now I can really get organized! Anybody got any extra time on their hands?

Until next time....

## March Monthly Breakfast

By Frank Ambrogio

Nine members and two guests showed up for the breakfast this month. Bob Coolidge arrived with his 1949 Land Cruiser. Jim & Ann Morgan and Frank & Anita Ambrogio brought their 1956 Golden Hawks.

Arriving in a more "normal" mode of transportation were Joann Gomican, and Rusty & Karen DeFazio who brought two of their grandchildren, Amber & Shane Richards.



Golden Hawk Sandwich

From our vantage point inside the restaurant, we noticed a larger than usual number of people stopping to enjoy the Studebakers. Many of them even still had dark hair and they were able to move about with great mobility. The number of young people looking was encouraging and maybe some of them will remember the Studebakers as they add years to their life's resume.

It was a very nice time and we lasted a little longer than usual, finally breaking up around 10:00 AM.

## OAC Meeting minutes

March 10, 2007

Submitted by: Karen DeFazio

The meeting was held at International House of Pancakes located on 17-92 in Sanford and was called to order at 7:05pm. Frank & Anita were on a trip to Spain, so Don asked if I would take the minutes for this meeting.

In attendance were Joann and John Gormican, Ann and Jim Morgan, Don Dodgen, Karen and Rusty DeFazio.

Rusty read the treasurer's report stating that we had a balance of \$2,096.14.

### Under Old Business:

Rusty checked with several different printing places and decided in the long run, it was cheaper for him to do the postcards himself as there is no minimum and we can print exactly what we need. He improved the picture

quality of the photos and they are looking good! Karen confirmed that she is still willing to do labels for the postcards.

The trip to Fantasy of Flight is all set. Karen is picking up the tickets from Triple A the first week in April. The discount saves each person \$5.00. We will be meeting there at 11:00am on April 14th. We also decided to have lunch in their café. Everyone seemed to look forward to this excursion.

#### **Under New Business:**

A weary but very dedicated, Don Dodgen drove to the meeting directly from leaving the South/East Zone Show. This year it was held at the Holiday Inn in Charleston, SC. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate and it rained all day on Friday, which kept a lot of people away. Don said there were about 2 of everything making the total around 35 cars. He said he took pictures of the Hawks, Larks, Champions and Trucks and promised to bring his pictures next time to share.

Rusty and Karen celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary on March 6th and took a trip to Sedona, AZ & the Grand Canyon, which they talked about at this meeting. They had a WONDERFUL time!

No 50/50 drawing was done, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

## **Automaker Woes Signal Decline of U.S.**

*By Patrick Buchanan - Submitted by Jeff Elliott*

On Valentine's Day, Chrysler sent a bouquet to its North American workers. Eleven thousand manufacturing jobs will be eliminated in the next 24 months--9,000 in the states and 2,000 in Canada - and 2,000 white collar workers will be let go, permanently.

The SUV assembly plant in Newark, Del., will be closed. The Warren, Mich., -truck plant and South St. Louis assembly plant will each lose one of their two shifts. Earlier, Ford posted the largest loss of any company in history, \$12.7 billion, breaking GM's record \$10.6 billion loss in 2005.

Toyota, having swept by Chrysler and Ford, is challenging GM for first in sales in the U.S. market. When we were growing up, U.S. automakers had the entire U.S. market to themselves and dominated the world market.

#### **How is Japan succeeding?**

First, the Japanese make fine cars. Second, Japan manipulates its currency to keep it cheap against the dollar, to keep the price of Japanese autos below comparable U.S. models. Third, Tokyo maintains a lock

on its home market by imposing a value added tax on auto imports from America, and rebating that tax on autos and parts exported to America. This double-subsidy can give a Japanese car a 15 percent price advantage over a Ford or GM car in both markets.

Fourth, Japanese auto companies setting up plants here are free of "legacy costs" of pensions and health insurance for retired U.S. workers. For Japanese companies have almost no retired American workers. Legacy costs at GM, Ford and Chrysler, must be factored into the price of every car.

Finally, there is the venerable practice of "transfer pricing." Japanese auto parts manufacturers overcharge U.S. subsidiaries for parts. This cuts the profit of their U.S. subsidiaries and thus reduces their U.S. corporate taxes. Profits are repatriated, virtually untaxed, to Japan.

Thus is Japan capturing America's auto market and bringing down the great companies that built the machines of war which brought down Japan's empire. Revenge is a dish best eaten cold.

To stay competitive in their own home market, U.S. manufacturers are closing down plants, laying off American workers and building their cars outside the United States.

The day before Chrysler's announcement, the Census Bureau trade figures were released. Charles MacMillion of MBG Information Services had them broken down before they hit the wires.

In 2006, the United States ran a deficit in traded goods of \$836 billion, a fifth-straight world record. For manufactured goods, the U.S. trade deficit reached \$536 billion, worsening from the 2005 record of \$504 billion. Under President Bush, 3 million U.S. manufacturing jobs have disappeared - one in every six.

To understand what is happening to Chrysler, Ford and GM, one need only glance at the trade figures in the auto sector. The United States ran a trade deficit in trucks, autos and auto parts of \$144.7 billion.

If America continues on this course, where we have run up \$4 trillion in trade deficits in manufactured goods since Bill Clinton took office, the end is predictable.

An eventual collapse of the dollar, making us a poorer nation. The shuttering of every U.S. factory that makes traded goods. A constant hemorrhaging of manufacturing jobs, now down to 10 percent of our labor force. An end of America's pre-eminence as the world's foremost industrial and technological power. An end to the Second American Century, as the Asian Century begins.

Everything some have been warning about for decades - huge trade deficits, a falling dollar, de-industrialization,



a rising dependence on foreigners for the vital necessities of our national life, diminished freedom of action concomitant with that dependency - has come to pass.

The world is witnessing the passing of the United States as the greatest industrial power and the most self-sufficient republic the world had ever seen. Yet, no one acts. Why?

Ideology is one reason. Free-trade fanatics are like those devout Christians who will not undergo surgery, even if their malady is killing them. Second, there are the obtuse who simply cannot see that our "trade partners" have found a way around the rules and are skinning us alive.

Third, to gain and hold high office, candidates of both parties depend on the contributions of a monied elite, whose salaries, bonuses, stock options and golden parachutes depend on a rising share price; which means constantly cutting costs by moving production out of the United States and getting rid of high-wage American workers.

#### **There are rewards for economic treason.**

Look for the Democrats to find a way to give Bush - despite the astonishing record of trade failures documented above - fast-track authority to negotiate still more such trade deals. Who takes the king's shilling becomes the king's man.

### **Southeastern Zone Meet**

*By: Don Dodgen*

There I was, driving down I-26 on the way to this meet in Charleston, South Carolina. (actually in Mt. Pleasant - right next door). This is the next to the last leg of a week-long vacation up north. Its Friday, 2 in the afternoon and I have absolutely not a clue as to where the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn (site of the Meet) is located. Then comes guidance.



A 1937 bright red Studebaker "hot rod" coupe goes flying by me at a good pace, somewhat over the speed limit. It didn't take me long to figure out that, at that speed, he must know where he was going, so I fell in behind him and followed the guy. It then started to rain, but I saw his vacuum wipers work every once in a while, and he was able to keep flying along.



About 40 miles and one long bridge (across Charleston Bay) later, his left turn signal came on. I glanced over and, sure enough, a Holiday Inn with a sprinkling of Studebakers appeared. The rain continued.

I was cheerfully greeted by the local chapter volunteers, with lots of time on their hands, due to the heavy rain. Only about 25 brave cars so far. No vendors set up. No pictures taken of cars. No designated parking for categories set up. Too much rain. I had a couple of brownies in the hospitality room and drank some Dr. Pepper.



I checked in directly across the street at a Days Inn, saving \$25.00 over the "special rate" offered by the Holiday Inn, and got some sleep.

Next morning it was still cloudy and gray, but at least the rain had stopped. The sun poked through on occasion, showing a few more cars, including one Packard, a beautiful '55 Panama V-8, red and black two tone paint with A/C and a continental kit - really flashy! Both (!) vendors set up and a few more cars trickled in. There was 2 or 3 of just about everything . . . a total of about 32 cars when I left at 10:15 Saturday morning, to make our club meeting in Sanford IHOP at 6:00 pm.



### **OAC Meeting Minutes**

*April 14, 2007*

*Submitted by: Anita Ambrogio, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order at approx. 1:00 pm. Members present were Don Dodgen and friend Fred, DeFazio and nephew Nicky, Gessners, Ambrogios, Morgans & Gormicans. This meeting was held after lunch during our visit to Fantasy of Flight. We enjoyed several of the presentations and tours of the planes. Also, the Mustang Club was having a meet, so many of the cars were on display.

**Under old business:** The minutes from the March meeting were read by Karen DeFazio, and approved. Rusty gave a treasurer's report which was also approved. The current balance is \$1887.36. From that we will have to deduct \$120.00 to be sent to the SDC Museum (\$10 for each member present) as well as a \$10 refund to each member towards the cost of the Fantasy of Flight tickets. John & Joann Gormican, and Marion White returned this amount to the club treasury.

Don asked about insurance for club officers and was reminded that Frank had passed on the information on our officers to Brian Millette at SDC. If at least 50% of all chapters participate, the insurance should be in effect sometime in July 2007.

**Postcards.** The final copy is ready and it was determined to be less costly for Rusty to produce them rather than having a printer do the job. They will be sent to past club members and others within a reasonable distance from Orlando. Several will be provided to each member to pass out to potential members. Don mentioned that he had met a new couple at church and they own a '63 Daytona Hardtop. He will be in touch with them soon.

**New Business:** Don gave a brief report on his trip to California. Over the past several years he had been told about someone in the area who had 40-50 Studebakers. After many trips to the location without finding anyone around, he was finally given the phone number of the owner, Bob Peterson. He contacted him and was able to set up a time to meet at the site. Bob told Don he had lost the lease on the property and needed to dispose of everything by May, 2008. Don was able to procure several parts for his cars as well as some trim for Rusty. Finally success!

A letter was received from Ed Reynolds of the International Meet Committee asking for donations by chapters for trophies for the Meet in June. This is expected to be one of the biggest ever, especially since the new Museum is now opened. The cost is \$35 per trophy. It was agreed after a vote that we donate funds to cover the cost of 2 trophies, which will be \$70. A check was written by Rusty and given to Frank. He will write a cover letter and forward the donation.

A 50/50 drawing was held and Dean was the winner. He turned the money over to the treasury.

The meeting was adjourned about 1:45 pm.

## **A Dream Fulfilled**

**Chapter Two**  
**By Don Dodgen**

There we were, jack-knifed on the median of I-4. The traffic untangled and sped off as I got out of my truck and surveyed the damage. The tow vehicle was undamaged - but the Hawk I had just purchased had a badly bent up rear quarter panel on the passenger side, extending into the body of the car. My friend had neglected to close the door tightly and it had flown open at 60 mph on the highway.

A quick inspection showed me that there was no damage to the running gear of either vehicle, and I could just imagine the sounds of sirens coming to our rescue! So we quickly hooked up again, and, within 5 minutes, we

were on our way again towards Orlando.

Soon we were home. I fired up my new acquisition and parked it under my carport, then took the tow dolly back.

I then began the hunt for a rear quarter panel. I looked and looked, to no avail, around Florida. The car needed a lot of T.L.C., but I was determined to start with that quarter panel.

A few months went by, and a planned trip out to California began to take shape. Someone new began to advertise in Turning Wheels, and they were right on the street I would be taking from the airport to where I was going to stay.

It was a great flight and nice weather in Long Beach. If you are flying to Southern California, by the way, you don't want to fly into Los Angeles International Airport. It is huge, and surrounded by roads and freeways that are snarled up with traffic much of the time, and very intimidating. Long Beach Airport is small and much easier to get around in and to leave - as is Orange County Airport. Anyhow, I got my rental car and exited the airport property right onto Willow Avenue, which becomes Katella Avenue in Anaheim, about 9 miles down the road.

On the way, I kept my eyes open and, finally, low and behold! A Studebaker Parts and Service sign became visible on my left. I drove in, introduced myself, and asked if they had a passenger side rear quarter panel for a Hawk. Bill said he thought he had one - to go over by the fence and look at the Hawk that I would find sitting there. I walked over there, and guess what I saw?

Tune in next time for the next episode of "A Dream Fulfilled" for the answer to that question.

## **Cruisin' The Original Woodward Avenue**

*By Frank Ambrogio*



My brother John came to visit from Michigan during the first two weeks of March. He brought along a book which I had been meaning to buy, ever since I first heard about it this past Christmas.

The book is called, "Cruisin' The Original Woodward Avenue". The reason I wanted to buy it was because it was written in part by my Cousin, Anthony Ambrogio.

He, along with Sharon Luckerman created this nostalgic look at this most famous of Detroit's streets, for the Woodward Heritage Team. There is some great history about Detroit, my home town, as well as many, many period photos. There is even a photo of my brother with his 1953 Ford on page 64, and an Avanti on page 85.

If you like cruisin' and the old cars that participated in them, I think you'll enjoy it. I admit, given the circumstances, that I'm a bit biased, but I did enjoy this trip down memory lane.

Next time you're at your favorite bookstore, or shop online at Amazon.com or Ebay.com, I hope you'll consider buying a copy. Anthony needs the money.

## **In Passing**

*From Bob Coolidge*

Leo Marsanskis, 85 of Daytona Beach, Florida passed away recently. He was the former Studebaker dealer in Rumford, Maine.

## **Chapter Elections**

### **Election Results**

When our President asked about items under old business, no one brought up the subject of electing new officers. Consequently, elections were not held at the April meeting, so it seems that last year's officers will serve another term.

## **Camp Challenge Country Fair**

*Easter seal camp hosts old car show*

*By Frank Ambrogio*



On April 21, Anita and I attended an event at the Easter Seals Camp Challenge in Sorrento. The hosts describe it as "the 27th Annual Hog Roast & Country Fair, an outdoor springtime festival with a relaxed family-friendly atmosphere. We promise something for everyone in the family!"

The event featured: Sonny's Bar-B-Q, Plant Sale, Silent and Live Auctions, Country Kitchen, Art and Craft Vendors, Pig Races, Kid's coloring area, and a Car Show.

The car show has only been part of the event for the past 3 years. The price for entering a car in the show was \$15.00, which included the Sonny's Bar-B-Que. The

regular admission price was \$8.00, so we saved \$1.00 by bringing our Studebaker. The cars were parked in a grassy field, with an abundance of trees, and it was an absolutely beautiful day.

Those of you who attended the Fantasy of Flight chapter activity a week earlier might remember a couple who joined us for lunch prior to our meeting. That couple was also at Camp Challenge, with their 1951 Ford, and we stopped by to say hello. Bill and Bonny Dunkle invited us to bring our chairs over and sit with them, which we did. Having someone to talk to and enjoy the activities helped make the day more enjoyable.

The car show was rather small with about 50 cars parked on the field. However, the host DJ stated that this was more than double the number over the previous years. Perhaps this will grow into something a little bigger.

The cars ranged from some pre-war street rods to some modern vehicles such as rather new Mustangs. I think someone said that if you like your car, bring it! There were a few original type cars, including a huge 1959 Cadillac. There was also a customized 1948 Packard, bright yellow, and complete with all the goodies.

There were only six awards handed out, and again the DJ stated that they just didn't expect so many cars. The awards were for such benign items as People's Choice, Ladies Choice, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Original, and Best Modified.

We came away empty handed in the awards department, but we still had a great time, with a very nice couple. Knowing that we helped out a good cause was a bonus.

## **More On Camp Challenge**

*From the Easter Seals Web Site*

Easter Seals Camp Challenge is a place where dreams come true. Founded in 1961, Camp Challenge is Florida's only Easter Seals Camp and is designed especially for children and adults with cognitive or physical disabilities. The camp is more than a fond memory for happy campers; it is also an integral part of their pursuit of independence. The facility provides year-round respite care and summer camp programs.

Situated on 63 wooded acres the camp has nine air-conditioned/heated cottages and two dormitories complete with large roll-in shower facilities, large wheelchair accessible swimming pool, dining hall, arts and crafts center, small farm, archery and rifle range, universal high and low ropes course, a one-half mile paved nature trail and a nature program. Support facilities include a 24-hour staffed health and wellness center, administrative building, and meeting rooms.

Camp Challenge has a fully equipped kitchen and trained staff. Meals are served in the dining hall. Each meal is



prepared for our camper's special needs. As a special treat on the last day, Camp Challenge has an elegant closing banquet. Campers don their best and are treated to an evening of music, a special dinner and the company of friends they have met at camp.

## From The Editor

Thanks to Jeff Elliott for the sending in that great article detailing the demise of the American auto industry, and how it has affected America. I forget. Who won WWII? Thanks also to Karen, Anita, Frank, and Bob for their contributions. I think it is quite obvious that our newsletter is much more readable when we have several contributors.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*What's Happening in our area*

**2007**

**May 12** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at ?

**May 27** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's.

**June 17-24** SDC International, Meet South Bend.

**June 24** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's.

**July 29** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's.

**August 26** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's.

**September 08** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at ?

**September 30** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's.

**October 13** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at ?

**October 28** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's.

**November (??)** Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

**November 25** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's.

**December (??)** Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

**December 30** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's.

## Tech Tip

*Noise At Front Suspension  
From a Studebaker Service Bulletin:  
Via the SDC Web Site*

This applies to all models with rubber and steel inner suspension bushings:

Noise at the front suspension may result from bushing looseness at the upper control arm inner shaft. This can be caused by: the retaining screw having backed out

leaving the bushing loose, the bushing retainer being worn and not holding the inner sleeve of the bushing, or the bushing itself being worn.

Remove and inspect the bushing retainer. The inner side of the retainer should have 6 serrations in good condition. The outside of the retainer should not have pronounced galled spots from the lock washer. Replace the retainer if necessary. Then, be sure to tighten the cap screws to the specified torque.

If the retaining screw has worked loose, install a "Nylok" self-locking screw which has been released under Part No. 1541700. Also a plain washer, Part No. G446211, has been released for service to replace the original lock washer used in production. It is recommended that this screw and washer be installed in all cases where the original production retaining screw has loosened and a noise condition exists. The new screw should be tightened to the proper torque of 35 ft.-lbs.

Under no circumstances should there be any lubricant applied to the bushing or retainer to cure a noise condition at this point.

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### ✓ MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings are held normally on the second Saturday of each month. Time and locations will vary. We do not meet during June, July, and August. Check each issue of Greasy Prints for the current information.

### ✓ MONTHLY BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. Last Sunday of each month. Toojays Gourmet Deli, 3577 Lake Emma Rd (off Lake Mary Blvd), Lake Mary, FL. Mark your calendar and join us at Toojay's. And, BYOB (*Bring Your Old Baker*).

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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.

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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## From The President

By Don Dodgen

Well, summer is almost here. Its mid-June, but high temperatures, humidity and daily tropical downpours have not yet quite combined in the proper summer proportions. It's been a year now since you elected me to be your president. It's been a great ride so far. Either you folks are happy with the job I'm doing, or maybe no one else wants the job as our election time came and went with no one seeming to be interested. I sincerely hope that it is happiness with the job I am doing for you (and with you), rather than lack of interest, that is the motivating factor.



I think that we can look back at the last year with pride at what we've done. We've had some great outings, donated money to the Museum, donated some Int'l Meet trophies, gone to Fantasy of Flight, and had a Christmas meal together. We've created publicity postcards about our club and are in the process of sending some out. We're having a great time at our Sunday breakfasts as well. And, don't forget that all through the summer we will be getting together at I-Hop on regular meeting Saturday nights, even though we're not having official meetings again until September. So, we've done new and old things together as a club, reached out to the National Organization financially, and are working actively to attract new people. It just doesn't get any better than that.

Along this line, I need to make two strong pleas to the two different groups of people that constitute our membership:

1) To the ACTIVE members of our club: PLEASE go out of your way to INVITE NEW PEOPLE (use our new postcards as a help) and RE-INVITE members. When these people come BE FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING! First impressions are important!

2) To our NOT-SO-ACTIVE members: WE NEED YOU! Your ideas, your input, your wisdom. The surveys that were returned last year have spoken. We've made some changes. Come and see! Be a part again! Those

of you who can come - even if only occasionally - please just come as you can. We understand limitations. We just ask that you do what you can.

On another topic, I would like to let everyone know that after serving as secretary for an extended period of time, and doing a truly excellent job of it, Anita Ambrogio has requested to be relieved of her duties. Karen DeFazio has kindly volunteered to take over the position. Thank you Anita, for a job well done.

Until next time....

## April Monthly Breakfast

By Don Dodgen

On April 29th, three large fowl and nine people descended on Toojays Restaurant. The fowl were all Hawks - Studebaker Hawks, that is. Frank Ambrogio piloted one 1956 Golden Hawk and Jim & Ann Morgan occupied a second 1956 Golden Hawk, and Don Dodgen drove his 1963 GT Hawk to the scene.

Additional attendees were Rusty DeFazio, John & Joann Gormican, Dean and Jean Gessner, Bob Coolidge, and Richard Langlotz.

We compared notes on our outing to the Fantasy of Flight attraction, while our gaggle of Hawks kept each other "abreast" of things outside. Various other subjects were also crowed about over delicious breakfasts. People "flocked" around the cars, and it was a good experience all the way around.

## OAC Meeting minutes

May 12, 2007

Submitted by: Anita Ambrogio

The meeting was called to order at approx. 7:20 pm. Members present were Don Dodgen and friend Fred, Rusty DeFazio, Ambrogios, Morgans & Gormicans.

**Under old business:** The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved. Rusty gave a treasurer's report which was also approved. The current balance is \$1716.36 after checks were issued to the Museum for \$120 and the International Committee for trophies for \$70.

Postcards. Rusty was able to enlarge the pictures. He has added Don & Edie Fifer's Bullethead. Don gave Rusty the list for Karen to make mailing labels. Rusty will add notes regarding meetings or other information that they decide are necessary.

Elections were supposed to be held in April. Don mentioned he would continue as president unless someone else was interested. Anita resigned her position as Secretary. Nominations for that position are open, but a motion was made and passed that the vote be delayed until our September meeting.

#### **New Business:**

A letter of thanks was received from Ed Reynolds of the International Meet Committee for our donation of \$70 for 2 trophies for the Meet in June.

The North Georgia chapter is holding a meet Aug 3-5 in Hiawassee Ga. If you want additional info, contact Don Dodgen.

After some discussion regarding summer meetings, it was decided to continue with informal meetings during June, July & August. This was to accommodate any potential new members. They will be held at our present location.

Rusty asked when it would be our turn to host the State Meet. There is no set order, especially now that several new chapters have been chartered. Don will see if he can arrange a presidents meeting this year at the meet in Palm Beach to address this matter. Edith Fifer will have info on club presidents as she is the Regional Director for the Southeast.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:05 pm.

### **May Sunday Breakfast**

*By Karen DeFazio*

It was a bright, sunny morning on Sunday, May 27th @ 8:00am and we were having our monthly breakfast at TooJay's in Lake Mary. Attending were Frank Ambrogio, Joann and John Gormican, Dean Gessner, Bob Coolidge, Don Dodgen and friend Fred Trowbridge, Dick Langlotz, Karen and Rusty DeFazio.

We discussed how we elected to continue our monthly meeting, held at I-Hop on 17-92 in Sanford, the 2nd Saturday of each month at 6:00pm, throughout the summer months. Previously we used to discontinue the meetings in the summer and start back up again in September.

Also we are planning on having more outings to different places. It was suggested by Dick that we visit the Casa Feliz mansion that was physically moved in Winter Park. Dick and his wife are tour guides there and he would be happy to arrange something for our club.

Rusty's car, a 57 Golden Hawk, is almost completed. He is waiting on some stainless steel chrome, and the radio. It's been a long 6 years, but I think he can finally say it's been worth the wait!!

The "missing you" postcards and labels that were made are ready to be sent out. We will probably send out a half dozen at a time.

It was a nice way to end the month with good friends and the breakfast was enjoyed by all. We hope to see you there next time!

### **Notre Dame & Studebaker**

*A Most Likely Partnership*

*By Frank Ambrogio*

The Notre Dame Club of Greater Orlando, in conjunction with Panera Bread, presented the 15th Annual Charity and Scholarship Golf Tournament. The event was held on May 19, 2007 at the Timacuan Country Club off Rinehart Road in Sanford. The charities benefitting from the tournament are: The Notre Dame Club scholarship fund, Midway Safe Harbor Center, Bishop Moore High School, Father Lopez High School, New Hope for Kids, and Hannah and Friends.

Last year, the ND Club contacted me to see if we could supply a Studebaker for their event. Bob Coolidge accepted and brought his 1948 Land Cruiser. The car was a big hit, and the ND Club decided to try and continue the tradition. They wanted a different car this time. Bob offered to bring one of his trucks, but they preferred a car. Bob asked if we would be willing to bring one of our 1956 Golden Hawks and we agreed.

We were contacted by one of the golf committee co-chairs, David Mack. We had a nice phone conversation and I sensed that David was quite interested in Studebaker. The arrangement was that our car would only be needed from 11:00 AM to about 1:00 PM. The Orlando Area Chapter - Studebaker Drivers Club was given special thanks in the program. (NOTE: They spelled everything correctly, except they made the all too common mistake of inserting an apostrophe, between the "R" and the "S" in the word, Drivers.)

The Studebaker wasn't the only celebrity in attendance. Basketball player, Pat Garrity, a 1998 Notre Dame Graduate, and Orlando Magic player, was presented the 2007 "Orlando ND Club Good Fellow" Award. This award is to honor a person who has made a significant good impact in business, the community, or education. Pat has

teamed up with "Feed the Children" and the Central Florida Police Athletic League to distribute food to needy families. Pat and presenter, Paul Partyka were standing in front of the Golden Hawk during the presentation.

There was a professional photographer named Steve Priest who took many photos. These have been posted to his web site, and can be viewed by pointing your browser to:

<http://photosbystevepriest.smugmug.com/gallery/2868614#153940894>

Once the tournament started, we were preparing to leave when David Mack came over to say hello. He introduced us to Rob Thompson who gave us a very nice Notre Dame cooler bag. I told them that I felt the Notre Dame/Studebaker combination seemed like a natural blending of two long time South Bend entities. I suggested that perhaps the University, the Studebaker Drivers Club, and the Studebaker National Museum should continue this arrangement on a much grander scale. They were both enthralled with the idea, and we discussed a few ideas on how this could be done.

I think we should continue our involvement with the Notre Dame Club, and I hope others will volunteer to bring a Studebaker to the tournament in future years. You've got a whole year to think about it.

## **June Sunday Breakfast**

*By Frank Ambrogio*

Seven members and one guest met for breakfast at Toojays in Lake Mary on Sunday June 24. President Don Dodgen and friend Fred Trowbridge were joined by Jim & Ann Morgan, Frank & Anita Ambrogio, and John & Joan Gormican.

The only Studebakers present were both 1956 Golden Hawks. The Morgans brought their Ceramic Green/Snowcap White car powered by a Chevrolet 327 V8. The Ambrogios brought their Packard 352 V8 powered Mocha/Snowcap White car.

## **A Dream Fulfilled**

**Chapter Three**

**By Don Dodgen**

The GT Hawk sat by the fence, basking in the warm California sun. As I looked it over, it had a nice rust-free passenger side rear quarter panel . . . but the rest of the body was dent-free and rust-free as well. Bill wanted \$150.00 for the rear quarter panel, but I decided that I should just ask him how much for the whole car! It had no rust or dents at all, and it just seemed like the wise thing to do. Bill told me \$600.00 for the whole car, minus engine and tranny. I thought it was a fair price. So I asked him to hold it for me for 10 days while I looked for a way to get it to Florida. He agreed.

My first thought was to tow it to Florida somehow. The cost to rent a truck and/or towbar for the trip was prohibitive, as I soon found out, but I reasoned 'If I could buy a vehicle to tow it to Florida with, and then sell the vehicle once I got to Florida, I wouldn't lose money'!

So, I started looking for something that was along that line - a nice rust-free California car, maybe a Studebaker, maybe a truck - that I could tow with and dispose of.

I looked around Anaheim and didn't see anything. I went on up to Northern California and continued my search from my parents' home in Castro Valley. Nothing! I was running out of time.

Mom wanted to go grocery shopping, and so I drove her down to the Safeway store on Castro Valley Boulevard. On the way through the check-out counter with our purchases, I saw a local shopping newspaper. I grabbed one and stuck it in the bag.

Once we got home and put the groceries away, I sat down to check out the shopping news. Suddenly, my eyes opened wide. There it was! What was it? Tune in again next issue for the next exciting episode of "A Dream Fulfilled".

## **A Good Tip**

*From Former Member Wayne Newberry*

A woman said her son found his license plate missing so he called the police to file a report. They told him people were stealing the plates to get free gas. Given the rise in gas prices, people have taken to stealing license plates, putting them on their car, then getting gas and running off without paying.

The gas station will have "your" license plate # and you could be in trouble for "pump and run". Check your car periodically to be sure you still have a plate. If you should find it missing, file a report immediately!!! Keep an eye on your license plate! Make sure you always know it's there!

When the license plate is reported as the "drive off vehicle", it's YOU they contact! Be aware!!!! Be aware of your license plates, most of us never look to see if they're there

## **Correspondence**

**Subject: The on-line version of Greasy Prints.**

The newsletter came out GREAT! I am glad it's worked out Thanks! I assume my US Mail copy will now be discontinued and save some postage. Great Job!  
**Karick Price**

**Subject: Meet trophy sponsor.**

Thanks so much for sponsoring trophies at our 43rd



International Meet to be held this June in South Bend, Indiana. Your contribution is appreciated. It will be a wonderful event and I hope to see you there.

**Ed Reynolds - SDC International Meet Committee**

**Subject: International Meet.**

Dear Frank and Anita: We are very glad you enjoyed the meet. We wish we could have done more. I feel the same way you do. I go to meets to have fun, not pick it apart. There were some fires to put out but nothing that could not be solved. Glad you liked the awards banquet meal. We did receive a lot of compliments for that. Please take care and we'll see you at Lancaster '08.

**Phil and Cindy Brown - Meet Chairmen**

## **43rd SDC international Meet**

*By Frank Ambrogio*

The Studebaker National Museum was the host for the meet held in South Bend IN during the week of June 17-23. With help from the Michiana Chapter, the event included a full schedule of tours, swap meet, car show, watch and toy car displays, fun night and the awards banquet.

We were able to get a non-stop flight on Allegiant Airlines from the Orlando Sanford International Airport in Sanford, to South Bend. We arrived in South Bend about 2:00 PM and after registering at the Quality Inn, headed straight to the SNM. The word "straight" might be a little inaccurate as we ended up making several U-turns before finally arriving at the Museum. It seems Chapin Street is also called Martin Luther King for part of the way, and this was not noted on the maps we had.

We picked up our registration packet and made a quick tour of the Museum. I will let the meet story unfold in a future issue of Turning Wheels, but I did want to tell you about some of our own adventures.

We attended the welcome party on Monday evening at the Museum. We ran into many old friends, enjoyed some ice cream, and engaged in many conversations concerning the Museum and how beautiful it was. This is a first class facility and is a must see attraction for anyone visiting the South Bend area.

On Tuesday, we went to the swap meet, but we probably only saw about one third of the vendors. We spent more time speaking with other acquaintances such as long time OAC member, Bill Hahn of Holly Hill FL. We had dinner Tuesday evening with OAC members Stu & Thelma Chapman and Alberto & Olga Sanchez de Fuentes at the former home of Clement Studebaker, known as Tippecanoe Place. Wednesday, we had lunch with some former co-workers from Michigan at the Morris Inn on the Notre Dame campus.

The Packard Club was having its meet at the same time,

and we went to their host hotel to take a look at all the beautiful cars. These would also be on the same show field as the Studebakers on Thursday. This proved to be a great idea, and I hope the trend will continue. It might even be something to think about for our State Meets.

Wednesday evening was our annual 1956 Golden Hawk dinner where we were joined by about 50 people at the State Café in downtown South Bend. About 10 Golden Hawks of the 1956 vintage were parked around the Café, and we spent a few hours after dinner comparing notes.

Thursday was show time, and the Studebakers and Packards were out in force. The St. Joseph County Fair Grounds was the setting, and there was ample room for all the cars. In fact, it was too much to absorb in one day. We took a break at lunch time and met up with Anita's cousin, who was on his way to Detroit, from near Chicago. Afterwards, we returned to the show and took another look at all the beautiful cars.

During this time, we ran into some old friends whom we haven't seen in quite some time. Former Secretary, and still current member, Dave Straughn gave me a copy of the November 1996 issue of Turning Wheels, which had a photo of our car on the back cover. We also were so surprised to see George and Martha Morrill who now live in New Hampshire. George was President of our chapter for two years, and Martha served as our Editor for about a year. The five of us had a great time talking about the old days, and catching up on the present.

We've owned our 1956 Golden Hawk since 1983, and I'd only ridden in one other similar car. That was in 1983, before we bought our car. That car still belongs to Bob Edwards of Jacksonville FL. I've been wanting to ride in another 1956 GH just to see how it might compare to our cars. On Thursday, I got that chance.

Ray Martin of Sparta Ontario took me for a ride in his 1956 Golden Hawk. His car is nearly identical to ours, except his was a first place winner. So, it is a little better than ours as we've never won anything at an International meet.

On Friday, we visited the town of Shipshawanna to the East of South Bend. It is an Amish town, and we had a great time looking around the city and viewing the sights. Friday evening was the time for the awards banquet and we sat with Stu & Thelma Chapman and Ray & Vera Martin. It was a great night for the 1956 Golden Hawk gang as all five cars entered for judging won first place awards. There were five others on display for a grand showing of ten cars.

Saturday proved to be an unexpected treat. We learned that the Studebakers would be running on the old Proving Ground track so we decided to head out there. We felt we would have some time to see the happenings before we caught our flight back home.

We met another 1956 Golden Hawk owner, Bill & Carolyn Hunt of Sparland IL. We've gotten to know the Hunts over the last six years as they always stop at our house during their annual winter pilgrimage to Florida. Bill, like Ray Martin, has a car painted the same color as ours. Well, Carolyn insisted that I ride with Bill around the track while she took pictures. After a *tremendous amount of arm twisting*, I finally gave in to her request.

The Bosch Company has taken over this facility, and the track was in excellent shape. We made three laps around the track. The Studebakers were lined up three abreast and there must have been fifty rows of cars. The pace car went a little too slow for Bill and my standards. At 15-20 miles per hour it is hard to keep a 275 horsepower beast from holding back. The car just couldn't decide which gear to stay in, so it kept shifting as we inched faster and then slowed again.

Once the ride was over, we hustled out of the parking lot, made a quick stop for lunch, and caught the plane back to Sanford. It's nice to be home, but I still miss the fun and excitement of yet another SDC meet. With the exception of three times, we've attended all the meets since our first one in Seattle in 1982. I never get tired of it, and hope we can continue to do so for many years to come.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*What's Happening in our area*

### 2007

#### July

14 Monthly meeting dinner at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford 6:00 PM.

29 Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### August

3-5 4th Annual Georgia State Meet, Georgia Mountain Fairground, Hiawassee, hosted by the North Georgia Chapter. Chuck Lampman 770-926-7142, or [chuck@lampman.com](mailto:chuck@lampman.com).

11 Monthly meeting dinner at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford 6:00 PM.

26 Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### September

08 Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

30 Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### October

13 Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

October 26-27-28 Florida State Meet Palm Beach, at the Holiday Inn-Airport, I-95 at Belvedere Rd, 1-800-792-3880 Hosted by the Sunshine Chapter. Info: Butch Figurella Tel:

561-793-4937 email: [butchfig@bellsouth.net](mailto:butchfig@bellsouth.net)

28 Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### November

(??) Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

25 Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### December

(??) Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

30 Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

### 2008

#### January

12 Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

27 Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### February

09 Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

24 Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### September

14-20 SDC International Meet in Lancaster PA, hosted by the Keystone Region Chapter. See Turning Wheels for details.

#### November

(??) Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

#### December

(??) Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

### 2009

#### July

12-18 SDC International Meet in Cedar Rapids Iowa, hosted by the Hawkeye Chapter. See Turning Wheels for details.

#### November

(??) Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

#### December

(??) Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

### 2010

#### May

31-June 4 SDC International Meet in Phoenix AZ hosted by the Grand Canyon State Chapter. See Turning Wheels for details.

#### November

(??) Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

#### December

(??) Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

## From The Editor

Thanks once again to all who contributed to this issue. Remember, we can't print it if we don't get it. I hope more of you will tell the rest of us about your old car experiences. If you've made some progress on your project, or attended a show, why not tell the rest of us about it? You can see how easy it is. And, if you have email, it is even easier.

Just send it to the email address shown on the front page, and we'll do the rest. Don't worry about spelling or grammar. We have software that can correct that for you.

I see by Don's article, the Karen DeFazio has agreed to serve as our Secretary. This is a great relief to all of us as the Secretary's position is very important. Karen has provided interim relief for former Secretary Anita in the past, so I know she will do a great job. We look forward to working with her in the future.

## Tech Tip

**Keeping Your Oil Clean**  
*From the Packard Courier*  
**Newsletter of the Florida Packard Club**

John Blanton has come up with a novel way to insure less metal floating around in our oil systems. He found some round "Earth Magnets" at Home Depot. One size is just right for inserting in the hole of some oil drain plugs. The purpose of this is to catch any metal particles in the oil, but John went one step further. He puts three of these round magnets in the bottom and top of his oil filter - inside the filter. When he changes oil and filter, he takes the magnets out and cleans off the black coating which turns out to be metal particles.

A good way to save more contaminants from floating around the innards of our precious engines. He says the "Earth Magnets" are lots stronger than conventional magnets.

## Rare-earth magnet

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rare-earth\\_magnet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rare-earth_magnet)

Rare-earth magnets are strong, permanent magnets made from alloys of rare earth elements. Rare-earth magnets are substantially stronger than ferrite or alnico

magnets. The magnetic field typically produced by rare-earth magnets can be in excess of 1.2 teslas. Ferrite or ceramic magnets typically exhibit fields of 50 to 100 milliteslas.

### Common applications of rare-earth magnets include:

- \* Computer hard drives
- \* Audio speakers
- \* Bicycle dynamos.

### Other applications of rare-earth magnets include:

- \* Stop motion animation as tie-downs when the use of traditional screw and nut tie-downs is impractical
- \* Diamagnetic levitation experimentation, the study of magnetic field dynamics and superconductor levitation.
- \* Launched roller coaster technology found on roller coaster and other thrill rides..

### Types of rare-earth magnets

Neodymium magnets (chemical formula: Nd<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B) are the strongest and most affordable type of rare-earth magnet. Neodymium magnets are made of Neodymium, Iron and Boron. Neodymium magnets are typically used in most computer hard drives and a variety of audio speakers.

Samarium-cobalt magnets (chemical formula: SmCo<sub>5</sub>) are less common than Neodymium magnets because they are more expensive to produce and create a weaker magnetic field than Neodymium magnets because they have fewer earthrites. However, Samarium-cobalt magnets have a relatively high Curie point, which makes them suitable for high-temperature environments..

## \* \* ABOUT SDC & OAC \* \*

*Information about our parent club and chapter*

### ✓ SDC NATIONAL OFFICERS

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## ✓ JOIN OUR CHAPTER

Membership cost, for new members, depends on the month in which you join as follows:

Month	Amount	Month	Amt
Sep - Dec	\$10.00	Jan-Feb	\$8.00
Mar-Apr	\$6.00	May-Jun	\$4.00
Jul-Aug	\$2.00	(optional \$10.00 includes dues for the following year)	

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## ✓ NEWSLETTER

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## ✓ MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford 7:00 PM, preceded by dinner at 6:00 PM. Informal meetings are held during the summer. Check each issue of Greasy Prints for the current information.

## ✓ MONTHLY BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. Last Sunday of each month. Toojays Gourmet Deli, 3577 Lake Emma Rd (off Lake Mary Blvd), Lake Mary, FL. Mark your calendar and join us at Toojay's. And, BYOB (*Bring Your Old Baker*).

## Reminder

1. Informal meetings are held during the summer, with dinner at 6:00 PM.

**www.StudebakerVendors.com** has links to the major vendors doing business on the web. Most vendors have email, so you can correspond electronically and save the phone calls and SASE.

[www.Studebakerracing.com](http://www.Studebakerracing.com)

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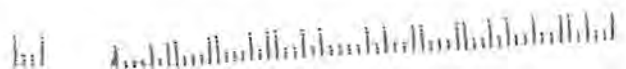
Ownership of a vehicle is not a requirement for membership. Many members are either looking for some special model or are simply interested in the colorful history of the Studebaker Corporation which spanned 114 years (1852-1966).

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## From The President

By Don Dodgen

The S.S.S. is almost over with. Aren't we all glad of that? It's been a hot, humid summer, more so than normal, I would say, or is it just that I'm feeling it more as I get older. But I digress. You do all know what the S.S.S. is, don't you? Well, of course! It's the Studebaker Slow Season!



It's that time of the year when you just don't feel like getting out in the garage and doing anything on the old 'Baker. At least, most of us don't.

Then, of course, there's Rusty DeFazio, who has embarrassed us all by presenting to, his labor of love, an absolutely stunning 1957 Golden Hawk, which he has finished off in the heat of the summer. What a wonderful encouragement to us all, as we have seen pictures of the car as it has progressed through the various stages of restoration, and now, the finished product. Even summer did not slow Rusty down. Congratulations, Rusty, on a beautiful car.

So, for us as a club, S.S.S. is drawing to a close. Our normal business meetings will resume on September 8th, and we hope to see you there. We have a meeting and a state meet in October, and a picnic in November, then a holiday function in December. Please come and be a part as we make our plans.

As most of you know, we've gone ahead and had unofficial get-togethers at IHOP on meeting nights all summer long, and of course, our Sunday breakfasts as well. It's been some relaxed times, with no pressure of an agenda to get through. It's been nice.

But, I am looking forward to seeing all of you, revitalized and eager to get back to business as the S.S.S. draws to a close.

Until next time...

## July Monthly Breakfast

By Frank Ambrogio

Three Studebakers were present, along with 9 members, at the breakfast on July 29. Bob Coolidge brought his 1949 Land Cruiser, Anita & I arrived in our 1956 Golden Hawk, and Charles Steffy came in his 1941 Commander Skyway.

Others present included John & Joann Gormican, Richard Langlotz, and Rusty and Karen DeFazio. It was great to meet Charles and to see his beautiful car. It is in wonderful shape. I hope Charles will be able to attend more breakfasts and some meetings. The same could be said for so many others in our chapter.

## From the Regional Manager

By Edith Fifer (via Email)

Hi to each of the Florida Chapters of the SDC. I believe I now have all e-mail addresses for either Presidents or newsletter editors of the Chapters and a mailing address for The Treasure Coast Chapter President.

So, who is writing this e-mail? I'm Edith Fifer, the Florida Regional Manager. Most of you know me; however, before too long I'm hoping that all will come to know me a little better so that I can help you with any concerns, needs, or whatever your Chapter would like. I'm looking forward to the State Meet in October and I trust that each FL Chapter will have lots of members in attendance. Also, our neighboring states such as GA and SC usually have some of their members in attendance at our State meets. I know that we all love to attend the State meets and have fun; in addition, maybe I can meet for 5 minutes or so with all the Presidents or representatives from the FL Chapters so that we can become better acquainted.

So, what else am I writing about? Many of you know that each Thanksgiving Weekend, the Daytona Beach Street Rods hold the Annual Turkey Run at the Daytona Speedway from Wednesday PM, through Sunday. This is



a fun event, no classes nor judging--just meeting old friends and making new ones. If you want to know more about this event you can go to [turkeyrun.com](http://turkeyrun.com) where you can even register online if you wish. To each FL Chapter, The Studebaker Ladies would like to issue a special invitation to all members and friends to join with us at Daytona this year.

Never Heard of "The Studebaker Ladies"? There are five of us--Emily from the South GA Chapter; Betty from the SC Palmetto Chapter; Linda Myers from Myers Studebaker; Orva and me from the NC FL Chapter. Emily has reserved our parking site at the track with permits for 80 Studebakers and/or orphan cars. We will have our Studebaker tent and signs and our food tables for serving not only our annual Thanksgiving Dinner but coffee and sweets each morning as well as sandwiches and snacks each day. Some come for the whole time; others come for 1 or 2 days. Some bring their family and friends; others come alone. Whatever the circumstances, we invite all.

I'm asking that each of you make your members aware of our invitation through announcements at your meetings and an article in your newsletter. I have invited The Florida Packard Club to be our guests this year. I spoke with Tom Kaiser, President, and he is going to invite his Club members. If you have any friends who own Packards, please give them a special invite.

We are preparing a flyer and it is being mailed out to all those who attended last year. The more exposure, the better. We will also send flyers to the South GA Chapter and SC Palmetto Chapter.

One last thing--would you please see that both Gordon Sheldon, our Southeast Zone Coordinator, and I are added to your newsletter mailing list if we are not already included. That would be great!!

If anyone has any suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. Studebaker people are the best!

## **Georgia State Meet Report**

*From Jerry Shelton*

My son Jeremy and I decided to attend the Georgia State Meet in Hiawassee, as we had a business deal we had been putting off in mid Georgia and decided to combine the two. At the last minute, the entire family decided to go and we wound up with five adults and five grand kids ages four months to six years. As you can well imagine, it was an interesting trip.

It was an ideal setting for a car show. The host motel was situated on top of a mountain, which afforded some beautiful views. The show was held at the fairgrounds, which was adjacent to the motel. A trail had been cut

through the woods, connecting the motel grounds to the fairground property. Just a short walk from our room and we were there.

There were about fifty cars entered for judging, and each one was worthy of a first place award. Every car there was quality. I'm sure the judges had a difficult time sorting it all out, but they did an excellent job. There were 8 or 9 vendors, offering various parts and Studebaker related items for sale. I saw only 2 or 3 cars for sale, which tends to indicate people are holding onto their Studebaker's, which is a good thing, I suppose. But they are becoming increasingly harder to find.

We were on the lookout for other OAC members, and eventually ran into Dave Cramp. He was visiting friends in Franklin, N.C., only a few miles away and drove over for a few hours on Saturday morning. It was good to see him back on his feet, not quite 100% yet, but close. In case you didn't know, Dave's lower leg was crushed and severely mangled in a freak accident a few months ago. I'm happy to report he's recovering nicely. There were a few other Florida folks there, mostly from the Avanti club. They always seem to put in a good appearance at the various Studebaker meets.

The mountains were beautiful. It took some getting used to, as you always seem to be walking uphill or downhill and any bit of level ground was much appreciated by us flat-landers. The weather was perfect, the people were friendly, the cars were beautiful and the food was delicious. I am always impressed by the good old down home southern hospitality of the Georgia members and it was no different this time. They are always genuinely friendly and accommodating and have a natural ability to make you feel right at home.

I can truthfully say it was another successful meet and look forward to the next one. Hope to see everyone at W. P. Beach in October.

(NOTE: Visit Jerry's Liberty Golf Cart web site located at: <http://www.libertygolfcartsinc.com/>)

## **Finally, It's Done**

*From Rusty DeFazio*



On Saturday, August 11, 2007, we drove our 1957 Golden Hawk to my sister's house. The house was built 1957, and that was about all the two had in common. Unlike the car, the house didn't need a complete body off restoration that took over six years to complete.

The restoration was done by Blue Moon Motorsports in Winter Springs. General Manager Al Kamhi oversaw the

project from start to finish. There were many times during the past six years when I didn't think this day would come. I had to halt the project on several occasions, and at other times, there were other priorities that Al had to attend to. But, time marches on and the job is finally completed.

If you'd like to get a first had look, I hope to drive it to future breakfasts and/or meetings. Its maiden display will be at the State Meet in late October.

## Studebaker Fun in the Summertime

*By Richard E James*

On May 23 my son Steve from St. Augustine, my granddaughter Jackie Hasser from next door in Ohio, & I joined the Indiana Avanti Club in Indianapolis & drove the Indy Track in our Avantis.

On June 6, I flew to Atlanta & drove the last 2006 Avanti out of the showroom before they closed it down and drove it home to Ohio.



On June 18, I signed into the Jamison Hotel in South Bend to display a 55 President State 4 dr sedan which took a 2nd, the 88 Michael Landon Avanti Convertible which took 3rd, and the 2006 dusty rose convertible which took a 1st.

Our daughter from San Antonio TX flew to Ohio and drove the new Avanti to South Bend for the meet. We were running back and forth across the show field during judging. We really enjoyed the meet.

I have CD's with 500 plus pictures of Indiana Avanti Club driving Indy 500 Track Wednesday, before Indy 500 race this year. I also have some pictures of the closing of the Avanti showroom southwest of Atlanta, as I drove the last new 2006 Avanti out the door.

My garage in Ohio now holds the last Avanti painted in the old Studebaker plant in the spring of 1987. It also holds the last new Avanti sold, of the 20 they built in Cancun. It is the only 6 cyl. they built.



We also drove the old Studebaker test track. Pictures are on the CD. The old Studebaker racer was inside front row and I was in middle beside him with a Packard from the 30's beside me on the outside

front row. I was in the flame red "88" avanti and my daughter and wife were in back of the racer inside 2nd row. My 2 Avantis are the red convertibles in back of, and beside, the old 1930 racer.

Hello to all our Florida friends. Richard & Mary James

## August Sunday Breakfast

*By Frank Ambrogio*

Eight members, 1 guest, and 2 Studebakers showed up for the breakfast on August 26. Rusty & Karen DeFazio brought their freshly restored 1957 Golden Hawk. Frank & Anita Ambrogio arrived in their 1956 Golden Hawk. Others attending were John & Joann Gormican, Don Dodgen, Richard Langlotz, and Don's friend, Fred Trowbridge.

This was the first breakfast appearance for the DeFazio's car, and we managed to give it a good going over after we finished eating. It looked like a first class job was done although a few items will still need work.

### More Breakfast news From Don Dodgen

In addition to the above, various topics were discussed in an informal way. Also, a collective decision was made on a date for our annual Fall Picnic. This date is Sunday, November 11 and it will be posted in this issue of Greasy Prints, in the Calendar of Events section.

All hands departed fully refreshed and refreshingly full.

## A Dream Fulfilled

*Chapter Four*

*By Don Dodgen*

The pages of the local shopping news rustled as I sat down in my mother's kitchen after helping her put away the groceries. I slowly looked through it, page by page, for a nice vehicle to tow the rust-free Studebaker Hawk body back to Florida with.

And then, there it was! 4 Sale: 1961 Studebaker Champ ½ ton pick-up truck! Well, I called the phone number, after first finding out that the prefix meant it was only about 10 miles away! Being a Bay Area-wide shopping news, it could have been 50 plus miles away on the other side of the Bay somewhere. The man who answered still had the truck and I made arrangements to go and see it the next day.

My step dad and I set out to find Bollinger Canyon Road and the home of the 1961 truck. There really is a Bollinger Canyon, to go with the road, and we wound our way up the narrow two lane road, with mountain like hills on both sides. Finally, there was the house, but no truck in sight! I went to the door, and the owner came out. The truck was in a barn, a block away, on the other side of his property, he said.

So we drove over, got out at the barn and the man opened the door. Tiny bits of vehicle peeked out from under a vast mound of lumber, boxes, and bags of assorted description.

The vehicle had been in the barn 8 years, the man explained. Although, on occasion the motor had been started, the vehicle had not been moved in that 8 years. So, slowly but surely, it had been covered over with "stuff." But, under the "stuff", was the truck of my dreams. It was, after all, a 1960 Champ, not a 1961! It had the long 8 ft. narrow bed, and was a V-8 with Overdrive. It even had the sliding rear window, heavy duty clutch, and springs, and the side mounted spare, along with radio and heater. Just the way I would have ordered a new one.

With the long, narrow bed, it looked long and lean, and I was really impressed by the lack of rust and dents. It even had a push bumper and a rack.

So, we began to negotiate. He unburied it, and I actually drove the truck. It needed some brake work, and the suspension was loose. He fixed it all and I gave him \$1500.00 for it. So what next?

Tune in next issue for the spellbinding next installment of "A Dream Fulfilled."

## From The Editor

Thanks to Edith Fifer for her message. I hope she will become a regular contributor. Also, great job by Richard James. We are always happy to receive input from new sources.

A chapter renewal registration form is included in this issue, as well as a state meet registration form. Please renew promptly and register early for the meet.

Richard Langlotz has agreed to take over the newsletter printing and mailing functions. The next issue will come to you courtesy of Richard's effort. All that remains is for Dean and Richard to work out the details of the transition.

Richard said he will promote the idea of getting the newsletter to you via Email, if you have Internet access. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter via the web site, you can indicate your preference by contacting Richard at [RTLanglotz@aol.com](mailto:RTLanglotz@aol.com)

## Correspondence

**Myles Walker:** GREAT NEWSLETTER! I also think sending the newsletter via email is the way to go.

## On Better Communication

*By Frank Ambrogio*

Our Regional Manager, Edith Fifer, has been working on getting the names and addresses of all the chapter presidents and editors. She needs this information in order to communicate with the various chapter officers.

I have been in correspondence with Edith Fifer, as well as the editors and presidents of the Florida SDC chapters. We are working on exchanging newsletters, electronically if possible, with other Florida chapter's editors and presidents. Our goal is to provide better communication between the chapters.

We are also encouraging all chapter editors to send a copy of their newsletter to the SE Board Member (Ed Burris), SE Zone Coordinator (Gordon Sheldon), and of course our Florida Regional Manager (Edith Fifer.) This will help these national SDC officers know what's happening in their zone or region.

Many chapter editors have been exchanging newsletters for quite some time. However, as I suggested to Edith, this creates an unhealthy situation. Most editors don't share these newsletters with the chapter president. The result, chapter presidents end up knowing less than the editors do, about what's happening within our State. This can be a little discomfoting at chapter meetings. Including the chapter Presidents in the newsletter exchange will correct that situation.

If you are a chapter editor or president, with internet access, and wish to exchange newsletters with the Orlando Area Chapter, please contact me at the address shown in the header on the front page. Editors and Presidents, who don't have access to the Internet, can contact Richard Langlotz, 526 Orange Dr # 240, Altamonte Springs FL 32701.

To further the effort toward better communication, we've taken another step. At the urging of Central Florida President, Larry Good, I have set up a Studebaker of Florida message board on [msn.com](http://msn.com). Larry felt that we needed a method whereby all the SDC Florida members with Internet access could correspond. Studebaker of Florida accomplishes that.

This type of web site has many names. Some names include forum, group, message board, and probably many more. They all work the same, and if you've ever participated in one, you will have no problem with Studebaker of Florida. Here is where all Florida SDC members can ask or answer questions, post information about upcoming events, such as the state meet or the Turkey Run, and get help with their Studebaker project. Larry felt it might be a good way to place want and for sale ads. Again, you will need Internet access to visit this site.



### **There are two options available:**

1. Go to the site and read all the messages that are posted. You don't have to register to use the site in this manner.
2. If you would like to post messages on the site, you will first have to register. To do this, just click on the "Join This Group" link on the right side of the page, and just follow the directions. It only takes a minute.

To gain access to this site, simply point your browser to:  
**<http://groups.msn.com/StudebakerofFlorida/>**

If you are a web manager for your chapter, you can add a button to your web site to direct your visitors to the Studebaker of Florida message board. To see an example of this, just go to the OAC web site at:

**<http://clubs.hemmings.com/oac>.**

(Note: At the time I wrote this, MSN.COM was making changes to this process. Hopefully, it is working by now.)

## **Technical Stuff**

### **Touch and Talk Software Releases H2 Power Core Software Hydrogen Generator Module to Help Build Fuel Independence** *Internet posting July 7, 2007*

Mellen, WI--With world oil prices reaching \$75.00 per barrel, gas prices over \$3.15 per gallon and the constant drumbeat of war in the Middle East, it is time consumers become fuel independent.

Touch & Talk Software International announced today the release of the H2 Power Core Software Suite that allows people to make their own hydrogen generator, E85 ethanol or Biodiesel fuel to improve fuel economy and help become fuel independent.

The H2 Power Core Software hydrogen generator module includes an in depth study of the technology and safety considerations required to build a hydrogen generator for use in cars and trucks.

This module includes a detailed listing of tools, parts list and source information as well as photos and detailed instructions required to safely build a hydrogen generator.

The E85 ethanol and biodiesel modules include an in depth study of the technology and safety considerations required to make E85 ethanol or biodiesel fuels for cars and trucks.

The modules contain detailed listings of both the tools and parts required to make clean burning fuel from renewable crop sources.

The H2 Power Core Software Suite also includes an effective fuel additive recipe that can be used in either gas or diesel engines to increase mileage for both cars and trucks.

The H2 Power Core Software Suite is unique in that there is no other competing software package currently marketed and the suggested retail price is less than the cost of an average tank of gas! For more information, call John R. Harding at 715-264-2810 or go to the company's website <http://www.h2powercore.com/>.

## **Great Safety Idea**

### ***Keep that remote handy***

This is an idea most people would not think of although it could be very important to prevent a serious incident! Please share it with others as you think appropriate.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until You reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. Also, it can be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone.

A lady suggested that her husband carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem. The potential beneficial uses go on and on.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### ***What's Happening in our area***

### **2007**

#### **September**

**08** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

**30** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's in Lake Mary.

#### **October**

**01** Membership dues are past due on this date. Please renew promptly.

**13** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando

(17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

**26-27-28** Florida State Meet Palm Beach, hoted by the Sunshine Chapter. See the flyer for details.

**28** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's in Lake Mary.

#### November

**11** Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

**25** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's in Lake Mary.

#### December

**(??)** Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

**30** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's in Lake Mary.

### 2008

#### January

**12** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

**27** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's in Lake Mary.

#### February

**09** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

**24** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, Toojay's in Lake Mary.

#### September

**14-20** SDC International Meet in Lancaster PA, hosted by the Keystone Region Chapter. See Turning Wheels for details.

#### November

**(??)** Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

#### December

**(??)** Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

### 2009

#### July

**12-18** SDC International Meet in Cedar Rapids Iowa, hosted by the Hawkeye Chapter. See Turning Wheels for details.

#### November

**(??)** Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

#### December

**(??)** Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

### 2010

#### May

**31-June 4** SDC International Meet in Phoenix AZ hosted byt the Grand Canyon State Chapter. See Turning Wheels for details.

#### November

**(??)** Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

#### December

**(??)** Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

### \* \* ABOUT SDC & OAC \* \*

*Information about our parent club and chapter*

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#### ✓ JOIN OUR CHAPTER

Membership cost, for new members, depends on the month in which you join as follows:

Month	Amount	Month	Amt
Sep - Dec	\$10.00	Jan-Feb	\$8.00
Mar-Apr	\$6.00	May-Jun	\$4.00
Jul-Aug	\$2.00	(optional \$10.00 includes dues for the following year)	

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**3860 Bird Dog Lane**

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#### ✓ NEWSLETTER

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## ✓ MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford 7:00 PM, preceded by dinner at 6:00 PM. Informal meetings are held during the summer. Check each issue of Greasy Prints for the current information.

## ✓ MONTHLY BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. Last Sunday of each month. Toojays Gourmet Deli, 3577 Lake Emma Rd (off Lake Mary Blvd), Lake Mary, FL. Mark your calendar and join us at Toojay's. And, BYOB (*Bring Your Old Baker*).

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section  
for the address

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1. It is time to pay your dues for the coming year. Please fill out the membership form, make your check out to Orlando Area Chapter - SDC and mail them to Bob Coolidge.
2. Get your registration in early if you plan to attend the state meet. Help the Sunshine Chapter put on a good meet by letting them know your plans.

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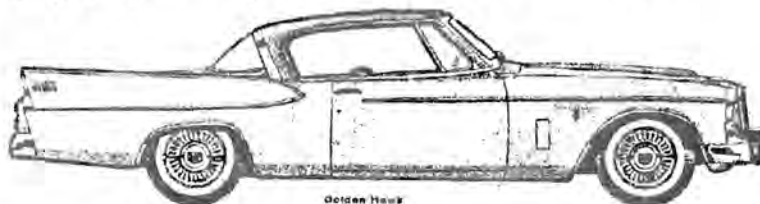
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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

1 - 9 pm Registration Open, 2nd Floor  
3 - 7 pm Hospitality - Reception, 2nd Floor  
1 - 9 pm Vendor setup  
7 pm - ? Fun night activities

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

8 am - 6 pm Vendors open  
8 am - 11 am Registration open  
11 am - 3 pm Judging entries  
7 pm - 9 pm Awards Banquet  
9 pm - ? Fun Auction

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Thank you for sharing in our event  
--- Sunshine Chapter

Send registration w/ check payable to **John F. Loerop:**

4370 Maurice Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33445

(561) 498-8280 Treasurer, Sunshine Chapter

For Information call Meet Chairmen:

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Holiday Inn Hotel rates are \$95 + tax per night based on two people. For hotel information, call 1-800-792-3880.

Water source for washing cars on Saturday from 6:30 am - 9:00 am in the north parking lot.

Sat. night 6:30 pm (Cash bar 2nd floor): 7 p.m. Banquet dinner \$29.00 per person. \$12.00 for children 12 and under.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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General Registration: Individual or family - \$10.00

1st Veh. Registration \$15 Make \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Veh. Registration \$10 Make \_\_\_\_\_

Swap Meet Space (Outdoor) - Gen. Regis. Required

After September 15, 2007: \$15.00

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Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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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## Dad's '50 Stude Pickup, Back to its "Roots"

By Marion White

Yes, Paul, Jr. is now the proud owner of the pickup, and along with his wife, Mims (Miriam), had their first experience together of attending an International Studebaker Meet. What a good time they had; great time to relax after hosting daughter, Leah, & John's wedding the Saturday before.

Paul had called planning to use the old motor home to tow the '50 Pickup to South Bend inviting me to come along; special too that there were campground facilities right at the site of the Meet. While the newlyweds were off to Hawaii for ten days, Paul & Mims were dog-sitting the newlyweds' Porter, (a King Charles Spaniel) who came along and was the "hit" of the campgrounds and left there spoiled rotten by ME and the fellow campers.

The year was 1970: We were enjoying the Studebaker Meet in South Bend. There was this '50 Studebaker Pickup needing some loving attention and without an engine. The purchase was made and some time later Dad-Paul and Young-Paul drove to South Bend to tow it home to Dexter, Mich. Young Paul sat in the pickup steering and applying the brakes when needed as the pickup was towed "home".

I asked Paul since the 43rd International Meet: "Wasn't it boring sitting there all that way by yourself on such a long drive?" His reply, "Oh no, remember, Mom, I was only fourteen!" By the tone of his response he might have considered himself in "hog-heaven" at the time! The only discomfort he can remember was that it was rather chilly; he remembers needing a coat and gloves.

In no time at all, one of our Sons-In-Law had found a Studebaker Avanti engine for it in Blissfield MI, where he was teaching, just north of Toledo OH. That pickup has been in Fla. since the restoration and was at the International Meet when it was held in Orlando back in 1984. Just prior to Dad-Paul's death, the Studebakers that were to stay in the family were hauled (by a professional hauler) to Michigan.

Young-Paul's younger sister would have loved having the pickup. The vehicle in her family's household that she

claims and drives daily is a modern Dodge pickup -- red too-yet - Chinese Red just like the '50 Studebaker pickup. But there were just too many memories between the two Pauls of the purchase and restoration that made it her brother's. She has the '63 Avanti!

It was a joy to me to be included in attending the Meet; to see, plus ride (the three of us) in that '50 pickup, just purrin' along on the streets of South Bend! AND, what a special surprise to run into Martha & George Morrill (former members of the Orlando Area SDC chapter prior to their move back to the northeast) touring the Studebaker Museum as we were!! I heard this voice: "Marion, how good to see you!" - George's, then along came Martha! What hugs!!

## Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m. at Stonewood Grill & Tavern, located on Lake Mary Boulevard, one block East of I-4 at International Parkway in Lake Mary. It is in the shopping center located on the Southwest corner. The official address is: 1210 International Parkway South, Suite 146, Heathrow FL 32746. The phone number is 407-333-3292, and on the web: [stonewoodgrill.com](http://stonewoodgrill.com).

We will not have the Chinese auction this year. We need to let them know how many will be attending so if you plan to join us, you must RSVP by December 6.

**Contact:** Anita Ambrogio 352-735-9193 or [anitambr@peoplepc.com](mailto:anitambr@peoplepc.com) to RSVP and if you would like additional information.

## From The President

By Don Dodgen

As I write this column, we've just returned from the 2007 Florida State Meet, which was in West Palm Beach this year. A very rainy Friday and a very gray Saturday discouraged a few people from bringing out their 'Bakers, I'm sure. Still, about 50 vehicles turned out for the show. We had a great fun night Friday evening, with a real variety of prizes. I had to return on Saturday afternoon, so I missed out on the Saturday night banquet. But I congratulate the Sunshine Chapter on a job well done.



I've been encouraged by new visitors that we've had over the past couple of months, and hope that trend continues. We sent out a first batch of our welcoming postcards in the past few weeks, so we'll see what happens. If you don't have any of our postcards yet, please pick some up at our next meeting, and leave them on any Studebakers you might see. Every little bit helps. Sometimes a conversation can turn to Studebakers, and a potential new member uncovered. You just never know.

I'm glad for some Fall weather. I'm getting a little more active outside on some things and some cars. Hope you are doing the same. November 11th is our picnic and meeting at Kelly Park. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Until next time....

## STUDEBAKERS

By Edith Fifer - Regional Manager, FL

"I like those earrings," came a male voice as I was walking at a club cruise-in, in Punta Gorda. I had on my Studebaker red, white, and blue earrings and sometimes I get a compliment on my jewelry, but hardly ever does it come from a male. So, I turned and this was the first time I ever saw and heard of Bill Wendt. Since then we have become "cruise" friends and have even been browsing and buying in the Arcadia antique shops.

What does this have to do with Studebakers? Well I found out that Bill Wendt drove his midget car, sponsored by Studebaker. He had his scrapbook when I first met him, and I was intrigued by the photos of his race car with the Studebaker logo. He and his wife presently live about 45 minutes from us and I have seen him at several shows and cruise-ins since. Bill drives "Spanky," a home-made open-air vehicle which is actually held together in some vital parts by duct tape!! Spanky is very unusual, always draws a crowd, and has won several trophies.

All of the above leads to one very important comment that Bill made during our first meeting. He was concerned by the lack of "young" people in our car clubs today. He said, "I talk with all the youngsters I meet and try to answer all their questions." This very casual statement is one that I believe each and every one of us needs to seriously think about. As car collectors do we verbally or non-verbally discourage a younger person from looking too closely? Do we sometimes stare or follow the person around the car in a protective stance? Or do we willingly share our experiences whether we have had the car for just a short period of time, spent a fortune getting it back to its original condition, inherited it from your dad-you get the picture.

We Studebaker owners are a privileged group. Wherever we go, to the bank, the gas station, the grocery store, there is always an interest, young and old. At one of the cruise-ins we had our Champion Bullet Nose along with our friend's 32 Chevy. This Chevy looks as though it has just come off the salesroom floor. Our Bullethead is almost all original, has specks in the paint, needs some touch ups elsewhere but there were people coming up and asking questions and telling us stories for the 4 hours we were there. Finally the owner of the '32 Chevy walked over and said, "Can I ask you one question? Why has there been such a crowd around your car all evening?"

In our Studebakers, we attend all types of car shows here in Florida. The climate is conducive to getting out and driving your car year-round. We have been invited back to some "all GM" shows, "all Chevy" shows, stock and modified shows-and never let it be said we feel like orphans. We are the elite and it is up to us as Studebaker owners to help the "lookers" learn more about Studebakers. How about meeting a World War II pilot who was in awe of our P-38 tee-shirt when he discovered the picture of the Bullethead on the back and the story out of a car magazine about the design. He shook hands and thanked us.

We must reach out to young people interested in cars-especially old cars. Encourage them to come to our car shows. If we are involved in local festivals, church block parties, grand openings of auto part stores and various other opportunities, drive your old car and strike up a conversation with a youngster.

Perhaps in your area there is a Vo-Tech school or college. Visit and make known what your Studebaker club does, and try and wiggle out an invitation to have several cars on display, if even only during a 1-hour lunch period. At one such outing, students came out to the area during their lunch and one teacher introduced herself and asked if we would help locate a Studebaker Lark she could purchase. WOW!

Monies: does your club hold 50/50's, raffles, a flea market or a special sale? Then if your budget has some extra funds, consider sponsoring a student at a Vo-Tech school. Don't have that much to offer? Then set up a

Scholarship Fund in your club's name and donate each year a certain amount to help pay for books. It's amazing the opportunities we have and in my opinion we need to explore and make special efforts to extend the life of SDC.

You are already getting the respect you deserve-well, remember, you are also getting older!! We need those "younger folks" to learn the value and have the respect for old cars before it is too late.

I really do love Studebakers. They have some of the most wonderful drivers you would ever want to meet.

Blessings to all those owners and drivers.

## September Monthly Breakfast

*By Frank Ambrogio*

Sixteen people attended the breakfast on September 30 at TooJay's Restaurant in Lake Mary. They brought five Studebakers, including Rusty DeFazio's 1957 Golden Hawk, Jim & Ann Morgan's 1956 Golden Hawk, Don Dodgen's 1964 GT Hawk, Bob Coolidge's 1964 Transtar, and Anita's and my 1956 Golden Hawk.

Other attendees were Charles Steffy, Dean & Jean Gessner, John & Joann Gormican, Richard Langlotz, and former members, Dan & Pat McClish.

Charles Steffy reported that the 1941 Commander he brought to the July breakfast was resting comfortably in PA. It had been on the Glidden tour, and was awaiting a trip to Hershey.

There were plenty of folks looking at the cars, and we spent a good deal of time after breakfast checking out each other's cars. The totals for both people and cars were the highest for the year. Hopefully, this is a trend.

## OAC Meeting minutes for Oct 13, 2007

*Submitted by: Anita Ambrogio*

The meeting was called to order at approx. 7:30 pm. Members present were Don Dodgen and friend Fred, Rusty DeFazio, Ambrogios, Morgans & Gormicans, Gessners, Marion White, Richard Langlotz and his wife, Tina.

Anita agreed to take minutes in the absence of the secretary. Don read minutes he had taken at the Sept meeting. Minutes were read and approved. Rusty said we now have a balance of \$1750. The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Under old business:** Rusty brought in more post cards with new pictures. Don had the quarterly list from the

regional director with SDC Florida new/renewals. Richard suggested we send the persons in our area a newsletter rather than a postcard. After some discussion and a vote, it was decided to send a copy of the newsletter, with a postcard attached to them. This will be done for one year, and then only new SDC members will receive post cards. Several of the members took more post cards to distribute when needed.

The picnic date is Nov 11th at 1:00 pm. Members will bring their own meat and a dish to pass. Dean will take care of getting the fire started. Rusty will bring beverages & chips. A meeting will be held at the picnic, but Don said he would still be at IHOP on Sat in case any new people happened to come.

On the Christmas dinner, Rusty said Karen would check into the Rivership Romance, but the price per person would be about \$45.00. Anita had 2 alternatives, Stonewood Grill and Mimi's. Both have separate rooms and are available for Sunday Dec 9th. Menus were passed around. Stonewood was the choice, since Mimi's might be too noisy. No gift exchange will be held. The time was set for 4:00 pm.

Marion mentioned that the Mt Dora Fall Festival committee would like cars for Thurs, Oct 25th, if anyone is interested.

Rusty mentioned that the AACA usually has a speaker or films available at their meetings. Since we do not have equipment available, we would not be able to show films or slides.

John said the Bob White fly-in was scheduled for Oct 28th for anyone not planning to go to the State Meet. Richard offered to see about a tour of Casa de Feliz for our group, perhaps in Jan or Feb.

A 50/50 was held and Marion White was the winner. She graciously gave her winnings back to the club. The meeting was adjourned about 8:20 pm.



## 30th Annual Florida State Meet *By Frank Ambrogio*

As has been the case in the past, the Sunshine Chapter did another excellent job on the State Meet. From our location in Central Florida, we don't seem to hear much from, or about, the Sunshine Chapter. Because of this, I'm always surprised at the great job they do. It seems as though everyone pitches in with great enthusiasm, and they always put in a little extra. Besides the usual show and banquet, they had a fun night on Friday and an auction following the banquet. Both events added greatly to the meet.



We were the second ones to register at the meet, being nosed out by Don and Edith Fifer. Since we didn't bring a Studebaker, we processed through a little faster than they did. John Loerop handled this part of the meet, and was very methodical in his procedure. Once registered, we had lunch in the hotel restaurant.

Next we tried to sneak into the hospitality room, but Gina Figurella and Darlene Johnson blocked our advance. We thought the hospitality room opened at 3:00 PM, but they insisted it wasn't till 3:30. They did let us in the room, but the goodies were off limits till the appointed time. It was during this half hour interlude, that I began a friendly feud with Darlene Johnson. She is quite a character and a good sport. We continued this encounter throughout the meet.

We had dinner in the bar at the hotel and were joined by Don & Edith Fifer and Stephen Cade. Afterwards we went to the fun night hosted by Gary Johnson. There we met up with Don Dodgen and Rusty & Karen DeFazio. I'm not sure what took place before we arrived, but the remainder of the evening was spent with Gary asking some trivia questions from the 1950s and 1960s. The person with the correct answer got to spin the "wheel" and receive a prize. The group of prizes were selected, depending on the color the wheel stopped on. It was a lot of fun, and I was surprised at the knowledge displayed by the participants.

All this took place inside, of course, while the rains came down in buckets outside. The prognosis for Saturday was not good, and the number of Studebakers in the lot numbered about twenty. Besides Don & Edith Fifer, other members I recall attending the meet include Bob Coolidge, Don Dodgen, Larry & Barbara Golub, Hermann & Margaret Krueger, Jim & Ann Morgan, Rusty & Karen DeFazio, Stephen Cade, Richard & Tina Langlotz, Jerry & Cindi Shelton, and Alberto & Olga Sanchez de Fuentes.

Ed DeSilva was the chief judge, and he collected a group of 10 judges to evaluate the cars in the show. In a unique method, I hadn't seen before, the judges were divided into two separate groups. Using a drive through style, the cars were driven to the judges, instead of the judges coming to the cars. Each judging group did their job independently in separate stages. The results were then combined to give the final score. I'm not sure how well this worked out, but then judging cars is always a difficult task.

Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day, at least in my opinion. It wasn't sunny, so this kept the temperature down a few degrees, and it didn't rain. Jerry Shelton chauffeured me around in his golf cart, thus saving my poor legs from fatigue. About 30 more Studebakers showed up that day, and a 55-56 Packard put in a brief appearance.

We looked at many cars, and visited with a lot of owners and friends. It was a typical show day, and with the nice weather, I had a great time.

I'm not sure how many chapter members brought their Studebakers to the show. Four I know of were the DeFazio's 1957 Golden Hawk, Bob Coolidge's 1960 Transtar, the Fifer's 1946 Pickup, and the Kruegers 1980 Avanti II. I know the Sanchez family brought a car, but I don't know which one. I don't think Jerry Shelton's golf cart qualifies.

The banquet emceed by Gary Johnson, was well attended, and everything seemed to go just fine. There were lots of door prizes given away, and as usual, we came away empty. We had two tickets numbered consecutively, during the evening, the number before and the number after ours, were called. Dinner was better than average for banquet food. But then, what do I know about food? As many of you know, I only eat because it helps me to keep breathing.

After the banquet, came the auction. We stuck around for a little while, but then several of us decided to head for the bar. Two TVs carried game three of the world series and the Ohio State - Penn State game. We, Rusty & Karen, Richard & Tina, and Jerry & Cindi enjoyed each other's company, thus ending a perfect evening.

Well, not quite! The only negative during the entire weekend was that the hotel was also the base for some baseball teams. There was a group in the room next to us that made a little too much noise. It wasn't that bad while we had the TV on, but it sounded much worse after the TV was turned off. Friday night was bad, but a sleeping pill took care of that problem. Saturday was quiet, until 1:30 AM when they returned to their room. Loud voices and doors slamming went on for the next few hours.

We hardly slept that night, and finally gave up trying to sleep by 5:30 AM. We decided to just head for home, so we packed our bags and prepared to leave. But before we left, we turned on the TV, adjusted the volume a bit higher than we could tolerate and then slammed the door as we left. Ours was the last room on that side of the hall, so we didn't disturb anyone else.

Driving our 2003 Chevrolet Impala, we made the 3+ hours, rain soaked, trip home. The entire round trip of 450 miles was done on one tank of gas the cos while averaging 33.5 MPG. Not bad at all for a car with the larger (3.8L) of the two V-6 engines offered that year.

All the way home, we kept thinking about that TV, wondering if it had any effect on the adjoining room occupants. Hoping we caused a great deal of grief for those splendid, but inconsiderate, athletes, brought smiles to our faces, and made the trip a little less taxing.

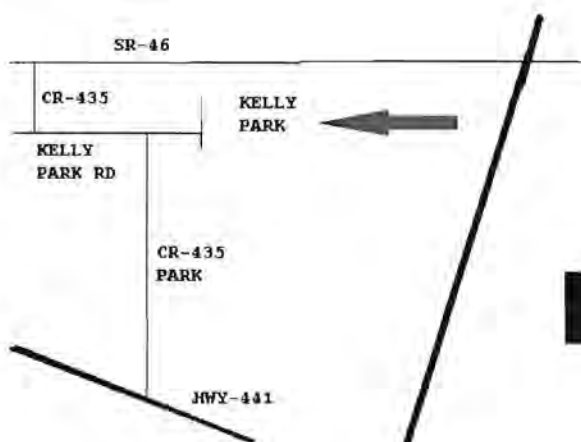
## Annual Fall Picnic

The picnic will be on Sunday, the 11th of November at Kelly Park. Dean will arrive early to get the charcoal fire started. The rest of us can arrive at 1:00 p.m. As usual, the chapter will supply the charcoal and the ants. You must bring your own meat, utensils, chairs, etc., and a dish to pass.

Kelly Park is located in Apopka. Take Highway 441 to Apopka. Turn North on Park Avenue (CR-435). Stay on Park to the end (about 6 miles), then turn right on Kelly Park Road. Go to the end and turn left. The entrance to the park is immediately on the right.

If you are coming from the North, take Highway 46 to CR-435. CR-435 is about 10 miles West of I-4 (Exit 101C), and about 7 miles East of HWY 441. 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 \$1.00 per person admission fee.



## Turkey Run at Daytona

The Studebakers will have a presence again this year at the Turkey Run Thanksgiving weekend. Space has been reserved for 80 Studebakers and/or orphan cars. The Packard Club will be joining us this year.

We hope to see many cars from the Orlando Area Chapter at this year's event.

For more information, contact Edith Fifer at: [studelady@comcast.net](mailto:studelady@comcast.net) or 941-697-4479.

## A Dream Fulfilled

Chapter Five  
By Don Dodgen

I was so pleased with the purchase I had made. Happily, I drove the 1960 Champ truck over to my parent's home. I spent the next few days doing a deep cleaning of the whole truck. It had a lot of dust and dirt all over, after eight years in a barn in Bollinger Canyon. I built a tool box that fit tightly inside the pick-up bed, right behind the cab.

A lot of rewiring was needed to get all of the lights and instruments functioning again. All the glass needed to be deeply scrubbed, of course, and the truck itself had accumulated a lot of "grunge" on all the painted surfaces. Slowly it began to sparkle. As I drove it around, many small problems got ironed out, and the truck began to loosen up and function well. I got underneath and knocked caked mud off of the frame, and put a radio in. I polished the chrome.

When everything was squared away, I drove it down to Southern California. A friend of mine had some acreage down there, and I had already put the car there that I wanted to tow to Florida with the truck. The two vehicles sat side by side all winter long. The following May, I flew to Palm Springs, where my friend picked me up. I was ready for the long drive. I had a full set of tools, and as many extra parts as I could think of, fuel pump, water pump, etc., plus a tow bar. I spent a couple of days getting the car hooked up to the truck, new battery, tires aired up, etc., etc.

Finally, I could not stall any longer. It was scary, starting out all alone to drive over three thousand miles across the continental U.S. to Central Florida. It was something I had to do, not something I wanted to do. On a Sunday evening at about 6:00 PM, I started the truck up, and headed out on the start of my great adventure.

Tune in next issue for the spellbinding next installment of "A Dream Fulfilled."

## Correspondence

*Note: Information on the Georgia State Meet was sent in by Wayne Lee. I responded, asking how he was enjoying his spare time since he was no longer the editor of the South Georgia Chapter newsletter. Here is his reply:*

**Wayne Lee:** Ann and I are doing fine - thanks. Hope you and Anita are doing well too. And yes, there's been no shortage of things to do to occupy the time we used to spend on the newsletter. I built a new deck in our back yard and we planted a new garden (dug 60 holes!) this past spring. We've even made some good progress on our '53 Starliner too.

However, that free time looks to be short-lived. SE Zone Coordinator, Gordon Sheldon has resigned his position

due to health reasons. He is out of the hospital and mending now - though they are still not sure what caused his problems.

He and Edward Burris (SE Zone Director) got together and discussed it with Ed Reynolds with the result being that I've just been appointed to fill in the remaining period of Gordon's term - thru next April. Following Gordon will be a challenge, but I've promised him and Edward I'll give it my full attention and do the best I can.

With their encouragement I've submitted my name to Richard Dormois to be put on the upcoming election ballot to see if I can win election to the position for a full term. Hope you and Anita will vote for me and maybe put in a good word if the opportunity arises.

PS: Our home email address is [ww.lee@yahoo.com](mailto:ww.lee@yahoo.com)  
770-529-0837

*Note: We, in the Southeast Zone, have been blessed with some of the most dedicated national officers. From Ed Burris to Gordon Sheldon, and now to Edith Fifer, our zone has remained one of the most informed in all of SDC. I am so sorry to hear of Gordon's medical problems, and I'm sure I speak for all of us when I wish him the best. I am confident that Wayne will continue to serve us as well as Gordon has done.*

## From The Editor

**Can we get that put into the newsletter?** This question has been asked many times throughout the course of our chapter's history. The answer, as long as I'm the editor, is always the same, **"Yes, if someone submits it."**

I am happy to include anything appropriate, in Greasy Prints. But, I'm not going to write it also! **That's your job!** My job is to arrange everything in some orderly fashion, and get a copy to Richard Langlotz for mailing. So, the next time you want to ask **"that"** question, think about it! You already know the answer.

As was reported in the last issue, we hope to exchange newsletters with all the other Florida SDC chapters. Our last issue was sent to each chapter editor and president. To date, sorry to report, not one chapter has responded.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue. You've helped make our newsletter, and our chapter, better. I hope more of you will contribute in the future.

While I'm on the subject of contributions to the newsletter, I'd like to remind you that our deadline is the 25th of the month before publication. We publish on the odd month, so the deadline is on the even months. For those of you who are calendar challenged, the deadline months are February, April June, August, October, and December. When I receive input after that date, it puts a lot of pressure on me to reorganize everything so I can fit it on an even number of pages and get it to Richard for

printing and mailing. It also cuts down on Richard's time, so try to get the information to me by the deadline.

This will be the last issue for those of you who haven't renewed. If you would like to keep your membership active, and continue to receive Greasy Prints, you must renew your membership before the next issue is printed. A membership registration form is on the inside back page.

## Membership News

### The following have renewed for 2008:

Frank Ambrogio	Bob Coolidge
David Cramp	Rusty DeFazio
Don Dodgen	Jeff Elliott
Wayne Farmer	Donald Fifer
Dean Gessner	John Gormican
Hermann Krueger	Dick Langlotz
Jim Morgan	Karick Price, Jr.
Alberto Sanchez	Jerry Shelton
Charlie Steffy	David Straughn
Marion White	

If you're not on the above list, and you don't renew, your membership will lapse.

## Webmaster News

We are still looking for more photos of OAC members' cars to post on the web site. You can email it to the address on the front page, give it to me at a meeting or breakfast, or mail it to me at:  
Frank Ambrogio 31654 Wekiva River Rd Sorrento 32776.

In the past, I've posted the current issue of the newsletter on the web site. Now that Richard is handling the newsletter distribution, I have removed this feature from the web site. If you want to receive your issue of Greasy Prints via Email, contact Richard at:  
[RTLanglotz@aol.com](mailto:RTLanglotz@aol.com). Give him your Email address, and he'll do the rest.

I have put links on the web site to the other Florida chapters, as well as the South Georgia chapter, and several vendors such as Stephen Allen's. If you need to get to one of these, the easiest way is through the Orlando Area Chapter web site.

The address is shown in the header on page one. If you have any suggestions for improving the site, let me know.

In early September, Central Florida Chapter President Larry Good and I, launched the Studebaker of Florida message forum. The web site is a place for all Florida SDC members to correspond with questions, answers, meet notices, want ads, etc. Only a handful of people



have registered to use the site. I will leave it active for a few more months, and if there continues to be little or no interest in the site, I will terminate it. Take a look. Go to: <http://groups.msn.com/StudebakeroFlorida>.

You don't have to sign in to view the posts, but if you want to post something, you will need to register.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*What's Happening in our area*

### 2007

#### November

**11** Annual picnic and Monthly meeting, Sunday, 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

**25** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### December

**09** Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting, Sunday, 4:00 PM at Stonewood in Lake Mary.

**30** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

### 2008

#### January

**12** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

**27** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### February

**09** Monthly meeting 7:00 PM at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford, dinner at 6:00 PM.

**24** Monthly breakfast 8:00 AM, TooJay's in Lake Mary.

#### March

**15** Studebakers at Old Town in Kissimmee, presented by the Sunshine Chapter from 1 to 9:00 PM. No entry fee. Contact Butch Figurella, phone: 561-893-4957, or Email [butchfig@bellsouth.net](mailto:butchfig@bellsouth.net).

#### April

**11-12** 5th Georgia SDC State Meet Albany GA at the Quality Inn Merry Acres motel. Hosted by the South Georgia Chapter. Rooms \$69.00, includes breakfast. Information: Loren Hendley 229-468-9532. Web Site: [georgiastudebaker.com](http://georgiastudebaker.com).

#### September

**14-20** SDC International Meet in Lancaster PA, hosted by the Keystone Region Chapter. See Turning Wheels for details.

#### November

**(??)** Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

#### December

**(??)** Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

### 2009

#### July

**12-18** SDC International Meet in Cedar Rapids Iowa, hosted by the Hawkeye Chapter. See Turning Wheels for details.

#### November

**(??)** Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

#### December

**(??)** Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

### 2010

#### May

**31-June 4** SDC International Meet in Phoenix AZ hosted by the Grand Canyon State Chapter. See Turning Wheels for details.

#### November

**(??)** Annual picnic and Monthly meeting 1:00 PM at Kelly Park in Apopka.

#### December

**(??)** Annual Christmas dinner and Monthly meeting ??:00 PM at ????

## \* \* ABOUT SDC & OAC \* \*

*Information about our parent club and chapter*

### ✓ SDC NATIONAL OFFICERS

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### ✓ OAC CHAPTER OFFICERS

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## ✓ JOIN OUR CHAPTER

Membership cost, for new members, depends on the month in which you join as follows:

Month	Amount	Month	Amt
Sep - Dec	\$10.00	Jan-Feb	\$8.00
Mar-Apr	\$6.00	May-Jun	\$4.00
Jul-Aug	\$2.00	(optional \$10.00 includes dues for the following year)	

Make your check payable to:  
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Bob Coolidge  
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Contact Bob by email at: TrnstrTrk@aol.com

## ✓ NEWSLETTER

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## ✓ MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at IHOP 3150 S Orlando (17-92), Sanford 7:00 PM, preceded by dinner at 6:00 PM. Informal meetings are held during the summer. Check each issue of Greasy Prints for the current information.

## ✓ MONTHLY BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. Last Sunday of each month. Toojays Gourmet Deli, 3577 Lake Emma Rd (off Lake Mary Blvd), Lake Mary, FL. Mark your calendar and join us at Toojay's. And, BYOB (*Bring Your Old Baker*).

**www.StudebakerVendors.com** has links to the major vendors doing business on the web. Most vendors have email, so you can correspond electronically and save the phone calls and SASE.

## Reminder

1. It is past time to pay your dues for the coming year. Please fill out the membership form, make your check out to Orlando Area Chapter - SDC and mail them to Bob Coolidge.
2. Don't forget the picnic on Sunday November 11.
3. Contact Edith Fifer if you are going to the Turkey Run in Daytona at Thanksgiving.
4. Remember to RSVP if you plan to attend the Christmas dinner.

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# THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

## ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER



### MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Please type or print clearly. This information will be used for the roster.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDR \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB? (Y) (N) SDC MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

(YOUR SDC MEMBER NUMBER IS ON YOUR TURNING WHEELS LABEL, ABOVE YOUR NAME)

NOTE: Each Orlando Area Chapter member must also be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club, inc New members must join the Studebaker Drivers Club within 60 days

### STUDEBAKER OR STUDEBAKER RELATED VEHICLES CURRENTLY OWNED

YEAR	NAME	MODEL	BODY STYLE

### RENEWALS \$10.00 PER YEAR (DUE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 30)

#### \* DUES SCHEDULE - NEW MEMBER ONLY \* (PAY AMOUNT INDICATED FOR THE MONTH YOU JOIN)

SEP - DEC = \$10.00	JAN - FEB = \$8.00	MAR - APR = \$6.00	MAY - JUN \$4.00
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JUL - AUG = \$2.00      (OPTION: \$10.00 PAYS DUES THROUGH OCTOBER, NEXT YEAR)

Membership Dues (Renewal \$10.00)	\$ _____
Newsletter fund contribution	\$ _____
Late fee (\$1.00 after Nov 10)	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO - ORLANDO AREA CHAPTER - SDC

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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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