

FLYING HUBCAPS

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FALL IS UPON US!

All right already! Fall is upon us, the humidity is coming down, the temperature is coming down, and everybody in the chapter should be getting Pumped! Whether it's because football season is here, or Thanksgiving is just around the corner, or just because it's Studebaker weather, I surely hope all of you enjoy this time of year as much as I do.

I'm especially excited right now because I have everything done that I had to have done to put my '62' Hawk in top shape, and ready to cruise the area. The only work left to be done is things that I can do. And speaking of Studebaker, I was reminded this week when something came in from Studepubs, that spoke about the Studebaker plant 50 years ago. I realized that it has been 62 years since I worked my last week at the Studebaker plant. Those years I spent working there were years that helped me grow up. I had just turned 19 a week earlier; my first job was installing freeze plugs in the engine block. That wasn't so hard, but getting 600 blocks from the floor to the conveyor line to install the plugs taught me to sweat, and to drink lots of water and swallow plenty of salt tablets. After earning my right to move to an easier job, I moved a few feet away to learn how to operate a boring mill where my job was to prepare the blocks for the cam shafts by boring the holes to one thousandth of an inch variance. My next assignment was the Champion assembly line. That's where, thanks to the union, I was able to get enough break time during the night, where management allowed me to set up an orange crate, and do my homework. I had taken a semester off from Notre Dame due to money problems at home, but after a semester off, I returned to school and continued to work at Studebaker. Those days on the assembly line were some of the best days of my life; I learned so much about assembling cars. I installed toggle grips, installed rear windows, windshields, dashboards and I think a couple other things. Then I found that I needed to get on the graveyard shift so I could get the particular classes at Notre Dame that I needed. So, I transferred to the Truck plant, which incidentally was built during WWII for the Studebaker Corp. to manufacture aircraft engines. At that plant, I swept floors until the Korean War came along, and I joined the Navy to get a rest from 40 hours at Studebaker, 18 hours of classes at N.D., plus a 12 hour job filing books in one of Notre Dame's libraries.

Now that you have the boring history of some of the greatest years of my life, I'll give you a break and sign off.

I hope to see a bunch of you at the State Meet the first of next month.

Sincerely,

Wilber G. Van Scoik



NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Great American Smokeout	22	23
24	25	26	27 Hanukkah	28 Hanukkah Thanksgiving Day	29 Hanukkah	30 Hanukkah (continued)

MINUTES OF SDC CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER MEETING ON SATURDAY, September 14, 2013

The Central Florida Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers' Club met at Eve's Family Restaurant in Oldsmar September 14, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. Nine members were present.

After everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast, Dave Meachum opened the meeting.

This year the State Meet (perhaps in conjunction with the Southeast Zone Meet) will be in Port St. Lucie November 1-3, 2013.

We will be hosting the 2014 State Meet (perhaps in conjunction with the Southeast Zone Meet). Larry and Dave Meachum are looking at prospective locations and are seeking corporate sponsors. Dave reported that a prospective corporate sponsor needs to know the details—location, date, etc.—before making a commitment.

Since it appears very few members will be going to the State Meet, it was decided not to have our November meeting there. Dave Meachum will discuss with Larry Good when to have the November meeting at which the election of officers for the coming year is usually held.

Wayne Studebaker asked that someone else be elected Membership Chair. Judy Studebaker asked that someone else be elected Secretary. Dave Meachum suggested that it would be good to have some new leadership since the current officers have served since 2004 or longer.

The 50-50 was won by Julie Carter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Judy Studebaker
Secretary

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.



²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?—Romans 8:28-31



BRAKE TIPS

My usage of hydraulic jack oil is more limited than one might think.

I have three jacks. My floor jack I keep in our garage and use it on the three Studebakers. Maybe twice a month. My two smaller jacks I use in my mobile oil change business. Carry a portable on the truck and one in the garage as a back up. I use the portable, weighing maybe 55 lbs, on Studebaker the truck for use on customer vehicles, maybe 2 or 3 times monthly.

Under most vehicles, I can reach the oil filters, grease fittings and oil pan drain plugs by stretching. I have a heavy plastic catch container, maybe 3" or 4" high, which I use to receive the drain oil, positioned under the vehicle's engine. Holds 14 qt drain oil.

I never use the smaller, single piston bumper jack. Never. Had one come down on me on I-64 in Southern Indiana outside Louisville years ago while I was under one of my Studebakers. Scary. 4 AM in the morning. Our CB radio summoned a passing truck, the driver hopped out of his truck, crossed the interstate and repositioned the jack so that I could scurry out from underneath the fallen Studebaker. Haven't used one since.

Whenever I service one of my hydraulics, I use the standard hydraulic jack oil. A quart will last me several years.

Engine oil breaks down chemically with age, why wouldn't jack oil? You and I do, why wouldn't jack oil?

Buy a quart of hydraulic jack oil from a local auto parts house. Drain the old oil and replace it with new.

Never ask me a question without expecting more than a direct answer. Sometimes even a history lesson...

—D. Dobbins

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP



Allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1/2 butternut squash - peeled, seeded, and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1/2 cube chicken bouillon
- 1 pinch ground cumin
- 1 pinch ground allspice, salt, and black pepper to taste

Directions

1. Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat; cook the onion, garlic, and thyme in the hot butter until the onion has softened, about 5 minutes. Add the squash and chicken stock; bring to a simmer and cook until the squash is tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Crumble the bouillon into the soup; season with cumin, allspice, salt, and pepper; remove from heat.
2. Pour the soup into a blender, filling the pitcher no more than halfway. Hold the lid of the blender in place with a kitchen towel and carefully start the blender using a few quick pulses to get the soup moving before leaving it on to puree. Puree in batches until smooth and pour into a serving bowl.

FAMOUS QUOTES

The first step to getting what you want out of life is this: Decide what you want. —Ben Stein

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.—Winston Churchill



FUNNY



A man goes to a party and has too much to drink. His friends plead with him to let them take him home. He says no - he only lives a mile away.

About five blocks from the party the police pull him over for weaving all over the road, the police ask him to get out of the car and take the breathalyzer test. Just as he is about to blow into the bag,

the police radio informs the policemen of a robbery taking place in a house a short distance away.

The police tell the partygoer to remain where he is, they will be right back; and they run down the street to the robbery.

The guy waits and waits and finally decides to drive home. When he gets there, he tells his wife he is going to bed, and to tell anyone who might come looking for him that he has the flu and has been in bed all day.

A few hours later the police knock on the door. They ask if Mr. X lives there and his wife says yes. They ask to see him and she replies that he is in bed with the flu and has been there all day. However, the police have his driver's license. They ask to see his car, and she asks why. They insist on seeing his car, so she takes them to the garage and opens the door where they find the police car, lights still flashing.

2013 SDC CFC MEMBERSHIP DUES



There are a few members who have yet to renew their SDC Central Florida Chapter membership for 2013. If you are one of those, Wayne Studebaker, Membership Director, would appreciate your mailing him a check for \$10.00 payable to SDC CFC at 2701 Regency Oaks Blvd., Apt. N-101, Clearwater, FL 33759-1529. Sending a check now will avoid him harassing you in the near future.

SDC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



If someone you know is thinking of buying a Studebaker or interested in joining the Studebaker Drivers Club, please go to www.studebakerdriversclub.com and click on "About/Join SDC". Download membership application, print, fill out, and mail to:

The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc., P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311-7615. You don't have to own a Studebaker in order to join the Studebaker Drivers Club, you just have to have an interest in them. For our local Chapter membership, see next page. →



STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER

THE CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER WAS FOUNDED IN 1972. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER IS TO PROMOTE OUR INTEREST IN STUDEBAKERS AND AVANTI AUTOMOBILES, TO HELP MEMBERS PRESERVE AND PROMOTE INTEREST IN THE STUDEBAKER LEGACY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO BOND FRIENDSHIPS AND HAVE FUN IN THE PROCESS.

If you have any questions, e-mail wjstudie@verizon.net
or call Wayne Studebaker at 727-274-5404

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ CELL PHONE _____ - _____ - _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

LIST ALL STUDEBAKERS AND RELATED MAKES

Ownership of a Studebaker is not required.

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

Annual Membership Fee.....\$10.00

Please enter your National SDC Membership Number _____

Send completed application and check payable to SDC CFC to:

Central Florida Chapter
Membership Director
Wayne E. Studebaker
Regency Oaks Blvd., Apt. N-101
Clearwater, FL 33759-1529

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1/64th scale die cast metal Studebaker trucks by M2. Doors and hood open and have a champion 6 cyl engine. They are \$14 for the pair. I also have tow trucks with flame paint jobs in metallic red and blue, \$7 each, very cool. All are very detailed collectables. I will be at the next meeting. Please contact me rfragoman@comcast.net



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