

# FLYING HUBCAPS

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## WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER AND LABOR DAY

Fall is almost upon us, and with it will come a variety of exciting activities for Studebaker lovers, including the Zone Meet in Braselton, Georgia on October 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Florida annual State Meet in October, somewhat later this year than the past couple of years, on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

This month we will be meeting as a Chapter on September 11, at a new place for us, in historic Tarpon Springs, at Crabby Bill's Restaurant, which is now located at 900 Pinellas Avenue in Tarpon Springs. Some of you may recall that Crabby Bill's was formerly located on U.S. 19 in Palm Harbor. Pinellas Avenue is the main street running North & South through Tarpon Springs, which is also Alternate U.S. 19. Refer to information provided by Wayne Studebaker later in this issue of Flying Hubcaps for more detailed information about the location and parking.

We have had 4 great chapter meetings so far this year, the last one having been at Buddy Freddy's in Plant City in July. Let's all support the chapter on September 11th by attending our meeting, and bringing your Studebaker. I plan on bringing my 1951 Champion, with its new bumpers, so let's bring a good number of Studebakers to show them off in famous Tarpon Springs.

We hope to see you on September 11th!

Sincerely,

Wilber G. Van Scoik

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# September 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4 <b>Drive Your Studebaker Day</b>	5
6 <b>Labor Day</b>	7	8	9 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	10	11 <b>Patriot Day</b>  SDC Meeting at Crabby Bill's 11:30 a.m.	12 <b>Grandparents Day</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <b>International Day of Peace</b>	22	23 <b>First Day of Autumn</b>	24 <b>Native American Day</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Upcoming Events

- **Drive Your Studebaker Day** - Sept. 4, 2010
- SDC Central FL Chapter Meeting - Sept. 11, 2010 at Crabby Bill's in Tarpon Springs.
- **42nd Southeast Zone Meet** - Oct. 8-10, 2010 in Braselton, Georgia
- **33rd Florida State Meet** - Oct. 22-24, 2010 in Crawfordville, FL

## Minutes of SDC Central Florida Chapter July 10, 2010 Meeting

The SDC Central Florida Chapter met at Buddy Freddy's in Plant City on July 10, 2010. Seventeen members and three children were present.

Everyone enjoyed the buffet.

Larry Good welcomed everyone. He announced that the Zone Meet in Baselson, Georgia is scheduled for October 8-10, 2010, and the Florida State Meet in Crawfordville, October 22-24, 2010.

Larry thanked Wilber for his great work on the "Flying Hubcaps".

Larry reported that there is a "Turning Wheels" index online if anyone needs to get information.

Wayne Studebaker reported on the International Meet held in Glendale, Arizona this past June.

The next meeting will be September 11, 2010 at Crabby Bill's in Tarpon Springs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Judy Studebaker  
Secretary

## Central Florida Chapter Meeting September 11, 2010

The SDC Central Florida Chapter will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on September 11, 2010 at Crabby Bill's Seafood, 900 Pinellas Avenue, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689. The meeting will be on the second floor - stairs just behind the bar. There is parking on the north side of the restaurant with additional parking across Pinellas Avenue. For those of you driving your Studebaker, recommend you park in the lot across the street with the car facing Pinellas Avenue so passing traffic can see the cars.

## Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet Report

We trailered our 1937 Studebaker Dictator to Glendale, AZ for the Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet May 30 to June 4, 2010. Other Central Florida Chapter members attending the Meet were Ed and Dee Fisher, Jay Hart, and John Hull. The Glendale Renaissance Convention Center was a very nice facility in a recently developed area. The week was filled with well planned activities that were well executed. We never heard how many cars were registered, but a guess is that there were less than 200 cars on the lot Thursday for the Concours. Our car received a score of 393 points from a possible 400 qualifying it for a 1st Place award in Division 1 - Prewar. We attended the Antique Studebaker Club Award Luncheon on Friday and picked up the Long Distance Trailered Award.— Wayne and Judy Studebaker

## SDC Membership

If someone you know is thinking of buying a Studebaker or interested in joining the Studebaker Drivers Club, please go to [www.studebakerdriversclub.com](http://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.



## Articles Needed

Thank you for the articles submitted. Keep the articles coming! The newsletter will not only grow, but it will be more informative. So, send in all your articles that might interest the Central Florida Chapter to [wvanscoik@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:wvanscoik@tampabay.rr.com) or call 727.580.1481.

Here is the official shirt design for the “Drive Your Studebaker Day” shirt design... and here is the link:

[www.studebakerdriversclub.com/sdcstore.asp](http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com/sdcstore.asp)

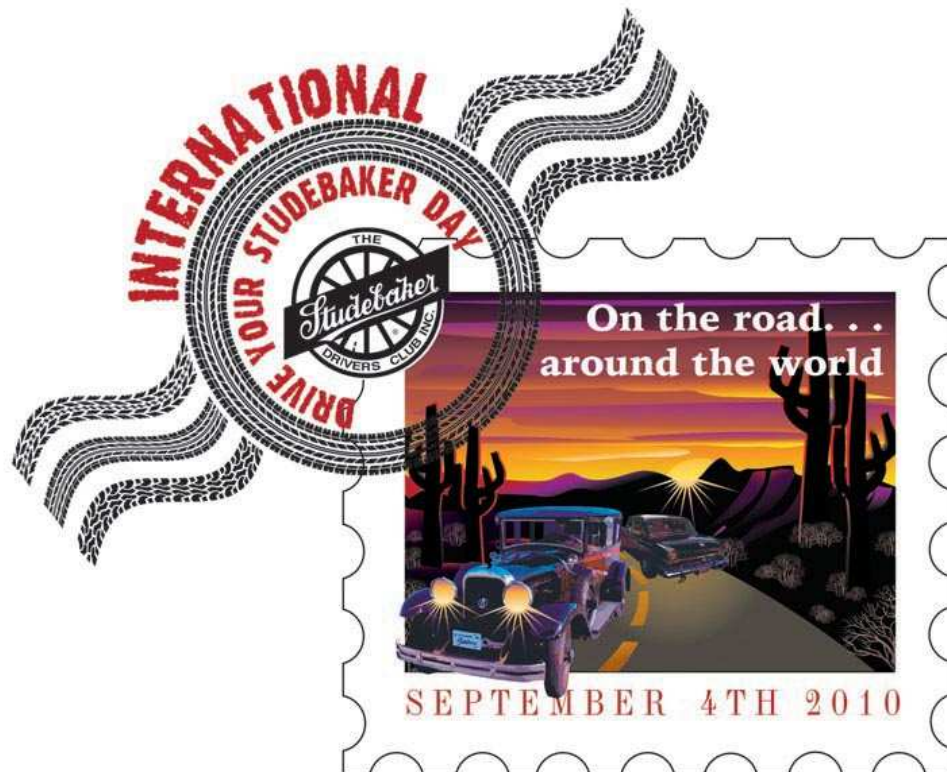
**The 2010 International Drive Your Studebaker Day T-shirts are now for sale! The shirts were designed by SDC member Rick Courtier.**

The cost per shirt is \$15 PLUS SHIPPING. XXL and XXXL are \$2 extra.

All major credit cards are accepted: VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER and AMEX.

You can place your order via email at [bill@bondobilly.com](mailto:bill@bondobilly.com) or phone, 914-681-0855 Monday through Friday between 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m..

**GET YOURS ORDERED TODAY!**



## Studebaker Finds Home In Jail

*Courtesy of the ever observant Lew Schuart*

*Originally printed at <http://wsbt.com/news/local/97347709.html>*

SouthBend - They called it a "grab and go": an ambulance so basic that all it was good for was scooping up an injured patient and rushing him to the hospital.

But in 1965, the Studebaker Ambulette was the height of technology and a major purchase for the St. Joseph County Police Department, which operated the ambulance service for the county.

On Monday, the fully restored Ambulette was placed on permanent display in the lobby of the St. Joseph County Jail, along with photographs chronicling the department's history.

Both the car and the photos mark the end of a several-year campaign by Sheriff Frank Canarecci and his staff to preserve the history of the county's police department.

"When we started this project, the county archives only had one photograph," Canarecci said, before pointing out the several dozen that now line the walls of the lobby and of the jail's administrative offices.

Canarecci, a history buff, will end a chapter of department's history on Wednesday, his final day as sheriff before stepping down and allowing Assistant Chief John Botch to finish out the term. A new sheriff will be elected in the November election.

"The jail sits on former Studebaker land, it's part of the proud heritage of South Bend," Canarecci said, "so it's appropriate that the car be put on display here."

Although the county police department quickly gave up its ambulance service in the 1960's, the Ambulette was retained and featured in parades and at other events.

Canarecci said wear and tear on the vehicle after years of sitting idle led to the need for a full restoration and the idea that it be placed in the jail.

County commissioner Dave Thomas said Canarecci asked commissioners to approve the request, because the jail is owned by the county and not the police department.

"Future generations will have the benefit of knowing this history," Thomas said.

## Studebaker Finds Home In Jail (continued)

Canarecci said the costs of restoring the car and of installing it inside the jail - a glass company had to remove and reinstall windows to get the vehicle inside - were covered by donations and money from the jail's commissary funds. That money stems from profits raised by selling items to inmates in the jail.

"Not one dollar of tax-payer money was used," Canarecci said. Besides the time spent restoring the Studebaker, which sits behind a 4-foot-tall wall of glass, Canarecci credited county police chief Skip Weiand and his wife with hundreds of hours researching and tracking down old photographs of the department, mainly from former employees.

"Once things like this are lost, they're gone forever," Canarecci said. "A lot of this stuff would have disappeared."—Staff writer Dave Stephens: [dstephens@sbtinfo.com](mailto:dstephens@sbtinfo.com) (574) 235-6209

## 33rd Annual Florida State Studebaker Meet

The 33rd Annual Florida state Meet will be held in Crawfordville, Florida on October 22-24 at the Inn at Wildwood in Wakulla County. Hosts will be the Big Bend Chapter. Registrations forms are on the website. For more information, please contact George Klutkowski, President of the Big Bend Chapter at (850) 309-0602.

## 42nd Southeast Zone Meet for 2010

The Zone Meet for 2010 will be October 8-10 in Braselton, GA, hosted by the North Georgia Chapter. The hotel is the Country Inn & Suites, 925 Highway 124, Braselton, GA 30517. Located off I-85 exit 126. Room Rates are \$79. Phone 800-596-2375. For full details go to <http://www.studebakerclubs.com/northgeorgia/>

## A Little Editorial Humor



### PROOFREADING IS A DYING ART THESE DAYS!

This was emailed to me from a friend. Just wanted to share the laughs.  
Listed are headings from published articles.

**Man Kills *Self* Before Shooting Wife and Daughter**

**Something Went *Wrong* in Jet Crash, Expert Says.**

**Police Begin Campaign to *Run Down* Jaywalkers**

**Panda Mating *Fails*; *Veterinarian* Takes Over**

**Miners Refuse to Work After *Death***

**Juvenile Court to Try *Shooting* Defendant**

**War Dims Hope For *Peace***

**If Strike Isn't Settled *Quickly*, It May Last *Awhile***

***Cold Wave* Linked To *Temperatures***

**Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police *Suspect Homicide***

**Red Tape *Holds Up* New Bridges**

**Man Struck By Lightning; Faces *Battery Charge***

**New Study of *Obesity* Looks For *Larger Test Group***

**Kids *Make* Nutritious Snacks**

**Local High School Dropouts *Cut in Half***

**Hospitals are Sued by *7 Foot Doctors***

**Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; *Hundreds Dead***



## CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale:** (Copied from the Orlando Area July/August newsletter) I need to sell one of these cars to a Studebaker or Avanti lover—I would be interested in Studebaker or Avanti trade—need garage space & too many dollars tied up in Avanti's—could be driven anywhere in the USA.

2006 Avanti Convertible— Rose Red or Salmon exterior-Charcoal black interior-6000 + or - miles— Received a 1st at Studebaker National in June— 4.0 V6-Console shift—Only 6 cyl. Sold in US to carry Avanti Name tag—Last new Avanti sold in US—\$60,000

1988 Avanti Convertible— would receive a 1st place in Studebaker judging—Phantom is in process of new white leather-Flame red exterior—White leather interior & top 25th anniversary wheels—305 V8—Automatic transmission—Michael Landon original owner—Michael Kelly 2nd owner—45,000 miles—\$50,000—Richard James—419-688-9276 or studebaker20340@yahoo.com

**For Sale:** 1985 Avanti - Partially restored, major body work done, moon roof, 305 CI engine and auto transmission out of car. Have recored radiator and new electric fans. Needs air conditioning condenser and radio. Over \$7,700 invested, sell for \$5,500. Contact Geoff Smith at 813-920-5104 or email geoffmyra@verizon.net.

**Wanted:** 62 GT Hawk for parts. It's rusty but has a lot of good parts. If you are interested, please contact Don Cohen at 321.508.4931.

**Wanted:** 1957 Golden Hawk wanted to buy. Please call Aaron Fodiman at 727.791.4800.

**For Sale:** Studebaker parts car for sale — Roger McDonald 727.290.6256

**For Sale: STUDEBAKER PARTS FOR SALE!** Original Studebaker manuals never used, shelf worn:

Original Vent Shades (Boxed) 4 Door Sedans Champion & Commander 1953-55 \$125

Engine Piston Rings STD to .010

1938-50 Commander STD to .010

1939-60 Champion STD to .010

1951-54 V-8 Commander STD to .010 Each \$30

Engine Valves Intake & Exhaust 1951-54 V-8 8/\$64

1951-54 V-8 Valve Springs 8/\$30

Champion 1939-54 Valve Springs 6/\$25

Champion 1939-55 Valves INT or EXH 6/\$48

Engine Valves 1932-50 6/48 / 8/\$64

Engine Valves Springs 36-50 6/\$25 / 8/\$30

AC Fuel Pumps w/Modern Diaphragm

Champion #527 1939-54, #4156 1955-58 \$55

#4703 Lark 6 cyl 1959-64 \$50

#40254 V-8 1965-66 Chevy Engine \$50

Dual Fuel Pumps #9217 1948-50 Comm \$80

Dual Fuel Pumps Truck #9281 1949-53 Comm Engine \$80

Plus Shipping

Please contact: James D. Lee, Central Florida Chapter P.O. Box 678, Parrish, FL 34219 or 941-776-2265

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## CLASSIFIEDS (continued)

**For Sale:** 1954 Commander Deluxe Starlight Coupe: 232 V-8 with 3 speed o/d. Solid, original, complete car in need of restoration. Fresh out of 40 year storage. Asking \$4500. For more information, please call (813) 546-2900 or email [r3pwr@msn.com](mailto:r3pwr@msn.com)



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call 727.580.1481 to submit your ad.**