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President's Message

Thanks to Ken Bruce for hosting our August meeting. Judy's Cafe did a great job of serving up a delicious breakfast in a timely manner. Even though our attendance was about average, we had six Studebakers driven to the meeting, including four '53 Coupes/Hardtops. We welcomed visiting guests Wesley Householter and family who drove a sharp '53 Starliner. Next month's meeting will be the "Drive Your Studebaker" trip to Waxahachie on September 13. Note this is not our normal Saturday meeting time, due to the International Meet falling on the 3rd weekend. I will be sending out more detailed information in the near future.

If you are planning on attending the International Meet in Washington, PA, September 17-20, let me know so we can get together while at the meet. Please consider volunteering to be a chaperone for one of the day trips during next year's International Meet. Your primary responsibility is making sure everyone is on the bus at the various stops. The chaperone's trip/lunch will be paid for by the club.

We are beginning to solicit advertising for the meet brochure. If you work for, or have contact with companies that might have an interest in advertising in our brochure, please contact Ray Chartrand.

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North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club Meeting August 16, 2025

Judy's Cafe Garland Texas

The meeting was called to order by President Eddie Ranne.

Minutes of the July 19 meeting can be read in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Leon Carpenter gave the treasury report, We have 43 paid members and 8 who haven't paid their dues. 3 people dropped from the roster for not keeping their dues current.

Ray Chartrand said we are 13 months away from our 2026 National Studebaker meeting in Waxahachie and we have to have everything in place and completely planned when Pittsburgh has their National meeting September 16 – 20, 2025. Ray still needs volunteer escorts for the outing events to Dallas, Ft. Worth, Arlington and Waco. All the escort has to do is make sure people get on the bus and back to Waxahachie after the tour. Tours are booked and buses are scheduled already. Mark Chambers will chaperone the FT. Worth tour. Ray is working on the meet brochure and needs advertisers.

We need more members to participate in organizing the meet.

Everyone is encouraged to drive your Studebaker to Waxahachie September 13 on National Drive your Studebaker Day. Photos will be taken in front of the court house for the brochure. Eddie invites anyone to caravan with him to Waxahachie, meet at the Cracker Barrel in South Arlington at 9:00 for breakfast and leave at 10:30 for Waxahachie. Ray made us a reservation for lunch at Omar's tacos

Visiting today is Wesley & Sarah Householter and children Grace & James.

Holiday banquet November 15, 2025, Eddie is suggesting a buffet at Salerno's Italian restaurant in Highland Village.

Email Eddie a picture of your car for table decorations at the restaurant. Be sure to bring your Wives.

Gary still has Drive your Studebaker Day shirts for purchase. Please buy one so he can stop carting them to meetings.

Wheels for Wellness is September 20. Get a free PSA exam at the car show.

Good Guys car show September 26, Texas Motor Speedway

Rick Watts won the 50/50 pot today thanks to James Householter (Wesley's son) who drew the winning ticket.

Studebakers in attendance: Eddie Ranne – '53 Champion / Ken Bruce- '53 Commander/
Wesley Householter- '53 Champion / Gary Meek- '53 Commander / Rodney Murphy- '85 Avanti
Ray Chartrand- '63 GT Hawk.

Attendees : 15

Rick Watts	George Jensen	Leon Carpenter	Bella Carpenter	Nicholas Treaster
Eddie Ranne	Ken Bruce	Gary Meek	Reza Molai	Rodney Murphy
Ray Chartrand	Nick & Anne Harper	Guest : Wesley & Sarah Houseolter		

6 Studebakers at the meet



Wesley & Sarah Householter '53 Champion



Eddie Ranne – '53 Champion



Gary Meek- '53 Commander



Ken Bruce- '53 Commander



Rodney Murphy- '85 Avanti



Ray Chartrand- '63 GT Hawk.



Gary Meek (50 years) opposite guests the Householters



At the end are members Nick & Anne Harper



President Eddie Ranne trying to convince Ken Bruce



Gary Meek's 53 Commander getting the word out



Flying that Studebaker banner for all to see

Editor's remarks



**In the background is Cabot Tower
built in 1898**

Yes we are a drivers club, an item I often harp upon in our newsletter. But in reality it's much more than that. It's about friends & acquaintances coming together to forge relationships that in our club for some have lasted over 50 years. The photo I'm pictured in is of a friend's car in St. John's Newfoundland. I never knew Brian until I saw his gorgeous car on Facebook & recognized a familiar looking background. I reached out to him about his location & sure enough I was right. We kept in touch & 3 years ago when we drove to Newfoundland, Brian met me & took me for a drive & a coffee in his beautiful 63 GT Hawk. It's the only one on the island. This past week I once again met up with Brian & he took me for a drive to Signal Hill where Marconi transmitted his first telegraph to Europe in 1901.

We were mobbed by tourists but Brian is a good sport & a true ambassador for our brand. As a surprise, after what seemed like a long way back home, he suggested that we pick up my wife & sister in law who I had dropped off to go shopping before hand. My wife has only ridden once in Ruby my car but here with her sister they were the talk of the town in a 63 GT Hawk. As I said before, it's more than just about the car

You just never can tell how our monthly meetings will turn out. I think the idea of an early morning breakfast meeting is a brilliant idea. I enjoyed the 55 mile one way drive in Ruby in the cooler morning air & it was still a pleasant drive back home, although I must admit, that I was stuck to the seat as I got out.

There was a lot of energy in the room with the appearance of a new young couple looking to join us. The Householter family & their children are what I was hoping the club would be like when I joined some years ago. Social media seems to be the big ticket item in attracting newer & younger members. Several have appeared since we launched the North Texas Studebaker Club Facebook page. In fact, Sarah Householter had pictures posted on the site before I was even back home. BTW, she's a much better photographer than I am & the photos of this months meet are courtesy of Sarah. Thank you.

One last note is an appeal for each & every member to seriously consider how you can contribute to ensuring the success of our International Meet next year. When I moved to Texas 32 year ago, I was amazed how friendly & outgoing the people here were. I'd like to convey that same feeling to those who visit us next year.

Calendar of Events

Monthly meetings are typically held on the 3rd Saturday of the month with locations varying throughout the metroplex. Tire Kicking starts around 11:30 with lunch at noon & the meeting thereafter.

Many meetings offer informative presentations of interest to our members

Members are encouraged to host an event at one of their favorite locations

August Breakfast Judy's Café Garland

September Sept 13 Drive your Studebaker day to Waxahachie

Sept 20 Wheels for Wellness Fort Worth www.wheelsforwellness.org

Studebaker International Meet 2025

The 61st Annual SDC International Meet is being hosted by the Allegheny Region Chapter of the SDC and will be held in **Washington County, Pennsylvania**, September 16-20, 2025.

50th Northeast Oklahoma SDC Regional Zone Meet

Oct 4 Broken Arrow Ok—Contact Nancy Kimbrough – mztazz50@aol.com

Studebaker International Meet 2026

The 62nd Annual SDC International Meet is being hosted by the North Texas Chapter of the SDC and will be held in Waxahachie Texas, September 23-26, 2026.

We'll need all hands on deck to pull this off.



For sale

63 Avanti 289 R1
automatic

Email

Maggy Alexander at
daveandmags@gm
ail.com



Currently the vehicle is listed on <https://ctbids.com/estate-sale/38103> and does have a reserve price of \$17,500.

If they would like to directly speak with Joe Freeman (the owner) or myself they can contact me via email or call (507)951-7172 or (702)277-2563.

Humor

Imagine you're traveling and opening your passport at the airport and boom!!!....😱😱😱



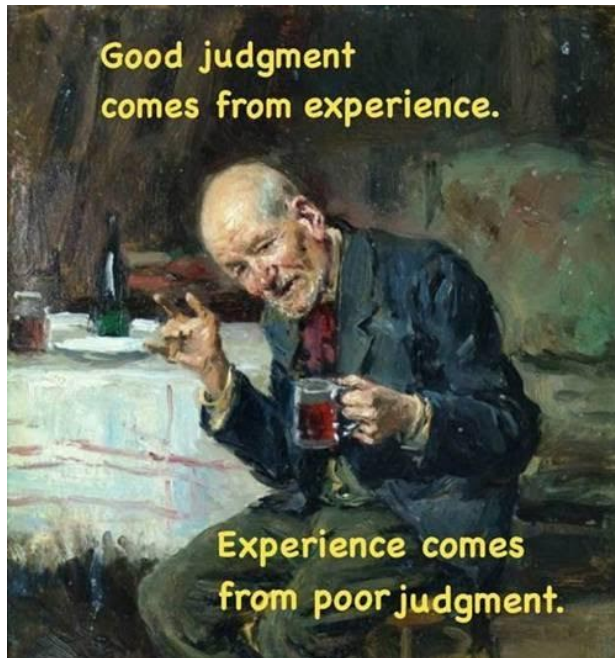
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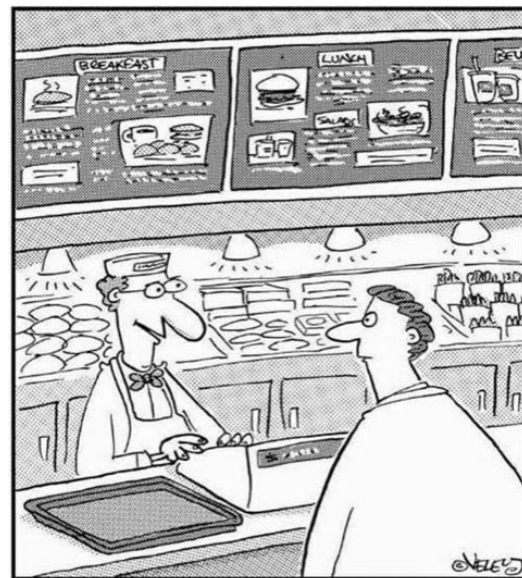
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Of course, long-time member **Mark Frank** has been rebuilding Studebaker engines and restoring Studebakers for years and I think is pretty well recognized as the best in Texas.

So we now have two possible sources that we can suggest members consider using when they ask for help.

It is a start at helping each other keep our Studebakers in good condition. Who do you use when you need that outside help? How about sharing that information with the rest of us?

Send me the contact information for your resource in whatever issue they specialize in. You can email it, snail mail it, or just pick up the phone and call me at 361-816-0375. **Studebaker folks are the best at helping each other. Lets do this thing!**

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PLEASE LIST YOUR STUDEBAKERS: (Owning a Studebaker is not a requirement)

YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE
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1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

(Own more than 3? They're habit forming – just use the back)

We currently have over 60 members in our club. Average attendance at our meetings is 30. We meet on a monthly basis, typically on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Many of our meetings are held in conjunction with metroplex shows, tours or special events. Our meetings are fun, informative and very informal. We usually have a meal during the meeting for those who wish to eat. Our monthly newsletter is one of the very best, with interesting articles, color pictures of our members, Studebakers, current club news and items of interest.

We welcome you to our club where dues are \$20.00 per year.

Signature

Date

SDC Membership #

You must be a member of SDC to belong to a local club

<https://studebakerdriversclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SDC-Membership-Application.pdf>

Mail application along with dues payable by cash or check to :

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Check made out to North Texas Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club