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President's Message

I want to thank Scott Rankert for hosting the January meeting. The food at Keke's was excellent and his Studebaker collection was enjoyed by all. I was pleased to see such an excellent turnout on a very cold January morning. I always look forward to the breakfast meetings as I really enjoy breakfast foods. It was great reconnecting with some members that I haven't seen in a while. As I mentioned at the meeting, we are attempting to plan all the 2026 meeting locations this month. I have had three volunteer to host so far. If you would like to arrange a meeting place and haven't spoken to me earlier, please text at 972-741-2795, or email me at eddie.ranne@gmail.com. We are always looking for interesting and different ideas for monthly meetings.

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Meeting of the North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club
January 17 , 2026
Keke's Breakfast Cafe Plano Texas

President Eddie Ranne called the meeting to order, Minutes from the November meeting can be reviewed in the news letter. Treasurer Leon Carpenter said 33 members have paid up membership, 19 have not paid. Ken Bruce brought a guest named Bill. If you told Eddie that you want one of the parts manuals, he is holding them for you.

Decatur swap meet is February 19- 21. / Good Guys is March 6-7
Pate is April 23-25.

Members are encouraged to host a meeting. Talk to Eddie to see which months are available. We will need a golf cart during the international meeting in September, if you have one or can acquire one for our use please contact Ray or Eddie.

We need members to help direct cars through the judging line. And parking and lining up cars for judging. Starting this year, we won't have an official meeting every month, but we will have activities planned every month. Your ideas are welcomed, Swap meets, tours, picnics, cruises, museums, car shows. Ray had a few sample shirts made to choose from for our international meet, they are for sale for \$15.

They will sell for \$20 at the meet. Mugs are for sale too.

Ray has been working hard on the meet. Meet Registration is in place, hotels are in place, Banquets have been booked, Busses for the tours are booked. There are three hotels adjacent to the convention center. Hampton Inn, Fairfield Inn, and the official hotel is the Residence Inn. There are several other hotels and motels in Waxahachie a short drive from the convention center. We need members to sell sponsorships and advertisements in our guide book.

After the meeting we went to see Member Scott Rankert's Studebaker collection.

I couldn't count all the Studebakers.

Attendance 22 Members, 8 Studebakers

George Jensen, Leon & Bella Carpenter, Scott Rankert, Rick Watts, Kevin McKinney, Eddie Ranne, Ken Bruce, Ed Will, Tom & Kathy Arenson, Emet Schneiderman, Ray Chartrand, Joe Bustetter, Mike Dorn, Kurt Overmyer, John Watkins, Paul Wagner, Nicholas Treaster, Tom Pecena, Gary Meek, Rodney Murphy.

A new member with enthusiasm

NORTH TEXAS STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB (NTXSDC)



The North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club (NTXSDC) will be hosted Saturday, January 17th from 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM at AC Self Storage at 3900 McDermott Road, Plano TX, 75025.

This event will be open to the public from 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM. Come stop by!

Contact Scott Rankert for any questions.
214-908-3352

9:45 AM - 12:00 PM
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JANUARY

AC SELF STORAGE
3900 MCDERMOTT ROAD
PLANO, TX 75025

Our first meeting of the year was hosted by a new member Scott Rankert.

Scott although a recent addition to the club has demonstrated an overwhelming enthusiasm for all things Studebaker. He started his collect last summer with one Studebaker & as of this writing currently sits at.....25!!

Scott is very proud of his collection & will show it to anyone who asks. For our meeting he was up before dawn, opening over 20 storage units, Firing up each car & moving it out to display.

In this short period of time he has also amassed a list of vendors for all things related to his cars, from mechanics, paint & body, upholstery, spare parts, transportation & brokerage.

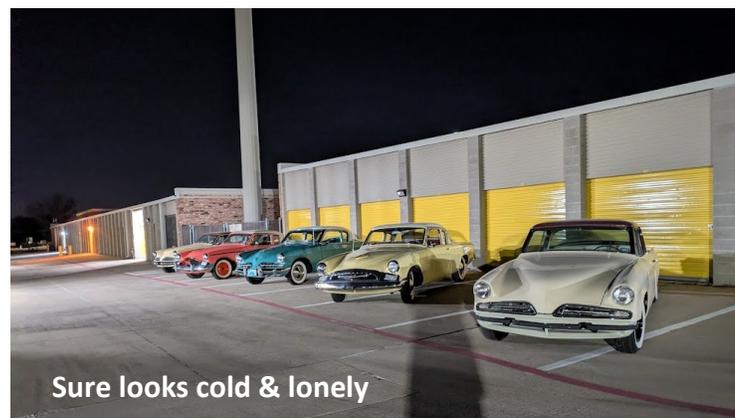
He's a walking encyclopedia.

We look forward to many more adventures with Scott as well as his life story having grown up in South bend & worked on the Avanti II production line while in college

Scott created his own graphic to host the meeting



Scott readying his collection before dawn (in the lower 30's)



Sure looks cold & lonely

The Scott Rankert Studebaker Collection of 25 cars as of January 2026



Studes everywhere you look





Ken Bruce

Club president Eddie Ranne outlining the clubs proposed activities for this year



Emet Schneiderman

Kevin Mckinney

Rick Watts

George Jensen

Bill Wunder

Kathy Arenson

Ed Will

Ken Bruce

Scott Rankert





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Mike Dorn



Tom Arenson



John Watkins

Paul Wagoner

Nick Treaster

Kurt Overmyer



Bella & Leon Carpenter



Kevin McKinney

George Jensen

Rick Watts

Editor's Remarks

What a great way to start the year. Enthusiasm is running deep within the club as our first meeting saw a very large turnout both of new & longtime members. Scott Rankert hosted the meeting & displayed his impressive collection for all to enjoy!



I personally with 9 months to delivery..... Of the International meet in Waxahachie on September 23 have been going through labor pains. Over Christmas, we evolved from a 2 person, one dog household to an 8 person 3 dog madhouse. IE the family all visited for 2 weeks. A day later they all departed including my wife who headed to Europe for 2 weeks. it was then just me & my buddy Ollie the dog.

With no obstructions & a looming deadline I threw myself into 14 hours days working on all the required publications that will appear in the next issue of Turning Wheels. This is a collaboration between myself & the international committee chairwoman. There was lots of back & forth but we succeeded in sending everything to the publisher of Turning Wheels a few hours before the deadline. Due to unforeseen circumstance with the editor of TW, the next issue will be late in arriving.

Generalities from the past 2 years now all had to become very specific with quotes turning into contracts, security deposits made & unforeseen complications such as all that's required to serve alcohol at an event explored & rectified.

One hotel (The Residence Inn) our host hotel isn't even fully built yet. It will be open for business by April but that was too late for us so we tracked down the general contractor who passed us on to the franchise owners. I told them we needed a commitment to secure a block to be able to advertise the site in our next TW edition. The commitment arrived a day before we sent everything over!

With one challenge met, I then moved on to design & ordering trial runs of meet merchandise that we'll have available on our club website. I ordered 10 large tee shirts, 20 coffee mugs & 10 ball caps. If you'd like to purchase any one of these samples before they go public, we will offer them at cost. The tees are \$15, the mugs \$7.50 & the ball caps \$15

Once online the shirts will be \$20, mugs \$10 & caps \$20

You can order for now from me & pay our treasurer Leon (see membership application for details)

If local, I will bring to a meeting. If external, we will hold the items & include in your registration packet at the meet. **Note** I only have large tees but will be taking orders for different sizes just email me your size, quantity, pay Leon & we'll have your



This past year saw another successful teddy bear drive from the Central Texas chapter who donated over 400 bears to the local highway patrol. We contributed exactly 100. This year I am proactive & collecting bears every month. My goal is 5-10 bars a month so personally I plan on donating at least 100 bears. I found this huge guy on the curb recently & lugged him home for a photo op & reminder that we can all collect bears throughout the year.

One final note is to commend member Ken Bruce for his enthusiasm in soliciting sponsorships & advertising for our guide book. I enclosed an article I asked Ken to write to show you that it's not that hard to solicit funding. If you approach it the way as he suggests, then no one will bite your head off. Moreover, the more you do it, the easier it becomes. We have untold bills that will spring up that we'll require funding for. I have no intention of touching any of the club's current assets with this venture so we'll need \$\$\$ in the kitty

Stay warm!

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

Jan 17 Keke's Breakfast Cafe 9613 Coit Rd Ste 108 Plano TX Plano Meet at 9:30 am

Feb 21 TBD

Decatur swap meet is February 19- 21

March 21 TBD

Good Guys is March 6-7

April 18 TBD

Pate is April 23-25.

May 16 TBD

June 20 TBD

We are hoping to have the entire years activities mapped out by the next issue

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 from September 23 to 26. The Antique Studebaker Club will also be joining us & will kick off the week with tours starting Sunday September 20

Although we are a closed event with registration required, we welcome the public to a meet & greet on Wednesday evening and open house with general car show on Saturday the 26th.

Details including hotels etc. will be seen in the January news-



Merchandise

Available here is the trial run of merchandise I purchased for the '26 Meet

I'm offering these at cost. Once gone the price will be the official meet prices. I have 9 large tee shirts & 16 coffee mugs along with 9 ball caps. Current price is \$15 for tees, \$7.50 for mug & \$15 for ball caps. Meet prices will reflect current market trends i.e. higher

We'll take orders for different size tees & once enough of a given size is reached I'll order them. Sales will be payable upfront to Leon with details in the registration form & delivery will be in registration packets the meet. Local purchases from current inventory will be made at monthly meetings. Email size



Gildan® Everyday T-Shirt

Size: L

Color: Royal

Position: Front

Quantity: 10

\$15 presale \$20 later



\$15 presale \$20 later



\$7.5 presale \$10 later

A tip from our Hot Shot advertising & sponsorship solicitor

Ken Bruce

Ray suggested I share my thoughts about asking businesses for sponsorship or to purchase an ad in our International Meet guidebook. My name is Ken Bruce. I have over 14 years of making a living in sales. 10 in the wholesale world and 4 years of part time retail. I didn't promise anything I couldn't deliver. I stood by what I sold. That's what I taught the people I worked with.

First, know your product. When, where, how and why.

Second, don't buy for your customer. As a far-out explanation, think about walking into a church on Sunday morning. The last thing on your mind is the upcoming Studebaker International Meet. Besides that, in your mind, why would a church be interested in purchasing an ad in a car related guidebook? (That thought is known as buying for your customer.) You present the product and let them decide whether they want it. In this case the church might be reaching out for new members going through different venues to do it. Something you weren't aware of or even thought of. Give them the opportunity to exercise a "creative" tool to draw in new members. This may be considered a far out way to describe "buying for your customer" but hopefully you get the point.

I would suggest approaching the potential customer on a one-to-one basis. Don't put them on the spot by hitting them up in front of a group of people.

Whatever the outcome. Invite them to a club meeting and maybe, eventually, they'll join the club or make a donation. Consider forwarding them a copy of our newsletter.

Refer to December's newsletter for more guidelines. Contact Eddie, Ray or Leon for guidance.

Some of you got handouts at the meeting. They're just guidelines I put together. The top page is one of the graphics for the meet. This might influence a potential customer and give them the idea that this is the real deal and the club is serious about the Meet. The second page is what I came up with to keep track of my orders. I gave a copy to Leon along with the money and a copy to Ray for his records. This way he will be expecting graphics for the paid ad. The third page gives the advertisement prices and page size. It came from the Advertisement Form that Ray Chartrand sent out.

Waxahachie 2026 & SDC International Meet Guidebook

SEPTEMBER
23RD-26TH.
2026



Advertisement Order Form

Please fill out the form below to place your advertisement order.

First Name

Last Name

Company Name

Email address

Phone Number

Billing Address

Street Address

City

State

ZIP

Advertisement Type – Please select

Full Page \$500

Half Page \$275

1/3 Page \$200

1/4 Page \$150

1/8 Page \$100

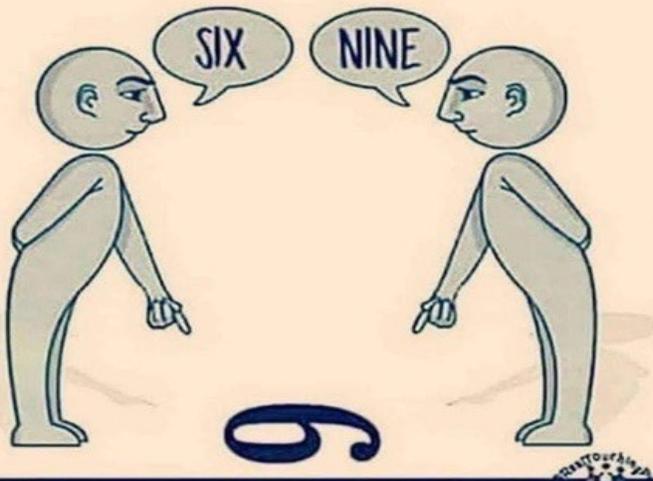
1/6 Page \$100

Signature to Confirm Your Order

Place Order

Humor

This is one of the realist things I've read...

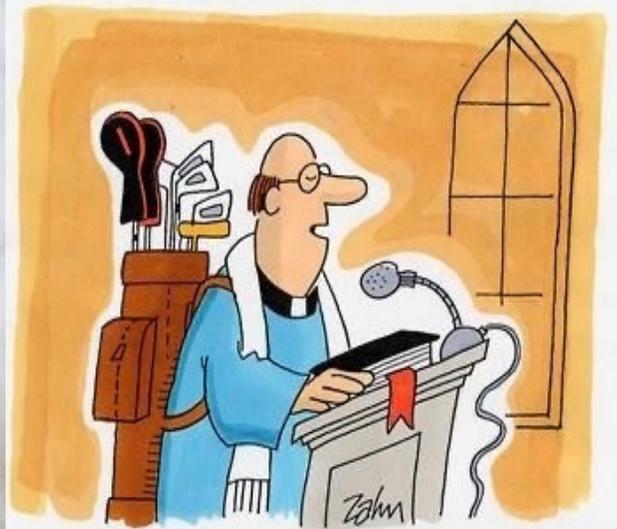


Just because you are right, does not mean, I am wrong. You just haven't seen life from my side.

IF WE WANTED TO BOLDLY SEND BILLIONAIRES WHERE NO BILLIONAIRES HAVE BEEN BEFORE, WE COULD HAVE JUST SENT THEM TO THE TAX OFFICE



Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.



"I'm going to cut my sermon short this morning."



This is the Year

62ND International Meet Waxahachie Texas

Sept 23-26 3036

- ◆ Hotels & camp grounds are lined up
- ◆ Buses are rented for tours
- ◆ Tour venues are set
- ◆ Tour guides are **Fort Worth** Mark Chambers, **Dallas** Mike Dorn, **Waco** Rick Watts
- ◆ Ladies lunch site selected
- ◆ Banquet caterer selected
- ◆ Liquor vendor (cash bar) selected
- ◆ Swap Meet chairman will be Eddie Ranne assisted by Mike Dorn
- ◆ Trophy chairman will be Rick Watts
- ◆ Chief Car Judge Blair Polhamus will return
- ◆ Memorabilia chief judge Ernie Loga will return
- ◆ Need judge for watches Pat Studebaker former judge died 01/13/2026
- ◆ Need ideas for meet & greet beside band
- ◆ Will need volunteers on site to man hospitality booth
- ◆ Still looking for goodies for goody bags Mark Brains & Mike Jones coordinating
- ◆ Still need advertisers for our guide book— go Ken go
- ◆ Still need sponsors either in cash or giveaways
- ◆ Will have an active Facebook site to keep updates current
- ◆ Our NTXSDC website should also reflect this
- ◆ Need vendor merchant to organize & take orders & sell merchandise beside check or Zelle
- ◆ Logistics & security need attention John Watkins has offered to assist
- ◆ More to follow.....

Odd 'N' Ends

Drive/Propeller Shafts

Why are driveshafts large hollow pipes with thin walls ...

A hollow shaft can handle more torque than a solid shaft if they have the same weight per length.

In early auto and machinery production, solid shafts were used for power transmission. It was simple and effective in its' day. In the late 1920's, it was discovered that the hollow shaft was more effective in transferring torque and power as there was power increase as well as the speed increase ability of the cars produced. Engineers realized that a hollow tube offered superior torsional rigidity (resistance to twisting) and lighter in weight compared to a solid shaft of the same mass. With the adoption of the tubular shaft, the handling of the car improved along with the fuel economy.

Even as the tubular shaft was found to be superior to that of the solid shaft, not all car makers of the day changed to using it. Buick, for instance continued to use the solid shaft that ran inside of what was called a torque tube. Apparently, this system was used until, about 1960. Post WWII Buicks had powerful 8-cylinder engines and at times while being driven, one may hear a clinking noise from the power transmission system which used the torque tube. The noise would be made by the drive shaft hitting the torque tube. It may be due to the solid shaft flexing or whipping. It could also be due to worn universal joints in the system that may allow the shaft to be slightly off center at times.

In choosing to stay with using the torque tube system, Buick was able to use softer coil springs for improved riding quality. This contrasts with other GM divisions like Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Cadillac which adopted the open drive shaft design with more conventional leaf spring suspension of that time.

Early Studebaker trucks did use the torque tube drive system but most of the Studebaker cars used the Hotchkiss open drive shaft system. It was used from late 1910's through the end of Studebaker production.

On some Studebakers, there is a "steady-rest" bearing between 2 drive shafts. It is mounted on a plate that stretches, and is attached from one side of the frame rail to the opposite side frame rail. Each drive shaft will have a universal.

If the drive shaft is removed for replacement of the universal joints, it is important that the alignment of the universals be in sync with each other. The easiest way to keep the universal joint in sync or proper phasing, **mark the shafts before removing them from the car so it can be easily re-assembled if the marks are in line with each other.**

Improper phasing causes the drive shaft to rotate at different speed during each revolution, leading to severe vibrations, noise and eventual damage to the drive train components. The vibrations will be felt in the passenger compartment while the car is driven.

Drive Line problems

While the drive line components are relatively simple, there are still problems that can be an issue.

Some of the drive shaft problems when car is driven;

Bent or damaged drive shaft – Causes noise and vibration at high speeds.

Worn universal joints -- Causes clunking noise when accelerating or changing gears.

Out of Balance – Causes vibration.

Worn center support bearing -- Causes vibration and noises

B.S. Column ('bout Studebakers)

By Jerry Blount -Member, Northwest Chapter

With thanks to Brenda Scott, Editor, Northwest Newsletter

Several years ago, I wrote a column about original clutch pressure plate assemblies as used on '55 to '64 V-8 Studebakers. The point of that column was to list the various diameters used - 10"; 10-1/8"; 10-1/4"; and 10-1/2" and the rating in pounds for the different model applications. 1545 lbs. to 2050 lbs. with several in the 1700 - 1800 lbs. range.

I wanted to point out that most aftermarket clutches were more like 2200 lbs. and thus could lead to clutch linkage failure, not to mention a tired left foot.

Some Studebaker parts dealers were selling a commonly available American Motors/Jeep 10-1/2" clutch pressure plate rated at 2220 lbs.

I chose to rarely sell this part (only for heavy duty use) my preference was something close to the original Studebaker listings.

So, I sold 10" and 10-1/4" pressure plates whenever I could, since these would be in the 1600 - 1800 lbs. range.

Recently my California wholesaler Studebaker parts supplier chose to discontinue selling remanufactured 10" pressure plates, mainly due to lack of people willing to do the rebuilding process.

Fortunately he now has a source for new 10-1/2" pressure plates, rated at 1450 lbs. - noted as "standard duty". The "heavy duty" version is 2000 lbs.

'55 - '64 Studebaker V-8 flywheels have a bolt pattern that will accept 10" thru 10-1/2" pressure plates, so a 10-1/2" pressure plate will readily replace a 10" plate. You should either reface your flywheel (good idea anyway) or use a 10" disc.

For sale

I have a 1963 Champ E5 model pickup truck for sale. I live in Yukon OK

I have owned my Champ for 41 years. I originally purchased it in Roswell NM. Now, Because of my age and health reasons.. regretfully, I need to find a new home for my Champ. So someone who can take care of my Champ can now enjoy this rare Studebaker as much as I have enjoyed it through all these years. This model in 1963 had only 2400 models produced by Studebaker. So it is a rare collectible truck.

I had rebuilt 2 six cylinder engines over the years. Last time I decided to put a Chevy 305 V8 in it with an RV cam and 4Bbl carb and Chevy 350 auto transmission. I have been very pleased with this combination. About 3 years ago I drove it from OK to NM to pick up a piano for my wife.. it got 16 mpg on the highway for a 1,200 mile trip! With no problems! Happy with that. It is needing some work now... brake lights and tail lights.... Transmission has a leak.. the engine runs really good now but I can't drive it with no signal or brake lights. Color is gray primer... so it needs to be painted. It has an up to date OK state registration. Seat cover is new but it needs door panels to match and headliner. I have the hubcaps & they need to be re-chromed. Anyone who purchases it will need to bring a trailer. If you want to talk.. I can PM you my phone number. Price is: \$7,400



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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!** **Nick Dynis**

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**NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER
Studebaker Drivers Club
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION**



The North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club has my permission to use this info in their club directory

NAME: _____ **SPOUSE:** _____

ANNIVERSARIES (Day&Mon): HIS BIRTH _____ **HER BIRTH** _____ **WEDDING** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BY: **U.S. Mail** **OR** **email**

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

YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE
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

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