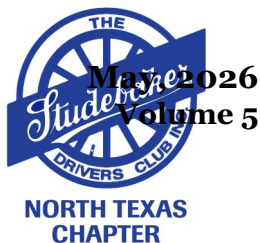




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Happy Fathers Day

President's Message

I want to thank John Watkins for the outstanding meeting he hosted Saturday. John and his wife provided an excellent meal consisting of a breakfast casserole, fresh fruit, pastries, juice and coffee. The museum was full of interesting antique tractors and implements. The museum also contained a Model T pickup and a Model T touring car. If you haven't registered for the International meet, please do so asap. It costs less than a dinner out for two, and only takes five minutes to register on line. Just go to sdcmeeet.com. If you haven't registered because your national membership has lapsed, you still have time to take care of both. Also, I hope each NTXSDC member will sign up to work at least one International Meet three hour shift. It's fun, as you get to meet a lot of interesting Studebaker folks. If you would be willing to go with Ray and I in July to solicit advertising from Waxahachie business owners, let me or Ray know.

Our July meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the Old South Pancake House in Grapevine. A Studebaker descendent will be our guest speaker. Hope to see you there.

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Minutes of the North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club
June 20, 2026
Collin County Farm Museum,

President Eddie Ranne called the meeting to order. The minutes from the May meeting can be read in the newsletter. Treasurer Leon Carpenter gave the treasury report. Three members have still not paid their dues. The club account is in good shape.

We still need money for the international meeting.

We still have members who have not registered for the international meeting. We want all members to attend and help in some way with the meeting. For \$50 you can place a picture of your Studebaker in the meet booklet. If you have parts you want to donate to the club swap meet, bring them to Waxahachie in September. Or you can rent a table for \$50 to sell your parts.

In the hospitality room we will have free popcorn and bottled water.

The convention center is providing the tables and will set them up. We have almost nothing for the auction so talk to store managers to donate auto related items or items for goody bags

Ray Chartrand has some vintage tool boxes, antique signs from the 50's, coffee mugs, all donated by Mike Jones for the auction. Eddie has an assortment of body parts manuals donated from a member's estate. The proceeds go to the national club to fund scholarships.

Nick will assist the auctioneer.

Ray said we have 125 registrations which is about 250 people for the international meeting so far. More are expected to register. Workers needed : A gate attendant, registration table attendant, and one in the Hospitality room. We want enough for 3 hour shifts.

Lynn Dorn is helping organize events that women will be interested in.

Drive your Studebaker day September 12. Eddie wants to organize the Metroplex into 3 areas and three volunteers to contact members to meet and drive their Studebaker. Take pictures for Turning Wheels.

For those of you who have ordered name tags, Fritz Poppie is working on getting them made.

July 17 meeting at the Old South Pancake house in Grapevine.

Thanks to John Watkins for organizing the Collin County Farm Museum meeting and providing breakfast.

16 Attendees

Ken Bruce 53' Coupe
Rodney Murphy 85' Avanti
Eddie Ranne 53' Coupe
Scott Rankert 56' Golden Hawk
John Watkins 53' 2R6 P/U
Rick Watts
George Jensen
Nick Treaster
Jim McMeans
Gary Meek
Leon & Bella Carpenter
Ray Chartrand
Ed Will

Photos from Collin County Farm Museum Meeting



Youi can't miss the place



2 classics from different eras—the 50's & the 80's



John Watkins our host explaining the history opf the museum



Tin Lizzy won't start



5 Studebakers showed up for the meet



Mr. Reliable, Ken Bruce can always be expected to turn out in his 53



Note the tractors that came out to greet us



A fine bevy of Studebakers

Editor's Remarks

Let me begin by wishing all dads past & present a very happy father's day.

I find it a little sad to see how we've become so much of a consumer oriented society that each event such as this triggers a mad scramble to buy "stuff" to fill the order. Everyone of us has more "stuff" than we'll ever need. How about a simple visit or a home cooked meal? much better than a last minute Amazon special!!

Our monthly meetings keep getting better & better. The bar has really been raised but is it sustainable?

After years of bashing our heads to find the perfect attraction to get members out, our secret sauce appears to be simply — meetings. The notion of driving your Studebaker to a meeting as a make it or break — well, that ship has sailed!

John really went all out to inform & entertain us at this months event. From a full breakfast to informed presentations on the intricacies & complexities of restoring an antique tractor whose marque disappeared a hundred years ago shared many of the commonalities that antique Studebaker owners face.

Seeing these hundred year old vehicles fire up (not always on the first attempt) & move on their own power was very impressive. Less impressive was the Model T Ford that despite concerted efforts refused to start.

This goes to prove that for a club that has held monthly meetings for well over 60 years, that's there's always something new to learn.

On a different note, I could blame the economy & sky high gas prices but I can also lay the blame on you my fellow Studebaker owners. Our numbers for this years international meet at tracking at about one half of last years at this time. Many of you intend to go but have not yet taken the time or effort to register. How do you expect us to plan an event that may have 250, 500 or 1000 attendees?

It not a numbers game in how many we attract to beat last years numbers. The effort is the same for 10 as a 1000 but man, are we going to lose our shirts on bus rentals because nobody has signed up or keep our fingers crossed & hope that people show at the last minute. I'm not out to win a popularity contest but I personally find it inconsiderate if you plan to attend by not registering in advance & simply showing up.

Regardless of the numbers we plan on making this a memorable event to leave attendees with pleasant memories of their trip to Texas. It will in all likelihood be the last Texas event we will see in our lifetime so make it count!

Finally to wrap up my section—Karma can be a bxxxh!

After bragging a few issues ago on how reliable Ruby was & never having let me down in over 10,000 miles of driving, well she did let me down but through my own fault. I ran her completely empty driving to church a few weeks ago. I had her towed home, added gas & was back in business the next day until I wasn't.

Running her dry, I assume stressed my electric fuel pump & after a 10 mile drive to meet a fellow member she left me stranded on a busy 4 lane boulevard in the rain! One of the best investments I made early on was to fit her with emergency 4 way flashers. They saved my butt as people would suddenly have to change lanes to avoid me. I went though that hair raising experience for over 8 hours while waiting for a Hagerty flat bed tow (a comedy of errors)

A new fuel pump & a lesson about running Ruby on fumes has made me all the wiser.



No gas means no go!

A final note:

2 weeks in Ireland without the world news constantly vying for my attention was a breath of fresh air & good for the soul. Try unplugging every now & then. It's refreshing!





Our goodwill ambassador Scott Rankert promoting our international meet at the recent south Bend swap meet

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. Breakfast meets start at 9:30

Many meetings offer informative presentations of interest to our members

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



June 20 Collin co. Farm Museum, 7117 Co. Rd. 166 McKinney Tx. 75071. Host John watkins

July 19 9:30 Original Pancake House Grapevine Hear from a Studebaker ancestor Host Ray Chartrand

August 15 Breakfast meeting central Arlington Host Ray Chartrand

September 12 Drive your Studebaker day

Sept 23-26 I 62nd International SDC Meet

October 17 Meridian Tx Robert Markman private collection & lunch

November 21 Christmas Luncheon/Elections

Studebaker International Meet 2026

The 62nd Annual SDC International Meet is being hosted by the North Chapter of the SDC and will be held in Waxahachie Texas from September 26. The Antique Studebaker Club will also be joining us & will kick off the with tours starting Sunday September 20



Texas
23 to
week

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

Details including hotels etc. are now in the February newsletter & online at www.sdcmeet.com

We welcome any company or individual that would be interested in supporting this not for profit venture by a sponsorship or advertising in our guidebook.

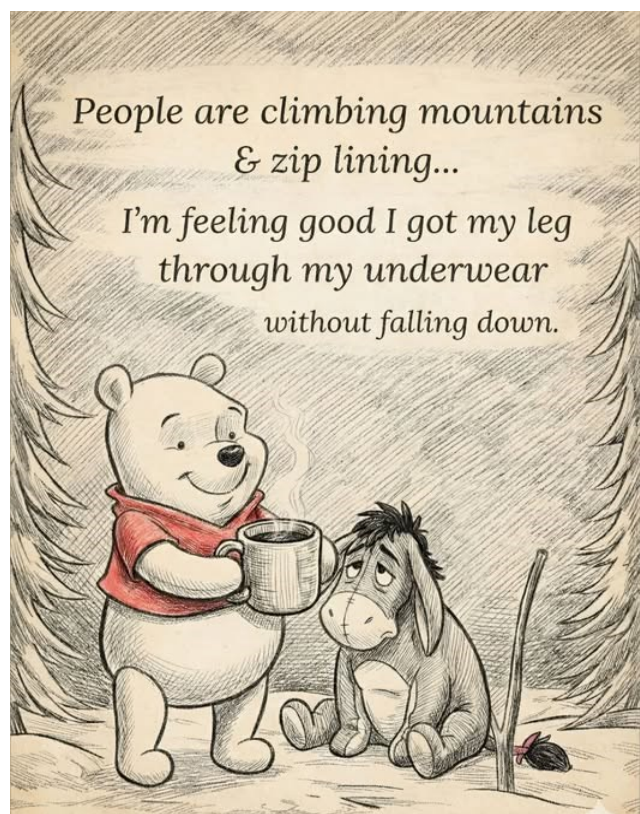
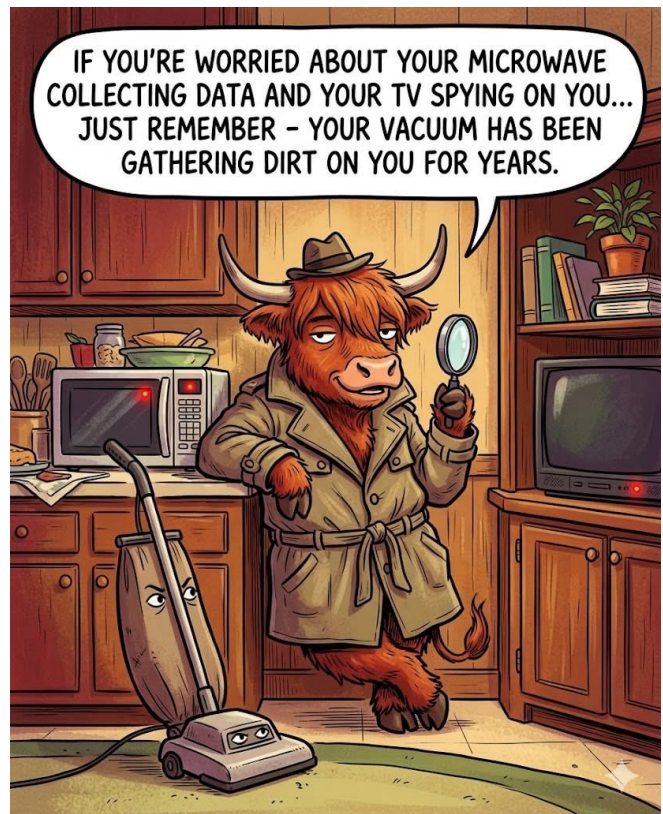
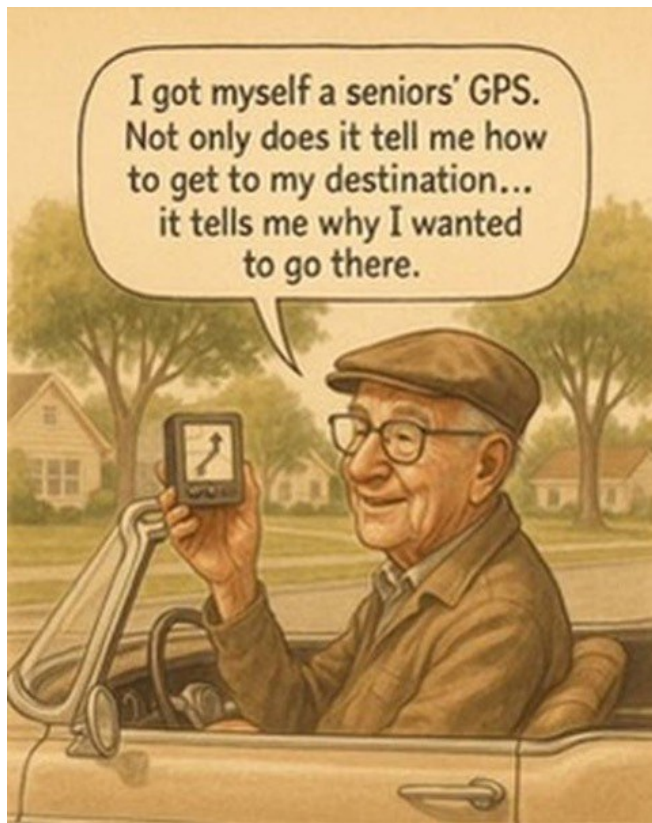
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Studebakers at the Speedway

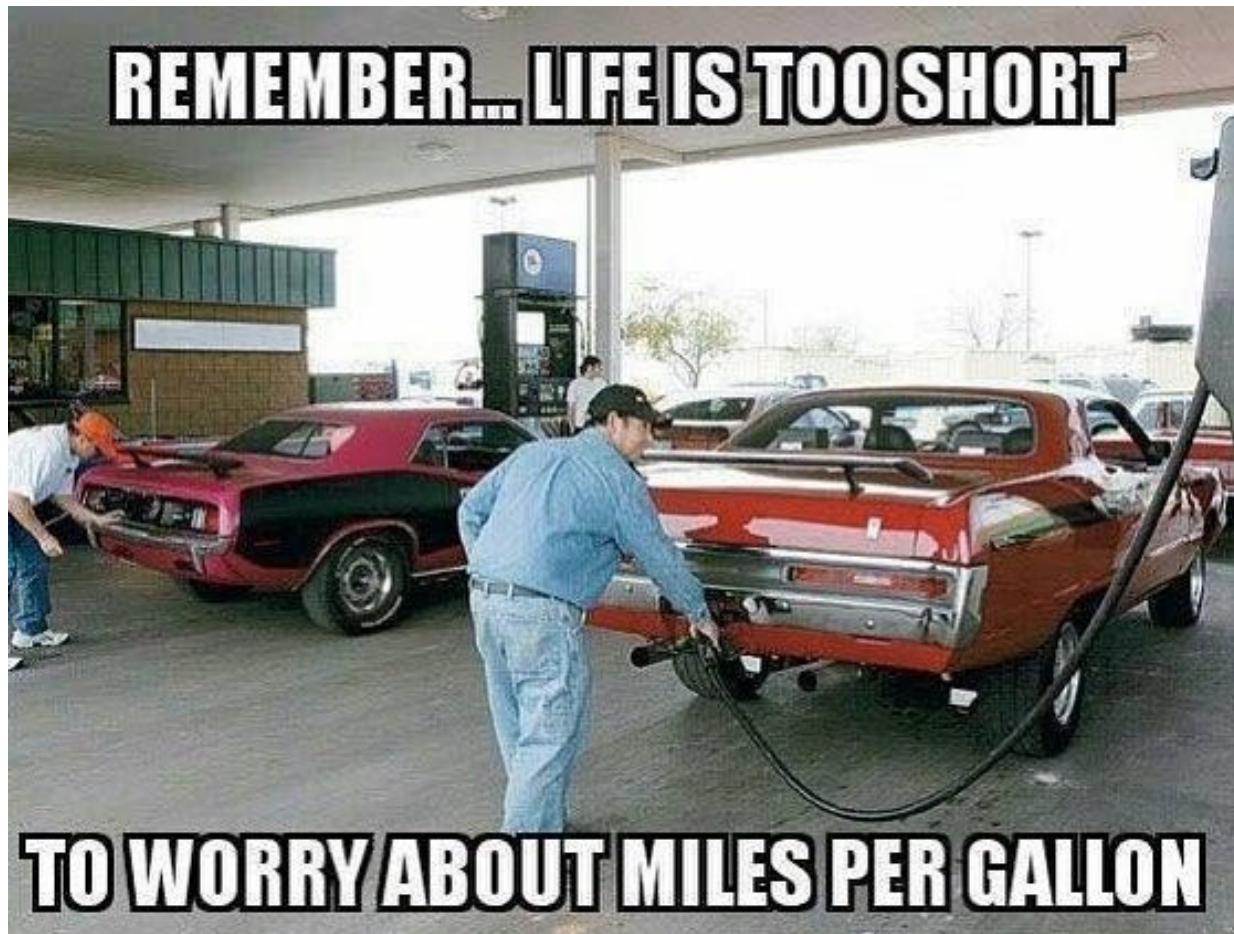


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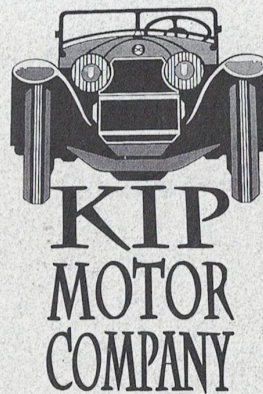
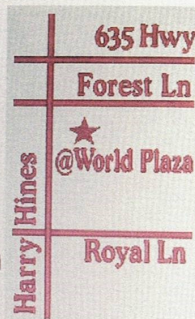
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