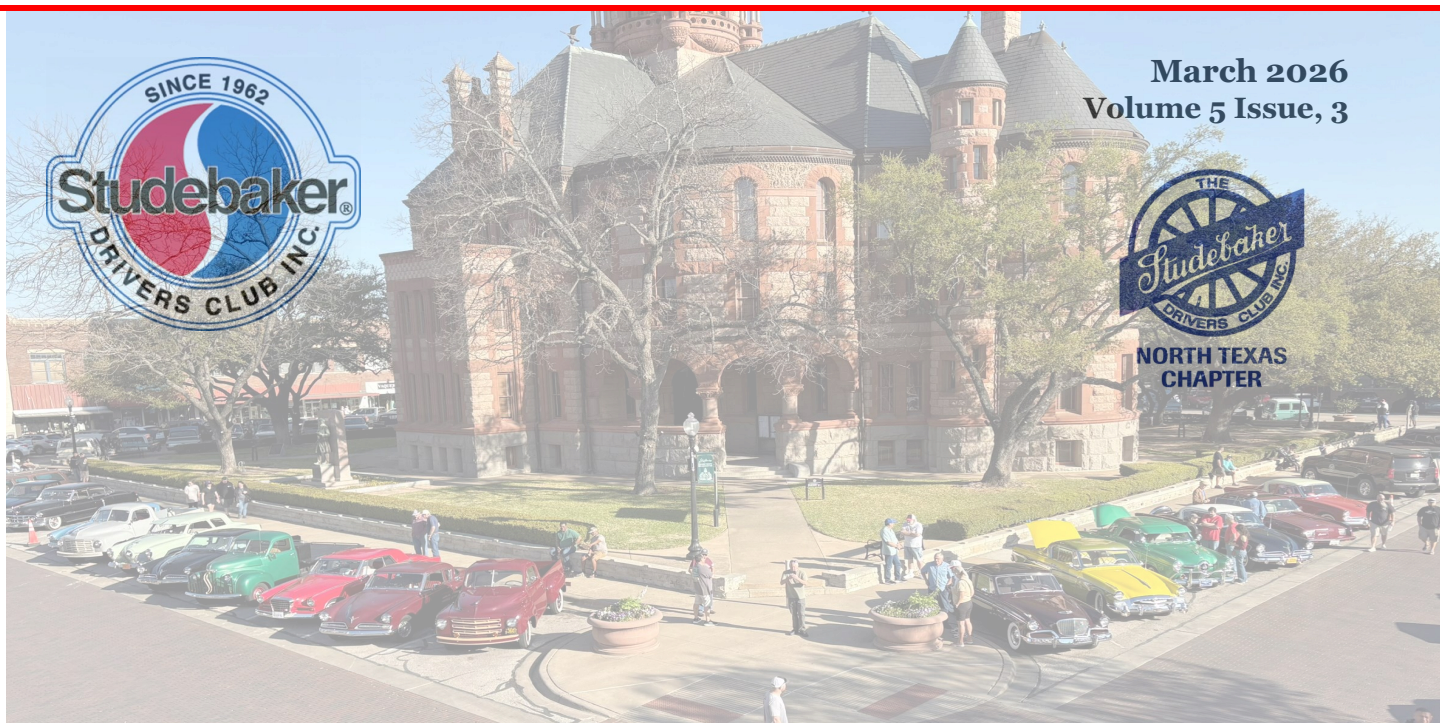




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## President's Message

Let me tell you, the view from up high on the scissor lift of 14 Vintage Studebakers parked in front of the historic Ellis County Courthouse was a sight to behold!! I want to thank all who made the drive to Waxahachie Saturday, especially those six cylinder trucks. John made the drive without turn signals!! The photo should make a great Turning Wheels cover.

The management of the brand new Residence Inn was very welcoming, and it's going to make an outstanding host hotel for our event.

For those who skipped lunch Saturday, you really missed out on some excellent Texas BBQ. The food was top quality and the portions generous.

The final two large items on our "to do list" is selling advertisement/sponsorships and filling in all the work shifts. Hopefully, each member will be willing to contribute during the 4 day event. There is only one monthly meeting open. If you would be willing to host the August 15 meeting date, please text/call me at 972-741-2795. Because of the heat, August is usually a breakfast meeting.

The April 18 meeting will be at the Haas Moto Museum in Farmers Branch. Other than the Barber Museum in Birmingham, Alabama, The Haas collection is the finest collection of motorcycles I've seen. After viewing the museum, we will have our meeting in their meeting room. Museum admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors. Lunch will be at Rodeo Goat, just a few of minutes from the museum. More details will be forthcoming. Hope to see you in April.

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# Minutes of the North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club March 21, 2026

Meeting held at the Residence Inn Waxahachie, Texas

President Eddie Ranne called the meeting to order.

Don Cox, the National Studebaker Drivers Club President attended our meeting in Waxahachie and Ray asked him for his initial impressions of the International Meet facilities.

"I think the Waxahachie Meet will be a very good meet. From what I've seen the facilities are first class. It's a historical town with a lot to do, so I'm looking forward to it and I hope all the Studebaker Drivers Club members will come down here and be a part of the 62nd International Meet".

The minutes from the February meeting are printed in the newsletter. Treasury report, the account is good. 49 members paid and 8 have not paid. Eddie said the photo we took this time should be good enough to make the cover of Turning Wheels.

Eddie will man the swap meet desk. We have 19 spaces reserved so far. Or club will have a table to sell items donated by our members so bring parts you don't want. Register early and make sure your National dues are paid. You can get the form on our website [sdcmeet.com](http://sdcmeet.com) or from Turning Wheels.

In the hospitality room we will have popcorn, water& snacks supplied by the club. A donation jar will be nearby. On Wednesday, opening night, we will have a meet and greet in Railyard Park complete with a live band & ice cream sales.

After the Friday cruise in, in downtown, we will display our cars on the top floor of the parking garage.

Drive your Studebaker day is September 12, so drive your Studebaker and take pictures & send them to Ray to coordinate for submission to TW. Refer to the Presidents Massage in March Turning Wheels.

John Watkins is sponsoring a meeting to show us a collection of Tractors in McKinney on June 20th.

Lynn Dorn suggested a trivia night for our meet. She said a vintage fashion show might be fun for ladies at the ladies luncheon. Also we might have someone available to take blood pressure. Have someone to teach a chair yoga class. Ray got a copy of Lynn's list and is looking into these suggestions for our Meet.

We will have a local historian talk about Waxahachie homes and take a tour.

Gary Meek introduced his friend Bobby Goodman. Bobby and Gary are charter members back in the good ole days. Bobby has whole parts cars for sale. He will get that info to members asap.

We need companies to donate items for our auction, goodie bags, hospitality items, etc.

Blue Bonnet BBQ was the location of the lunch today.

Meeting Adjourned.

**Attendees:** 19 members, 3 Guests, 14 Studebakers

Rick Watts (52 -2R5), Ken Bruce (53 Coupe), Rodney Murphy (85 Avanti) ,

Leon & Bella Carpenter (53 Studebaker) John Watkins (53 2R6)

Scott Rankert (55 Speedster & 50 Commander), Larry Kollie ( 1951 Champion )

Gary Meek (53 commander) Eddie Ranne (53 Coupe) Ray Chartrand ( 63 GT)

Pat Potts (53 Coupe) Larry Brooks (46 M5), Kevin McKinney (56 Power Hawk)

Tom & Kathy Arrenson, Mike & Lynn Dorn, Emet Schneiderman. Nick Treaster, Ed Will,

**Guests:**

Don & Jeri Cox, Robert Goodman,

Too many great photos from this meet  
I will post them online for your viewing pleasure on our website.  
[www.ntxsdc.com](http://www.ntxsdc.com)



**Early morning setup on the courthouse square**



**Not all cars are included here as I was scanning the horizon for the best angle.**

**I assure you every car is in the final shoot**



Owner & GM of Residence Inn along with Club President & his wife



Well attended meeting in first use of Residence Inn meeting room



2 presidents in discussion at Bluebonnet BBQ our cater for awards banquet

# Editor's Remarks



## The lengths I go to, to get the word out for you

This last meeting was over the top. It was what I had envisioned before ever joining our club. Seeing 14 Studebakers driving in a row was nirvana!

You all proved that Studebakers are tough and meant to be driven. For some, this was the longest trip your vehicle has ever seen. It didn't break or let you down. It got you there & back. If you did it once, you can do it again so drive your vehicle to our monthly meetings. Sure it may be hot in summer but that's called sweat equity. I've driven Ruby now going on 8 years from 15 degrees to well over 100 and guess what? She's always brought me home!

That aside we categorically proved that Waxahachie is the place to be. Everyone. & I mean everyone is so darnn friendly & accommodating. From the folks at the Residence Inn to the folks at the Bluebonnet BBQ you couldn't ask for nicer or friendlier people. The Waxahachie city people working with Laurie Mosley have made my job incredibly easier. Ask & you shall receive is Laurie's slogan.

It can only get better from here.

A huge shout out to Lynn Dorn, Mike's wife who not only had a suggestion to enhance the ladies experience but went on to offer many suggestions.

I will take & run with these ideas & expand upon them. This ladies is after all your meet as well. Make it worth your while!

I look forward to working with you Lynn.

Finally if you don't have or have lost your name tag. please email me & we will produce another batch to insure we are all identified as members of the North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club.

They're meant to be driven

## Meet the chronicles of Ruby my 63 GT Hawk



80 degrees in March is ideal for a 10,000 mile check up. A loose exhaust manifold bolt & snugging up the oil pan was all that was needed.

Purchased on July 05, 2013 with 75,099 miles, I have now owned Ruby 13 years & with 85,450 or 10,351 added miles. She has proven to be a very reliable car. In my 13 years of ownership, I have had a total of two (2) failures. The first occurred within a month of receiving her. A frost plug blew out. I had been alerted to this before I bought the car & it happened within a block of home so no big deal.

The second incident was last fall just as I was preparing to drive her to the zone meet in Broken Arrow Ok. That would have been her longest trip to date. The car refused to start & the problem lay in a defective ignition coil. Again a very simple fix.

I have made enhancements over the years to improve performance & reliability. The biggest bang for the buck was a custom made aluminum radiator. Once installed, the needle dropped from 240 to never above 180 even on a 100 plus degree day.

An electric fuel pump took care of vapor lock that once I saw on a 50 degree day. (got to love that corn gas)

Otherwise, a bent rear axle that I never knew until a club member following alerted me about it.

If my experience is any indication of Studebaker reliability, then I say drive the wheels off of yours. The worse thing you can do is leave it sit. They were meant to be driven.

My 2 cents — Ray

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# 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

March 6-7 Good Guys Texas Motor Speedway

March 21 Waxahachie— 9:30 Photo Shoot, visit Host Hotel, BBQ lunch Host Ray Chartrand

March 21 Historic Mesquite 3rd Annual Car Show

April 18 Haas Motorcycle Museum Farmers Branch - Host Eddie Ranne

April 23-25 Pate Swap meet at Texas Motor Speedway

May 16 Ford's Garage Plano Meet at 10:00 - Host Kevin McKinney

June 20 Tractor Museum McKinney—Host John Watkins

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

August 15 TBD

September 12 Drive your Studebaker day

Sept 23-26 | 62nd International SDC Meet

October 17

November 21 Christmas Luncheon/Elections

## 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 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](http://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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The poster features a stylized illustration of several classic cars, including a prominent blue Studebaker, parked on a road. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a light blue sky with soft, white clouds. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts.

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ROUTE 66

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The poster is framed with a distressed, vintage-style border. It features a central illustration of a red Studebaker car driving on a desert road. To the left is a Route 66 shield sign, and to the right is a 'MOTEL' sign. The background shows a desert landscape with cacti and a sunset sky. The text is bold and stylized, with stars flanking the 'ROUTE 66' and 'THE MOTHER ROAD' phrases.



Many of you will recognize the name of Don Garlits or “Big Daddy”, the king of drag racing. I visited his museum in Ocala Florida last month & he was not above featuring a few Studebakers in his collection

# More ODDS n ENDS

from our Canadian Friend Peter Yuen

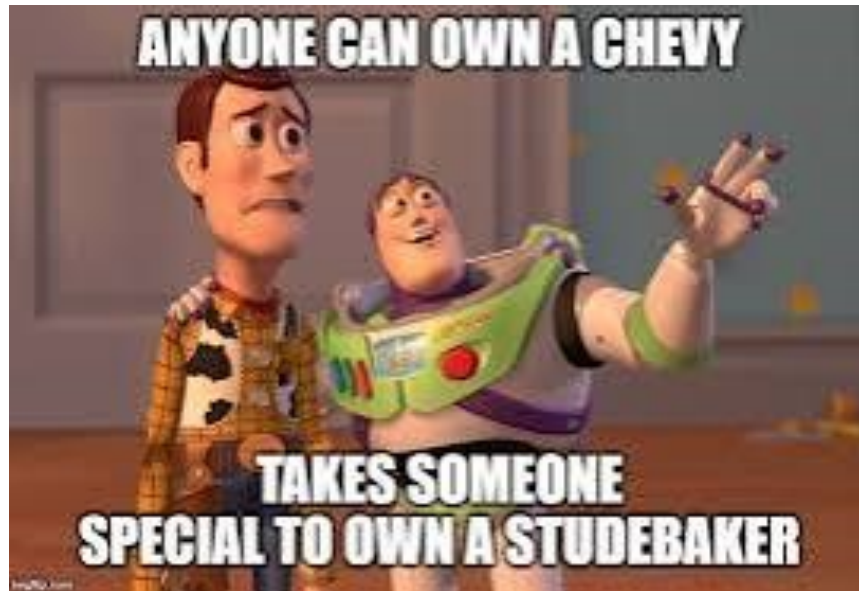
## Torque Readings

You cannot get an accurate torque check on a bolt that has already been tightened. The reason is this: A fastener that has been tightened to a specific torque value requires about 10% more torque than was originally applied to overcome the friction and to start the fastener turning again. The procedure used to check the torque of the bolt is by first loosening the bolt (Not with the torque wrench) a half to a whole turn, then tighten to the amount desired. To apply even pressure on mating surfaces such as the cylinder head to the engine block, all fasteners should be snugged down in sequence first, brought up to the desired torque value in stages of 20%, 40%, 60%, 80% and then to the specified amount of torque. The most common torque wrench used by our club members are the deflecting beam type. They are cheaper and less likely to give trouble than the more expensive types. In

## Electrical Ground

If you have heat gauge that acts up, static noise on the car radio or unexplainable problems in the generator/ alternator circuit, check the condition of the ground wire located near the left front part of the engine. Clean the cable with solvent and then give it a good heave ho type of a pull. What may appear to be a good ground cable may actually be loose at the cable ends. they can be repaired by removing and cleaning very thoroughly and then re-soldered, preferably with acid core type solder. Solder will only adhere or "WET" if the parts are clean

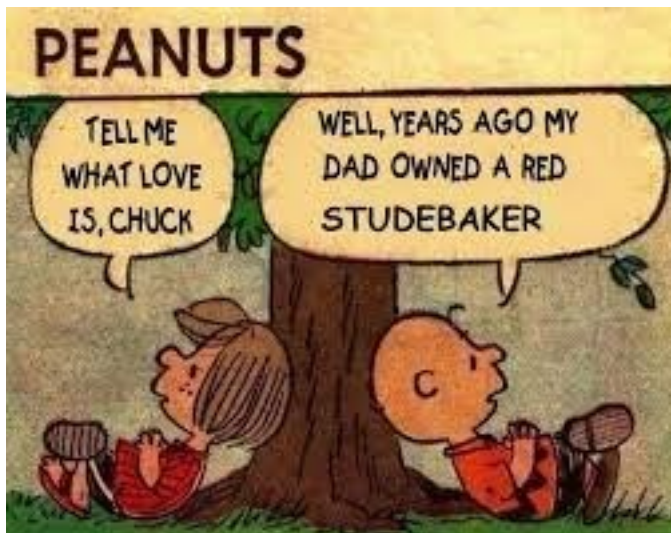
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Of course, long-time member **Mark Frank** has been rebuilding Studebaker engines and restoring Studebakers for years and I think is pretty well recognized as the best in Texas.

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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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.

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