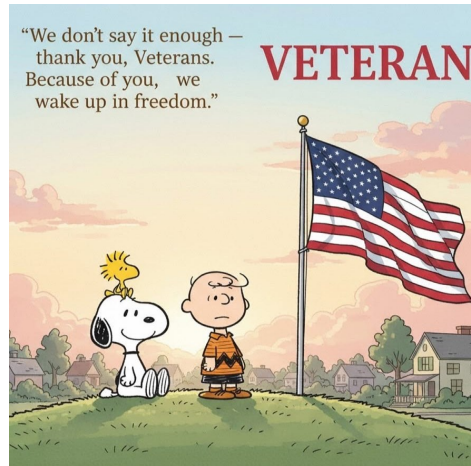




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President's Message

I want to thank everyone who attended the end of year Holiday Luncheon. We had a fine turnout, with 27 members present! I think that's the largest attendance of a meeting the club has had in the past 10 years. Salerno Italian Restaurant did a great job taking care of us. We welcomed our newest member, Mark White. His family has inherited a 1950 Studebaker. We look forward to getting to know Mark better in the future.

It is my goal to plan interesting and different outings for the club to attend in 2026. These get-togethers might not always include a formal meeting. Hopefully, everyone can get their Studebakers road-worthy this year, so we can better show DFW what interesting cars Studebakers are! 2026 will be a busy year, as we prepare for the upcoming International Meet. We will all need to work together to make this a memorable International Meet for all attending. I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable holiday. See you next year!!

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Minutes of the North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club Salerno's Italian Restaurant. Highland Village, Texas

President Eddie Ranne called the meeting to order. The club paid for the drinks and the tip. Minutes of the October meeting can be read in the newsletter. Eddie introduced new member Mark White. Mark has a '50 champion. We have picked up several members who responded to our Facebook page. Leon gave the treasury report, 21 paid for 2026, 32 not paid. Please pay your dues today or ASAP. A donation was collected for the Heart of the City Food Bank. Members can keep the table decorations of member owned Studebakers. Ray thanked "unsung hero" members, Leon for keeping track of treasury stuff, Rick Watts for taking copious notes, sending the minutes five minutes till midnight on Sunday. Jim McMeans for printing the newsletter and mailing copies to members who don't have computers. Nick Treaster who created the web site.

Ray Chartrand gave a report on the 2026 international meet. We are now ten months from the 2026 international meet. Ray is trying to get a grant from Governor Abbot and Texas. Ray handed out Financial aid strategy folders to members because he needs our help securing funds through grants, sponsorships, and guide book advertisements.

Members brought 25 teddy bears to donate to the Central Texas SDC for the Texas Highway Patrol. Bob and Gayle MacLeod are moving to New Hampshire, Leaving the Vice president position open. Ray Chartrand was nominated for the vacant office of vice president, Nick Harper made the 1st motion and Rick Watts 2nd.

Rick Watts made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Ken Bruce 2nd. By a vote all nominees were elected.

No December meeting. Eddie wants to do cruises and events but not have meetings every month. He also wants to have the whole years' meetings / events scheduled by January.

Door Prizes: Gary Meek got Studebaker branded valve caps, Tom Arensen also chose valve caps. Bob MacLeod chose the air gauge, Mark Chambers chose the spark plug lamp. Ken Bruce got the Picture of the Studebaker truck and donated it to me, thanks Ken !!

George Jensen says Costco has a model of a 1953 Studebaker for sale for \$20.

Meeting Adjourned.

27 Members in attendance.



Rick Watts - Rodney & Shawanda Murphy – 85 Avanti
Ken Bruce – 1953 Commander
Edward Will - Ryan & Mark Chambers -Jim McMeans
Gary Meek - 1953 Commander
Larry Kollie - Mark White
Ray Chartrand & Elaine Connolly - Tom & Kathy Arenson
Bob & Gayle MacLeod - Anne & Nick Harper
Leon & Bella Carpenter
Eddie & Dana Ranne – 1953 Commander
George & Gail Jensen - Fritz & Yvonne Poppe

Year End Meeting & Elections



4 Studes made the drive in can you believe it 89 F weather for November 15, 2025!



2 Bullet nose owners Larry Kollie & new member Mark White holding bag



Foreground Mark & Ryan Chambers with Ed Will looking on



Leon & Bella Carpenter at head of table



President Eddie Ranne surveying his door prizes



Tom & Kathy Arenson beside Gayle & Bob MacLeod



Fritz Poppe wearing a 1979 a zone meet tee shirt



Shawanda & Rodney Murphy with Ken Bruce in hat



Anne & Nick Harper



Yvonne Poppe left & Leon Carpenter



George Jensen Elaine Connolly & Dana Rancie

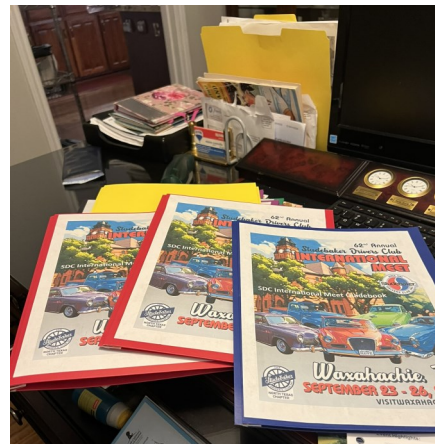


Gayle & Bob MacLeod—we will miss you!



Gary Meek picking up his door prize

Editor's Page



Thank you to all who brought in Teddy bears that we'll be taking down to the central Texas Christmas meet to add to their donation to the highway patrol. We should have a car full by the time we head down.

The middle picture is a photo of how few cards I have left from the 500 I ordered just before the Pittsburg meet. You all have some, give them out, I intend to print & hand out many more before the event

Finally, this is your home work cheat sheet or whatever you want to call it to solicit funding for our international meet that is now only 10 months away. We'll need funds for deposits on buses, caterers etc., trophies etc. & that should not have to come from private individuals that then have to wait to be reimbursed. Let's fill the coffers!



For those that don't know me, I'm Ray Chartrand the guy behind the lens taking photos for the newsletter, website & Facebook page along with my newly appointed duty as vice president

Olds "N" Ends

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

~ John Glenn

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

~ Prince Philip

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

~ Harrison Ford

Motor Mounts...

This is about the mounts on V-8 engine equipped cars. The lighter six also can have some of these problems too. Motor mounts that sag may, and do, cause several problems. Most of the time, they become oil-soaked, causing the rubber to turn to mush. The engine settles down lower in the frame. When the mounts get weak, the brass fitting that connects the fuel line to the carburetor can hit the frame. This can lead to gas leakage and a fire.

The softened motor mounts will cause misalignment of the transmission, the shift linkage & throttle pressure control on cars with automatic transmissions. The throttle pressure control rod will cause incorrect shift points & a buzzing noise from the transmission. The pressure-regulating valve will be damaged if it continues to be ignored. You can adjust the throttle pressure control rod to eliminate the buzzing noise and to compensate for the sagging mounts. At this point, serious consideration must be given to replacing the worn out motor mounts. Once installed, there will be a need to re-adjust the throttle to transmission linkage rod.

* Don't compare your life to others,

You have no idea what their journey is all about.

* Top Priorities: Life, Love and Liberty.

When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take "NO" for an answer.

Bad habits and attitudes are hard to change.

* To have a friend, you have to be a friend.

* Make only promises that you can keep.

* Never deprive anyone of hope. It may be all that they have.

* Diet: - Follow the line of feast resistance.

* Money doesn't buy love but it does enhance the bargaining position.

* Nothing cures insomnia like the realization that it is time to get up.

* An optimist laughs to forget, a pessimist forgets to laugh.

A teacher asked her young students to give her a sentence regarding public servants ---

Children's Logic:

The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" She asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

Alimony:

This word is a contraction of 3 words, thus:

Al-ly-MONeY--- "All his money"-

Alimony

A Thought To Ponder:

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

- William James

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 Plano Location to be announced

Feb 21 TBD

March 21 TBD

April 18 TBD

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 newsletter.

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. Contact Ray Chartrand at chartrain@gmail.com or call 817 919 6558



Signs it is Time to Replace Your Heater Hose(s)

Prevent system contamination and coolant leaks that could cause your engine to overheat by checking for these common signs of **Heater Hose** damage / failure:

INTERNAL DAMAGE

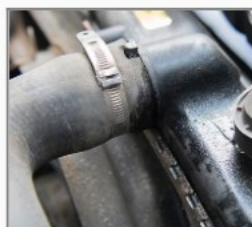
Soft / mushy hose ends, usually about 2 inches from the clamp.



Internally Damaged Hose

LEAKAGE

Moisture, drips or coolant bleed marks on or around the hose clamps, connectors or hose.



Leaking Hose

HEAT DAMAGE

Slight swelling, or a hardened, glossy cover that is covered with cracks.



Heat Damaged Hose

OZONE DAMAGE

Tiny, parallel cracks in the cover, usually at hose bends.



Ozone Damaged Hose

ABRASION DAMAGE

Rubbing marks on, or damage to the hose cover.



Abrasion Damaged Hose

OIL CONTAMINATION

Soft or spongy to the touch - bulges and swelling are readily apparent.



Oil Contaminated Hose

Tech Tip

by John Crooks

Carburetor Float Bowl Plugs

With our Ethanol fuels the problem of the fuel evaporating in the float bowl resulting in slow starts is a well known problem.

On the Stromberg 2 BBL. carburetors used on 259 and 289 Studebaker V/8 engines, fuel loss in the float bowl can also be caused by the two plugs leaking on the bottom of the float bowl.

This can often go unnoticed as it leaks onto the intake manifold and evaporates.

You can remove the carburetor and have it resealed. A simple fix is to clean the area where the plugs are located and use a gas tank repair epoxy to cover the plugs.

J B Weld makes gas tank repair epoxy that works. Make sure it is suitable to stand up to gasoline.

Tech -Tip Roger Hill

There are thousands of retail-packaged chemicals for sale to help you with your car. Some work ok, and others work outstandingly well. This one is the second kind.

It's called "Fluid Film". Sold at most automotive jobbers, TSC, and Canadian Tire, it is a lubricant, a penetrant and a rust inhibitor. Most often it is sold in a spray can, but it can be purchased in bulk liquid. Because it is lanolin based (sheep's wool), not petroleum based, it will not harm automotive rubber or automotive paint or chrome. It will also not harm wood, or leather such as on work boots and belts. It also has great "capillary action" which means it will "creep" and cover a larger area and into cracks and crevices. That also means a little goes a long way! Not a FAST penetrant, but one of the best if it can be left over night). Water displacing too, and a higher ignition point than many competitors. Used in the marine industry for many years first.

It's a little expensive (about \$15.00 a can) but it does come on sale. There is nothing else exactly like it out there. IT WORKS!

Whitewall Tire Timeline

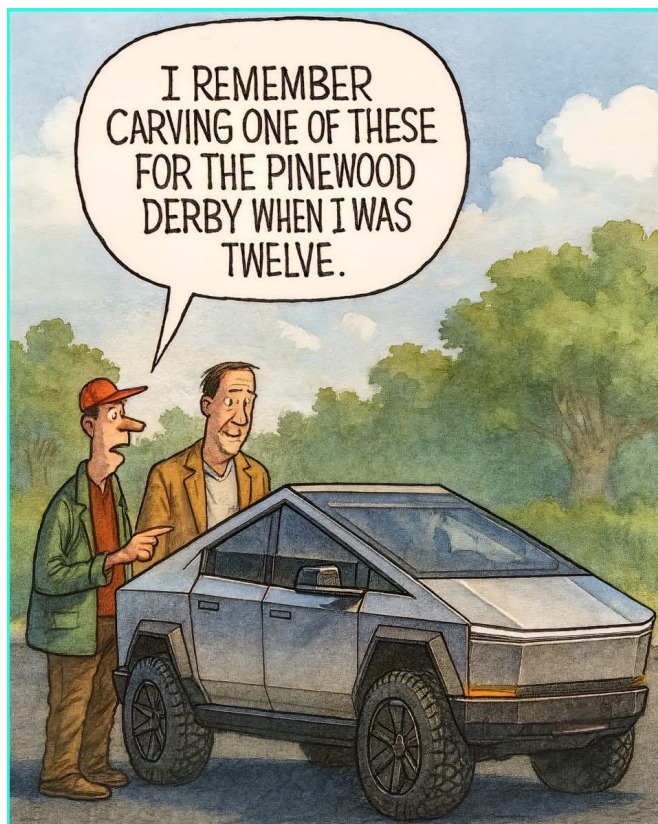
Narrow whitewall tires existed from the late 1950s, becoming increasingly popular through the 1960s and 1970s as they replaced the wider whitewalls that were phased out in 1962. The white stripes continued to shrink in width, ultimately fading from most tire lines by the 1990s. [↗](#)



Timeline of Whitewall Tires

- **1920s-1930s:** Wide whitewalls, 4-5 inches wide, were introduced and became a symbol of luxury. [↗](#)
- **1950s:** Whitewalls were still wide but began to get narrower, with the U.S. government banning their production during the Korean War. [↗](#)
- **1960s:** Wide whitewalls were replaced by narrower, 1-inch stripes in the early 1960s. [↗](#)
- **1970s:** Narrow whitewalls continued to be popular, though the white stripes kept getting smaller, eventually leading to the pinstripe-style tires. [↗](#)
- **1980s-1990s:** The popularity of whitewalls declined, and they became rare by the 1990s. [↗](#)
- **2000s:** Whitewall stripes completely disappeared from most tire lines. [↗](#)

Humor



Life in the fast lane



For those of you that are afraid of driving your Studebakers for fear of breaking down, take a page from Robert Swope who recently placed 3rd in the famous Peking to Paris rally. This was on top of having just completed the Hot Rod Power Tour before loading his '63 GT Hawk on to a plane to Hong Kong.

After the race he picked up the car at the port in Los Angeles to drive back to Nashville Tennessee.

I've asked him to speak at our international meet next year. His response was possibly, if he's not competing again next year!

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Yes, he did break down, but he also proved that everything is repairable even thousands of miles from home

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Nick Dynis

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?

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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>

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