



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So your Editor is already asking me for another President's Message article about your club. I thought maybe an article on how to repair the directional signals on your vintage vehicle but then I thought, no, we really need to discuss the direction that our club is going. What direction will we be going in this post Covid-19 year of 2021.

Within the business end of the club we have already possibly a hamburger cookout. I am working on a location now, somewhere that is convenient for at least a few of you. Covid rules will apply at most parks but if they are allowed to have soccer, baseball, tennis and other sports I should be able to find a place. Check the March newsletter to see which direction we will be driving for that meeting.



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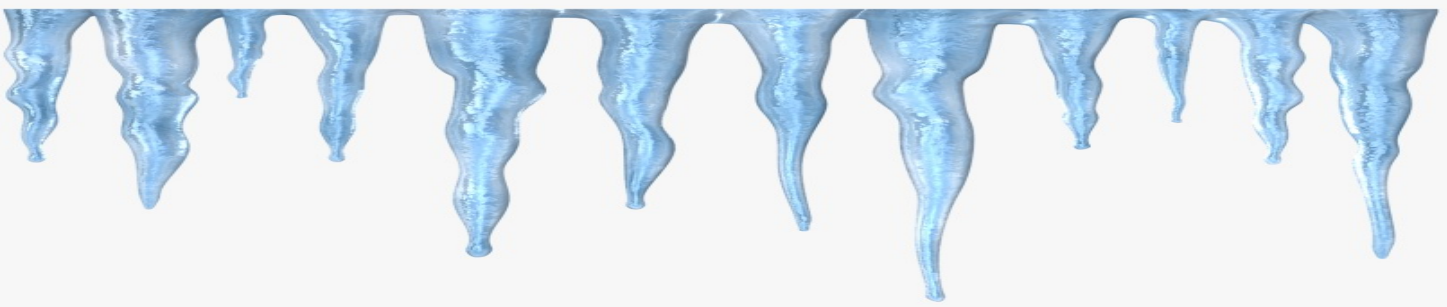
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EDITOR'S MESSAGE - WINTER MISERY EDITION

Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and feedback. All comments are welcome. We are off to a roaring start with input from several members within hours of my first publication. I hope that traction sticks so we can continue to grow this as a useful conduit to all who subscribe.

Hopefully by the time you read this, our painful winter experience will be only but a memory!

My joining this club was to find out more about Studebaker and also possibly find one locally to buy.

With a membership dating back to the 1960's, I knew there was knowledge to be gained by joining and meeting its members.

My first encounter with the club was at the Concours D'elegance at the Ballpark in Arlington. Here I saw 4 Studebakers in the flesh for the first time and also got to meet the club President and treasurer, who signed me up on the spot.

The neatest thing to me that day, despite of high dollar vintage and exotic sport cars was seeing those 4 Studes roll out together at the end of the show. I was hooked and from then on, wanted one of my own.

My search of the internet found a car in California. A word out on the SDC Forum provided me the confidence to buy the car without actually seeing it. Both the car and it's owner had been vouched for by locals in the area so that was good enough for me.

Once I had my 63 GT Hawk in hand, I decided the car would be to kept as a survivor and daily driver. To that end, many club members have offered suggestions, contacts and even parts to help me improve Ruby.

My goals with her are: dependability, drivability and modern enhancements.

An overheating problem was solved by a suggestion from Mike Kelly for a new aluminum radiator custom made for the car. Another member Eddie Ranne gifted me a tachometer at one of our monthly meetings. During the tach installation I messed up the fascia plate on the dash. Yet another member Gary Evans, not only offered up the fascia but also gave me two complete dashes. At yet another meeting, a custom made tool was fabricated to help me install shock absorber bushings.

That folks, is what the club means to me.

Ray Chartrand—Editor

Our Members in February 2021 Turning Wheels

We are introducing our new *Turning Wheels* Assistant Editor. **Mike Jones** provided us with the following:

My name is Michael Jones and I am excited to be the new Assistant Editor of your Turning Wheels magazine. My appreciation for Studebakers is attributed to my uncle, Robert Kyvik of Dayton, Ohio. He has always owned Studebakers for as long as I can ever remember. It is a 1964 Studebaker Avanti R2 that he last owned that now resides in my garage. It is a multi concours award winning example I am incredibly proud of.

I am a retired air traffic controller of more than thirty-four years. Like the vast majority of you, my interest in automobiles was sparked at a very early age and continues to this day. I have been a writer and photographer. I belong to the North Texas Chapter of the SDC and the great Tri-State Chapter of the SDC.

I am always available for ideas, discussion or just Studebaker talk.

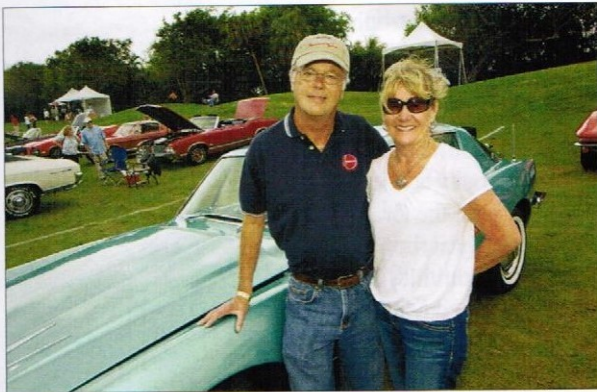
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Mike and Audrey Jones.

Steve O'Kelley has the entire inside back cover page to exhibit his 1964 Daytona convertible





62 GT Hawk has 52,000 miles with 63 headlight bezels and original paint.

Members Larry & Kathryn Priest

Thanks for a great newsletter. Your endeavor will pay off for the club. I live 100 miles away from Dallas so I am seldom at meetings and haven't attended a zone meet in 5 or so years because of date conflicts.

I have a 62 Hawk and have enjoyed it for 12 years now. Bought it at 22,000 miles and now have 52,000 on it. So I enjoy driving it. I belong to AACA and they have 3 or 4 tours a year. I really enjoy these.

Some tech suggestions I have are:

1. When greasing the car and it is jacked up, spray grease [like lithium in an aerosol can] into the leaf springs. This really improves the ride.
2. Twice a year I flood the doors with oil from a pump oil can until it runs out of the weep holes in the doors and rear window areas. This really protects the pinch welds in the door bottoms [and rear side window body area] from rust popping out in the seams.
3. I have added AC so I took the defroster hoses and directed them to the brake pedal area to warm my feet. My wife, of course] rides in the hot seat and enjoys that but my feet were always cold!
4. An electric fuel pump mounted at the fuel tank outlet area is a great addition for quick starts and a backup of the mechanical one. Be sure it is fused properly. I use a relay to keep the load off of the ignition switch.
5. A battery disconnect is a great idea for storage whether it is a few days or a month..

Thanks again! Here are some pics of my 62 Hawk.

Member Len Zimmer has a tale to share of his 56 Golden Hawk



What was white is now green. The story of why a perfectly good paint job was changed to a different color. Stay tuned for the full story in an upcoming issue



Ray's 63 GT Ruby playing in the snow

Look Forward to Meeting Again!

Back in December 2019, we were placing orders for custom made shirts featuring our club affiliation.

I received my shirt at a meeting in March 2020 and have never yet had the occasion to wear it.



BUY/SELL/TRADE



I have a 63
Hawk radiator
that doesn't leak

and has been flushed. Good for cruising
but will overheat on a 100 degree day.
Could use as a recore. \$35

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Overhead valve six cylinder engine.

Removed from a R2 half ton ruck.

History not known. Engine number from boss is:

S25 4 600. Has accessories

Also the spin on oil filter is on the lower right side.

Price is \$90.00

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Share with us your tips & tricks to keep our Studebakers running

TECH TIPS

Take the drone out
of your exhaust
and increase mid
range torque with
an X pipe for your
dual exhaust
system

My 289 Hawk
with 40 series
mufflers had a
pleasant burble at
idle but made a
real blatt while
accelerating that
was annoying.

By the addition of
an X pipe to the
system the accel-
eration noise was
vastly reduced and
I seemed to have
picked up some
mid range torque..

All this for ap-
proximately \$50
at Summit racing
and a trip to my
local muffler shop
for welding.

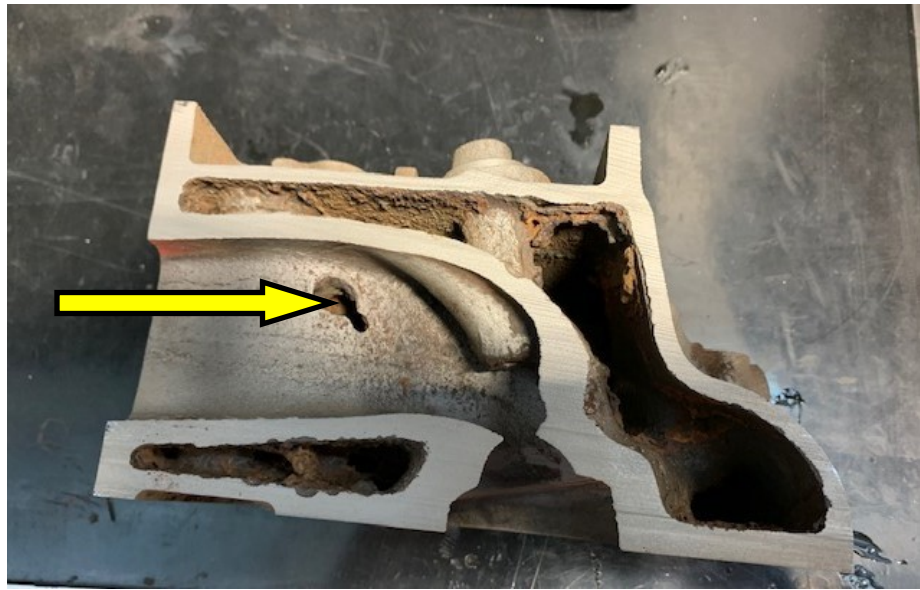
Ray



TECH TIPS

My 66 Golden Hawk Has undergone extensive mechanical work. Was running strong recently until it locked up and would not turn-over. The lead tech pulled a plug and water came out big time. Big surprise to one and all because heads were shaved, gaskets replaced, etc. inspection revealed a casting error that left a flaw ready to go after many(up to 65) years. More than 45 of those years on blocks.

Interesting find from member Jim Yates



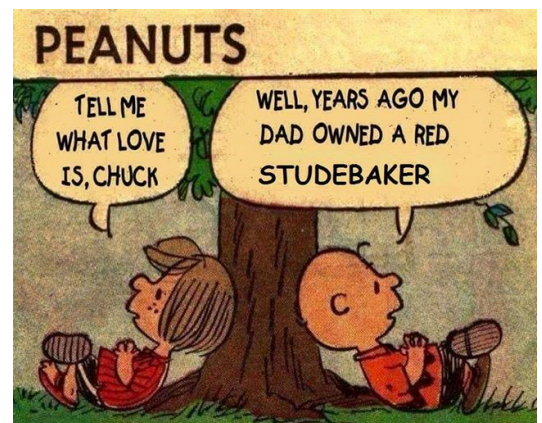
UPCOMING EVENTS

Windsong Ranch Classic Car Show 2021

Saturday, March 6th, 2021
Registration: 10:00am-12:00pm
Registration Fee: \$25.00
Show: 12:00pm-3:00pm

Location:
4000 Peppergrass Lane
Prosper, TX 75078<-

If you have any questions, email us at ray@timemachinecarshows.com



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 (circle one) Yes No

NAME _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ANNIVERSARIES (Day & Month) BIRTHDAYS: HIS _____ HERS _____ WED.ANN. _____

TELEPHONES: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY IS BY EMAIL. US MAIL IS AVAILABLE BY SPECIAL REQUEST.

PLEASE LIST YOUR STUDEBAKERS (Owning a Studebaker is not a requirement for membership.)

YEAR

MODEL

BODY STYLE

(Own more than three? Just use the back)

We currently have about 50 members in our club. Average attendance at our meetings is 15-20. 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 has interesting articles, color pictures of our members and their Studebakers, current club news, and items of interest.

We welcome you to our club. Our dues are only \$15.00 per year, due in January. Join us.

Signature _____ Membership starting January

International Membership # _____ National membership is a prerequisite for local membership.

Follow this link to the [National Studebaker Drivers Club](#) membership application

Mail application and \$15.00 Membership Dues (cash or check) to the address below. Make checks payable to North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club and mail to:

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