



September 2012

NORTH TEXAS WHEEL

Newsletter of the Studebaker Drivers' Club of North Texas

**September Meeting
Noon Saturday 15th,
Cowtown Diner 305 Main St.
Ft. Worth, Texas**

August Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Truitt with 16 members present. Four Studebakers were driven.

The sign-in sheet was passed around while introductions were made.

We were reminded that we should be actively recruiting members at shows and events. Always have a membership form in your car.

Also be a good representative of the club at shows and events by engaging other car owners in friendly conversation. Always be friendly to spectators as well.

Newsletter editor Rod Barclay was presented an award given at the National Meet in South Bend.

Webmaster John Caldwell mentioned that pictures from the National Meet will be on the website.

President Dale Truitt thanked Leon Carpenter for volunteering to contact new SDC members from Texas as their names are published in Turning Wheels.

Also thanked Rod, Van and Bob for taking on presentations to area high school auto shop classes.

Press release chairman and social chairman still needed.

Report on the National Meet was given by Kent and Ed. It was a well attended meet, good parade, over 500 cars in the show field. Displays and the Museum were awesome.

It was noted that if you want event T-shirts you

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We are all set for the Fort Worth Hoopla! Our cars will be on First Street near the corner of Main, about 11/2 blocks from the Diner. Other clubs will be stretched all the way to eighth street. No idea about parking! Just come early so you can find your way around the barricades

August Meeting Pics



Dale with new member Tom Williams. See pg 3

2012 SDC North Texas Club Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	Tire kicking	Meeting	Location
September	Saturday 15th	11:00 AM	Noon	Downtown Ft. Worth
October	Saturday 27th	11:00 AM	Noon	Solana Village, Westlake, TX.
November	Saturday 17th	TBA	TBA	Nick Harper's, Dallas
December	Saturday 8th	TBA	TBA	Meek's house, Granbury
* = Subject To change, or TBA. Check next month.				

August Notes—Cntd.

should order in advance as they sell out fast at the event.

International drive your Studebaker Day – September 8th

Membership recruitment campaign. As discussed in previous meetings we should be active in seeking new members. A motion was made, seconded and passed to give any current member a free year membership if he brings in a new member for the year. Upcoming shows were mentioned and discussed.

September meeting at the Cow town Diner in Ft Worth, Sept. 15th at noon.

October meeting, the 27th at Westlake.

November meeting at Nick Harper's home.

There was a discussion of ongoing restorations and quality of work done at local shops and also

More August Photos



The gang's all here—well mostly! We were enjoying the pleasant weather, swapping yarns about the one we should have bought!



No! Henry jack is not trying to steal anything but ideas about how all those left-over parts actually fit under his Hawk!

President's Podium

Congratulations to Rod Barclay for being rewarded a richly deserved plaque for his award winning editions of our "North Texas Wheel" during the 2012 International Studebaker Drivers Club Convention Awards Banquet. Ed Will, who attended the Friday night event picked up Rod's plaque and surprised us all by making a special presentation to Rod at the end of our August meeting.

Our October meeting attendance at the Mesquite Bass Pro Shop nearly beat our attendance record set earlier at the Transportation History Museum in Fair Park. It appears our membership really enjoys and anticipates these special event locations. Our next meeting will be more convenient to members living on the west side of our area. Hopefully we can again rival our year's high attendance record on the 15th of September when attending the Cowtown Crusin' for a Cure car show and our noon meeting at the Cowtown Dinner located at 305 Main Street, between 2nd and 3rd Street downtown Fort Worth. Part of our business meeting will be devoted to looking and planning for 2013.

My hat's off again to Rod, Van and Leon for their concerted efforts in initiating a new drive to contact every new SDC member listed in the monthly editions of "Turning Wheels" and residing in our chapter area. Van has been hard at work revising our membership application making it more striking and complete, while Rod and Leon have been working on an invitation letter to join our group. Thanks guys for this membership initiative!!!!

Don't forget on September 8th to take your Studebaker out on a special date for the 2012 International Drive Your Studebaker Day. We will be asking for some special stories about your adventures. Our October meeting will be a little later than usual to coincide with the Saturday, October 29th Westlake First Annual Vintage and Classic Car Show at 2902 Sam School Road in Westlake. This very unique show will be for original and restored to original cars manufactured between 1909 and 1959. This should be an interesting display of history.



Members' Cars

Leon supplied cruddy— excuse me— poor, err— wait, I'll get it right in a minute— 'optically challenged' (there we go!) in-process photos of his '53 Commander. See the latest below



Like I keep telling Leon, 'blessm, send .pdf files

One of our new members, Tom Williams of Highland Village finally took possession of a car he had been eyeing for a long time—a 1938 Commander sedan. It is now nearing the end of an expensive restoration, and he promised to bring it to the next meeting (Ft. Worth?) We can't wait to give it the once-over!

OK, Who can guess what this is? ↓



Answer next week

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! *Time to head for the shows*



The 2nd Annual Westlake Classic Car Show is being presented by the Westlake Historical Preservation Society on Saturday, October 27th.

This Classic car show is for vintage classic original or restored to original cars, trucks and pickups from 1909 to 1959 - the Golden Era of the Automobile. For information and access to registration forms visit their event website at

www.westlakeclassiccarshow.com The show address is 2902 Sams School Road, Solana Club - east parking lot in Westlake, Texas. Car registration fee is \$20.00 per vehicle while personal admission is free. Saturday, set-up time is from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM and the show is opens to the public from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. They are limiting their registration to 100 vehicles. Thus, if you wish to enter your Studebaker, I would suggest you mail in your registration and \$20 fee ASAP. We will be holding our October NTSDC meeting during the noon hour of this event. It is my belief that you will really enjoy viewing and participating in this show. Should you not want to enter your Studebaker, please drive your car to the event. Maybe we'll encounter some of our AAIA brothers and sisters who own and enjoy associating

Thicken The Skin

By Bob Shaw, SDC member

We've all heard the inaccurate Studebaker stories. They have a Ford V/8 in them...Studebaker copied their V/8 from Cadillac...Avantis were made in Canada...you know them all. Then there's always some who get the models and years mixed up: "My dad once owned a 59 Golden Hawk."; "Grandpa had a 1950 Commando."

We die-hard Studebaker owners have heard these things time and again and because these stories and inaccuracies never seem to vanish, we are understandably tempted to respond rather harshly after the upteenth time of hearing them. I say, GRIN AND BEAR IT!

Even if they claim to "know better" than you, always keep the conversation respectful and friendly. Eventually they will come to realize that that nice Studebaker guy was right. "Nice" being the descriptor that ultimately benefits your club somewhere down the road when that person considers buying a Studebaker.

To help you address some of the more prevalent Studebaker myths and misconceptions there is now a handy sheet you can download, print and keep in your car. Your chapter may have already printed some of these up for your use. Download the "Studebaker Myths & Misconceptions" sheet at <http://tinyurl.com/studebakermys> (type it exactly as you see it here).

Taking the "nice" road also applies when responding to negative comments about your (or a friend's) Studebaker you may overhear. I believe it is pretty much true that folks either love or hate the looks of a particular Studebaker. Heck, maybe that is true for most any marque.



Be a Champion (ctn'd)

The thing is, you cannot make anyone love your car or truck like you do. And you certainly cannot make people be diplomatic or respectful of your choice. But, you CAN make sure that, in spite of how that guy may think or speak, YOU can rise above their attitude and show that Studebaker owners are friendly and respectful. Sure, some times you may have to swallow hard and count to ten, but being a good ambassador for your chapter is well worth it in the long run.



July Attendees

NAME	CITY	CAR	M/G
Rod Barclay	Argyle	X	M
Harold Boyer	Quitman	X	M
John Caldwell	Dallas	50 Champ	M
Leon Carpenter	Arlington	X	M
Kent Greenlee	Arlington	63 Avanti	M
Van Holmes	Carrollton	X	M
Tim King	Hurst	X	M
Jack Lockhart	Hurst	X	M
Bob, Ann Lowry	Dallas	X	M
Bob, Gayle McLeod	Carrollton	64 Cruiser	M
Gary Meek	Granbury	X	M
Ed Will	Plano	X	M
Tom Williams	Highland Village	X	M

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Monthly Meetings to be Held at Various Locations in 2012.

In response to membership requests that the monthly meeting location be varied, suggestions are being solicited for some new and different meeting spots. We will continue to use the Golden Corral in The Colony as our "home base" and will schedule meetings there about half of the time. For the rest of the meetings we are open to suggestions and welcome your input. If you would like to make a suggestion and help us fill out this year's calendar, send the location and a person to contact (Restaurant Manager, Club Officer, etc) to the Meetings Committee Chairman:

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Or snail mail

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SUGGEST A MEETING PLACE

Suggested Date:

Event or Venue :

Contact Person:

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Restaurant Name, address:

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Your Name:

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Upcoming Automotive Events

- **Sept 8th** Lake Country Classic Car Show
Quitman TX R.T.Bridges (903) 763-4437
- **Sept 14-16** Swap Meet, Decatur (940) 271-1005
- **Nov 16,17** DFW Swap Meet, New Location
Lone Star Park, Grand Prairie .

Check your local newsletters, etc. and bring the details to the next meeting, so the club members know.

For additional event listings and great links, visit
www.hemmings.com www.hotrodhappenings.com or
www.taillightking.com

NOTE

**Send all Membership Applications, Dues payments
And inquiries to: NTSDC, 1215 Shawnee Trail,
Carrollton, TX. 75007. e-mail: NTSDC@yahoo.com**

See You in Cow Town!

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