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President's Message

Thanks to Ray Chartrand for setting up the museum visit and lunch. I was amazed and delighted with the DFW Car and Toy Museum. I had no idea of the size and quality of cars. It is the largest car museum in Texas, and it is right here in Fort Worth. From a Bugatti Veyron to several super cars, to dozens of one of a kind Volkswagens, to antique campers, it is an incredible collection. The group of micro cars was a surprise, as was the huge collection of diecast models. Chris Martinez, who manages the museum, allowed us to use the board room for our meeting. Lunch at the Blue Mound Cafe was tasty. Looking forward, our July and August meetings will be early morning breakfast meetings for those non airconditioned Studebakers. Hopefully, some of you are preparing your car to participate in our caravan of Studebakers to Waxahachie on September 13, which is "National Drive your Studebaker Day. It is not a difficult drive, and should be a fun cruise.

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Minutes of the North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club

June 21 2025

DFW Car and Toy Museum

Meeting was called to order by President Eddie Ranne. The minutes of our May meeting can be read in the May newsletter. Treasurer Leon Carpenter gave the treasury report. 39 members have paid their dues, 14 have not paid.

Old business- The International Meet, The Waxahachie Convention Center is approved by our National Club. Hotels and banquets also have to be approved by National. By the 30th of August we should have brochures prepared. September vendor registration and contract forms completed. Ray has contacted hotels and that information has to be sent to National for their approval. We have to have volunteers and have monthly meetings to coordinate all of this. Rick and Eddie have volunteered to manage the Merchandise to sell. We need several people to plan events. We can have the DFW Car and Toy Museum as a tour event. We need buses to move people to the events. In Ft Worth, Billy Bobs and The Stock Yards can be an event. The Reunion Tower or George Bush Library as an event location.

We need a swap meet coordinator. The Waxahachie convention center will set up any event in the center for us. The Waxahachie tourist bureau is paying for the opening night entertainment. A band called "The Studebakers: We'll need a PR guy for Radio, TV news, Billboards, newspapers. We should expect a lot of walk ins, people don't want to preregister, making it hard to plan.

We can try to presale merchandise when they register. We can create a book detailing events with suggested hotels and restaurants with half off coupons, advertisers, info about Waxahachie.

We need someone to work on the women's luncheon. A bus trip to Waco to see the Magnolia Silos.

Ray handed out some calling cards with info on our international meet that can be handed to interested car enthusiast. We need suggestions for car related workshops.

July and August meetings will be morning breakfast meetings. To be determined .

We voted on which Tee shirts to produce for the International meeting, The blue and red shirts with logos won. Black and white lost. Mark Chambers won the president's door prize and Eddie Ranne won the 50/50 drawing. Meeting Adjourned.

Studebakers in attendance: Rodnay Murphy - '85 Avanti, Ken Bruce - '53 Studebaker, Ray Chartrand - '63 GT Hawk, Eddie Ranne - '53 Coup.

Attendees 15

Rick Watts	Tom & Kathy Arenson	Bob & Gayle MacLeod	Leon & Bella Carpenter	-
George Jensen	Jim McMeans	Rodney Murphy	Ken Bruce	Ray Chartrand
Eddie Ranne	Edward Will	Mark Chambers		

Board Room at DFW Car & Toy Museum
graciously loaned for our meeting



Eddie, our merch czar with samples of our International Meet tees



4 Studes made the journey



Eddie Ranne's '53 leading the pack
to Blue Mound Cafe

Looks like another Stude of
Ken Bruce in my rear view
mirror





Happy 65 th Yvonne & Fritz Poppe



We salute you



Why are you reading the menu George when you have it memorized



The hard to please crowd approved of the food

DFW Car & Toy Museum

A must add to your bucket list



It's hard to tell the models from the real thing!

Editor's Remarks



If you missed our visit to the DFW Car & Toy Museum then you missed a rare opportunity to see an eclectic collection . Don't panic as you'll have another opportunity when we feature it as an event at our international meet next year. It really is a must see.

The panic is setting in for the International meet as we basically have to have everything in place to present at this years meet. That's like less than 3 months to consolidate a lot of open issues. We will be meeting shortly & frequently in the near future to address outstanding issues. We've had generalities for volunteering

for the event. I will be canvassing you for your area of expertise & assigning specific agenda items should you so desire. Of major concern are leaders to host events such as outings to various sites like the Fort Worth Stockyards, Dallas, Waco etc. Also looking for someone head up the banquet that will be held in the Civic center as an awards dinner.

Advertising is a great revenue source. If you can think of someone who'd like to advertise in our booklet let me know. I can send you a PDF of the Manitowoc "gold Standard" booklet that we want to mirror.

Anyone good with public relations? We'll need to run blurbs in newspapers, Radio & TV stations. I currently publish the newsletter, host the web site & rerun a Facebook page so I'll be looking for help in a possible separate web site



We've done it before—We can do it again!

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

June 21 Fort Worth car & Toy Museum Meet at 10:30 Host Ray Chartrand



July Breakfast Meet TBD

August Breakfast Meet TBD



September Sept 13 Drive your Studebaker day to Waxahachie

Studebaker International Meet 2025

The 61st Annual SDC International Meet is being hosted by the Allegheny Region Chapter of the SDC and will be held in **Washington County, Pennsylvania**, September 16-20, 2025.



Joint 61st SDC International and 2025 AOAI Meet
Washington County, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, September 16 - Saturday 20, 2025



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, September 23-26, 2026.

We'll need all hands on deck to pull this off.



Odds “N” Ends

Written with the intention of sharing a few ideas for maintaining, refurbishing or restoring of your Studebaker especially for the inexperienced hobbyist.

Much of the time, procedures and practices will be related to a 1951 Studebaker Champion. You may be able to adapt some of them to the Studebaker of your choice if possible. There are many things that the '51 Champion and your Studebaker will have in common.

Where to start? A good a place to start as any is safety and awareness. This is very important to save wear and tear on yourself, to prevent injury and pain. Know the hazards and potential hazards. Take for example . . . When a car is lifted from the ground, there is a potential hazard that it may come crashing down unless the vehicle is well supported. Something to do with gravity, I think. ¶¶If you are hoisting a car, chose a level spot to do it on. - Block car from rolling by using wheel chocks on both sides of the same axle, that is, both front wheels or both rear wheels.

Do not use cement building blocks to hold the car up as they may suddenly collapse. Know that a hydraulic jack can fail and the descent of a car is very rapid when it happens. Do not rely solely on the hydraulic jack to support the hoisted car. Use jack stands as well. Ramps are even better.

Consider that the trolley jacks do not lift the car straight up as do the bottle jacks. They operate on a slight arc and will pull the car towards the jack handle so the car must be allowed to roll a bit as it is being lifted. The trolley on the jack does not roll well on blacktop with the weight of the car on it. The trolley may roll with the weight of the car on the jack if it is sitting on smooth concrete.

Gasoline is highly volatile as is lacquer thinner. Both should be handled with care and kept away from open flames and sparks. None of the Studebakers had fuel injection so we will talk about carburetors. Do not use lacquer thinner to clean them as they are made of 'pot metal' and have a coating to seal the pores in the metal which lacquer thinner will destroy. If that coating is removed, then gas can migrate through the pot metal.

Odds “N” Ends

On occasions when a car engine does not start and is in need of gas, it has been seen that one person will be pouring gas into the carburetor while the other is inside the car working the starter. This is a dangerous thing to do. If the car should backfire, there will be a flame coming out of the carburetor while the one person is pouring in the gas. The gas will catch on fire and instinctively, the person will drop the remaining gas and it will spill all over and they have a fire on their hands. If you absolutely need to pour gas into the carburetor, just pour a small amount of gas into it at one time and stand away from the car before the engine is being cranked over. If the engine backfires, there will be a flame coming out of the carburetor but it had been suggested that the person inside the car keep cranking the engine over and the flame will be sucked back into the carburetor and into the engine. I cannot vouch for it's effectiveness, especially if the engine continues to backfire. Here is a thought. . . Have a fully charged fire extinguisher on hand and know how to use it quickly. A fully charged CO2 fire extinguisher is effective and clean, leaving no residue.

If the fire extinguisher is the dry chemical type, periodically it should be inverted and tapped with solid object to loosen the powder that settles on the bottom.

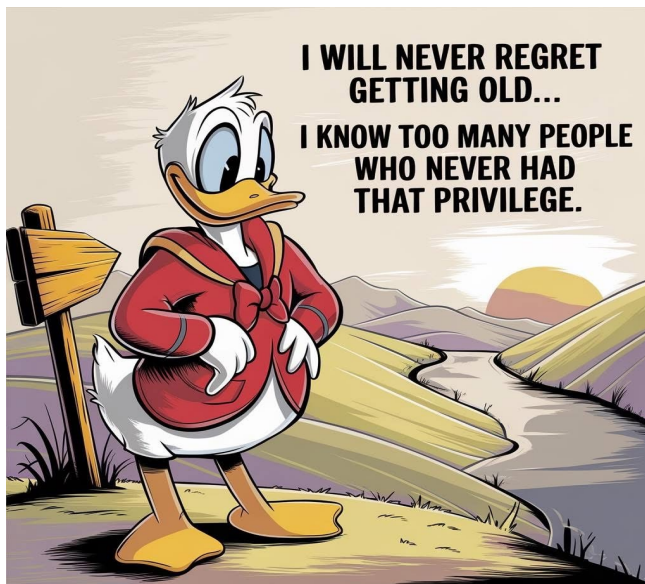
If you are working on something where gas is dripping, do not let it drip onto the bulb of a trouble light that has an incandescent bulb. The thermal shock from the gas on to the bulb will cause it to crack or break, exposing the filament to ignite the gas before it burns out. OOPS, suddenly there is a fire! There is a reason why they call them “trouble” lights.

Credit Peter Yuen



Crate Engine

Found my Grandpas
old GPS unit



Back in my day we didn't have GPS.



We had Road Maps.

**Them: "I always see you doing
your own repairs, are you a
mechanic?"**

Me: "YouTube certified"

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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!**

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PLEASE LIST YOUR STUDEBAKERS: (Owning a Studebaker is not a requirement)

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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