



April 2025
Volume 5 Issue, 4



OFFICERS

President,

Eddie Ranne

972 741 2795

eranne@verizon.net

Vice President,

Gayle Macleod

214 562 9841

gamacleod@verizon.net

Secretary,

Rick Watts

469 401 9165

rswatts47@gmail.com

Treasurer,

Leon Carpenter

817 654 0722

1301bac@att.net

Newsletter Editor/Writer

Ray Chartrand

817 919 6558

chartrain@gmail.com

Webmaster,

Nicholas Treaster

913 660 4631

Club Web Address:

<https://www.NTXSDC.com>

President's Message

The weather cooperated with us for our picnic, so we had a very pleasant day at Meadowbrook Park. The rain and clouds went north and south of Arlington, and left us nice and dry. I enjoyed good conversation with good friends. The door prize, a volt/ohm meter, was won again by Ray, who graciously gifted it to Rick Watts. We had a new member join today. Emet Schneiderman rejoined us after a 25 year break!! Emet belonged to the club in the 90's. Emet has a '53 coupe, almost the same color as my '53. Next month's meeting will be hosted by Mike Dorn in the Coppell area. More details will be communicated in future emails. I would very much like to have a Studebaker Cruise in June. If you have a drivable Studebaker, and would be willing to caravan with us to a destination, please let me know soon so I can begin planning the tour. It would be helpful if you can let me know the highway speed you and your Studebaker are comfortable with. I hope to see you on May 17.

Inside this issue

PG.2 MEETING PHOTOS

PG. 3 EDITOR'S REMARKS

PG.5 BB HOLLAND PICNIC

PG. 6 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PG.8 TROUBLESHOOTING LIGHTS

PG. 9 FOR SALE

PG. 10 STUDE STUFF

PG. 11 ODDS N ENDS

PG. 12 INTERNATIONAL OPENINGS

PG. 13 HUMOR

PG. 14 SERVICE & REPAIR

PG. 15 REGISTRATION FORM

April Picnic at Meadowbrook Park Arlington Texas



2 lone Studebakers turned out as a result of watching the weather closely. Most members probably watched it before turning in Friday night where things looked like a washout. But this is Texas & things change in a heartbeat

Eddie drove his 53 restomod & Ray slogged along in his trusty 63 GT Hawk named Ruby

No formal meeting was held but a roster of attendees follows:

Rick Watts	Bob & Gayle Macleod	Gary Meek	Eddie Ranne
Ray Chartrand	Leon & Bella Carpenter	Emet Schniderman	Mike Dorn

I am sure the picnic format has been tried in the past but not during my tenure. Kudos to Eddie for organizing this outing. Despite sharing the pavilion with a group of homeless folks, all wet well.

Eddie held a raffle for a door prize that I once again won but passed it on.

What I liked personally was the ability to move around & chat with everyone. Our usual meetings has us sitting at long tables in noisy restaurants where you get to chat with the people on either side of you. The meeting ends & everyone leaves. There were meetings where I specifically wanted to chat with certain members but they were gone before I could get to them.

The informal park setting also allowed a mini swap meet type atmosphere.

Sign me up for more of these events!

Ray C.

DESTINY

The dictionary may have a different definition but for me every outcome in life is for a reason.

My brother, killed in a needless plane crash was destiny

My not going drinking with my buddies on New Years' eve 1963? saved my life when 3 of them were killed not 500 feet from my home.

A somewhat reluctant trip to College Station Texas linking me up with what I had been searching for.

The 177 miles one way and a 3-hour drive initially was to be shared with a member who wasn't feeling well & backed out. I figured the drive was justifiable in I that I'd be meeting up with the editor for the central Texas chapter but at 6:30 that morning he also cancelled. I was looking for excuses not to go. The one impetus was that this was the final picnic the had been running for 40 years at the BB Holland estate. Mr. Holland was the founder of the Central Texas chapter, was the event chairman for the international meet of 1998 in Austin & was personally responsible for the restoration of the 47 Studebaker residing at the George H W Bush Museum in College Station.

I literally tossed a coin and it said go, so off I went.

The gathering was initially set as an auction to sell off the remains of Mr. Holland's 50 years of Studebaker cars, parts & memorabilia.

At the last minute the auction was called off & the format mainly to local club members was to offer what you felt was a reasonable price & be off with your goods. Included were several cars some that sold that day.

I told myself driving down that I would not buy anything as I didn't need anything – you know how that goes!

Wandering through tables filled with car parts, model cars, memorabilia etc. was bewildering as there was stuff everywhere, hanging from the walls, under tables you name it.



have stamped leather tags in the shape of Texas with the meet info on them.

As current event coordinator for our '26 International meet, I was hoping to find history on the past two Texas events of 75 in Dallas & 98 in Austin.

I hit pay dirt. First, I saw envelopes custom made for the 98 event some with postage stamps affixed ready to mail out to registrants. Then I found a cap with the logo for that meet. I then opened several boxes to find goody bags, all kinds of Ketches such as bottle openers, screw drivers, etc. They event went as far as to



What are the odds???

DESTINY—cont'd

From 1975, I found the event guide book and several articles on the event in our North Texas Wheel publication.

The mother lode however was a faded & falling apart 3 ring binder with the title "Restoration of a 1947 Studebaker for the George H W Bush Museum & library"

BB Holland undertook to locate, purchase & completely restore a 47 Studebaker the same as G H W Bush moved to Texas with.

The albums document every nut & bolt purchased for the car. The total cost as billed by BB Holland was cost plus 10% which worked out to be \$ 9576.75 or \$10,533

with the markup. That would amount to \$21,171.33 hardly what could be accomplished for today.

BB & his wife Hazel were invited to the grand opening of the museum & all their credentials are also included.

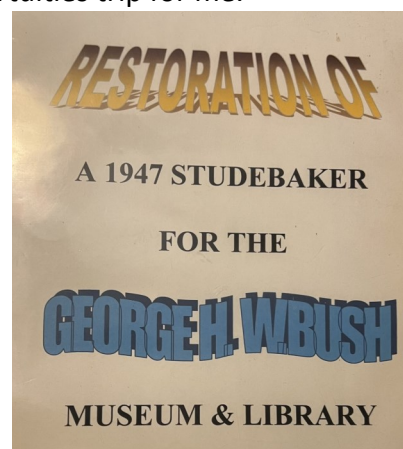
As I spoke to Mrs. Holland about the event, she said she was "knee high in cotton" sitting next to the Bushes at the event.

When asked how much they wanted for the album, they gave it to me!!

I will pay it forward & offer it to the museum if they have any interest in it. I missed the opportunity while driving back to stop in as it was only a few miles from the Holland's home but my navigation directed me to another route & I missed it. My goal is to try & have the car loaned to us for the '26 meet as the feature attraction.

You never know if you never ask.

Coming full circle, despite looking for reasons not to go, this was a most fortuitous trip for me.



End of an Era—BB Holland & family were known amongst many things for having hosted a club picnic for over 40 years



A special thanks also to Nita Ketchum our zone coordinator & her husband who drove over 10 hours from Arkansas to lend support to this event.



This is just a part of what you missed as this era comes to a close. Thank you to the Holland family

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

April 5 Colleyville's Annual Car Show

April 19 Picnic at Meadowbrook Park Arlington

April 24 thru 26 Pate Swap meet at Texas Motor Speedway.

April 25 & 26 Good Guys swap meet also at Texas Motor Speedway.

May 17 Mike Dorn Coppell area TBD

June 21 TBD

Mark Chambers is working on a future meeting at an auto museum in Meridian Texas.



Joint 61st SDC International and 2025 AOAI Meet

Washington County, Pennsylvania

Tuesday, September 16 - Saturday 20, 2025



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.

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.



Submitted by member Ken Bruce

Events for the month of April:

Panera Bread

Locations: [75](#) & [El Dorado Parkway](#).

Time: 7:30 AM- 10 AM

When: 4/5, 4/12, 4/19.

April 5th, 2025 - Melissa 4th Annual Car Show:

Location: Between E. Melissa Rd and Harrison on Sherman st, Melissa, Texas

Time: 9:30am - 3 pm

Entry Fee: \$20

Registration: Day of the show starting at 9:30am

Brochure: See below

Cars & Coffee Downtown Mckinney

April 26: Last Saturday of the month.

Time: 7:30 AM -10:00 AM

Location: Tennessee St & Louisiana St.

Brochure: See below

April 26th Cruisin For A Cause

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Village at Twin Creeks

[480 Bray Central Drive](#)

[Allen, TX. 75013](#)

Entry Fee: – **Free:** This is a show & Shine Event

Additional Events:

May 3rd, 2025

6th Annual Devil Dogs, Hot Rods, Car and Bike Show:

Location: The Black and Gold Harley Davidson dealership in Allen, Texas.

Time: 9am - 3pm

Entry Fee: TBD

Food: Food Trucks as usual

Registration: On-Line through 4/30/25

Free T-shirt if you register before April 15.

All proceeds go to the Marine Corp League of Collins County

May 17th, 2025

10th Annual Cruisin' for a Cause Car, Truck, and Bike Show:

Location: Stonebridge United Methodist Church - [1800 Stonebridge Dr. McKinney, Texas](#).

Time: 8am - Noon

Entry Fee: Free

Food: On site concessions

Troubleshooting the Headlight Circuit – Part 2

By Jim McKeever & Karen McKeever San Joaquin Valley Chapter, SDC

Before we continue with troubleshooting, here are some best practices for safety, and for refreshing your memory:

- Most headlights are non-fused; therefore, they will have some other kind of circuit protection. It could be in a variety of places, such as by, or in, the headlight switch or by the ignition switch, depending on the year and model of your vehicle.
- Any switch that works without the key being on is live (hot) so disconnect the battery before working on said switch. It is always best to disconnect the battery when preparing to test any electrical components.
- Reattach the battery to take voltage readings but make sure switches or exposed wires are not touching any metal.
- Voltage readings should match, or come close to matching, your battery's voltage.
- Ohm readings MUST always be done with the battery disconnected. Results should range from 0 to less than 0.5.
- Star washers are your friend when connecting ground wires.
- Always be on the lookout for corroded, dirty, broken, or loose, connections and wires, and fix or replace them.
- Many older cars have cloth wrapped wires that need to be inspected for fabric deterioration, resulting in exposed (bare) wire that could short out.
- If you have a vehicle with a positive ground, you need to reverse your meter leads for proper readings
- Keep your work area free of combustibles, as an electrical arc can ignite and cause a fire.
- Remember to remove all rings, watches, jewelry, etc. before working on your vehicle, as they can conduct electricity and/or can get caught on car parts, which can cause severe injury!

Note: In last month's article, a 12-volt reference was used when taking voltage readings. If you have a 6-volt system your reading needs to be at least 6 volts, and an 8-volt system needs to read at least 8 volts. Here is a quick check troubleshooting guide for when you have partial headlights. Refer to last month's article for checking voltage and ohm readings from input and output connections and wires. For diagnostic purposes we will continue to use a sealed beam 2-light system. The same techniques work for a 4-light system.

One light completely out

If driver's side is on (low and high beams) but passenger side is out

1. Dimmer is good, do a voltage check on the passenger headlight plug to verify voltage and ground (Tap dimmer switch to make sure voltage checks have been done to both low and high circuits.)
2. If there is a good voltage reading on high and/or low outputs, ground wire is good. The headlight is bad, but any jumper wire that has a failed voltage needs to have an ohm check performed on that circuit. Start by ohming the front and back of the plug. If bad, fix or replace the plug. If good, then ohm the wire. Fix and verify voltage at the output (front) side of plug, making sure it is good before installing the new headlight, or you will continue to have a beam out on the new headlight as well. If driver's side is out but passenger side is on (low and high)

1. Dimmer is good, do a voltage check on the driver's headlight plug to verify voltage and ground (Tap dimmer switch to make sure voltage checks have been done to both low and high circuits)

2. If there is a good voltage reading on high and/or low outputs, ground wire is good. The headlight is bad, but if you have a bad voltage reading on either the high or low outputs you could also have a bad headlight plug, Ohm the front and back of the plug to verify. Fix or replace the plug and make sure the voltage reading is good before installing the new headlight, or you will continue to have a beam out on the new headlight as well. Only low beams out or only high beams out

- If only one light is out on either side, dimmer switch and ground are good. Do a voltage check on the affected beam on the headlight plug.
- If voltage reading is good, headlight is bad, replace.

Troubleshooting the Headlight Circuit – Part 2 cont'd

- If voltage reading is bad, follow step 2 from One light completely out that matches the affected side
- If both low beams are out, or both high beams are out,
- Do a voltage check on driver's side headlight plug on the output (front) of the affected beam
- If voltage reading is bad, do a voltage check of the affected beam at the output of the dimmer switch. If voltage reading at dimmer is bad, replace dimmer.
- If voltage reading at dimmer is good, take an ohm reading of the wire from dimmer to the affected beam of driver's side headlight plug. Fix or replace if necessary. Do another voltage check to verify.
- If voltage reading is good and affected driver's beam is still out, headlight is bad, replace. Passenger beam should then come on.
- If voltage reading is still bad, driver's headlight plug could be bad. Ohm the headlight plug as outlined above in One light completely out - Driver's side out step 2 to verify. Fix or replace plug and make sure new voltage reading is good before installing the new headlight
- If affected passenger beam is still out, repeat the previous procedures on passenger side as necessary. (Roger's car really did have two bad headlights at the same time) Next month we will go back to the dimmer switch for another scenario. (Information in these tech tips is based on the writer's own research, experiences, and viewpoints. The information, and links to other websites, is to be viewed and/or used at your own risk. The writer makes no guarantees regarding the outcome of the use of the material, products, or resources in this article and is not responsible for any loss or damage incurred. Adjustments or modifications may be needed for your specific vehicle. Remember to use all standard safety equipment and precautions.)

For Sale



1962 GT Hawk. 289/4 speed Air Conditioned.

Asking \$15K obo

Contact Barry Hackney 281 787 6230

Phillips Head Screw Removal - - The Easy Way - -

- 1 - Clean the socket of the screw face of all foreign matter such as dirt, paint, grease etc
- 2 - Select the right size and pattern of screwdriver. The wrong one will wreck the head of the screw for sure.
- 3 - Put a little coarse valve grinding compound mixed with oil on the tip of the screwdriver. This will give you a tremendous increase in the strength of the grip that the tip has on the screw head. You will find that you do not have to push as hard and turn nearly as hard on the screwdriver to keep it from riding up out of the screw head. You will be amazed at how easily you can unscrew even damaged Phillips screws. *****

Editor's Note: I'm curious as to how many of you have valve grinding compound laying around.



FUN FOR ALL . . . with room to spare. That's Studebaker . . . the family car that boasts big-car spaciousness and handles like a compact. Take a ride. Level floors, comfortable seats and deluxe interiors make driving a pleasure. Your family's going to love it . . . you're going to buy it.



Studebaker
INTERNATIONAL



AVANTI

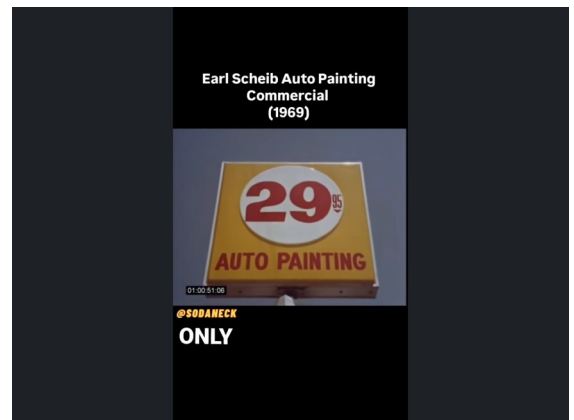


HAWK



LARK

Assembled in Australia by Canada Cycle & Motor Co. (Vic.) Pty. Ltd.



If Only!

Odds 'N' Ends

On low pressure tires as used on many cars today which uses about 30 psi, it is considered dangerous to inflate the tire in excess of 40 psi.. The excess pressure may cause the bead or even the rim to break. If the tubeless tire does not seat by using 35 psi, then deflate the tire, re-position on the rim, re-lubricate (but not with oil) and then re-inflate.

When a person buys a car through a private sale in British Columbia, Canada and possibly elsewhere, he is subject to the possibility that the car has a lien on it, a lien that has to be satisfied by the new car owner to the lien holder. An established and reputable dealer (if you can find one) is bonded. It is still possible to buy a car with a lien on it from a dealer, but the purchaser is not obligated to satisfy the lien as it is something that the dealer has to settle.

* In 1899, James Ward Packard built his first car. This was because he had bought a Winton in the preceding year. The new Winton had many shortcomings which Mr. Packard pointed out to Alexander Winton. The comments were not well received by Winton who suggested, "If you are so smart, Mr. Packard, why don't you make a car yourself?" Packard accepted the challenge and built fine cars. Among his many innovations to the auto industry, he devised the "H" pattern for the manual gearshift lever.

The trunk lid hinges on some models of Studebakers have enough machinery and moving parts on them to build a foreign car. They should be oiled from time to time to avoid seizing up. When seized, the trunk lid must be forced open. When forcing the lid, you can do one of several things: 1 - The trunk lid could spring and will not be aligned with the body when closed.

2- The articulating arms on the hinge could spring.

There is a third possibility that you could wind up with a combination of a sprung lid and hinge. Quite a combo. I had these intricate hinges on my '47 model Studebaker as well as on the GT's. They each have 2 springs and numerous arms. It really doesn't matter what type of hinges you have on your trunk lid, it's likely time that you oiled them. While you have the oil can or spray can out to oil the trunk hinges, go and lubricate the hood and door hinges as well. WD40, Silicon and Teflon sprays are not durable lubricants and not recommended. **FLUID FILM** should work well. It flows like a liquid and sets up like grease. If using oil from an oil can, use 30 weight or heavier oil.

On the subject of hinges, the ones used on 1984 and 1988 Avanti(s) have 2 lightweight springs i attempt to hold the trunk lid up when it is opened. They may have done their job when the car was new but the springs get weaker with time, to a point that they will not hold the trunk lid up if the car is parked facing uphill. While the trunk lid is small in comparison to those of other cars, it is heavy enough to do damage if it suddenly drops on your head or hand. Heavier springs are highly recommended. There are 4 of them to be changed.

Contributed by Peter Yuen

2026 International Meet Position Openings

It goes without saying that there will be a need for manpower to both plan & execute a successful meet

Several of you have expressed a willingness to assist with this event. We're 21 months out but a lot of what's needed is up front work to get this underway. As such, These are the minimum positions that I can think of. Please add any I may have missed.

Please add your name to as many positions as you feel comfortable with. Many positions can have multiple contributors.

Site	Accounting & Bill payment
Web Site & E Market	Tours
Swap Meet	Advertising
Promotion & Communications	Banquets & Events
Seminars	Live Auction
Printed materials—Brochures, Tees, Caps etc.	Safety & Security
Trophies	Hospitality Room
Meet & Greet	Goody Bags etc.

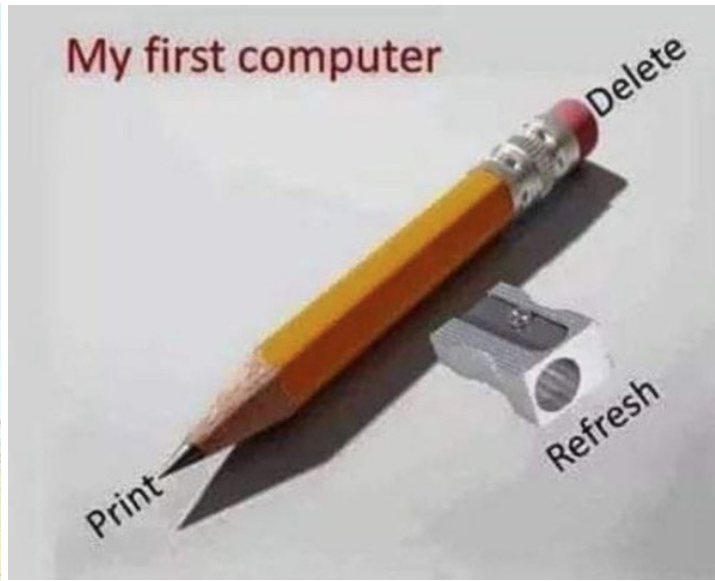
Candidates to date:

Ray Chartrand	Eddie Ranne	Fritz Poppe	Jim McMeans	Jim Pepper
Kevin McKinney	Larry Kollie	Mike Geisler	Gary Meek	Nick Dynis
Mark Brians	Pete Phillips	Rick Watts		



Our newly revised poster that will be used for advertising

Humor



HOW I SPEND MY TIME IN THE GARAGE



Service & Repair



The largest post-war Studebaker parts inventory in the Southwest!

We are lucky to have a large supplier of Studebaker parts located right in our back yard. Barry always has a large selection of new and used Studebaker parts along with a good stock of postwar body, trim, brake and mechanical parts. ***CUSTOM POLISH AND CHROME PLATING —**

I sometimes forget that Barry also offers **Full service chrome, copper, nickel, and gold plating and polishing.**

Contact **Barry Hackney 281-787-6230** OR website at: www.Studebakersite.com.

Mark's Repair & Service

12919 N. US Hwy 281, Lampasas, Texas 76550

Automotive Repair & Machine Shop Services
Boring, Valve Jobs, Crankshaft Grinding, Balancing
Studebaker Repair Specialist

Tel. 254-722-7757



mfrank1962@att.net

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**

KIP Motor Company

Since 1991, our goal is to be the premier source providing you with the parts, expertise and information required to restore and maintain your British and Domestic exotic vintage vehicle(s) to the highest level of authenticity and originality.

2127 Crown Rd, Dallas, TX 75229, USA

+1 (972) 243-0440 Local & International (888) 243-0440 Toll Free US & CN

Monday-Friday : 9am to 6pm CST

Saturday : By Appointment Only

Emergency Towing Service : Dallas Discount Towing (214) 941-1221





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 ☐

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

ANNIVERSARIES (Day&Mon): HIS BIRTH _____ HER BIRTH _____ WEDDING _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BY: ☐ U.S. Mail OR ☐ email

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>

Mail application along with dues payable by cash or check to :

Leon Carpenter 5711 Highgate Dr. Arlington Tx 76016-1532

Check made out to North Texas Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club