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The October 16th meeting for the month of October was not what I had hoped it would be. I know we had three club member cars show up at Westlake and in Palestine we had three members and one East Texas member show up. Myself, Rodney Murphy and Rick Watts were from North Texas and Jim Brandon from Mineola, Texas. Everyone was there by 11:00 and we made ourselves comfortable at Duncan Depot Antiques. This is the old Studebaker Building that was built in 1885 after the International and Great Northern Railroad came to Palestine. We were given permission to venture up the backstairs and have a good look at the electric motor and lift system for the freight elevator. Rodney found a vintage piece to build a new train set around as well as other items from the store. Lilly Duncan, the owner, and Rick Watts had some good conversation about antiques. Rick and Marilyn are big into antiques from glass to furniture. After staying a while we went outside and watched Jim Brandon try to break into Rodney's Avanti, it seems Rodney left the keys in the car. It was Rodney's lucky day because Jim Brandon has a lock and safe store and just happened to have his tools with him. We also had help from Lilly Duncan's husband who arrived in time to offer some help, he also had his set of tools with him. Jim was able to get the passenger door open first. By the time we loaded up in Rick's truck and arrived at the Pie store we were too late, at one o'clock they had sold out for the day. We had lunch and then headed to the chamber of commerce building and then to the Train museum just across the parking lot. By this time it was time for everyone to start their trip home and I went to the Motel 6. On Sunday morning I drove further into east Texas to visit relatives and was back in Granbury by 8 pm. East Texas is a beautiful part of the state and if you are looking for a weekend getaway highway 84 and 21 take you just north of several National Forests.

The four of us had a lot of fun being together for a relaxed afternoon. I have always said, it is about the people and friendships and not about the cars. That is good too because I do not think my car is ready for a two day trip, not yet.



Rick Watts, Rodney Murphy and our fourth participant of the day, Jim Brandon from Mineola, TX.



Editor's Message

Only too glad to oblige

Every day the neighbors see me and my buddy Ollie either riding my motorcycle or Ruby, my 63 GT Hawk through the neighborhood. We recently had a garage sale and a neighbor stopped by to ask if she could pay for a ride in that beautiful red car. Needless to say I was only too glad to oblige and also educate her on Studebaker. She was thrilled and I insisted she have her picture taken with the car. She posted it on Face Book and as an additional reward, I was presented with a bag of home made cookies and a fresh loaf of Banana bread.



Erratum

In the September issue I mentioned that Jack Lockhart was from Clinton Ohio when it is in fact Clinton Iowa.

I also stated it was Jacks son with him when in fact it was his younger brother Steve.

Apologies!

Buy-Sell-Trade-Donate

WANTED

Enclosed Car Trailer, 22 feet but 24 is better, contact Bill Osborne

Email address: perledupond@gmail.com



Mike Jones has several Studebaker signs and several Avanti related publications for sale.

954-594-2492 or floridasky@bellsouth.net

Buy-Sell-Trade-Donate

I have a few things left over from my 1951 Stude build.

Engine gasket set for 1951 Champion, two parts radios and a schematic of the radios. **Those are all free.**

I also have a BW T96 three speed with overdrive out of a 53 Stude. I have no idea of the condition except it came out of a driving car several years ago. It is for sale for \$300.

Steve Parker

817-925-7343



New, in the box, purchased from StudebakerParts.com. 50% off current price.

Prestolite distributor cap (cap010) \$11. Rotor (rto10) \$6. Carter WCFB overhaul kit (crb108) \$25.

Rochester 4-jet carb. Ran well when removed from Stude 289. Comes with carb kit. \$85. This was same carb on early corvettes and many GM 283's

eranne@verizon.net 972 741 2795

Buy-Sell-Trade-Donate



The Club has C-K seats for sale
Gary Meek for info



FREE! FREE! FREE!

Set of 4 Studebaker wheels. 15", 40s or 50s vintage.

Had 6.70-15 tires on them.

Kent Greenlee 817-688-9431

Buy-Sell-Trade-Donate



1962 Grand Turismo Hawk.

Approx. 82,000 miles

289 V-8 with "three on the tree."

I am the third owner and have owned it 5 years.

Asking: \$17,500.00

Contact Michael Geisler

214-384-6072.

Ray, I've been wanting to send this for some time. My wife Yvonne and I finished it probably six months ago, mid-pandemic. She is an accomplished seamstress and quilter. I helped on this quilt by selecting the shirts, cutting off the fronts and squaring them up at the proper size. Then she Ironed on inter-facing to stabilize the knit shirt fabric, sewed and tied it all up!

She is a part of a nationwide group of Lutheran Church women who work year – round making practical quilts from largely recycled and donated fabrics. Once a year they, are gathered in nationally by the Lutheran World Relief Association and distributed world – wide and nationally as needed for use by victims of disaster. Her group of six to eight women from Christ the Servant Lutheran Church here in Denton typically make and ship over 150 charity quilts per year!

I will look for our anniversary picture on my phone from last year so you give proper artistic credit!

Fritz (and Yvonne) Poppe



More from Fritz—Thank You

Years ago I took this picture in Denton of the Dodge model year that used the wide box later used on Studebaker Champs (1960 -1964)? I had been looking for such a Dodge (for a photo) for years. Whether Studebaker bought the tooling or the boxes from Chrysler, I don't know. The Dodge has to be a 1955 -56 because of the wrap-around windshield.



Westlake Classic Car Show—10th Anniversary

Studies in Attendance



This 57 Provincial wagon with a 259 & 3 spd od is for sale.
Asking \$20K

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Scottsdale 2015

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The Lighter Side



It's also a Gran Turismo not a Grand Torino!!!



Or in my case, got in & can't get out!



Fall is in the air

Sadness & Joy

It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of Barbara Carpenter wife of Leon. Barbara was 81 and from what I'm told lived life to the fullest. You will be missed and our condolences go out to Leon and both his and Barbara's families.

Leon wishes to convey his gratitude to members who called, sent cards & attended the funeral service.



On a happier note, we are pleased to announce that Gayle & Bob Macleod are now grand parents to Atlas son of Iain Macleod

Our Dr. Jim Yates sent along a photo showing the progress on
his 57 Golden Hawk.

The end is in sight



Another Addition to the Macleod family



Editor's Message

Several months ago at a club meeting I had the pleasure of meeting & speaking to a young man by the name of Brian Snodgrass.



Brian has a fascinating story (or shall I say many stories) of his family's lineage with Studebaker. Brian in fact to this day owns his grandfathers station wagon and are you ready for this, his great grand fathers tow truck.

Brian is busy restoring both at the same time.

Not only is he passionate about Studebaker but as you will soon read so is his entire family.

I will include the adventures of Brian in this issue.

He provided so much information that I will continue in the November newsletter with a detailed history of the family's love for Studebaker as written by Brian's aunt.

Enjoy the ride.

Other members who I hope with time will share their adventure are the Macleod's. Their collection of Studebakers scattered across North America all have a story to tell. The latest addition to their collection is a 63 Avanti posted through the club.

With a club that dates back to the 60's I'm sure there are many more untold stories to tell. If you have the urge to share your experience but aren't a writer or computer literate, give me a call, drop me an email, post a hand scrawled letter in the mail with some photos of your Studebaker memories and we'll work it into an article to share with your fellow members.

The club is only as strong and as active as its members!

Brian Snodgrass Current Studebaker Archive

This is one very busy young man!



1955 Studebaker Commander Conestoga Wagon

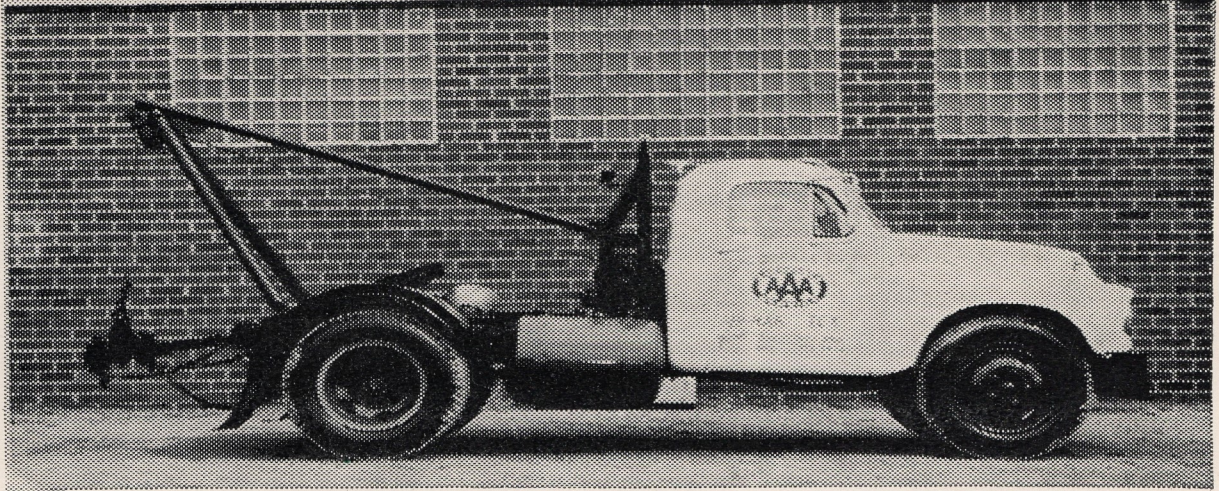
259 V8, 3 speed on column, late-model with wrap-around windshield

The 1955 Studebaker Commander Conestoga Wagon was originally sold to my Great-Grandfather Tom Collinsworth by my Grandfather Ray Snodgrass at Snodgrass Motors in Dumas, TX. There are many home movies of my great-grandfather washing it and it driving on vacation. It was driven to California several times and to national parks. My great-grandfather owned for the rest of his life, passing away in 1995. My grandmother, Ocie Collinsworth Snodgrass, inherited it at this point where it was then stored in Ray's workshop (he was a farmer). Ocie's dream was to restore it to like-new condition, but due to the rarity, this proved not viable financially. Before she passed away in 2014, she offered it to me to restore. I was excited to receive the car but didn't end up getting it until 2015, the day we buried her ashes. My uncle towed it back from Farnsworth, TX to Euless, TX where I lived at the time. My son was 4 years old when we brought it home, the same age as my dad when it was purchased originally.

The engine and transmission are both rebuilt, and I am currently working on replacing the floors. The car is solid overall but had some rust. I installed a Turner brake kit on the front and will be upgrading to a new 12V wire-harness from the original 6V positive ground system. I plan to paint it with the original Saginaw green in a single stage paint.



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1953 Studebaker 2R17a 2-Ton Truck

Originally 4.0L flathead L6, 2 SPD rear-end, 4-speed manual w/ PTO, factory A/C

The 1953 Studebaker 2R17a was originally purchased by R. R. Walker Co in Shreveport, LA, and picked up at the factory in Southbend, IN. It was used for at least several years to tow Studebaker from the factory to the dealership in Shreveport. It still bears its original number, 229 on the back corner of the cab. My grandfather bought it sometime in the late 50s for his dealership in Dumas, TX. He used a gas torch and cut the 5th wheel off. He then build the tow rig that is still on the back. The tanks are 50-gallon tanks, manufactured in Dallas, Texas. He painted the truck white and put AAA on the door to advertise for towing for his dealership. Once his dealership closed, he became a farmer. He kept the truck and parked it outside his shop. I remember seeing the truck all growing up when I would go visit my grandfather's farm in Dumas, TX. It has always been, in my opinion, the best-looking truck I have ever seen. Something about the short wheelbase, width of dually, and factory chopped-looking windshield. Also, the later model fiberglass grill gives a unique look. On the front edge of the hood is hand-lettered "PUSHING FOR DUMAS".

I have already replaced all of the tires, had the tanks lined, and bought all new glass and seals. I recently bought a 1990 Dodge D250 with a 12V Cummins diesel motor and manual transmission in it. The original engine was the 4.0L flathead inline 6. I felt the Cummins kept the spirit of the original L6 engine but would allow me to drive the truck at speeds higher than 45. I plan to keep as much of the original truck look (patina...) and parts as possible while making a great road trip vehicle.



Now for some Family History

Wrecker Video

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Wagon Video

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1950 DODGE, 1/2-ton Pickup, fluid drive, new	1940 FORD 2-dr. sedan, motor fair body
1950 DODGE Meadowbrook, 4-door	1950 CADILLAC, 4-dr., blue, loaded
1941 HUDSON, 2-door, over-drive, average	1950 DODGE Coronet, 4-door, automatic transmission
1940 NASH, 4-dr. needs work, body fair	1939 PLYMOUTH, 2-door
1945 FORD, 1/2-ton, 4-speed	1949 LINCOLN, 4-dr., loaded, low mileage, like new
1948 PONTIAC, 4-dr., loaded	1948 DODGE, 4-door, fully equipped, extra clean
1938 CHEVROLET, not bad, heater	1950 STUDEBAKER , new, 2-door, Champion
1950 DODGE Wayfarer, 2-dr. clean	1950 STUDEBAKER Champion Convertible
1950 STUDEBAKER , Land-cruiser, like new, automatic transmission	1947 OLDS, 4-door, loaded
1948 CHEVROLET, 1 1/2-ton, fair truck	1943 FORD JEEP, clean jeep

—AIRPLANES—

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Studebaker Drivers Club

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