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We had an excellent turnout for our Nov. meeting/holiday luncheon. I enjoyed having the time and opportunity to catch up with fellow members. I appreciate the donations to the food pantry. The food and cash donations will be used to feed people in need in Denton County. We had a productive meeting, having approved the purchase of a domain name and web presence for the club. This is required of us for preparing for the International meet. Thanks to Nick Treaster for agreeing to take this on. Also, the current slate of officers was approved for one more year of service. Our January meeting will be in the Arlington area and February in Plano. As always, I welcome any suggestions for meetings, car shows, and outings.

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Minutes of the North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club November 16, 2024 at President Ranne's house

The meeting was called to order, Eddie said the October minutes can be found in the newsletter.

No treasury report, Leon didn't attend because he had foot surgery. Rick Watts also had foot surgery.

Update on our plans for the 2026 international meet.

Ray said he may propose the week of September 20th to National because some regional directors have conflicts in October. Ray is still looking at the Denton fairgrounds for the car show and swap meet and the Embassy Suites for hotel accommodations, technical presentations and the banquet. Eddie says the Denton fairground has a lot of space for the cars and air conditioned and non air conditioned space for the swap meet. The Embassy Suite's lowest price is around \$179 but they have complimentary breakfast made to order and you get 2 free drinks at happy hour. We will have a 250 room guarantee and 50 or 100 rooms at the sister hotel next door, we have to guarantee them \$40,000 food and beverage purchase. Ray will negotiate with them.

Eddie said we need to divide the work among the members, We need tee shirts printed and sales people at the meet. Someone should volunteer for the Banquet and women's luncheon. Someone to plan the driving tour. And plan interesting excursions, maybe to the Winstar, or the Tarantula train from Grapevine to the cattle yards. Or the JFK memorial.

Eddie suggested places for our monthly meetings next year, Ford Garage Restaurant and a newly opened motorcycle museum. Ray mentioned going on a car cruise. Ray will host the January meeting in South Arlington

Mike's truck is still in the body shop, and will be ready to take home a week from Monday.

Kevin McKinney plans to have his Hawk on the road by spring as he awaits new tires for his ride.

Ray asked us to bring Teddy Bears to be donated to the Highway Patrol, I counted 14 Bears.

Ray is having Studebaker business cards printed that can be handed to prospective members at car shows.

Send Ray a picture of your car if you want cards printed.

We need a website for our club so people can find us for the 2026 international meet.

George made a motion to create & host a website and a vote was taken and it passed.

Eddie asked for a vote for next year's officers. All officers will stay the same.

Donations were made to Eddie's favorite charity, his local food bank.

The president's door prize was won by Bob McLeod (Studebaker Logo Clock)

and Gary Meek (Studebaker Logo Tee shirt)

Meeting Adjourned

Attendees 20

Rick Watts

Nicholas Treaster

Mike & Lynn Dorn

Ryan & Mark Chambers

Eddie & Dana Ranne

Kevin & Karen McKinney

Sammy Hand

Tom & Karin Arenson

Bob McLeod

Ray Chartrand & Elaine Connolly

Ken Bruce

Ed Will

Gail & George Jensen

Editor's Remarks

You guys are the best. After reading a call for members in the Central Texas chapter to donate teddy bears to the Highway Patrol, I decided to kill 2 birds with one stone. Our president Eddie Ranne & I have decided to take our show on the road and meet with as many clubs in the area as we can to get them involved into the 2026 International meet. We've had good responses from both the Central Texas chapter & attendees at the Oklahoma zone meet this past month.

Central are having their final meeting of the year on Dec 14 in Bryan Texas. I decided to drive down to introduce us & at the same time assist them with their teddy bear drive.



To date including the 14 that came in at our meeting I have 50 bears to donate. I'm not finished yet as there's still a month until their meeting.

Our president & I have bounced around a host of ideas on how to grow our club. Like anything in nature, we are aging out with no younger replacements. So we realize that social media is a big part of today's social fabric & hence the push to become more active on the social side ie. a web site, FaceBook etc.

Our club is also open minded & the consensus is that as long as it's a Studebaker then you're welcome be it a restored classic, a restomod, a survivor or all out all hot rod, the common denominator is Studebaker. I'm having blank business cards printed for members to canvas any Studebaker they see at a show or in a parking lot. Slip a card under the windshield wiper with your contact info. I have cards printed with my contact info & a picture of my car Ruby. I have 3 prospective members in line from leaving my card on their cars at local shows.



In 2000 I was a charter member of the Lincoln LS owners club. Lincoln demographics basically saw their customers marching to the grave IE it was the same people getting older & older buying the car with no younger group to fill the gap. I can tell you from personal experience that any Lincoln you see on the road today is an off spin of the LS campaign to attract younger buyers.. This car was designed and targeted at the BMW 5 series. It was designed to handle, brake & perform as well or better than the BMW. In most respects that mark was met. The car amongst those who knew what it was, was an absolute success. But... overall the car floundered as the marketing rather than being targeted at enthusiasts & a younger demographic was more or less sold to little old gray haired ladies who now had difficulty parking their Town car barges.

The LS remained alive for 6 years & spun off the T Bird convertible which was an LS platform with a T Bird shell.

Without this reprieve I don't think you'd still see Lincoln as a brand today.

Shocker alert! The Lincoln Nautilus is Motor Trend's 2025 SUV of the Year!

Yea! Guess where it's built—China!

I kind of got side tracked here, but my message is we have to target younger generations & the way you reach them is by social media!

A new column I've added this month is the **CASO CORNER**. If you know of a smoking hot deal, pass it along to share with our members. I found our go to motor oil at Walmart for 50% of the price anywhere else. Doesn't have to be car related, if it's a deal we're interested

Finally, Our member of the month profile is..... **No One**

I can't make this stuff up so if you don't want to share then so be it!



Perfect day for our Holiday Get Together at the Ranne's



Eddie Ranne explaining how he single handedly built his shop

Members mingling after lunch & before elections





Mike Dorn offers sign in sheet to long time member George Jensen while his wife Gail double checks



Everyone deep in thought about who to vote for in the election

Spoiler alert—all current officers were reelected to their current posts



Rick Watts with his contribution to the Teddy bear drive for our friends in Central



14 Bears donated today—50 bears & counting total to date

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

Nov 15 –16 Southwest Swap Meet Lone Star Park Grand Prairie

Nov 16 Holiday Luncheon—noon 3616 Raintree Dr Flower Mound 75022 hosted by the Rannes

Dec. No meeting

Jan 18 South Arlington Location TBA Host Ray Chartrand

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Who came first? Studebaker or Lancia Credit Mark Chambers



Great Tech Tip to keep your car from catching fire

"Hot Wheels" The Hard Way—How to Avoid It — by George Hamlin

"HOT WHEELS" THE HARD WAY — HOW TO AVOID IT

by George L. Hamlin

A few moments taken now, if you are driving a '63-66 Lark or equivalent, can save wear and tear on you, your car, your fire extinguisher, and maybe the local fire department. It all comes down to the way the cars were designed.

It was a good idea in the preceding years: let's put the ignition switch right *here*, and hold it in place like *this*. The method they chose was to hold the ignition switch against the instrument panel with a bayonet retainer built into a decorative bezel, and lock it in place with a heavy spring. And most of them have ridden there, quite happily, for decades. Let's give the designers this much: it probably never occurred to them that this bunch of crazies would still be driving their cars yet today, over 30 years later.


However, there are only two kinds of Studebakers using this bayonet ring: those which have had a switch retainer failure and those which are about to have one. And when the retainer fails in a post-1962 Lark or equivalent, there is often a fire involved. Here's why.

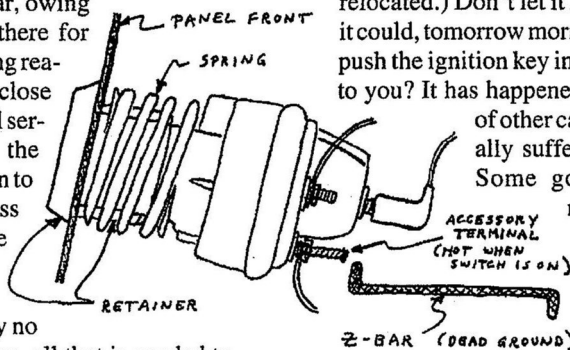
The angle at which the switch sits, and the position it occupies, put its electrical terminals *very* close to a grounded surface. That surface is called a Z-bar, owing to its shape, and it's there for sound body-engineering reasons. Thing is, it's too close to the switch. In normal service the switch and the Z-bar are in this relation to each other, seen in cross section. You can see the problem immediately:

When the switch is off, there is generally no danger, but when it's on, all that is needed to cause fireworks is for the hot accessory terminal to move a couple of millimeters and short-circuit against the Z-bar. That happens when the retainer fails, usually when the switch is pushed during startup. And it doesn't even have to fail completely—all that's necessary is

for one of the ears to elongate too far. And because the bezel/retainer is made of pot metal, eventually the ears do begin to elongate, and shortly after that, one or both will break off. When that happens with the switch on, you have a fire.

Prevention is very easy. Go downstairs this evening, get some duct tape, and tape two layers of the stuff onto the Z-bar behind the switch. It doesn't have to be very neat; nobody is going to look up there. See how hard it was to get the tape up between the Z-bar and the switch? *That is* what we mean by too close. (There is much more clearance in the '64-66 models, by the way, because the switch was relocated.) Don't let it happen to you; it could, tomorrow morning, when you push the ignition key in. Can't happen to you? It has happened to thousands

of other cars. Some actually suffered no sparks. Some got away with melted insulation. Some required serious rewiring. And some of them burned to the waterline. 

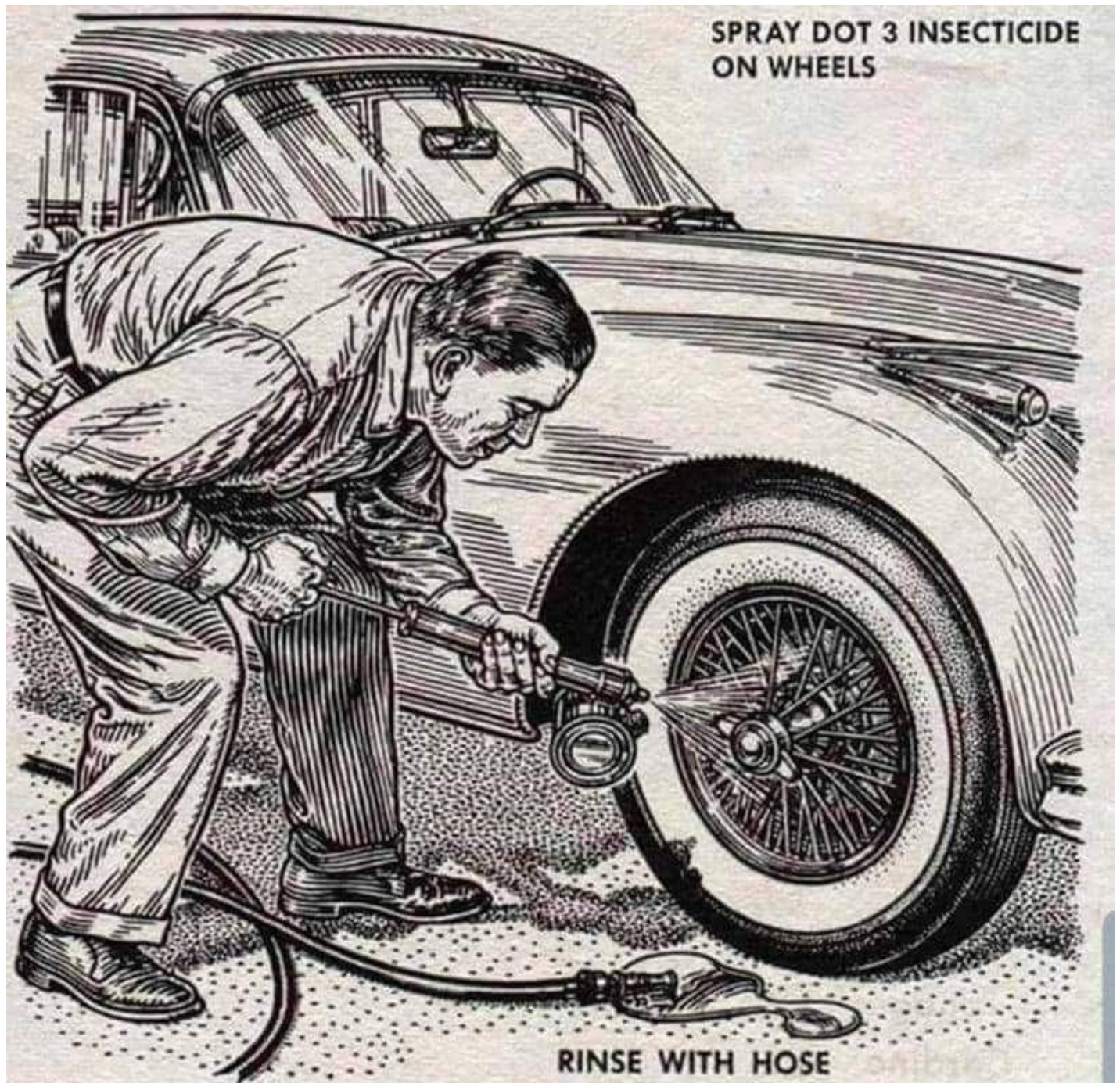


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Congratulation

Good to Know



Wheels can be thrown out of balance by a buildup of wheel ants. Protect your car's smooth ride with weekly applications of automotive grade insecticide.

Antifreeze

At this time of the year, many people are thinking about antifreeze for their cars. Some of the thoughts going through their minds may be;

1 - Is it potent enough for the cold winter that is coming?

Answer: The strength of the antifreeze needs to be checked with a testing device, following the directions under which the device will register correctly.

Antifreeze is cheap compared to an engine replacement in the event that the antifreeze in the coolant was not of sufficient strength and the engine block froze and cracked. Do the check. You may consider having enough antifreeze in the system to register an extra 15 or 20 degrees colder than the coldest days of winter in the area in which you live.

2 – Is this the year/time that it should be drained and replaced with new antifreeze?

Answer: That depends on how old the antifreeze is, mainly, and that is determined by the type of antifreeze that is used.

General rule of thumb is to replace the coolant every 2 to 5 years or every 30,000 to 50,000 miles. However, it is crucial to consult your owner's manual or a certified mechanic.

3 - How do I know when it's time to change the coolant/antifreeze?

Answer: If the engine coolant or an antifreeze solution in your car looks like it has rust in it, or if it has changed color from the green or orange it originally was, that is a sign you have bad coolant.

Antifreeze that is used beyond their specific life can become acidic and cause damage to the engine and the cooling system, including the radiator. Another thing that can cause the radiator to deteriorate is the electrolysis within the cooling system. The dirtier that coolant is, the likeliness of an increase in electrolysis prevails. To minimize the electrolysis in the cooling system, the coolant should be as clean as possible and that the engine is well grounded with clean connections between the engine and the battery.

Coolant check for electrolysis ---

- *Remove the radiator cap to expose antifreeze in the radiator reservoir.

- *Set the multi meter to 20 volts D.C.

- *Place one probe on a grounded part of the engine.

- *Place the other probe into the antifreeze. (Do not let it touch any metal surface) *If the voltmeter reads 0.50 volts or less, the antifreeze is "good". If the voltmeter reads above 0.50 volts the acidity of the antifreeze is at a damaging level and indicates metal is corroding. Fresh antifreeze might read less than 0.10 volts.

Some sources suggest 0.70 volts as the critical point while another source suggest 0.40 volts. It's better to be on the safe side so I would choose 0.40 volts. Changing antifreeze is far easier to do than changing water pumps, or head gaskets. Good maintenance is good practice.

3 – What is DEX-COOL?

Answer: PEAK® DEX-COOL® Antifreeze + Coolant is a GM-approved ethylene glycol based premium coolant that can be used in all GM vehicles 1995 and newer.

It has been reported that:

Apparently, DEX-COOL isn't safe to use in cars that have/may have leaks of any sort in the cooling system. Any (including tiny pinhole) leaks in a system with DEX-COOL in it will eventually block it up. When it mixes with air the molecules get much larger (think a warm coolant slushie) in turn, causing blockage. A system that isn't air-free is the one that will have a massive amounts of issues with it. This is where that the whole DEX-COOL issue came up a few years back.

Is it OK to replace DEX-COOL with regular antifreeze?

When mixed, these two products will react forming a gel that can prevent your engine from cooling properly. It can even damage multiple components of your cooling system which then must be flushed or replaced which is expensive.

Difference between DEX-COOL and regular antifreeze

The easiest way to tell the difference between DEX-COOL and regular antifreeze is that DEX-COOL, usually orange/red, and regular antifreeze is green/blue. DEX-COOL is made up of combinations of different phosphates and silicates as well as an organic acid technology that helps minimize corrosion in aluminum engines. On the other hand, regular antifreeze is composed of water mixed with methanol and ethylene glycol and is designed to change color when rust or corrosion is present. Both products are used to keep your car's engine cool

In conclusion: Don't mix DEX-COOL with ethylene Glycol based antifreezes.



1955 Studebaker C Cab Pickup truck.

Complete frame off restoration done 2009/2011. All rust was cut out and replaced with new metal. Rebuilt Studebaker drive train. 259 V-8 engine, auto transmission and differential. 17,000 miles on all but only about 12,500 miles on engine as first engine was replaced. Dynamat sound insulated, Painless wiring, wired with trailer brake control. Power steering, front disc and rear drum power brakes, 3 point seat belts, custom leather Chrysler seats, high quality carpet floors, and custom Con2R steering wheel. Vintage Air AC, Speed Hut Legacy Gauges, and GPS speedometer, stereo/cd player, car cover and truck tool box included. Recent Value appraisal, will not find a better built truck! Asking \$44,000. CDN

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1960 Hawk for Sale



This is a one owner car belonging to former SDC member, Pat Dishman Talkington. She bought the Hawk new in Denver, Colorado and named it Sidney. By 1962 Pat was living in Dallas Texas, helped start the North TX. Chapter in '68-'69 and in 1971 through 1973 was the Secretary of the Studebaker Drivers Club Inc., and still driving Sidney.

About Sidney, her 1960 HAWK:

Engine: original 289 [cu.in.](#) /2bbl

Trans: 3 speed manual/ & overdrive.

Odom: shows 103477 plus miles. Plus is because speedometer cable was broken for unrecorded miles.

Full set of gages plus tac and clock.

Reclining front seats.

Reupholstered seats, door panels, headliner & carpeting.

Radio, good glass & most of chrome.

Air conditioner - it blows hot but you will get Freon with the car.

Paint and tires are not good, sorry.

Total production of all 1960 HAWKs was 4280 units.

Price. \$20,000

The car is at my home in Granbury, Texas. Call: Gary Meek 214-797-7158 & leave message and number

FOR SALE: 1960 5E7 Champ Deluxe Cab Pickup



The truck was on the May 2017 *"Turning Wheels"* cover but has now been sitting too long. It still runs, drives, and stops, but needs some TLC. The body is solid except for small rust bubbles on lower passenger door (photo) and rough bed floor under mat. Paint is nice with the usual few scratches and one patch of peeling on the inside right wall of the bed (photo).



The interior is in very good condition. A new instrument cluster is included but not installed. I purchased it because glass on the existing one is crooked and lettering is coming off. The gas gauge was working fine but now does not register. I believe it is probably a bad ground issue.



The engine is a stock 259 V8 with a 2bbl carburetor, an electric booster fuel pump, water pump and motor mounts replaced in 2017, and oil and filter changed in September this year. New OEM gas tank installed a couple of years ago. The engine smokes some, has typical Studebaker oil leaks, and needs a tune up.

The transmission is a standard shift 3 speed with OverDrive and a Twin Traction differential. It comes with a spare wheel and tire. I'm not sure of the actual mileage but the odometer shows 24,224 miles.

I will include a copy of the original production report. Asking \$11,500 or OBO. I will send more pictures or video to anyone interested. Need to sell, out of room for it. Contact **Jim Baker**, Woodway, TX, phone 254-722-4378 or email at jabaker3@outlook.com

Parts for sale

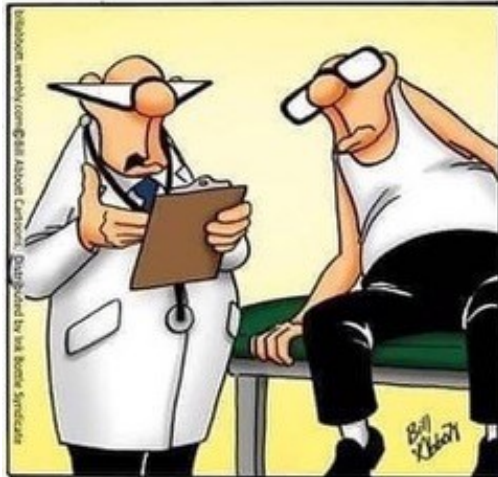
I have a set of four Ford Thunderbird Turbine Wheels for sale, the tires are old, need to get them out of my garage - make me an offer.

Auto Meter Clock like new purchased in 2023, decided to have original clock rebuilt. Sells new for \$113.70, has 2 1/16 body with a 2.20 chrome lip. \$75.00 or best offer.

Pioneer DEH-S1200uB CD Receiver purchased in 2023 also, decided to go a different way. Sells new for \$89.99 on Crutchfield - \$65.00 or best offer. Thank you, Tom 817-991-0630
email tomarenson@yahoo.com



Humor



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Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
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Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
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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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The North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club has my permission to use this info in their club directory

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

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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>

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