

The HILLHOLDER

The official newsletter of the North Georgia Chapter SDC

Random photos from <u>past</u>

June meetings

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The next meeting, originally planned for June 7 in Canton, GA, has been canceled.

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Editor Commentary by Tim & Guadalupe Taylor

This issue is different from any other that we have published over the four-plus years that we have been performing our duties as joint Hillholder editors. The world has certainly changed quite suddenly. This is probably not the place to talk about Covid-19, but it's difficult to avoid the topic since it has had a tremendous impact on all of our lives and therefore on this Hillholder as well. Normally on some of these pages you would see photos from the most recent meeting, but we had to cancel our April meeting so there are no such photos. The June meeting is also now canceled as is the International Meet in Chattanooga. This issue has no list of attendees from the last meeting either, nor are there any meeting minutes. This Hillholder is somewhat empty, just like so many places of business these days. We hope that things turn around soon so that we can get together with you, the Studebaker people, once again to engage in some car talk and just enjoy each other's company. Better days will come. In the meantime, stay safe and stay healthy. Peace.

From Wayne Lee

Hi folks,

Hope you're virus free and doing well.

The Studebaker Drivers Club Board of Directors called a special meeting yesterday at 4 pm to discuss and deliberate on the future of our 56th International Meet in Aug. After hearing from all parties, the vote was unanimous that they had to cancel the Meet. It was the first time this has ever happened, but it is imperative that to put the welfare of our members ahead of all else. Also, many of our international members can't get here from Europe and Canada due to the virus related travel restrictions. I sincerely wish we could have gone on with the Meet as I think it would have been memorable.

A letter will be forthcoming regarding the donations that have been made.

Thanks again, Wayne



MAY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Cloud	5/01
Yvonne Langford	5/04
Dennis Carr	5/17
Buddy Hunt	5/20
Tim Taylor	5/24

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Barbara Loftin	5/01
Loren & Helen Nelson	5/01
Terry & Pat Cloud	5/08
Eugene Young & Myrna Hunt	5/30

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Joshua McCord	6/18
Terryy Smith	6/24
Jim Loftin	6/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Helen Forgay	6/06
Frank & Beverly Petru	6/09
Alan & Rochelle Ziglin	6/18
Wayne & Ann Lee	6/23
William & Kathy Startt	6/28







Laurence (Larry) Swanson
June 29, 1941 – Feb.28,2020
Picture taken at 2018 SDC International Meet in Tacoma, WA

The following is written by Pete Yuen, member of the Vancouver Island Chapter, SDC and Honorary member, B.C. Coastal Chapter, SDC:

Larry was a gentleman, highly respected and regarded and justly so. He had a gentle nature and always had a smile and a warm greeting for everyone that he met in the Studebaker Drivers Club. Some say that one person can make a difference. Larry made a lot of differences in the Studebaker Driver Club.

In his teen years, Larry delivered pizza. The shop owner had purchased a number of brands of car for the deliveries. Larry had found that Studebakers were more reliable and durable than the other makes that the other pizza delivery boys chose to drive. Impressed with Studebakers, that is what he chose to drive on his deliveries. Time passes and Larry joins the Studebaker Drivers Club.

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On Memoriam Larry Swanson - Continued

After a time, Larry worked for Burlington Northern Railways as the yardmaster, controlling the traffic and flow in the rail yard. He loved the steam engines and railroading. During the time that he was employed by Burlington Northern, he became the SDC Membership Secretary at a time when the membership numbers were 3 or 4 thousand. He also also took on the task of being the club editor, publisher and did the newsletter mailing, all done on a voluntary basis with the help if his wife, Pat. Larry and Pat were married in 1964. Some SDC members assisted. One of them being the late Ron Hall. George Krem also volunteered to help. Larry and Pat used their Studebaker for the hauling of the newsletters. While all this was going on, Larry studied and became a lawyer.

My association with Larry goes back to the early 1970's when I was the membership secretary for the local, B..C. Coastal Chapter, a span of over 45 years. In those days, there had been a constant 10% premium on the American Dollar. As the membership secretary, funds were given to me for the SDC Inc. (National) membership as well as for the local chapter membership dues. Larry, being the SDC Inc. Membership Secretary, I would send the SDC Inc. dues to him in Oswego, Ill. This was the arrangement for a number of years and eventually, I retired from my position. Shortly after, the premium on the U.S. Dollar started to fluctuate and this created a problem for the local membership secretary and he would not know how much premium should be added to the dues for SDC Inc. This resulted in the local chapter members only paying the B.C. Coastal Chapter dues and for the member to send their SDC Inc. dues directly to Larry on their own.

Time passes and during the 1979 SDC International Meet in Long Beach, California, I finally had a chance to meet with Larry and Pat on the parking lot. My thoughts were, how great is this? I am thrilled at meeting the high-profile couple that for so long, our association was by mail only. We have managed to keep in touch throughout the years.

In 1999, Larry and Pat were invited to be guests of the B.C. Coastal Chapter for the Pacific Can-Am Zone meet and to our delight, they accepted the invitation. We had a great time together, creating many fond memories.

During a speech that Larry gave at the awards presentation dinner, Larry stated that he had 2 kinds of friends in the Studebaker Drivers Club, the ones that he has met and the ones that he has yet to meet. This is a nice thought. It was a pleasure for me to meet Larry, only made possible by both of us being members of the Studebaker Drivers Club.

The 2018 SDC International Meet would be the last that Larry would attend. He had health issues previously but he was well enough to attend the event. This would also be the last time that I would have the pleasure of his company. I had invited him to be my guest for what should have been the Awards Presentation Dinner but for some reason the awards were presented on the day following the dinner.

During the years that Larry was in the SDC, he was the membership secretary, the editor and creator of TURNING WHEELS, club newsletter, a club director, legal consul, designed the commemorative coins for our club, compiled The Touring Studebaker Drivers Glovebox Geographic Guide which provides information regarding parts, service and roadside assistance while on tour of America and Canada. Larry also compiled the Studebaker Inside Facts regarding the SDC.

Not many members will know about or remember the SDC bulletins that SDC had before Larry created the TURNING WHEELS publication. The publication was merely 2 pieces of standard letter paper, folded in half and stapled to create 8 pages. In those days, the editor, I believed to be Ed Flarity, would have to use a typewriter to create the text and any graphics would physically have to be cut and pasted to the page.

On Memoriam Larry Swanson - Continued

Any mistakes on the draft copy would mean using "White Out" a quick drying substance that covered the mistake and then text was typed over, on to the document. When Larry produced the TURNING WHEELS publication, it was so much improved over the previous publication that the difference was like the differences of night and day. Not sure when the computers were used for the club newsletter publications. When the computers were introduced to the public, more often than not, they were called, Word Processors.

I am blessed to have Larry touch my life. He gave me inspiration to be an editor for the B.C. Coastal and Vancouver Island Chapters. After retiring from that, I started to write the Odds 'N' Ends column on a monthly basis since 2013. A copy would be sent to him by e-mail. Larry was gracious to forward copies of the column to the SDC Chapter Editors that he was in touch with.

The loves in Larry 's life: His wife, Pat, music, writing, railroads, steam engines, Studebakers, Studebaker Drivers Club and friends. Especially if they were club members.

Until Larry had health issues and vision problems, he was involved with What's Happening, a chronological listing of future events within our club. That listing continues with the very capable Susan Lusted taking over. On many occasions, Larry has been acknowledged for his many contributions to the club. We each have a common award though, that being the John Brichetto Award, an acknowledgement for literary contribution by a non-editor to the club. After Larry's retirement from being the Editor-in-chief, he was given recognition as the Editor Emeritus, a title given to him for what he was prior to his retirement.

Not mentioned was the fact that he was a terrific ambassador for the SDC. Larry created many changes to improve our club. He will be remembered and he will be missed. He touched many lives in a positive manner, graciously.

One person can make a difference. For the Studebaker Drivers Club, that person was Larry Swanson. The world needs more people like him. Since his earthly work is done, I know that you will join me in wishing Larry a peaceful rest. He deserves it. Our deepest sympathy goes to Pat for the loss of her loved one.

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Random photos from past June Meetings

Photos by Guadalupe and Tim Taylor















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These advertisements are provided as a service. Ads will be posted on a "first come, first served" basis with preference given to Studebaker-related ads. North Georgia Chapter members will be given priority when space does not permit all ads.

Each ad will be posted for 3 months. If space permits, ads can be posted for additional 3-month periods. To extend or delete an ad, contact the Newsletter Editor at e-mail studebiker@hotmail.com. One photo may be included for each ad. All ads and photos should be sent to e-mail studebiker@hotmail.com. The Newsletter Editor and members of the North Georgia Chapter SDC shall not be responsible for the accuracy and authenticity of the contents of the ad. The advertising party shall be solely responsible for the ad contents, although the newsletter editor reserves the right to reorganize ad contents, without changing facts, to best fit the space available.

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE



1963 GT Hawk. New Rosemist paint, re-chromed bumper, new fuuel pump, water pump, motor mounts, brakes, rebuilt carb, 289 2-bbl duel exhaust, automatic, manual steering and brakes. Original interior. From the Bill Tilden Estate. \$14,000. Richard, 770-775-2064



SOME THOUGHTS ON RESTORING A STUDEBAKER

Written by Chuck Lampman, this 99-page book is based on articles written by Chuck Lampman, North Georgia Chapter SDC member, that appeared in *Turning Wheels* in the early 1990's and won the SDC Churchill Award for Best Article, Non-paid. Some material edited out of *Turning Wheels* is included

in the book as well as updates and several new items written after the Turning Wheels series was published. "Some Thoughts" is aimed at the first-time restorer but will be of value to the more experienced. It is not intended to be a "how to restore" book but gives a look at the decision-making processes, tools, spaces, and basic skills needed to do a restoration. It also provides a framework to help structure a project and contains several chapters of Studebaker-specific advice.

Cost for the book shipped to continental US addresses is \$22.50 plus \$4.00 for handling and postage. Payment can be made through PayPal sent to chuck@lampman.com or by mailing a check or money order to Chuck Lampman, 4141 Lynette Court, Kennesaw GA 30144-2293.

Contact Chuck Lampman directly for purchases outside the continental U.S.



1954 Commander hard top. New paint, bumpers, brakes with finned front drums. Carb rebuilt, new Coker wide whites, original red vinyl interior. 232 V8 3-speed with overdrive. Most exterior chrome replaced with NOS. From the Bill Tilden estate. \$18,000. Richard, 770-775-2064

1956 Golden Hawk, \$19,995. Excellent appearance, excellent driving, always garaged, maintained by Studebaker mechanic, daily driver. Only reason selling making move and no place to house. This car is an eye catcher and people like to have their picture made with it! Chip Branch, 770-532-8993.

Bill Sudderth of Macon GA is interested in purchasing a 1963 or 1964 non-supercharged Avanti. If you have one or know of one for sale, please contact Bill at jusudd@cox.net



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From Charlie Attaway:

I have several Studebaker items left from the restoration of our '51 Starlight Coupe. We sold the car in December 2018, so these parts are no longer needed and they are looking for a good home. All items are located in Oxford, GA and are for sale at MAKE A REASONABLE OFFER prices except for the Turning Wheels magazines which are FREE.

11" DRUM BRAKE CONVERSION. Every part needed except wheel bearings and bearing races to convert your 1951-1953 9" front brakes to the much desirable and improved 11" brakes. This includes a pair, (left and right), of New Old Stock 11" brake drums, 11" backing plates, wheel cylinders, brake shoes, grease seals and every piece of needed hardware. I paid \$170 each for the brake drums.

ALUMINUM TIMING GEAR. Gear is for 169 c. i. six-cylinder engine.

STAINLESS FRONT WINDSHIELD TRIM. Very good + condition. No bends.

BEAUTIFUL BURGUNDY STRIPED UPHOLSTERY FABRIC. 68" wide X approximately 3 1/3 yards. Should be enough for two car seats. Ask Charleen Carey about the quantity as she did the beautiful interior of our car using this fabric.

SOLID TAUPE UPHOLSTERY FABRIC. 60" wide X 8 yards. Excellent match for the above striped fabric. Can be used for door panels, side panels and headliner.

TURNING WHEELS MAGAZINES. Over 100 issues from mid-2010 to mid-2019. All are in excellent condition from smoke-free home. FREE to a good home!

If you are interested in any items, just MAKE A REASONABLE OFFER. Please call 770-490-7500 or e-mail at 56cvytrk@charter.net. I do not answer unknown phone calls, so if you call please leave a message and I will return your call.







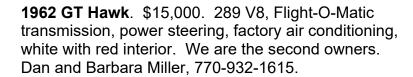


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1910 Studebaker farm/grain wagon. \$3500. Good original condition. Includes single tree. Has been under cover or garaged since we bought it in 1984. The original owner bought it new in Marietta, GA. We are the second owners. Dan and Barbara Miller, 770-932-1615.







1/25 scale model Studebaker Avanti made by Aurora. Brand new, all parts still inside unopened plastic bag. Contact Preston Stevens 404-351-5110 or hudsonewss@aol.com



1960 Lark 4-door, runs great, title and tags, all original. \$5,999. Contact herewegoyoga@gmail.com

RESTORATION CANDIDATE

There is a 1962 **Studebaker Lark 6**, light blue 4-door in Griffin, Georgia, that can be had for about \$500. I do not own it but have looked at it closely on several occasions and I think that it is in good enough condition for a project car. I would buy it myself, but am finishing up getting my '62 Lark Regal V-8 4-door on the road after 5 years of restoration and don't have any place to store another vehicle. It would be great if someone out there could SAVE ANOTHER Studebaker for prosperity. Interested people may contact me: Robert Langford at work 770-227-2239 -- and I will be happy to give more details.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER, SDC

To join this chapter, complete this application and mail with \$10 dues (\$5 if joining after July 1st) check or money order in US funds to the following:

North Georgia Chapter SDC c/o Brenda Bodkin PO Box 2895 Loganville, GA. 30052

Note: You must be a member of the National Studebaker Drivers Club to join this chapter.

National SDC Member Number

Date joined National SDC
Today's date
Name:
Birthday (month/day)
Spouse/Companion
His/Her birthday (month/day)
Wedding Anniversary (month/day)
Street address

City____State___Zip___

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Studebakers owned (Year/Series/Model)

NOTICE

To be a member of the North Georgia SDC, you must be a member of the National Studebaker Drivers Club.

To join the National SDC, go to www.studebakerdriversclub.com, click "About," and then click "Membership."

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