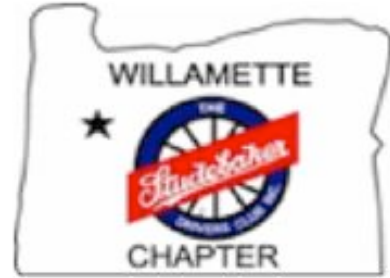


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<http://www.studebakerclubs.com/willamette/>.*

NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

Welcome to 2012! Can you believe another year has come and gone? I am not sure if I got everything done in 2011 that I wanted to get done, but I did get close. Did you?

Well, the club has put together the calendar of events for 2012. It will be another year of fun with our Studebakers. Laurie and I will spend time this New Year's weekend discussing our calendar of events for 2012 and, like every year, in the next few weeks our available weekends will be few for the summer months. My nephew will be getting married in Fairbanks, Alaska, at the end of June, so Laurie and I are planning a quick trip up and back for his wedding on a sternwheeler in Fairbanks. With all the tours, car shows, antique shows and sales, vintage trailer events and a couple Teardrop Trailer events, we keep very busy. So we have to work hard in the "off season" to finish other projects. As I write this article, it is New Year's weekend. Saturday I spent getting my Enclosed Car Trailer ready to sell. If you know anyone that needs one, let me know. Sunday I will pull my 1961 Ford Falcon Ranchero into the shop and strip it down and get it ready to paint. I have taken the second week of January off work to work on this. My goal is to have it painted and all back together by March. It's my daily driver, so I will not put the time into it to do a show-quality paint job. I simply do not have the time, nor is it worth the effort. I think I have the bugs worked out of my new 1965 Ford Supervan, so will put some miles on the van while the Ranchero gets its make over.

We had a blast in 2011. Thanks to everyone for a fun year, looking forward to all that we have planned for 2012!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 22: Brunch at Novak's Hungarian Restaurant in Albany. Meet there at 10:30, and bring your appetite. 2306 Heritage Way SE, Albany, southeast across the street from Heritage Mall. For those that don't care for "ethnic" foods, Novak's offers standard American breakfast fare, as well. Tour leaders Steve and Bobbie McNicol. **If you plan on attending, please give a call or send an email so we can give a reasonable head-count to the restaurant so we can be seated together. 541-758-6074 or mcnicolb@comcast.net**
- February 25: **CHANGE:** Due to the unavailability of garages, the planned garage tour for this date has not worked out. In its place, we will tour the Eugene Glass Blowing School. The Cascade Chapter has been invited to join us on this tour. The tour is no charge. But there is a charge of \$100 if we have a glass-blowing demonstration. The charge covers the cost of setting up the equipment. The more people that attend, the lower the per-person charge will be. For example, if we have 20 attendees, the charge will be \$5.00 per person. **Please let Tour Leader Steve McNicol know by February 17 if you can attend. Phone: 541-760-6526, email steve_mcnicol@yahoo.com.** If we don't have close to 20 people attending, the demo will be cancelled. Details regarding where and when to meet so we can caravan to the site will be provided later.

DUES FOR 2012 NOW DUE

For 2012, please send your dues to Tom Morris, Membership Chairman, at 10885 Brateng Road, Monmouth OR 97361. Dues for the calendar year are \$15.00 per household. This is a good time to remind everyone that membership in SDC is a requirement for membership in any chapter, including ours (per SDC web site <http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com/joinsdc.asp>). So be sure that your SDC membership is current, as well.

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

February 12: Steve McNicol

(No other known special dates in January-February. If you have a birthday or anniversary that should be included here, please let me know.)

2012 TOUR SCHEDULE

The 2012 tour schedule is being reprinted here so that anyone that missed the dates for these events can make their calendar accordingly.

January 22: Brunch at Novak's Hungarian Restaurant in Albany. Tour leaders Steve and Bobbie McNicol
February 21; Membership meeting, Elmer's Restaurant, Albany. Dinner 6:30, meeting 7:00
February 25: Eugene Glass Blowing, joint tour with Cascade Chapter. Tour leader Steve McNicol
March 25: Coast tour. Tour leaders Glenn and Laurie Anderson
April 17: Membership meeting, Elmer's Restaurant, Albany. Dinner 6:30, meeting 7:00
April 22: Brunch and car repair/maintenance. Tour leaders Glenn and Laurie Anderson
May 19: Photo Day, Riverfront Park, Independence. Tour leaders Tom and Anita Morris

- May 19-20: Northwest Overdrive, Boise More information will be provided as it becomes available
- June: Orphan Car Show, Antique Powerland, Brooks. Tour leader Ed Conn
- July 4: Barbecue picnic. Tour leaders Ed and Joyce Conn
- June 19: Membership meeting, Elmer's Restaurant, Albany. Dinner 6:30, meeting 7:00
- July 29-August 4: SDC International Meet, South Bend
- August 17-18: Can-Am Zone Meet, Tacoma
- August 21: Membership meeting, Elmer's Restaurant, Albany. Dinner 6:30, meeting 7:00
- August 25-26: Albany Art and Air Festival. Tour leaders John Lasseter and Bert McDade
- September 8: International Drive Your Studebaker Day
- September 15-16: Belknap Hot Springs. Tour leaders John and Jean Lasseter
- October 13: Hood River Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum. Tour leader Barry Johnson
- October 16: Membership meeting, Elmer's Restaurant, Albany. Dinner 6:30, meeting 7:00
- November 10: very tentative. Explore Silverton. Tour leader TBD
- December: Holiday party at Andersons' barn. Exact date to be published later.

BUSH HOUSE TOUR IN SALEM GETS THUMBS UP



Our November tour to the Bush House in Salem received an approving “thumbs up” from all who attended. We started the tour with lunch at the Ram Pub, where we all got into the “tour spirit.” Good food and good conversation made for a great start. Tour leaders Dick and Georgia Schindler led us through Salem to the Bush House, where we first visited the old “Bush barn,” which now houses a fine collection of contemporary art works, paintings, sculptures, glass works, etc. We then moved to the house itself, which is now open to the public. The

house was the home of Asahel Bush II and his family, built in 1878. Mr. Bush was a key figure in early Oregon politics. The house contains many of the original furnishings, wallpaper, dishes, and silverware. It is a true showplace, giving a glimpse of how life for the wealthy was lived. The tour was both entertaining and educational. Following the tour, our tour guide graciously took a picture of our entire group standing in front of the house.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK BRINGS GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD



This year's Christmas party at the Andersons' was our typical Christmas party: full of good food, good conversation, good fun, and good friends. As usual, there was more than enough food to go around. It's certain that no one went home hungry! Also as usual, we collected toys for the Toys for Tots drive in Albany. This year brought the typical collection of interesting and (hopefully!) wanted gifts for children who might not otherwise receive any Christmas presents. A few of them can be seen under the Christmas tree, shown left, that decorated the party room.

FOR SALE:

1962 T-cab. V-8, 3-spd w/od. Power brakes, \$5,000. 503-269-5513. Gary Capwell

1957 Commander. This car was restored in 1992 to a very useable and showable condition. Repainted to original black and white colors. Interior reupholstered to near the same as original. Brakes replaced, front end bushings changed as needed, shocks changed, and radiator rebuilt. The heads were removed for a valve job and the cylinders looked good then. Lower engine seals changed and carb rebuilt. The transmission was rebuilt about five years ago. Good whitewall radial tires installed. 259 V/8 with Flightomatic trans. Some minor things should be taken care of, but car is very driveable.

Have papers for the car as sold in Medford, OR. \$7500, no trades. Barry Johnson
541-974-4339

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AUTOMOTIVE TIPS OR UPDATES:

Winter Storage Presents Hazards

by Terry Judd (reprinted with permission from StudebakerDriversClub.com)

Car collectors call it Michigan cancer. You know it as simple rust, aggravated by winter driving and the state's liberal use of corrosive road salt.

Naturally, driving rust-prone Studebakers in the winter is unthinkable so most members put their pride and joys away for the winter. But while a stored car is protected from direct winter damage, it also faces a multitude of hazards, including moisture, extremes in temperature and rodents.

As part of o Muskegon Chronicle article on winter storage, I contacted Jeff Backer Jr., president of B.W. Inc. of Minnesota, who says moisture and mice are the biggest dangers facing a stored car and protective steps should be taken .

B.W. Inc manufactures (sic) a variety of products designed to preserve vehicles, including moisture absorbing pillows, and has produced a video tape on how to preserve collector cars.

"Moisture is the biggest problem and steps should be taken to protect the interior, exterior, trunk and engine compartment," he says. "The second major problem is rodents. Mice and rats can do all sorts of damage to wiring and interiors."

But with proper precautions these dangers can be reduced. According to Backer, the first step to wintertime storage is finding an appropriate storage area. The best place is an enclosed dry area, like a shed, garage or pole barn.

Heated areas, he says, tend to attract more moisture than unheated buildings. And storage areas should be free from direct sunlight.

To prepare a car for storage, Backer recommends first washing the entire vehicle. Chips in car finish should be covered with touch Dup paint and the entire vehicle waxed. He also advises the interior be thoroughly cleaned and vinyl areas treated with a liquid protector.

He says the glove box, ash trays and carpet should be cleaned of moisture [to avoid] attracting dirt. The car also should be sealed by making sure all windows and vents are closed.

Owners also should check tire pressure, make sure all mechanical repairs are made prior to storage and check all fluid levels. Oil and oil filters also should be changed. Don't forget the radiator, which should be filled with the correct mixture of antifreeze and water.

When a vehicle is stored, Backer says the battery should be disconnected. Also, he says a vehicle should not be stored with fuel containing alcohol. Alcohol, he says, attracts more moisture thon (sic) regular gasoline and can damage a fuel system.

To protect tires from dry rot promoted by moist dirt or damp cement, Backer recommends placing a piece of wood under each tire. Also, never store a vehicle with the parking brakes on. Dirt and moisture can cause parking brakes to stick and seize, he says.

For the engine, steps need to be taken if the vehicle is to be stored for an extended period. He recommends that spark plugs be removed and oil squirted into each combustion chamber. Spark plugs then should be reinstalled. If that car is accessible, an alternative is to start the car once a month to lubricate the engine's internal parts.

If a car cover is to be used, Backer recommends a cloth cover capable of breathing.

Even when proper precautions are taken, moisture and pests are a potential danger. While moth balls will discourage mice and rats from using a car as a winter home, the odor will linger. Backer's company manufactures an electronic device called Pest2DAway (sic), that emits a 160-degree (sic) ultrasonic sound that shields a vehicle from nasty pests.

B.W. Inc. also manufactures Drypac, moisture absorbing pillows that stop moisture and mildew damage.

Information, prices and ordering information on Drypac and Pest2DAway (sic) are available at 1-800-950-2210 (sic). B.W. Inc. also is developing a heavy-duty (sic) bag that will totally enclose a vehicle. Similar products are available from other companies.

Bob May reports he has had good results using moisture absorbing pillows and the Omni Bag to seal his vehicles. With the Omni Bag system, a car is driven into the large bag, the air is sucked out, then the bag is sealed. Bob reports good result with long term stored automobiles.

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For more information please call (541) 967-8716 or e-mail glemarderson1@msn.com

Membership in the **International SDC** is **required**. Annual dues of \$15 cover the year from January through December (prorated from date of entrance into the club) and includes bi-monthly issues of the club newsletter. To join please complete this application and send with dues to:

Willamette Chapter SDC
c/o Tom Morris
10885 Brateng RD
Monmouth, OR 97361
(503) 551-3666

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- 2010-2011 SDC Roster \$12.90(\$8.00+\$4.90 Shipping in US).....\$
- \$8 - Membership Pin – 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 year (specify year-pin).....\$
- \$6 - 2nd spousal pin.....\$

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED.....\$

To join SDC, complete this application and send with check or money order in US funds to:

The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove MN 55311-7615

- Or use Visa or Mastercard and call (763) 420-7829, or Fax (763) 4207849 or e-mail: mark@cdcsdc.com for information.
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