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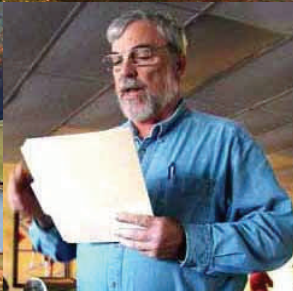
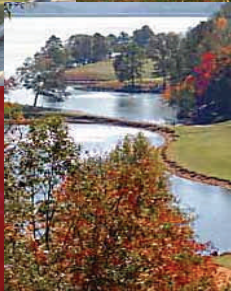
# The Hillholder

North Georgia Chapter of The Studebaker Drivers Club

## OUR MEETING AT THE LAKE ARROWHEAD CLUB



Careful Over That Curb!



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## December President's Message

November 1, 2007

As the year comes to an end, I just wanted to thank everyone for all their help and cooperation in 2007. I have enjoyed my first year as your Club President. This year has flown by as it seems that January was not that long ago. Looking back we have had a busy year with adding several new members, hosting a very successful Georgia State Meet which added to our bank account, and reducing our yearly dues. Let us all be proud of these accomplishments.

I hope that everyone has a good Thanksgiving with friends and family. At the Christmas Meeting we will be voting for the 2008 Slate of Officers (nominees are listed in this issue). Also we have the voting sheets for Edward Burris for National Board Member and for Wayne Lee for Southeastern Zone Coordinator; everyone please be sure to vote for each of these hard working members.

**We still need someone to host the Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting; please call me if you can volunteer (HELP).** It was good to see Myrtle Burris at the November Meeting even for the short time she and Edward could stay. We are all hoping to see her at the Christmas Meeting. I hope to see you all there as well.

Barbara A. Miller

## November 2007 ATTENDEES

*(with Studebakers, Avantis, and other pre-1980 makes)*

Ben & Janet Alspach	1949 Champion	Michael Hopper,	1963 Avanti
Hobo & Brenda Bodkin		Rich Hopper (guest)	
Ed & Myrtle Burris	1964 Avanti	Bob & Barbara Hughes	1976 Avanti
Mike & Marsha Byrd	1962 GT Hawk	Chuck Lampman	1956 Golden Hawk
Chris Collins	1963 Avanti	Wayne & Ann Lee	
Solon Couch		Peter McCaffrey	1964 GT Hawk
William & Charlotte Delli		Dan & Barbara Miller	1959 Silver Hawk

## Treasurer's Report

9/30/2007 Bank Balance:		\$6,776.42
October Income and	Dues Received	42.50
Expenses	50/50 Proceeds	20.00
	Ft. Yargo Park 2008 Deposit	-125.00
	Badges	-107.00
	Flowers	-54.41
October Net Income (Loss)		-223.51
10/31/2007 Bank Balance		6,552.91

## From Chuck Lampman



## November 2007 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Miller at 2:00 PM. A welcoming statement was given to all attendees, with special thanks to Bob & Barbara Hughes for hosting the meeting at Lake Arrowhead Clubhouse in Waleska, Georgia. We introduced two new members, Wayne and Ann Lee. Special remembrances were given for Linda Downing, who experienced the loss of her father. Flowers were sent from the club in honor of her Dad. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized for those in attendance. No 50/50 drawing was held.

Old business details discussed were:

- Three dates for hosting meetings for 2008 were open:  
     Feb. 3, 2008--Still open.  
     July 6, 2008--Hobo & Brenda Bodkin will be hosts.  
     November 2, 2008--Mike & Marsha Byrd will be hosts.
- T-shirts from the North Georgia Meet are still available for sale. Chuck Lampman will sell them on eBay.
- Nominations for Charlotte & Bill Delli as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, respectively, are now definite for 2008.
- Chris Collins has consented to be Nominated as Secretary for 2008 in addition to continuing as Newsletter Editor. The full list of nominees is as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>2008 Nominee</b>
President (i)	Barbara Miller	Barbara Miller
Vice President (i)	Chuck Lampman	Chuck Lampman
Secretary (i)	Brenda Bodkin	Chris Collins
Treasurer (i)	Chuck Lampman	Charlotte Delli
Membership Secretary (ii)	Chuck Lampman	Bill Delli
Webmaster (ii)	Chuck Lampman	Chuck Lampman
Newsletter Editor (ii)	Chris Collins	Chris Collins

(i) Elected positions, can be held a maximum two consecutive terms per chapter by-laws.

(ii) Appointed positions, no maximum term of service.

- Dues for 2008 may be sent to Chuck Lampman, or given to Charlotte Delli in December because Chuck will not be in attendance next month. Dues have been reduced to \$10.00.
- New members will receive name tags from the chapter.
- Chuck requested that if you have not e-mailed a picture of yourself and your car to him, please do so at [chuck@lampman.com](mailto:chuck@lampman.com).
- Dan Miller spoke concerning Gordon Sheldon's health issues & his resignation as Zone Coordinator. Wayne Lee, who is also a member of the South Georgia Chapter, has been appointed to serve the remainder of Gordon's term. The SDC President and Vice President have extended their blessings.

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- Ed Burris is running for re-election as SDC National Board Member, and Wayne Lee is running for the Zone Coordinator position. Both are two-year terms beginning April, 2008. At the December meeting, we will again have a sign-up sheet available to make voting convenient for members. Members when voting need to place their name and National Membership number on the balloting sheet.
- Dan Miller continues as our Regional Manager; his term covers 2007 & 2008.
- Chris reminded the group that reservations for the Christmas Party are due on or before November 30, 2007. Cost is \$17.00 per person.

New business details discussed were:

- Hobo Bodkin gave details of an upcoming auction at the Cobb Galleria on Sunday, November 11, 2007 commencing at 11 a.m. featuring Studebakers for sale.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia State Meet registration is going on now. It will be in Albany on April 11-12, 2008 at the Quality Inn Merry Acres. General Registration is \$10.00 & the Banquet Buffet is \$20.00. Contact Chris if you would like a meet flyer sent to you; the flyer will also appear in the January *Hillholder*. Details and registration forms are on the club website; you can also see Ann Lee for further details or call Loren Hendley @ 229.468.9532.
- Dan advised us of a lady from Chattanooga, Tennessee, whose husband is now in poor health, and who needs to sell their 1957 Transtar modified truck for \$11,000. The truck needs to be assembled. He has original parts. The information will be placed in the Hillholder & on the website.

There being no other business, President Barbara Miller adjourned the meeting and wished all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



### History of Studebaker

(source: 1966 Model Year Introduction Press Kit)

- 1895: Studebaker became the world's largest wagon producer when production reached an annual total of 75,000 horse-drawn vehicles.
- 1897: Under the guidance of John M. Studebaker, the company built and tested its first horseless carriage.
- 1898: Built horse-drawn vehicles for the U. S. Army in the Spanish-American War. Established a production record of 100 vehicles in 24 hours.
- 1902: First Studebaker electric cars and trucks. Twenty cars sold in first year. Cars had a top speed of 13 miles per hour, three speeds forward and one in reverse.
- 1904: First gasoline "buggies" produced by Studebaker. Called the Studebaker-Garford, the five-passenger, two-cylinder, 16 horsepower horseless carriages sold for \$1,600. Chassis and motors were supplied by the Garford Motor Plant of Elyria, Ohio.
- 1905: Total annual sales reach the \$5 million mark.
- 1908: Studebaker bought a one-third interest in Everett-Metzger-Flanders Company of Detroit, Michigan, to produce cars in the medium priced market under the name of Studebaker-E.M.F. cars. Sales for first year totaled 8,132 automobiles.

(To Be Continued)

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

Vance Blew	11/1
Chuck Lampman	11/3
Ron Sullivan	11/3
John Brown	11/8
Jim Masone	11/9
Ray Phillips	11/15
Dot Hunt	11/18
Carolyn Sikes	11/22
Dan Miller	11/23

Loretta Malin	12/1
Louis Moore	12/1
Charleen Carey	12/5
Howard (Hobo) Bodkin	12/9
George Bugg	12/9
Ed Burris	12/11
Barbara Miller	12/20
Alan Ziglin	12/24
Ron Bergeron	12/28

### Anniversaries

Harold & Linda Westbrook	11/7
Henry & Norma Hernandez	11/8
Don & Margaret Smith	12/15
Billy & Ina Greene	12/22
Vince T. & Stacy Geiger	12/27
Ed & Myrtle Burris	12/29
Chuck & Cindy Lampman	12/30



## Upcoming Events

Studebaker sponsored events are in *Italics*. Chapter Meetings are in **Bold**.

DATE	PLACE	EVENT	DETAILS
December 2, 2007	Bethlehem, GA United Methodist Church.	<b><i>Chapter Meeting and Christmas party</i></b>	Hosted by Billy & Charlene Carey. <b>Please RSVP by Nov 30 so we can plan</b> - Tel. Days 770.867.7186, Evenings 770.867.2060.
January 6, 2008	Provino's Restaurant, Kennesaw, GA	<b><i>Chapter Meeting</i></b>	Hosted by Chuck Lampman. 770.926.7142. chuck@lampman.com
<b>February 3, 2008</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b><i>Chapter Meeting</i></b>	<b>HOST NEEDED</b>
March 2, 2008	Home of Dan and Barbara Miller, Auburn, GA	<b><i>Chapter Meeting</i></b>	More details to come.
April 11-12, 2008	Albany, GA	<b><i>5th Annual Georgia State Meet</i></b>	Meet flyer will be in January 2008 <i>Hillholder</i> , and is on the North GA website now



# Studebaker

# North Georgia Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club Christmas Party

Bethlehem First United Methodist Church  
Bethlehem, Georgia  
Hosted by Billy & Charleen Carey; Ray & Brenda Phillips

## Catered Event

Adults: \$17.00 per person  
Children 7-12: \$11.00 per person

Age 13-Up: \$17.00 per person  
Children 6 & Under will eat free

Make checks payable to: A Taste of Class Catering

## **WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY WILL COME BY NOVEMBER 30!**

By Telephone: Day: 770.867.7186 Night: 770.867.2060  
Or By Mail To: Charleen Carey, 1287 Yearwood Road, Bethlehem, GA 30620

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

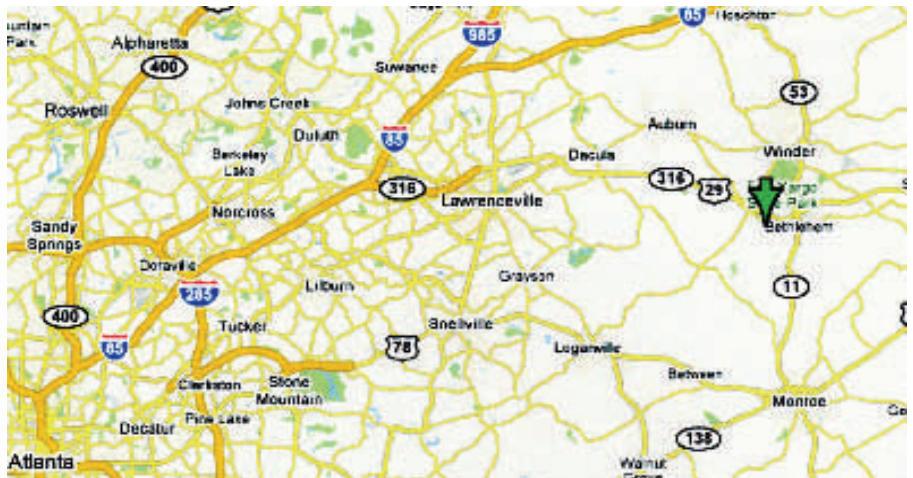
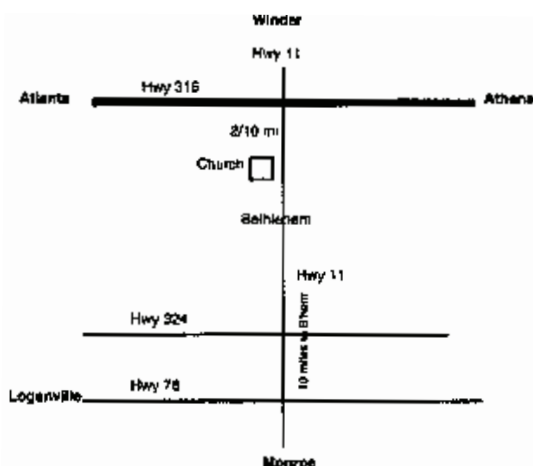
Number in Party: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

If anyone is able to join us at the last minute, that will be all right. We will have extra.

We give a ticket to each person at the party, and after dinner we randomly call numbers so you may choose an item from the gift table. Voluntary donations of modest (say under \$15) items to share would be appreciated.

## DIRECTIONS TO BETHLEHEM:

Take I-85 north; exit right at the Lawrenceville-Athens exit SR316 / U.S. 29. Go approx. 23 miles until you see Highway 11. There will be a Kangaroo Gas Station at this intersection. Go right (south) on Hwy 11, you will soon see the church on your right. Take the second driveway up to the church on the hill.



## THE MARKETPLACE

Editors Note: Ads will run in three issues of *The Hillholder*, with the final date shown at the end of each listing. To renew your ad beyond the initial run, please contact me and I will be pleased to extend it for another three months. To submit or change your ad, please see the contact information on the last page. Ad submissions are shared between *The Hillholder* and the SDC North Georgia website classifieds.

### SERVICES OFFERED:

**Mechanical work on Studebakers:** call Dan Miller at 770.932.1615, or email at alexmil@comcast.net. (1/2008)

### FOR SALE:

#### CARS AND TRUCKS

**1957 Transtar Truck Project.** Located near Chattanooga, TN. Started by a former SDC member familiar with Studebakers. Gentleman is now disabled and this is being sold by his spouse in expectation of them relocating from their home. As described by a family friend: "I have seen the truck and parts as stored in the garage & basement; her husband's passion was building Studebakers. The truck is down to bare metal, disk brake front end, brand new 350 engine with serpentine pulley system on it. Brand new transmission, rear end, wheels and tires, several boxes of parts to help finish. Vintage heating and air, new gauges, tilt steering column, Lecara banjo steering wheel, new headers and exhaust, power window motors. Still have the original flat head engine, transmission, rear end, wheels, and original truck bed. Bed on truck now is a circa 83-84 Chevy Stepside, custom grill hand-made by the owner, original seat plus new seats. Truck is all there and would make a nice vehicle for someone to finish. Terry said she would like to get \$11,000 for everything, but is willing to negotiate, particularly with a buyer who takes all."

Owner and primary contact is Mrs. Terry Franklin, home 423.238.6788; cell 423.413.2387. Her friend Mr. Steve White provided this information and has offered to assist anyone wishing to see the truck. His phone is 770.354.7783, or email to: RAILROADSTEVE77@aol.com (2/2008)

**1955 Conestoga 2-door wagon.** 259 V-8, 3 speed/OD. Purchased from an estate after not being driven for many years. Shows 36,000 miles which I believe to be accurate based on inspection of rings, bearings, cylinder walls, etc. (Engine was locked up when purchased so I had to tear it down). Car is complete with all trim except "Conestoga" script on tailgate. Has floor rust, some rust in rocker panels and tailgate. Asking price is \$1,700; I am willing to negotiate as I am moving out of the country. Car is located in Bostwick, GA (between Athens and Madison). Call Mike @ 770.267.7383, or email: delriomike@alltel.net (2/2008)

**1984 Avanti.** New GM Silver Beige (original color) paint, new race-built TH700R4 transmission, new timing chain and gears, fuel and water pumps, A/C overhauled, new radio, new authentic bumper strip on sides and bumpers, new Dayton wire wheels and Pirelli tires. Has significant wear on bolster of driver's seat, leaks some oil, which could be rear main or valve cover gaskets, cruise control inoperative, scratch in paint on trunk. \$10,000. Call Chuck Lampman, 770.926.7142. (1/2008)

#### STUDEBAKER FLOCKS AND PARTS

**1934 Dictator sedan.** Fair to Good condition, roller, no drive train. No interior except dashboard and instruments. Complete including grill, surround, both sides of the hood. Rusty floors, solid frame. \$4,500.

**1937 President sedan.** Complete running car with straight 8. A couple of small spots of surface rust. Fenders and a few other parts are off the car and in primer while I was repainting the frame. Interior is worn out but is all there and all original. \$8,800.

**1937 Coupe Express.** RestoRod. Solid truck; it is my daily driver. 350 Corvette engine, 700R4 trans, posi rear end. Mustang IFS. No mods to the body, looks stock. Not a show truck, just a great driver that could be turned into a real show winner. \$35,000.

**1947 "M" 1/2 Ton pickup truck.** Dry desert truck. Faded paint and surface rust. Looks like a barn find. Full independent front and rear ends. 318 police pursuit engine with a 727 auto trans. Air conditioned. Call for more details. \$9,500.

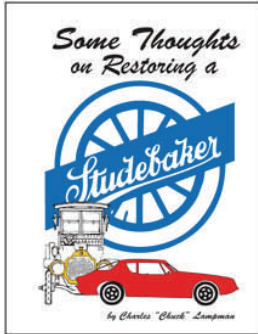
**289 Engine.** Mfg. 2/63 as a 259 Jet Thrust. Rebuilt by Tommy Goza using as many NOS parts as possible. Changed to a 289. Pistons and rings are .10 over; everything else is standard including all bearings. Hardened valves and seats to run on unleaded pump gas. Call for full specifications. Ready to drop in and run. \$6,900.



**289 Engine** pulled from a running car. It was a supercharged engine but the supercharger is not included. It has the Bendix WW series carb. It was running just fine but I have not broken it down to determine the internals. \$600.

Please call Steve Detch: 770.516.5434 or 678.481.4492. You may also email to [sadetch@comcast.net](mailto:sadetch@comcast.net). I do have pictures and will email them to you on request. (1/2008)

## STUDEBAKER MEDIA



I finally finished it! This is a 99 page book I've put together based on the articles of the same name that appeared in *Turning Wheels* in the early 1990s and which won the SDC's Churchill Award for Best Article, Non-Paid. The book contains all the material from the original series, which ran for a year and a half in *The Hillholder*, and not only replaces some material edited out for the *TW* series, but has updates and several new items that were written after the *TW* series was published.

"Some Thoughts" is aimed at the first-time restorer, but will be of value to the more experienced; it doesn't try to be a "how to restore a car book", but gives you a look at the decision-making processes, tools, spaces and basic skills you'll need to do a restoration, and will provide a framework to help you structure your project.

There are several chapters of Studebaker-specific advice. In the chapter devoted to engine rebuilding, I've tried to describe a step-by-step process that anybody can follow, and included tips I've picked up in building 60+ engines. I've received many compliments on the engine chapter, and I'm glad to finally be able to get it in print. The book is priced at \$22.50, plus \$4.00 for packaging and postage. It is also available at [chuck@lampman.com](mailto:chuck@lampman.com), but without the PayPal option for now. North Georgia Chapter members can just email me and I'll bring your copy to a chapter meeting; you can pay me there. (1/2008) Chuck Lampman.

## PARTS WANTED:

**Wanted for 1962 GT Hawk:** Chrome fender trim and rear glass trim.

Also, for anyone in need of a Borg-Warner T-35 (AMC Flash-O-Matic) rebuild, I can offer my services to you. I have been rebuilding similar units (BW T-66) for Jaguars for several years. My website is currently under construction but there are a few pictures at [www.jagboxes.com](http://www.jagboxes.com). Greer Westover, Newnan, GA. 770.683.7692. [immjag@numail.org](mailto:immjag@numail.org). (2/2008)

## World's Most Wonderful Mechanic

By Daniel Dobbins

My friend, Ossie Elkins, is 142 years old. Although he did not invent the four stroke, internal combustion engine (my friend, Nikolaus Otto did, in 1876), he invented the entire electrical system in the summer of 1879, including the battery.

At the age of 11 years, Ossie was surf casting with a bamboo fishing pole, on the south shore of Long Island, here in New York State. A sudden bolt of lightening struck the metal fish hook dangling in the water, and electrocuted a four pound flounder. Ossie was unhurt but he was inspired.

He had learned of Nikolaus Otto's recent invention three days earlier, while reading the current news on a sheep skin scroll in his parent's log cabin, in Shirley, Long island, here in New York State.

Following the lightening bolt incident, Ossie figured that electricity could help the efficiency of the new engine. So, he sat down and invented all the components of today's automotive electrical system. The battery, the distributor with its cap and rotor, points and condenser, the coil, the spark plug wires and, of course, the spark plugs. Everything. And everything worked.

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Unfortunately, he was a week late in filing his patent application and his invention was pirated by a convicted horse thief, Ralph Volt, in Zionsville, Indiana. As a result, Ossie never received the recognition he deserved. Until now.

In response to a recent email from The World's Most Wonderful Mechanic, concerning several fouled Autolite spark plugs in his Studebaker V8 engine, the real inventor of the automotive electrical system explained how the components of his invention worked. Ossie wrote:

“Spark plugs rarely go bad. They just wear or get damaged. The electrodes wear causing increased and uneven gap. Also, deposits form from electron transfer, fuel, oil, oatmeal and anything else that works its way into the combustion chamber. For these reasons combined, the ability to deliver an even spark is reduced and this in turn increases the firing voltage which will also accelerate wear.

The increased wear of the spark plugs will also cause increased wear of other ignition components. In the case of the Studebaker, points will wear faster due to the increased need for voltage to jump the spark plug gap.

Other components that will cause increased voltage are distributor cap, rotor and wires. Deposits and increased air gap between the rotor and the distributor cap cause point wear. Sound familiar? Remember, you are talking about delivering a spark.

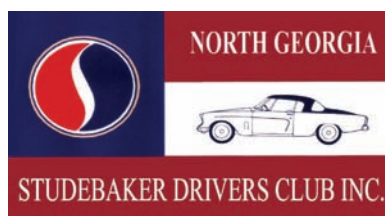
Electricity has certain rules that it follows. More resistance, more voltage as long as the voltage supply can handle it. Another point is that the ignition coil is the one making the power. Increased demand causes more current flow through the coil and increased coil demand increases its charge time. This will cause break down of the coil under high demands. Keep the demands low and the whole ignition system is happy.

Remember the points are a switch for the coil, higher demand burns them faster. So always service the whole ignition system and don't forget the wires and primary connections. All the components in the ignition system, both primary and secondary, work together to get that spark to the plugs.

That's enough. I can go on for hours. I think you get the picture. Talk to you soon, Dan; give my best to the boss (we both know who that is). All this from your friend in the automotive universe!

Ossie.”

*The Hillholder* expresses its appreciation to Mr. Dobbins for making this available to Studebaker editors.



## MEMBERSHIP FORM -

**NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER**

To join our chapter, complete this form and send with your \$10.00 (\$5.00 if joining after July 1st) check or money order in US funds to:

North Georgia Chapter SDC  
c/o Chuck Lampman  
4141 Lynette Ct NE  
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Note: you must be a member of the National SDC to join us.

National Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(from cover of *Turning Wheels*)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday (Month, Day): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Companion: \_\_\_\_\_

Their Birthday (Month, Day): \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (Month, Day): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Studebakers you own (Year, Make & Model):

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New Members-First Year Only - \$19.95

Dues: US & CANADA Periodicals class mail - \$27.50

US & CANADA-1st class mail - \$60.50

Young Adult (to 22) - \$19.95

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

The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc  
PO Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311

Or use VISA or MasterCard and call toll free  
763.420.7829 or fax 763.420.7849

Call or write with change of address. **DO NOT SEND ADS** with your membership. Ads must be sent to *Turning Wheels* editor.

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