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Lenny Major Passes Away



Long-time Studebaker enthusiast Lenny Major was one of the nicest, friendliest guys you could ever meet. Unfortunately, Lenny passed away on Wednesday, September 17, the day after he had been treated in the hospital for leg issues. We will all miss Lenny for a very long time.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 25th 2025 at 12:00 PM at the Hill Haven Memory Gardens (490 Edmondson Rd, Monroe, GA 30656). An entombment will be held on Thursday, September 25th 2025 at the same location.

A link to Lenny's obituary online:

<https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/ga/monroe/leonard-major-20337043>

Here we see Lenny and Phyllis winning a Studebaker afghan crocheted by Maureen Elliott (the third face in the picture) back in 2009.



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August Meeting Notes

The August 3 meeting of the North Georgia chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club was held at the I-Hop restaurant in Bethlehem, Georgia.



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August Meeting Attendees

Phyllis Major (Host)
Billy and Charleen Cary
Dotty Carto
Alan Ziglin '50 Starlite Coupe
Bill Startt
Henry Dabrowski
Frank Petru
Wayne Ziemer
Barbara Miller
Joseph Waite
Tim and Guadalupe Taylor
Loren and Helen Nelson
Jim Szviminsk
Christa Seal

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Photos from the August Meeting

By Tim & Guadalupe Taylor



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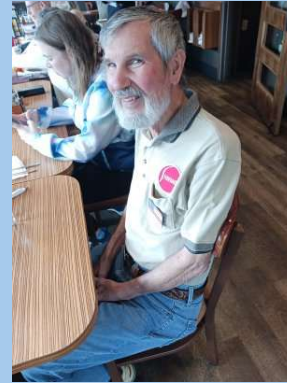
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More Photos from the August Meeting

By Tim & Guadalupe Taylor



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Treasurer's Report

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**Submitted by
Richard Hickok**

Balance as of 9/15/2025:

- 3095.62

Recent Expenses:

- \$250 to the Studebaker National Museum
- \$108 to Rick Kamen for Facebook web page

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September-October Member Celebrations



September - October Birthdays

Dianne Smith	9/12
Rochelle Ziglin	9/13
Joe Flannery	9/21
Kathy Startt	9/23
Snell Buchannon	9/27
Susan McCord	10/01
Tracy Jones	10/14
Dotty Carto	10/27



September - October Anniversaries

Pete & Deborah McCaffrey	10/09
Terry & Dora Smith	10/19

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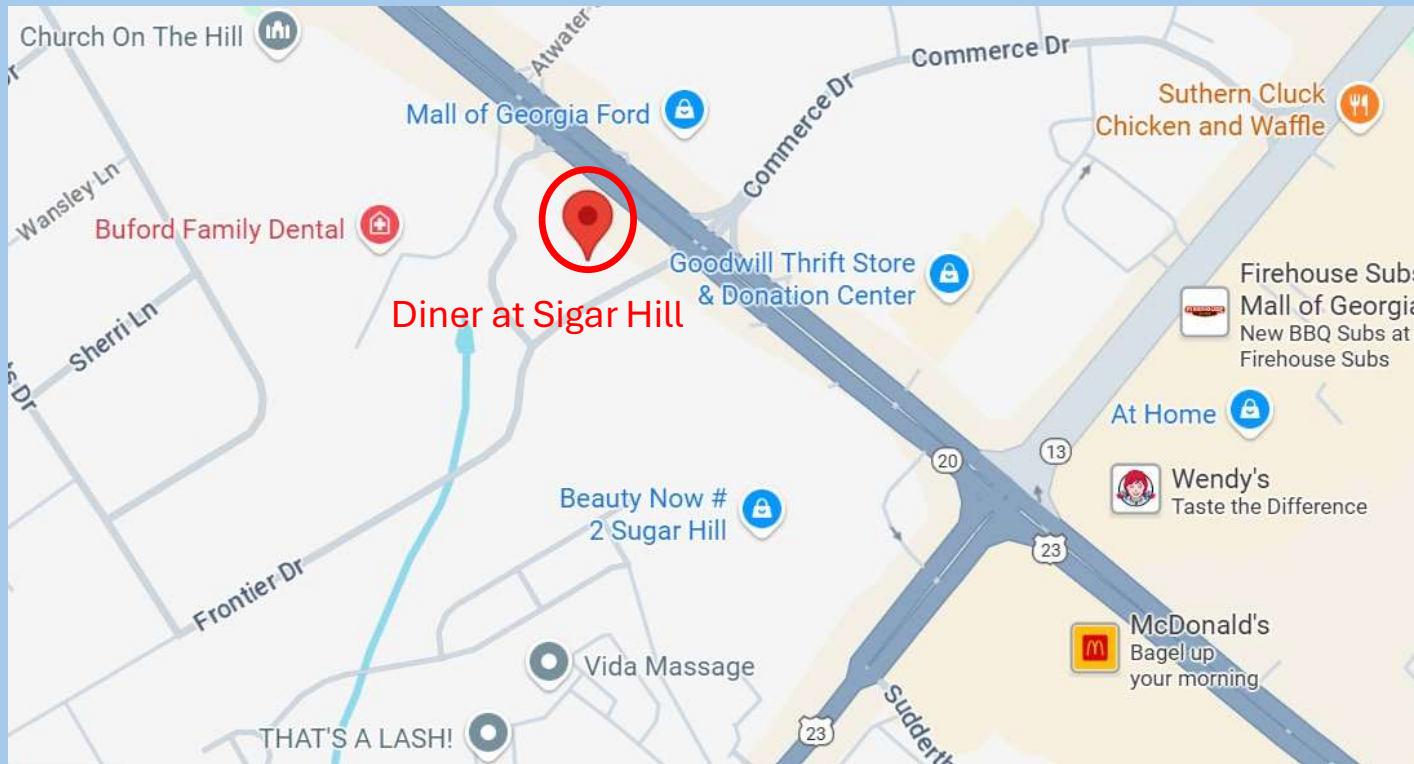
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October Chapter Meeting

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The October 2025 meeting of the North Georgia SDC will be held at the Diner in Sugar Hill.



October meeting information:

Date: Sunday October 5

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: The Diner at Sugar Hill

Address: 4500 Nelson Brogdon Blvd
Sugar Hill, GA 30518

Phone: 770-831-0180

Hosts: Barbara Miller and son Michael

Phone: 770-856-5905

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October Chapter Meeting High-Level Map

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Special thanks to Ann Lee for putting together the meeting schedules each year.

October 5, 2025: Sugar Hill

Host: Barbara Miller & son Michael, 770-856-5905

See details in Topic 6, pages 1 and 2.

December 7, 2025: Winder

Hosts: Charlene Carey, 770-867-2060

Barbara Miller, 770-856-5905

Ann Lee, 404-805-9404

Annual Christmas Party & Chapter Officer Elections

Feb 1, 2026: Sugar Hill, GA.

Host: Bill & Kathy Startt, 678-852-8536

[April 5 = Easter]

April 12, 2026: Sandy Springs, GA.

Host: Joe Flannery, 551-404-8992

June 7, 2026: Monroe, GA

Host: Hobo & Brenda Bodkin, 678-635-0404

Aug 2, 2026: Morrow, GA

Host: Terry & Dora Smith, 404-213-0523

Oct 4, 2026: Marietta, GA

Host: Tim & Guadalupe Taylor, 404-512-7431

Dec 6, 2026: Cumming, GA

Host: Loren Nelson, 470-930-8318

Helen Nelson, 770-712-5484

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The Concours Experience

By Frank Petru

Concours d'Elegance: a French term literally meaning "competition of elegance". Here in the US and Canada, Concours is recognized as a vehicle show in which the entries are judged primarily on excellence of appearance, overall quality and historical accuracy. Concours events attract the very finest of classic vehicles dating back to the late 1800's. Participation is "by invitation". Typically, the invite is extended by a Concours Vehicle Selection team, who carefully examines vehicle information and photos submitted by the owner, to determine show eligibility. During the show, vehicle judging is completed by small teams of highly experienced and qualified judges, many with vehicle design and engineering backgrounds as well as being classic vehicle owners themselves.

In recent years, my brothers John, Kevin and I have been attending and participating in Concours events held at Amelia Island, Cincinnati, Hilton Head Greenbriar, Lexington (Keenland), South Bend (Copshaholm) and the EyesOn Design show in Michigan. This year, I was invited by the Cincinnati Concours to exhibit my '63 Avanti R2 4 speed, #R4439, in the Collector American Post-War class. John was invited to show his '42 Studebaker President Deluxe Style Sedan in the Collector American Pre-War Vintage class. We have enjoyed showing our vehicles to show attendees, enlightening them about the Studebaker brand history and hearing their stories too. Plus, we've been privileged to meet and converse with many prominent classic vehicle collectors in the US who regularly bring their superb vehicles to Concours shows.

This Spring I spent a lot of time on R4439, making sure that it was in its best Concours appearance and operating condition. For shows far from home, I tow my cars on an open trailer and am always attentive to the weather conditions along my route as well as on show days. About a week before Concours day, June 8th, the weather forecast looked great. However, as the weekend neared, thunderstorms became a daily occurrence. To avoid the possibility of having to drive our two Studebakers to the show in the rain, we were able to bring our cars to the show site, Ault Park, a day early and cover them, as rain storms were again predicted overnight and early in the morning. After uncovering our cars and placing them on the show field

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The Concours Experience, continued

By Frank Petru

Sunday morning, the first of many showers came over us (we counted 5 or 6 rain events throughout the day). Fortunately, the judges accomplished most of their task in-between showers in the morning. They are very thorough in their process. After introductions and giving the three-judge team a brief history of the R2, they conducted an operational check of all lights, horn, instrumentation and clock as well as the radio. Then on to inspecting vehicle coachwork, paint & finish, interior, engine compartment, plus adding in a few comments about styling, design and historical significance to their judging score sheets. Judging takes about 10 minutes per vehicle.

After the judging was over, the pressure was off! We could then go out and enjoy looking at over 200 vehicles on the show grounds and meet up with some our friends made at previous Concours events. Drive-up award presentations for Class winners was scheduled to begin at 2PM. Around 1PM we saw the judges beginning to deliver some award ribbons to winning vehicles. Two "Honorable Mention" ribbons were presented to neighboring vehicles and then the judges came to me and the R2 with the Best in class ribbon. I was not expecting this, as any of the ten vehicles in my class could have won the Best in class award. Judges then directed me to a lineup of class winners, to drive by the reviewing stand and receive a very nice (and heavy) blown glass trophy award. Another rain shower came over just as I was driving up to receive my award. But that didn't dampen my enthusiasm a bit, despite some water dripping in around the door windows (Avanti owners are familiar with this water intrusion in heavy rain!) All class winners received a blue ribbon and the glass trophy. I was pleased to learn that John also won Best in Class with his '42 Studebaker President and also participated in the drive-up award presentations. Finally, at the end of the awards presentation, bright sun prevailed on the soggy grounds of the park, a fitting end to a great Concours day in Cincinnati.

Brother John's 42 President - the car is in spectacular condition, despite the fact that it was restored in the early 90's.



My R2 was restored in the 1999-200 timeframe.



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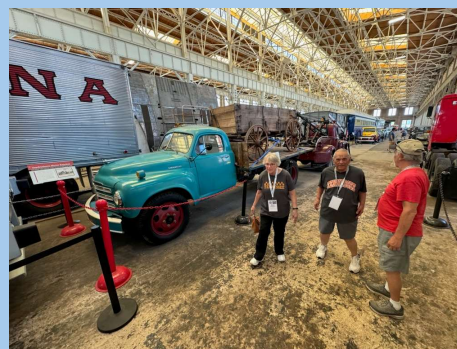
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Recent Mail from Alan Ziglin



Rochelle and I are in Concord, NC, at the National Buick meet. One of our excursions was to the North Carolina transportation museum where we saw these two Studebakers.



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Studebaker International Meet

By Wayne & Ann Lee

We arrived in Pennsylvania on late Tuesday, Sep 16, the first day of the Meet. We stayed next door to the host hotel. After dinner we walked around the hotel grounds and checked out all the cars.

On Wednesday, we picked up our registration packet, got our name tags on, headed to the swap meet, and spent most of our day there shopping while reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.



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Studebaker International Meet

By Wayne & Ann Lee, continued

Our son Eric and his wife Lisa were at the event also; they entered Eric's 41 Champion (Sweet Pea) in the show. We spent the rest of the evening cleaning up the car and getting ready for Thursday's concours judging from 8.30 am until 2:00 pm.

After judging, we walked around the swap meet to make sure we didn't miss anything. We didn't take any tours but ventured out on our own.



Sweet Pea



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Studebaker International Meet

By Wayne & Ann Lee, continued

Thursday evening, we attended the SDC Membership Meeting chaired by outgoing President Denny Foust, which was well attended.

As of that evening, there were 491 Registrations and 941 attendees.

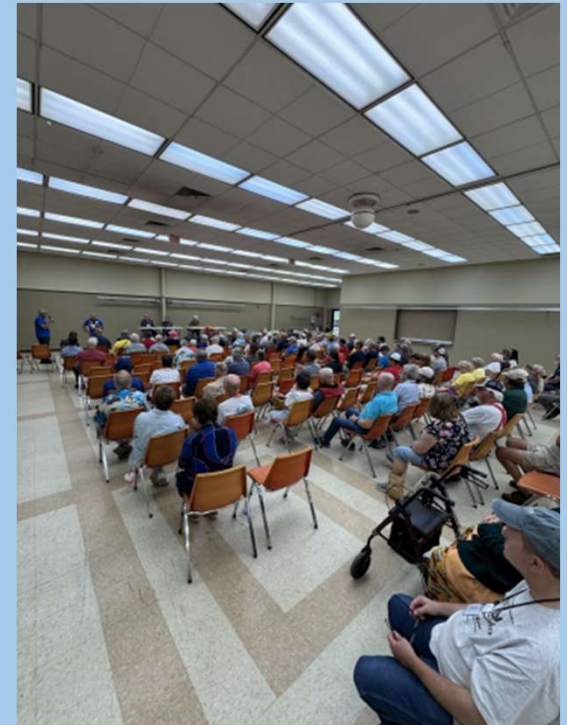
New SDC leadership:

- President: Don Cox
- Vice President: Ernie Brown
- Secretary: Cindy Sales
- Treasurer: Abe (Sorry, we didn't get his last name)

The Studebaker Museum won a prestigious award for a non-profit facility. See upcoming Turning Wheels for details.

The Studebaker National Foundation continues to grow. It awarded several \$2000 scholarships this year. If you know youngsters interested in an Automotive-related education, contact Chris Collins. More details are in Turning Wheels.

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Studebaker International Meet

By Wayne & Ann Lee, continued

The museum's restoration of the original Muppet Car was completed and on display at the meet. The photo on the right shows inside the trunk where a stuntman was seated to actually drive the car during filming using a video screen connected to a camera located in the bulletnose.



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Studebaker International Meet

By Wayne & Ann Lee, continued

The 62nd International Meet will be held in Waxahachie, Texas, Sept 23-26, 2026. All activities and hotels will be in one central location, so attendees will be able to walk to everything.



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SDC Chapter Roles & Responsibilities

Below is a list of the officers and appointees needed to keep a Chapter of the SDC operating. Please consider volunteering for one of them so that we can keep our SDC chapter alive.

President:

- Prepares meeting agenda; presides over and directs club meetings.
- Maintains liaison with other chapters and regions as well as National and Zone levels.
- Provides information to non-members by phone and email.
- Writes the President's Message as well as articles for the Hillholder newsletter.
- Effectively communicates Studebaker-related news and activities to members.
- Makes committee appointments and assigns temporary duties as necessary.

Vice-President

- Performs President's tasks and duties as needed.

Membership Chair

- Maintains the club directory (Membership Roster).
- Sends reminder emails to members whose dues are unpaid.
- Contacts members to determine whether they desire to continue/renew their membership.
- Receives quarterly membership reports from the National SDC and contacts potential chapter members from that report.

Treasurer

- Maintains the chapter's bank account.
- Deposits income from 50/50, membership dues, and all other sources promptly.
- Writes and sends checks for bills, reimbursements, and other chapter expenses.
- Submits a bi-monthly Treasurer's Report to the newsletter editor.

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SDC Chapter Roles & Responsibilities, Continued

Secretary

- Takes minutes during each meeting,
- Collects the attendance sheet at each meeting.
- Creates a formal Meeting Minutes document and provides it to the newsletter editor a few days following the meeting.
- Provides the newsletter editor with the attendance sheet or at least all information on it.

Newsletter Editor

- Collects source material from members and officers; creates a bi-monthly "Hillholder" chapter newsletter.
- Emails each newsletter to members approximately two weeks prior to the next meeting.
- For members who do not use email, photocopies black-and-white versions of the newsletter, uses 6" by 9" envelopes for mailing, and mails them at a US post office approximately two weeks prior to the next meeting.
- Submits reimbursement requests from the Treasurer for photocopying, envelopes, and postage; provide copies of receipts for all expenses.
- Handles problems with delivery of the newsletter to members; communicates with the Membership Chair to verify accuracy of electronic and physical addresses.

Web site and Facebook Editor

- Maintains the chapter web site and Facebook page, providing links to past Hillholder newsletters, updating information on forthcoming meetings, and adding content from chapter officers, club members, and many other sources.

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Studebaker Corral

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 are given priority when space does not permit all ads. One photo may be included for each ad. All ads and photos should be emailed to studebiker@hotmail.com.

Each ad will be posted four months, or two bi-monthly issues of this newsletter. Space permitting, ads can be posted for additional time periods. To extend or delete an ad, contact the newsletter editor either by email at studebiker@hotmail.com or by phone at 404-512-7431. Neither the newsletter editor nor the members of the SDC North Georgia Chapter shall be responsible for the accuracy or authenticity of the ad contents. The advertising party shall solely be responsible for ad contents. However, the newsletter editor reserves the right to reorganize or modify ad contents, without changing facts, to best fit the space available.



1948 Champion, Price negotiable. Please contact Steve Tucker for information. bethanyfabrication@gmail.com
770-841-0861



1960 Champ pickup, rust-free, 42K actual miles. 259 V8, 3-speed with automatic overdrive. Lots of documentation. Asking \$12,000 Tim Taylor, 404-512-7431



1962 Hawk. 289 4-bbl. Refurbished engine and tranny. Rusty floorboards, new interior ready to install. Price negotiable. Going to the crusher if not sold soon. Melvin Bohannon, Marietta, 770-780-4104



1946 M5 pickup. Asking 25K. Have restoration details and pictures that I can share with interested parties. Rowan Metcalf, Blairsville, GA, 609-638-1175

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Studebaker Corral, continued



1952 Studebaker Champion Starliner Hardtop

Nocturne Blue roof over. Maui Blue Body. Museum quality throughout and underneath. 6 Cylinder, 85 Hp engine, 3 speed transmission with Overdrive. Originally built in South Bend by Studebaker company to mark their 100 year anniversary of producing transportation. (1852-1952). Featured in Turning Wheels magazine Feb 2014. Great value at \$25,000. CA. For more detail and photos, please contact Peter Nickoli, Vernon BC, 250-307-8901, email: pcnickoli@shaw.ca, or see on Facebook Marketplace search "1952 cars for sale" and filter "Sicamous, British Columbia".



1952 Studebaker Champion Deluxe Starlight Coupe

Velvet Black Paint, 6 Cylinder 85 Hp Engine, 3 Speed Transmission w/Overdrive. Excellent Condition Original Car Owned by same family since new. Has been on long-term static display, yet is in good driving condition. The history is included in an article in Turning Wheels magazine Feb 2014. Great value, asking \$25,000. CA. For more detail and photos, please contact Peter Nickoli, Vernon BC, 250-307-8901, email: pcnickoli@shaw.ca, or see on Facebook Marketplace search "1952 cars for sale" and filter "Sicamous, British Columbia".

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Current North Georgia Chapter Officers

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As of January, 2025

President: Richard Hickok

404-285-3745

Email: rahnnow@aol.com

Vice-President: : Vacant

Recording Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: : Vacant

Membership Chair: Richard Hickok

(Temporarily)

404-285-3745

Email: rahnnow@aol.com

Webmaster: Rick Kamen

404-314-8910

Email: aeroman@aol.com

Chapter Web Site

<https://www.northgeorgiastudebakerdriversclub.org/>

Chapter Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/633989910735097>

Chapter Newsletter, The Hillholder

Editors: Guadalupe & Tim Taylor

404-512-7431

Email: studebiker@hotmail.com

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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:

Completed membership forms and dues should be mailed to the current North Georgia Chapter Membership Chair.

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 _____
Telephone _____
Cell phone _____
Email _____
Studebakers owned (Year/Series/Model) _____

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The email you received from us includes three attachments:

1. **HH-2025-09.pps** - This is the executable PowerPoint file. You simply download this file to any desired location and then double-click it to invoke the presentation.
2. **HH-2025-09.pdf** - This file is a PDF version of the Hillholder. Download and view this file if you prefer the old newsletter format instead of the new PowerPoint version.
3. **HH-2025-09-PRINT.pdf** – Same as number 2 above but with white background saving you ink if you want to print the document.

Please feel free to let us know how we can improve our service to you as Hillholder editors.

-Tim & Guadalupe Taylor-



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