

The HILLHOLDER

The official newsletter of the North Georgia Chapter SDC

*See page 5 for pictures
taken at the
International SDC Meet
in South Bend, IN*

*Next North Georgia SDC
meeting will be on
Sunday, June 4.*



What is this non-Studebaker car doing here? Well, it's a rare and unusual vehicle and it happens to be the answer to one of last month's Old Car Trivia Quiz questions. Read more on the next page.

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President's Message

I hope those of you who attended the Studebaker National Meet had a wonderful meet. Please be ready to report on your experience at our next North Georgia Meeting on June 4th. Helen and I were in Geneva on the Lake, NY, Finger Lakes region, and spring had not yet arrived there.

I am still working (but not too fast) on my 37 valve cover leaks. After removing the valve covers it was obvious that the paint had been burned off of both covers in the area behind the exhaust manifold. The covers were both rusted in the area where the paint had burned off. I am sure that the cover gaskets and any sealant in that area under the gasket will be degraded and leak after the first trip. Does anyone know if the factory supplied any heat shield for that area? If my car had a shield, it was long since gone when I bought the car. I have fashioned an improvised shield for the area from some thin aluminum flashing and will hang it from the intake manifold with bailing wire. If anyone is working on an inline 6 or 8 that has no shield, I recommend a similar action. My shield will probably require some modification to keep it from rattling in the wind when I get frisky and push my speed up to 45 or maybe even 50 mph.

-Loren Nelson-

The Woodill Wildfire

The Woodill Wildfire is the car pictured on the cover page of this Hillholder. According to Wikipedia, the Woodill Wildfire was an American sports car built by Dodge and Willys dealer Blanchard Robert "Woody" Woodill from 1952 to 1958 in Downey (near Los Angeles), California. The Wildfire used a Glasspar fiberglass body and is credited with being the first complete fiberglass car available with approximately 15 produced and another 285 sold as kits.

At a Scottsdale auction in 2015, one of these cars sold at no reserve for \$17,600. A description of this offering from Scottsdale reads as follows: "Lot #1046 - The Woodill Wildfire was the first fiberglass sports car produced in the early 1950s, even before Corvette. It was on the cover of the August 1953 Motor Trend magazine. This was a special car, dealer driven and loaned out to motion picture studios. Car number 9961 is probably the last one of only seven or eight manufactured by Woody Woodill circa 1953-54; a designer, builder and manufacturer extraordinaire. It has been in ex-Lieutenant Governor Dr. Lonnie Hammargren's Car and Space Museum in Las Vegas for 34 years. This red Wildfire was featured as the main car in the racing movie "Johnny Dark," filmed in 1953 and released in 1954."

-Tim Taylor-

North Georgia Chapter SDC June Meeting

The June, 2017 meeting of the North Georgia SDC will take place at Loco Willy's restaurant in Marietta.

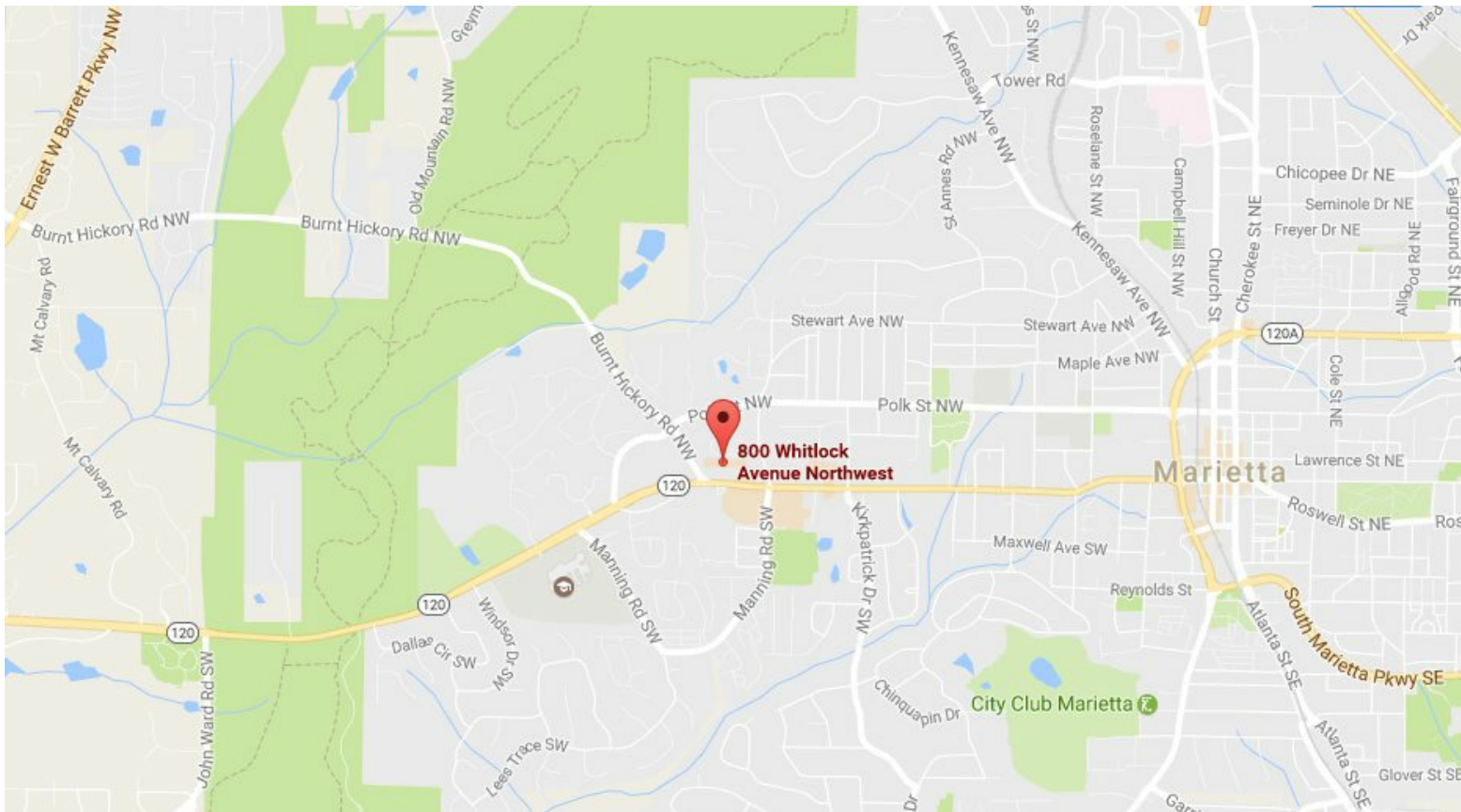
Date: Sunday, June 4, 2017

Time: **1:00 PM**, with an option to arrive early at 12:00 to socialize or help with set-up

Address: 800 Whitlock Ave. NW, Marietta, GA 30064, Suite 207. Phone: 770-499-0077

Hosts: Ron and Arlinda Martinez Phone: 770-429-9903

Directions: Find your way to GA 120, which goes through Marietta. For many, I-75 will get you there. On I-75, take exit number 265 at GA 120-A, North Marietta Parkway. Head west, following North Marietta Parkway until you come to Whitlock Ave. Head west (right) on Whitlock to the destination, on the right, just past Mountain View Road.



STUDEBAKER CALENDAR

NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER MEETINGS

June 4, 2017: Loco Willy's in Marietta. Hosts: Ron & Arlinda Martinez, 770-429-9903. See details on page 3 of this Hillholder.

July 8, 2017 (Saturday): Olive Tree Restaurant in Hiram, GA. Hosts: Tim & Guadalupe Taylor, 404-512-7431. Details in next month's Hillholder.

August 6, 2017: Annual club picnic at Fort Yargo State Park, Winder, GA. Hosts: Billy & Charleen Carey, 770-867-2060.

September 9, 2017 (Saturday), International Drive Your Studebaker Day: Lawrenceville, GA. Host: Richard Knoblock, 678-376-0547.

October 1, 2017: Acworth, GA. Hosts: Ben & Janet Alspach, 770-693-7269.

November 5, 2017: Loganville, GA. Hosts: Wayne & Terry Ziemer, 706-255-5492.

December 3, 2017: Winder, GA. Annual Christmas party & officer elections. Hosts: Wayne & Ann Lee, 404-805-9404; Dan & Barbara Miller, 770-932-1615 Billy & Charleen Carey, 770-867-2060.

OTHER STUDEBAKER EVENTS

Sept 9, 2017: International Drive Your Studebaker Day

Thanks to Ann Lee for organizing the slate of meetings for 2017. And for everyone who volunteered to host a meeting, we sincerely THANK YOU as well.



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Alan & Rochelle Ziglin	6/14
Joshua McCord	6/18
Terry Smith	6/24
Charlie Attaway	6/25
Jim Lofton	6/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Helen Forgay	6/06
Frank & Beverly Petru	6/09
Wayne & Ann Lee	6/23

Just for Laughs

Lines from comedian Bob Hope

ON TURNING 70 "You still chase women, but only downhill".

ON TURNING 80 "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

ON TURNING 90 "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

ON TURNING 100 "I don't feel old. In fact I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

Photos from the International SDC Meet
Photos by Rich Knoblock





**OPEN TO ALL
CARS AND TRUCKS**

JUNE 10, 2017 JIM R. MILLER PARK MARIETTA, GA

Music / Food / Swap Meet / Vendors / Door Prizes / 50/50 / Spectators \$5 / Children under 12 free

**25 Creepers / Sponsors /
Choice Awards**

\$100 Club Participation

1 of two \$100 cash prizes or

1 of four \$50 cash prizes

*Pre-enter before June 1, 2017
for a chance to win*

Special Awards

*One vehicle from 1967
to honor the 50th Anniversary
of that model year*

*One vehicle from 1957
to honor the 57th anniversary
of the Creepers Car Club*

Young Rodders Award

30 and under

Poker Walk

Cash prize



Registration

*Sat. 9am - 12:30pm
at Jim R. Miller Park
Contact: Charlie Still
404.281.5916*

Pre-registration

*\$20 before June 1, 2017
\$25 at the park*

Entry form on reverse side

**Swap Meet
& Vendor Spaces**

\$20 per space

*Contact:
John Rowe
678.363.0366
Kenny Bennett
770.778.9054*

Event Information Contact:

*Darwin Stanfield
404.697.6253*

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*Gregg Cofield
404.754.1336*

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57th ANNIVERSARY

Old Car Trivia Quiz

Answers to last month's trivia questions:

1. What car company of the 1950's had aeronautical themed model names like Wing, Ace, Eagle, Falcon, and Lark?
Answer: 1952-1954 Willys Aero
2. What car company of the 1950's had one of their models and the vinyl inside it named after a mythological beast?
Answer: Kaiser Dragon
3. Besides GMC and Chevrolet, what other company had a model called **Suburban** in the 1950's and '60's?
Answer: Plymouth. (Suburban, Custom Suburban & Sport Suburban were their station wagons.)
4. What car company was a sponsor of the TV show **Maverick**?
Answer: Kaiser-Willys-Jeep
5. What car was driven in a cross country race by the lead character in the 1954 movie **Johnny Dark**?
Answer: It was a Woodill Wildfire. See cover photos and the article on page 2 of this Hillholder.

Tip of the hat to Rick Kamen for supplying last month's trivia questions and answers. Thanks, Rick!!

This month's trivia questions

Name the model year and marque of each car:





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 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

1953 Studebaker Starlight Commander Regal for sale. Car is in very good condition. No rust (some repair work in trunk area). Very Good paint job. Excellent interior. Mechanically sound. Standard shift with overdrive. 232-V8. Car has been rewired and starter replaced. Tires 5 years old. Price negotiable. Contact Wayne Ziemer 706-255-5494.

For sale: 1956 Golden Hawk, Chevy engine, good stainless and glass, needs new left rocker panel, otherwise great restoration project. Has later model trunk lid and hood. Asking \$2200. Call Harold Bellamy, 770-503-7280, for more details Located in Gainesville, GA.



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.

Notice: The price on Hal Mather's Studebaker (to the right) has been reduced from \$19,000 to \$17,000.

1952 Studebaker Champion with overdrive, nice, original with a/c, \$7800 and 1953 Studebaker Champion, no price yet. Contact Lanny Hiatt, 678-758-2668, happytrails2u@peoplepc.com

1955 Commander Coupe, White on red. Auto, p/s, p/b, electronic ignition, electrical fuel pump, alternator, otherwise original. It has been maintained by Mike at Allpro Automotive for the past 10 years. I am asking \$17,000. Hal Mather, 770-824-0010.



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 Jim Carto
1109 Ivey Brook Dr.
Bethlehem, GA. 30620

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) _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

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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