



# The HILLHOLDER

The official newsletter of the North Georgia Chapter SDC

*North Georgia SDC April  
meeting pictures*

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*No May meeting*

*Next meeting will be on  
Sunday, June 4.*



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## President's Message

There will be no May Meeting so everyone can tune up their Studebakers and cruise up to South Bend for the Studebaker Drivers Club National Meet. I hope many of you can go and enjoy the cars and the people. Helen and I will not be there. I worry about going 15 miles to Dawsonville with my car, although I was able to get new U joints for it at the North Florida Barbeque earlier this month. Every little bit helps its dependability.

Last month I mentioned that I had found a pin-hole exhaust leak in a weld on my exhaust pipe flange. I believe that was fixed by smearing some exhaust repair material on it, if it doesn't peel off the first time I drive it. While working in the area I decided to try to fix an oil leak from my valve covers. When I replaced a valve spring 50 years ago, one of the two bolts that hold the right hand cover on, twisted off where it threads into the block. I wanted to get it back on the road, so I put the cover back on with one bolt and a rubber plug in the hole for the missing bolt. I was going to get an easy out and repair it later, but I never thought it would be 50 years later. That job has gone as expected, not well. I have finally decided to drill a smaller hole in it and tap it for a ¼ - 20 bolt to replace the original 5/16 bolt. That job is in process and now I need to rig an extension for the tap to get clearance for the tap wrench. I'll keep you posted on my progress next month.

*-Loren Nelson-*

## A Bit of Car Radio History

Back in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering took apart a home radio and tried to get it to work in a car. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago where they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. Galvin believed that a "mass-produced" car radio had the potential to become a huge business. He convinced Lear and Wavering to set up shop in his factory, and that is where they perfected their first fully functioning car radio, which they installed in Galvin's personal Studebaker.

The first production model was officially called the 5T71; however, Galvin wanted to come up with a better name. Back in those days, companies in the phonograph and radio businesses liked to use the suffix "ola" in their names – Radiola, Columbiola, and Victrola – those were the big three. Galvin decided to do the same thing with his product. Since his radio was intended for only use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the Motorola.

When the Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled. A brand-new car back then cost around \$650. By around 1947, the price of the Motorola, installed, dropped to \$55, and Galvin decided to officially change the name of his company from the Galvin Manufacturing Company to "Motorola."

**ATTENDEES  
NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER SDC  
APRIL MEETING**

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dan & Barbara Miller         |                 |
| Guadalupe & Tim Taylor       |                 |
| Winnifred Taylor (Tim's mom) |                 |
| Janet & Ben Alspach          |                 |
| Rochelle & Alan Ziiglin      | 1929 Studebaker |
| Loren & Helen Nelson         |                 |
| Wayne & Terry Ziemer         |                 |
| Richard A. Hickok            |                 |
| Peter McCaffey               | 1963 Hawk       |
| Melvin Bohannon              |                 |
| Susana R. Williams           |                 |
| H. "Hobo" and Brenda Bodkin  |                 |
| Edward Burris                | 1963 Cruiser    |
| Lenny & Phyllis Major        |                 |
| Jim Carto                    |                 |
| Rich Knoblock                | 1956 Sky Hawk   |
| Jim Loftin & mother Mara Ann |                 |
| Wayne & Ann Lee              |                 |
| Frank Petru                  | 1978 Avanti     |



**MAY  
CELEBRATIONS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Yvonne Langford | 5/04 |
| Buddy Hunt      | 5/20 |
| Tim Taylor      | 5/24 |
| Deby Forrester  | 5/31 |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Jim & Barbara Loftin | 5/01 |
| Loren & Helen Nelson | 5/01 |

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
Submitted by Barbara Miller, Treasurer

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Beginning Balance    | \$4891.88 |
| March 1, 2017        |           |
| Deposits             |           |
| 3/13/2017            |           |
| Dues: \$100.00       |           |
| 50/50: \$43.00       | \$143.00  |
| Withdrawals          |           |
| Hillholder expenses: | \$135.78  |
| Ending Balance       | \$4899.10 |
| March 31, 2017       |           |





North Georgia Chapter SDC Minutes  
Sunday, April 2, 2017  
Memphis Barbecue Company, Buckhead, GA

**Standard Items:**

- ☒ President Loren Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. He thanked Lenny & Phyllis Major for hosting the meeting at this location. The sign-in sheet was passed around to all attendees.
- ☒ Terry Ziemer moved, Alan Ziglin seconded, to approve the March minutes as published in the April Hillholder. Motion carried.
- ☒ Tim Taylor moved, Rochelle Ziglin seconded, to approve the Treasurer's report as published in the April Hillholder. Motion carried.
- ☒ Loren Nelson congratulated club members having birthdays or anniversaries in the month of April.

**Announcements:**

- Wayne Lee reported that the South Georgia Chapter of the SDC has assumed the same posture as our chapter with regard to the Southeast Zone meet. They are ready and willing to help out with seed money but not actually host the meet. A location for the event has been identified near Dalton-Rocky Face Georgia with the date expected to be mid-Sept. More details to follow. Also, the North Central Florida chapter will host the 2018 zone meet.
- Loren Nelson reminded us about the Avondale Estates meet on Easter Sunday. Alan Ziglin gave the event a good endorsement and encouraged people to participate.
- Richard Knoblock extended an offer to the membership to sell high-quality shirts like the one he was wearing for the amount of five dollars, with all proceeds going to the club treasury. He further volunteered to pick up Studebaker patches at the international meet for anyone wanting to get patches for those shirts. (Tim Taylor followed this up with an email to the membership with additional details.)
- Loren Nelson reminded everyone that there is no May meeting and that the next meeting will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Ron and Arlinda Martinez.

**To Keep in our Thoughts and Prayers**

- Arlinda Martinez fell at work & broke her hip recently. She was hospitalized and is back home recovering now with Ron performing nurse duty.

**Reports:**

- Barbara Miller, Treasurer, reported an initial balance on March 1 of \$4891.88 and an ending balance of \$4899.10. The complete report appears on page 3 of this Hillholder.
- Jim Carto, Membership Secretary, mentioned that former member Pete McCaffrey has rejoined the club. He also reminded people that this is the last chance to pay dues for 2017 membership in our chapter.

**New Business:**

Alan Ziglin moved, Tim Taylor seconded that our chapter allocate up to \$100 to assist the Riverbend Chapter with the hosting of the Southeast meet. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried at 3:32 PM.

Door prizes, generously provided by our hosts, were given out. The 50-50 was won by Rich Hickok, and the club banked \$35.00.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be in June, hosted by Ron and Arlinda Martinez. Watch for details in the June issue of the Hillholder.



*Photos from the April Meeting*  
*Photos by Guadalupe Taylor*





*More Photos from the April Meeting*  
*Photos by Guadalupe Taylor*





# STUDEBAKER CALENDAR

## NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER MEETINGS

**May:** No meeting. International Meet, 3-6 May 2017, South Bend, IN.

**June 4, 2017:** Marietta, GA. Hosts: Ron & Arlinda Martinez, 770-429-9903.

**July 8, 2017 (Saturday):** Lithia Springs, GA. Hosts: Tim & Guadalupe Taylor, 404-512-7431.

**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.

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.

## OTHER STUDEBAKER EVENTS

**May 3-6, 2017:** South Bend, IN, International SDC Meet

**Sept 9, 2017:** International Drive Your Studebaker Day

## Just for Laughs

### The Usher

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.

"Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please," she answered. "You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No," he said. "I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good!!!" he answered.

### New Windows

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with the expensive, double-pane energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from the contractor complaining that his work had been completed a year ago and that I had yet to pay for them.

So, I proceeded to tell him just what his fast-talking sales guy told me last year - namely, that in one year, the windows would pay for themselves.

There was silence on the other end of the line, so I just hung up. I have not heard anything since.

I guess I won that argument!

## Old Car Trivia Quiz

### Answers to last month's trivia questions:

1. The new 1953 Chevy Corvette was available in only what color?  
Answer: White, "polo white" to be exact
2. What car marque offered a compact model in 1953 called the Jet?  
Answer: Hudson
3. Star Chief and Chieftain were model names of what marque during the 1950s?  
Answer: Pontiac
4. What car company produced a model called the Hotshot from 1950 through 1952?  
Answer: Crosley
5. Savoy and Cranbrook were model names of what marque during the 1950s?  
Answer: Plymouth



1956 Plymouth Savoy

### This month's trivia questions

1. What car company of the 1950's had aeronautical themed model names like Wing, Ace, Eagle, Falcon, and Lark?
2. What car company of the 1950's had one of their models and the vinyl inside it named after a mythological beast?
3. Besides GMC and Chevrolet, what other company had a model called **Suburban** in the 1950's and '60's?
4. What car company was a sponsor of the TV show **Maverick**?
5. What car was driven in a cross country race by the lead character in the 1954 movie **Johnny Dark**?

*Tip of the hat to Rick Kamen for supplying this month's trivia questions. Thanks, Rick!!*





# Studebaker Corral



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## 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](mailto: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 Hiett, 678-758-2668, [happytrails2u@peoplepc.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>) 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)

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### 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](http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com), click "About," and then click "Membership."

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