



The HILLHOLDER

The official newsletter of the North Georgia Chapter SDC

North Georgia SDC May Meeting Recap

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Next meeting will be in Douglasville on Sunday, June 5

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Two Studebaker Truck Articles

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Photos by Tim Taylor

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Editor Comment

Taking a Chance on a Champ

You might say that I did everything wrong when I purchased my 1960 Champ pick-up, but somehow it all turned out right. More than a decade ago, I decided that I wanted a pick-up truck just to haul large items around, especially things that didn't fit into my old 1985 Chevy van. My wife and I had recently looked at a 1957 Transtar for sale locally here in Georgia, but the price tag of \$20,000 was a bit beyond our reach. With images of that beautiful truck still in my head, I came across a blue 1960 Champ listed on eBay. The photos made the truck look almost perfect, but of course photos can often hide imperfections. I was quite surprised to see that the "buy it now" price was just under \$10,000, and I literally watched bids come in, one-by-one, as I was looking at the pictures shown on the site. Those bids were rapidly approaching the buy-it-now price, and my wife, looking over my shoulder, said to me, "Click the buy-it-now button; you've been looking for a Studebaker truck for a long time now." I obviously married the right woman, and I decided to follow her suggestion. So, without ever having seen the truck, and without ever communicating with the seller, I bought the vehicle with a click of a mouse. It would be another couple of weeks before I knew whether or not I had been a fool. The vehicle was located in Amarillo, Texas, so we would need to hook up a trailer to the old Chevy van and make the trip all the way out to Texas to pick it up. I didn't have a lot of experience with a car trailer, but we managed to get there and back without incident. It took us a couple of days each way, and we stopped at campgrounds for our overnights. When we arrived and had our first direct eye contact with the truck, we were pleased. It turned out that the vehicle was absolutely rust-free and nearly flawless. It had less than 30,000 actual miles and ran...like a Champ! It has a 259 V-8 with a column shift and automatic overdrive. I have owned the truck for over 10 years, and it continues to be a smooth-running, reliable vehicle appreciated by most car enthusiasts who see it.

-Tim Taylor-



**ATTENDEES
NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER SDC
MAY MEETING**

Dan & Barbara Miller	
Wayne & Terry Ziemer	
Mike & Marsha Byrd	
William & Charlotte Delli	
Wayne and Ann Lee	1953 Champion Starliner
Tim Taylor	
Jim Loftin	
Chuck Lampman	
Ron Martinez	
Richard Knoblock	
Ben Alspach	1949 Champion
Loren & Helen Nelson	
Rick Kamen	
James E. Fisher	

Guest:

Dorothy Brown (former long-time member)



**JUNE
CELEBRATIONS**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Joshua McCord	June 18
Terry Smith	June 24
Charlie Attaway	June 25
Jim Loftin	June 26

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Helen Forgay	June 6
Frank & Beverly Petru	June 9
Alan & Rochelle Ziglin	June 14
Wayne & Ann Lee	June 23

TREASURER'S REPORT
Submitted by Barbara Miller, Treasurer

Beginning Balance	\$5338.74
April 1, 2016	
Deposits	\$89.00
Dues \$50.00	
50-50 \$39.00	
Withdrawals	\$109.08
Hillholder expenses \$93.04	
New checks \$16.04	
Ending Balance	\$5318.66
April 30, 2016	

North Georgia Chapter SDC Minutes
Sunday, May 1, 2016
Cherokee Cattle Company, Marietta, GA

Standard Items:

- ☒ President Wayne Ziemer called the meeting to order at 3:26 p.m. He thanked Ron and Arlinda Martinez for arranging the meeting at this location. The sign-in sheet was passed around to all attendees.
- ☒ Terry Ziemer moved, Ben Alspach seconded, to approve the March minutes as published in the Hillholder. Motion carried.
- ☒ Rick Kamen moved, Mike Byrd seconded, to approve the March treasurer's report as published in the Hillholder. Motion carried.
- ☒ Wayne Ziemer congratulated club members with birthdays or anniversaries in the month of May.

Those to keep in our thoughts and prayers:

- Lenny Major - recovering from back surgery and dealing with high blood sugar.



Announcements:

- Chuck Lampman announced that Ron and Marilyn Sullivan will be selling their 1950 Champion 2-door on eBay with a \$15,000 reserve. This is a very nice car!
- Wayne Ziemer announced that there is an international "Studebaker Addicts" page on Facebook. Check it out.
- Ben Alspach reported that the "North GA Studebaker Drivers Club" page on Facebook is ready for viewing and use. Members can post things there. Members should go out and "like" the page to increase its exposure.
- Rick Kamen reminded members about the Atlanta Motoring Festival coming up this month. See details on page 9 of this Hillholder.
- Rick Kamen also offered (and sold some) raffle tickets for a set of Coker tires. This is sponsored by the Hudson Club. The drawing is July 1. Tickets are \$5.00 each.



Reports:

On behalf of Ed Burris, Barbara Miller reported the following:

They discussed hiring a professional lawyer to handle our trademarks and keeping track of renewals. Tom Curtis has friends that are lawyers. Larry Swanson never charged the club during all of the years he did it, and he was licensed to try cases before the United States Supreme Court.

They want an official audit of the SDC National Foundation even though it is not a part of SDC.

They may not get it! The foundation has \$215,000.00 on hand.

The Michiana Chapter is in turmoil with a vendor and may lose support from the city of South Bend for meets there. This could affect the meeting next year in South Bend. You will probably not hear about this problem. At the last meeting only five people attended. They had a major problem in 2007 with Dennis Lambert.

The club is going to work on the life member list again. Two years ago the president had the Board members do this. I sent letters and made calls. I was not reimbursed as it was impossible to submit a bill for each one. Ink for my printer was used for other personal jobs. My telephone charges were lumped together. I think I may have been out more than \$1500.00. We are trying to find about 200 life members out of 520. Cornerstone Registrations will do it this time. I wanted it done by Mark Wheeler at that time. I was overruled.

Since 2011, 5495 regular members have not renewed.

North Georgia Chapter SDC Minutes, Continued
Sunday, May 1, 2016
Cherokee Cattle Company, Marietta, GA

Reports (continued):

- ☒ Barbara Miller, Treasurer, reported a balance on 4/01/2015 of \$5338.74. Balance on 4/30/2015 was \$5318.66. Full report appears on page 3 of this Hillholder.
 - ☒ Jim Carto, Membership Secretary, announced that a revised club roster will be published soon and sent to all current members.
 - ☒ Tim Taylor, Hillholder Editor, reminded members about the new Young Whippersnappers section of the April Hillholder, which was not repeated in May due lack of photos. Members can send pictures of themselves as young people with whatever vehicles they or their families might have owned at the time. Digital images can be sent to studebiker@hotmail.com while physical photos can be sent to Tim at P.O. Box 161, Colbert, GA 30628, or brought to the next meeting.
- Motion to adjourn was made by Ben Alspach, seconded by Rick Hitchcock at 3:50 p.m. Motion carried.
 - Door prizes were given out.
 - Wayne Lee won the 50-50, and the club banked \$40.00.

June meeting:

The next meeting will be in Douglasville at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, and our hosts are Jerry and Debi Forrester. Details appear on page 8 of this Hillholder. **Members who are planning to attend should phone or email the Forresters to let them know.**



Photos from the May Meeting
Photos by Tim Taylor



STUDEBAKER CALENDAR

NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER MEETINGS

June 5, 2016: At the home of our hosts, Jerry & Debi Forrester, 4612 Yancey Road, Douglasville, GA 30135. Phone: 470-331-3817. Food provided by the hosts. Members can bring dishes/desserts if desired. Details on page 8 of this Hillholder.

July 10, 2016: Oxford, GA. Hosts Charlie & Helen Attaway 770-490-7500

August 7, 2016: Annual Picnic at Fort Yargo State Park, Winder, GA. Hosts Billy and Charleen Carey 770-867-4871

September 10, 2016: Calhoun, GA. Hosts Bill & Charlotte Delli 770-547-4871

October 2, 2016: Cumming, GA. Hosts Loren & Helen Nelson 678-637-6910

November 6, 2016: Kennesaw, GA. Hosts Wayne & Ann Lee 404-805-9404

December 4, 2016: Loganville, GA. Annual Christmas Party and Election of Officers. Hosts Mike & Marsha Byrd. 770-466-4295

SOUTHEAST ZONE EVENTS

Friday, May 20 to Sunday, May 22, 2016:

The Smoky Mountain Chapter SDC will host the SOUTHEAST ZONE MEET at the Talley Ho Inn, Townsend, Tennessee. Contact Joe Inman 865-457-3002, email: volstudebaker@comcast.net. Also check updates on Facebook "Studebaker Drivers Club Southeast Zone".

OTHER STUDEBAKER EVENTS

Sunday, June 26 to Saturday, July 2, 2016:

Warwick, RI. International SDC Meet hosted by the Ocean Bay Chapter SDC

September 10, 2016: International Drive Your Studebaker Day

2017: South Bend, IN. International SDC Meet

OTHER EVENTS

June 11, 2016: Fun Run at Jim R. Miller Park in Marietta. See details on page 10 of this Hillholder.

Thanks to Ann Lee for organizing the slate of meetings for 2016. And thanks as well to everyone who volunteered to host a meeting.



Safety first - always!

North Georgia Chapter SDC June Meeting

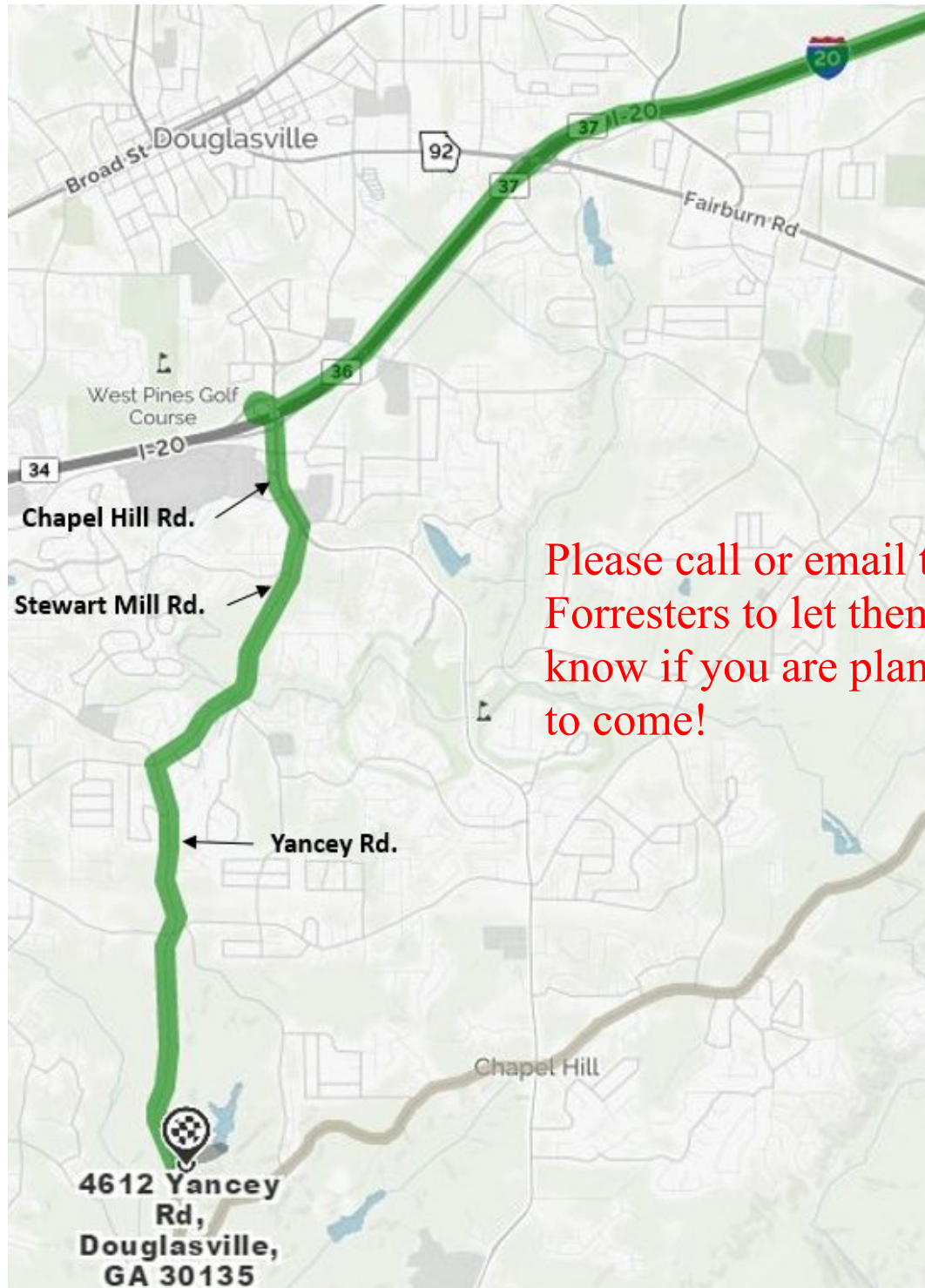
The June, 2016 meeting of the North Georgia SDC will be held at the home of our hosts, Jerry and Deby Forrester in Douglasville. This is an RSVP event. Please call or email if you are planning to come.

Date: Sunday, June 5 Time: 2:00 PM

Address: 4612 Yancey Road, Douglasville, GA 30315

Email: forr62@bellsouth.net Deby's cell phone: 470-331-3817

Directions: **From Atlanta** Take I-20 west to exit 36, Campbellton Road and Chapel Hill Road. Follow Chapel Hill Road south. Bear right onto Stewart Mill Rd. Turn left onto Yancey Rd. Destination is 4612 Yancey Rd.



Please call or email the Forresters to let them know if you are planning to come!



June 11, 2016 | Jim R. Miller Park | Marietta, GA
Music | Food | Swap Meet | Vendors | Door Prizes | 50/50
Spectators \$5 | Children under 12 free

Open to all cars and trucks

"Just because we like 'em picks"
 25 Creepers Choice Awards

\$100 Club Participation

Pre-enter before June 1, 2016 for a chance to win

1 of *two \$100 cash prizes* or
 1 of *four \$50 cash prizes*

Special Awards

One vehicle from **1966** to honor
 the 50th Anniversary of that model year

One vehicle from **1956** to honor the
 56th anniversary of the Creepers Car Club

Young Rodders Award

Registration

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

Pre-registration

\$20 before June 1, 2016
 \$25 at the park

Swap Meet & Vendor Spaces

\$20 per space
 Contact: John Rowe
 678.363.0366
No need to pre-register

Event Information

Contact
 Darwin Stanfield
 404.697.6253
 Greg Grier
 770.686.5785
 Kenny Bennett
 770.778.9054

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**Children's
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 Hospitals**



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 Cobb County

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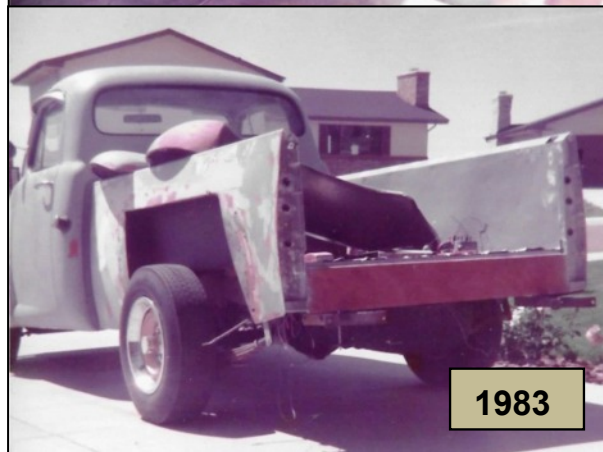
By Wayne Lee

It was back in the summer of '83. The Air Force had sent us to Colorado Springs, and I was working in Cheyenne Mountain in USAF Space Command. While on my way home one evening, I saw an old Stude pickup with a for sale sign in the window. My mind flashed back to when I was a youth in southern California. A neighbor had a shiny black Stude pickup, which I admired greatly, that he used to tow his Model A hot rod to car shows.

I called the number and learned the Stude was a 1955 with a V8 that ran good, 3 speed, had fresh brakes, kingpins, a cracked windshield, had been driven there from Oklahoma and the asking price was \$400. It was white and had a huge wrought iron grill protector welded on the front bumper. I took it home the next day – my first Studebaker.

The truck ran good from day one, only occasionally popping out of 2nd gear on deceleration. I found several old Stude trucks in local junk yards - so used parts weren't a problem. I also found a local Stude guru who lived on the north side of town named Harold Snearly. Harold operated a Stude parts business and had bought out several former Stude dealers. His building, nestled deep in the Black Forest, was literally chocked to the rafters with Stude parts. He sold me a NOS windshield for a \$100. He said it was pretty easy to put in, but I was leery and had a glass shop install it. Harold laughed at me and said the only way to learn was to tackle it myself. Properly chagrined, I took his words to heart and vowed to finish the "fix-r-up" myself.

There was no rust to deal with but it had 28 years of dings, dents, and scrapes. With several car magazine "how to"



articles in hand

and the advice of the guys at the paint store, I commenced to make her pretty. The wrought iron grill was cut off and I spent several months learning how to fix the blemishes, sand, prime and paint. I sprayed it yellow in my driveway using a hobby-sized compressor and a \$9 Montgomery Ward spray gun. It instantly became a bug magnet for every flying insect in the county. The truck had a single exhaust with a skinny pipe and rusty muffler. I bought a torch and rented some oxy/acetylene tanks and spent several "educational" weekends learning how to gas weld, piecing together a 2.5" dual exhaust system with glass packs that made the little V8 sound much bigger than it was. The grin-factor was much bigger too.

Continuing the theme of DIY or learn as you go; I added a set of GM van rally wheels and a transistor radio. The tailgate was reversed, chains eliminated and custom locks installed to keep it closed. Custom tail lights

were built to fit into the recesses at the rear of the bed with three lights per side and red plastic was scrounged from a sign shop. A chunk of GM aluminum became the rear bumper. Much later, the front factory bumper was replaced with a chrome one from a Ford sedan. I drove that old truck to Cheyenne Mountain and back (40 miles) nearly every day for 18 months in all kinds of weather. Once the truck was warmed up, the factory under-seat heater worked very well.

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In 1985 the Air Force reassigned me to Ottawa, Canada, so I sold the truck for \$1500. Over the years I've often wondered what became of it.

FAST FORWARD 32 YEARS:

Recently, while surfing the internet looking at Studebakers I found my Old Yellar pickup listed for sale on the Denver Colorado Craigslist. Boy was I surprised! Thirty two years later and still truck'n! – well almost. The seller indicated the frame was good and the motor still turned over, but that the transmission had been removed to install a new clutch, and now four years later, it had not been reinstalled. The seller was asking \$4000 in "as is" condition. It's hard to believe after all this time it's still yellow, with the rally wheels, the custom tail lights and rear bumper. However, Father Time and a lot of salty winters have inflicted



some rust in the lower cab corners and doors – as can be seen in these recent photos from the advertisement.

As a DIY project, this old Studebaker was a good teacher and I gained a lot of respect for Studebaker's sturdiness. My sons have urged me to drive out to Colorado and bring it home. While I'll admit to a fondness for all Stude Pickups, the big window '55 pickups are my favorite, but I'm going leave this one for someone else to tackle.

Young Whippersnappers

Can you identify these young people?



Can you identify this good-looking couple with the Studebaker in the background?



How about these two?



Who's in front of this 1953 Studebaker?



Who's on the trunk of this 1966 Chevy?

The identities of these mystery people will be revealed at the June meeting.

Old Car Trivia Quiz

Answers to last month's trivia questions:

1. The very popular Ford Pinto was also available with some embellishments as a Mercury. What was its model name?

Bobcat

2. Villager, Corsair, and Pacer were model names of what automobile marque of the late 1950s?

Edsel

3. In 1906, a Stanley Steamer set a land speed record, achieving what speed?
[Choose one: 80 mph, 95 mph, 106 mph, or 126 mph]

It was 126 mph.

4. Hotshot was a model name of what automobile in the 1950s?

Crosley

5. Firedome and Fireflight were model names of what car?

DeSoto



This month's trivia quiz questions:

1. At the Chicago Auto Show of 1960, what company introduced a model called the Superba?
2. What is the only model year that General Motors did not offer a production Corvette?
3. Which company was the manufacturer of Kelvinator appliances as well as automobiles?
4. In what year did federal law mandate the use of dual master cylinders in new automobiles?
5. What pickup truck is credited with being the first in the USA to offer a sliding rear window as a standard feature?

Answers to these questions will appear in the June issue of the Hillholder. If you just can't wait, give Tim Taylor (your newsletter editor) a call. He'll be glad to share the answers with you. More next month.



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

Manuals for sale - originals (not reproductions) obtained from a former Studebaker dealer in Griffin, GA. Contact David Hicks, 770-584-8200, PO Box 83, Experiment, GA 30212, or see page 13 of the April Hillholder for a complete list and pricing.

1928½ Studebaker 8-cyl rust-free, needs restored. \$7500.00. For more details, contact Carolyn Sikes, 770-729-8210.

Bunch of used Studebaker parts for sale. Call Harold Bellamy, 770-503-7280 (Gainesville, GA) for details.

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.

1955 "E" series pickup street rod. The truck has a 1978 Oldsmobile front clip on it, a 305 GM V8 coupled to a turbo 350 Trans. It has a Dana 44 rear end that is really a good match for the turbo 350 (good highway cruising). It has power disc brakes on the front and power steering (both GM); we have repainted it, re-upholstered it and put all new radials and Cragar rally wheels on it. Call Allan Dias at 407-585-3200 or email to mailto:atd@wiginton.net for details. (Cosby TN)

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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