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The official newsletter of the North Georgia Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club

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President's Message

Greetings and Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing everyone at the February 1 meeting in Sugar Hill, GA. Thanks go out to Bill and Kathy Startt for arranging the meeting at that location.

We may have a new vice president. More on that at the February meeting.

Finally, I need your help. I need everyone to take the 2026 draft club roster sent to you by Tim Taylor and look at the data to make sure your information is correct. If you need to make any corrections or updates, bring them to the next meeting, or send the information to Tim at studebiker@hotmail.com, or to me at rahnaw@aol.com, or give one of us a call: Tim at 404-512-7431 or me at 404-285-3745.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Richard A Hickok

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December Meeting Summary

by Tim & Guadalupe Taylor, Hillholder Editors

The December 2025 meeting of the Studebaker Drivers Club North Georgia Chapter took place on December 7 at Fort Yargo State Park in Winder, Georgia. Over the years, we have held many annual picnics at this location in the August – September timeframe. Charleen Carey, Barbara Miller, and Ann Lee graciously volunteered to organize this December picnic and meeting. Sincere belated thanks to that team! The event was well attended, with a total of 23 members and guests present. Wonderful attendance!

It was great to see all the regular meeting attendees as well as some folks who aren't able to attend many meetings throughout the year. Food was abundant and the atmosphere was joyous. Nobody left the party without a door prize.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy year in 2026.

- Tim & Guadalupe -

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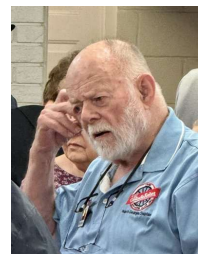
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Treasurer's Report

No expenses for January
Club balance as of 01/16/26: \$3297.62


Submitted by
Richard Hickok

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Membership Chair's Message




**Membership report: Steady - no new members.
However, I am working on that.**

- Richard Hickok -

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December Meeting Attendees

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Jan - Feb Member Celebrations

December Meeting Attendees (23 people)

Buddy Hunt	'61 Champ pickup
Peter McCaffrey	'63 Hawk
Alan & Rochelle Ziglin	'69 Pontiac Grand Prix
Dotty Carto	
Joe Flannery	
Phyllis Major	
Billy & Charleen Carey	
Chuck Lampman	
Richard Forgay	
Richard A. Hickok	
Joey Waite	
Barbara Miller	
Tim & Guadalupe Taylor	
Bill & Kathy Startt	
Wayne & Ann Lee	
Bill Delli	

(Plus 2 more whose names I could not decipher from the attendance sheet) 😊

January-February Birthdays


Phyllis Major	1/07
Rick Kamen	1/08
Frank Petru	1/08
Barbara Loftin	1/12
Tarry Ziemer	1/16
Richard Forgay	1/17
Bill Startt	1/18
Henry Dabrowski	1/28
Peter McCaffrey	2/01
Gary Verheyen	2/05
Melvin Bohannon	2/08
Wayne Lee	2/20
Wayne Ziemer	2/25

January-February Anniversaries

Wayne & Terry Ziemer	1/01
Billy & Charleen Carey	2/10
Tim & Guadalupe Taylor	2/27

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February Chapter Meeting Details

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The February 2026 meeting of the North Georgia SDC will be held at the Diner in Sugar Hill.



February meeting information:

Date: Sunday, February 1
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Diner at Sugar Hill
Address: 4500 Nelson Brogdon Blvd (GA 20)
 Sugar Hill, GA 30518
Restaurant Phone: 770-831-0180

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

Directions: Take GA Route 20 W. past the Mall of Georgia or I-985 north from I-85, exit at GA Route 20, turn left and go about 2 miles. It will be on the left at the traffic light (Frontier Drive).

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2026 Schedule of Meetings

Feb 1, 2026: Sugar Hill, GA.
 Host: Bill & Kathy Startt, 678-852-8536
 (See previous page for details)
 [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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International Meet Update

The 62nd International meet will be held on September 23-26 in Waxahachie, Texas. This location is 30 minutes south of Dallas in a charming and historic city. The courthouse is the most photographed in the state as are the gingerbread houses in the area. The Civic Center is where all events will take place except for a "meet & greet" sponsored by the city and held in a local park.

Hotels are in the same area, and all events are within walking distance. Plenty of RV and camping is also available nearby. We are currently negotiating with hotels and will have reservations available for booking in January.

A departure from the norm, the awards banquet will take place on Saturday. This arrangement appeases the vendors who find Saturday a waste of time when everyone leaves that morning. We will also be opening it to the public along with a general car show that day.

Several "must see" venues will also be available in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Waco along with a vintage car cruise. Our brothers from the Antique Studebaker Club will be joining with us for this event.

This will be only the third time Texas has hosted the meet. It's a great opportunity for our west coast friends to join in. Much more information will follow as we get closer; it's only eight months away.



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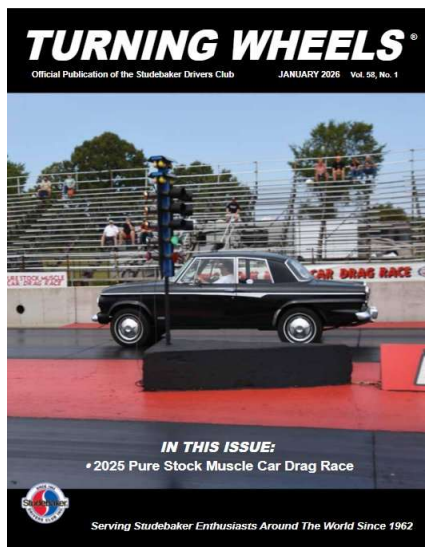
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Joe Flannery's Turning Wheels article and cover



The January issue of Turning Wheels features Joe Flannery's car on the cover and an article on pages 28 and 29. Congratulations, Joe. Nice work!

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Photos from the 2025 Maggie Valley car show

Bill Startt attended the "Showdown in the Valley" car, truck, and motorcycle show in Maggie Valley, North Carolina on August 1-3, 2025. Here and on the next page is a collection of photos he took at that event.

Nice photos, Bill. Thanks for sharing.



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More Photos from the 2025 Maggie Valley car show

Courtesy of Bill Startt



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A North Georgia Chapter SDC memory

By Alan Ziglin

When Tim Taylor sent out the information about the closing of the Tippecanoe Place Restaurant located in the former Studebaker Mansion in South Bend, Indiana, I recalled that in the Summer of 2012, a number of the members of our Chapter traveled to South Bend for that year's annual SDC Meet. One evening, most of us went to the Mansion for dinner.

The building was most impressive. However, the restaurant was in disarray. It was only a week after new owners had taken over the business. An hour after ordering, our food had still not been served!

But no amount of poor service could dampen our enthusiasm for actually being in the Studebaker Mansion! Attached are a few pictures from that annual event.

In addition to the image projected on the screen at the opening session of the SDC meet, there are also images of the souvenir menu from the restaurant, part of which told the history of Tippecanoe Mansion. Also included is an image of each side of the souvenir match pack. Finally, there is an image of the place of honor these items have in my own personal "museum" at home.

For those who joined Rochelle and me thirteen and a half years ago, "thanks for the memories"!

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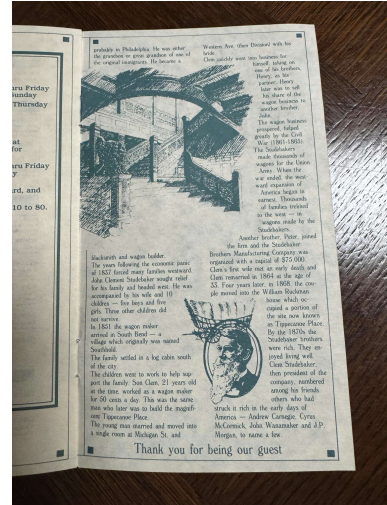
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A North Georgia Chapter SDC memory Continued



Here is an image of the place of honor these items have in my "museum".

-- Alan Ziglin

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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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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



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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Current North Georgia Chapter Officers

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As of January, 2025

President: Richard Hickok

404-285-3745

Email: rahnow@aol.com

Vice-President: Vacant

Recording Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Richard Hickok

Membership Chair: Richard Hickok

(Temporarily)

404-285-3745

Email: rahnow@aol.com

Webmaster: Rick Kamen

404-314-8910

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Chapter Web Site

www.studebakerclubs.com/NorthGeorgia

Chapter Newsletter, The Hillholder

Editors: Guadalupe & Tim Taylor

404-512-7431

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Membership Application, North Georgia Chapter, SDC

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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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Newsletter Editor Versions Explained

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The email you received from us includes three attachments:

1. **HH-2026-01.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-2026-01.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-2026-01-PRINT.pdf** - This file is exactly like the other PDF file except the background of every screen is white instead of light blue. This saves you considerable color ink if you want to print the Hillholder.

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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