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By
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February - March Meeting Summary

The first meeting of the Studebaker Drivers Club North Georgia Chapter was originally scheduled for Sunday, February 1, at the Diner in Sugar Hill. However, foul weather, including tornadoes, led to the cancellation of that meeting. Eventually the meeting was rescheduled for March 12 at the same location and time. Since the February meeting ended up taking place in March, this newsletter will refer to it as the March meeting, not the February meeting.

The group that showed up for the March meeting was small but happy and enthusiastic. Discussion topics included the Atlanta Motoring Festival coming up in May at Lake Lanier as well as other past and future events.

March Meeting Attendees (10 people)

Brenda Bodkin
Phyllis Major
Peter & Deborah McCaffrey '63 GT Hawk R1
Frank Petru
Wayne & Ann Lee
John Hollier '63 Avanti R2
Richard Hickok
Barbara Miller

\$ Treasury Report \$

Club Balance as of
03/22/2026:
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Photos from SDC North GA Chapter Meeting, March 15, 2026



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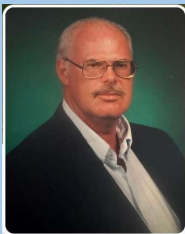


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**Members who have Passed On
Hobo Bodkin**

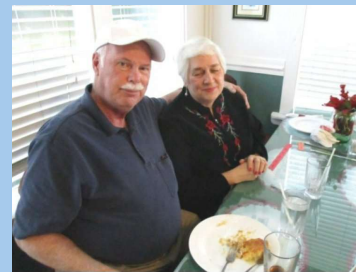


Howard "Hobo" Bodkin
1945 - 2026

We lost Hobo on February 7th. He and Brenda have been long-time members of the Studebaker Drivers Club. Hobo was a strong advocate for handicapped children. He owned and operated antique stores in South Carolina and Georgia. It was through a singles club he started at his church that he met Brenda, his beloved wife of 53 years.

Visit this web address for many more details of this kind and remarkable individual:

<https://www.henryfuneral.com/obituaries/howard-bodkin>



Hobo and Brenda at a 2017 meeting

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Members who have Passed On Charleen Carey



Mrs. Charleen Griffeth Carey
1945 - 2026

Charleen left us on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the farm in Bethlehem, GA, where she spent her entire life.

Assisted capably by husband Billy, Charleen was the owner of Charleen's Auto Trim for over fifty years where she had a talent for providing superior automobile upholstery for clients throughout the southeastern United States. Charleen was a founding member of our North Georgia SDC chapter.

Visit this web address for many more details of this kind and generous lady:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/mrs-charleen-carey-obituary?id=60894224>



Charleen and Billy at a 2017 meeting

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Thoughts, Prayers, and Celebrations



For Henry and Loretta Malin

Henry Malin informed us that Loretta had a big fall two weeks ago. She broke her back and spent some time in the hospital. She is back at home now and will be under physical therapy care for some time.

Henry himself finished up his last hip replacement a few months back.

Please keep both of them in your thoughts & prayers.

Celebrations



March - April Birthdays	
Tina Davis	3/09
Bill Delli	3/13
Brenda Bodkin	3/17
Doris Stockman	3/23
Ray Smith	3/27
John Hollier	4/12
Marlene Buchanan	4/17
Jack Partain	4/18
Ann Lee	4/25
Arlene Hollier	4/27
March - April Anniversaries	
John & Arlene Hollier	3/03
Kenneth & Tracy Jones	3/31
Rick Kamen & Linda Rizzi	4/22

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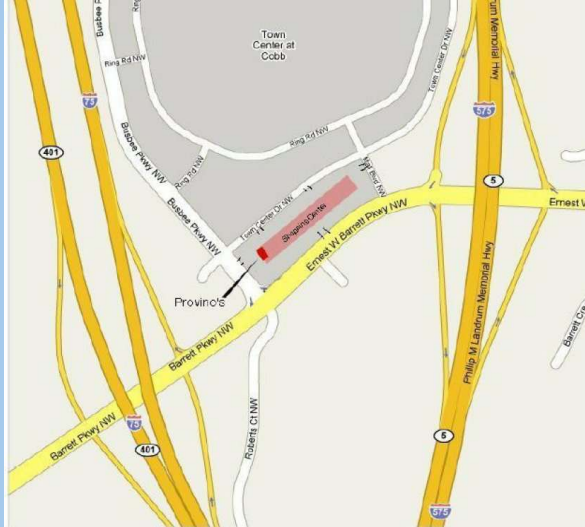


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April Chapter Meeting Details

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The April 2026 meeting of the North Georgia SDC will be held at Provino's Restaurant in Kennesaw



Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM
Address: 440 Ernest W Barrett Parkway Northwest, Kennesaw, GA 30144.
Phone: 678-594-5055

Host: Joe Flannery (551-404-8992)

Directions: Near Town Center mall, north of Marietta; accessible from either I-75 or I-575. (If you use I-575, your path to the parking area will be all right turns.) If you use I-75 from the South, be sure to get in the correct lane on the off-ramp; it is marked for entrance to Town Center. This map is marked to show parking lot entrances.

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2026 Schedule of Meetings

Thank you

Hosts!
Thank you for volunteering to arrange venues for our meetings.

- Feb 1, 2026:** Sugar Hill, GA.
Host: Bill & Kathy Startt, 678-852-8536
(Was postponed to March 15 due to weather)
- April 12, 2026:** Kennesaw, GA.
Host: Joe Flannery, 551-404-8992
(See details on the previous page.)
- June 7, 2026:** Monroe, GA
Host: Brenda Bodkin, 678-635-0404
- Aug 2, 2026:** Monroe, GA
Host: Phyllis Major, 770-207-6129
- 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




Ann Lee!
Thank you, Ann, for putting together the list of meetings for so many years now. We appreciate your dedication to this task.

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Pigeon Forge Car Shows



Mail from Ann Lee

Tim & Guadalupe,
I've enclosed the Pigeon Forge (Tennessee) car show schedule for you. I'm thinking some of our chapter members might be interested in going. We went a few times & we really enjoyed ourselves. There're stuff for women too not just for men.
See you next meeting,
Ann Lee

Link to Web site:
<https://www.mypigeonforge.com/events/car-shows/>

Apr 16 - Apr 18
Pigeon Forge Spring Rod Run

May 14 - May 16
Grand National F-100 Ford Show

Jun 4 - Jun 6
Pontiacs in Pigeon Forge Car Show

Aug 14 - Aug 15
Great Smoky Mountain Bronco Stampede

Aug 20 - Aug 22
Great Smoky Mountain Jeep Club Invasion

Sep 17 - Sep 19
Pigeon Forge Fall Rod Run

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International Meet Update

62nd Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet
Waxahachie, TX – September 23-27, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	Tuesday September 22, 2026	
12:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Ballroom
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Vendor setup	Ballroom
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration & packet assembly	Board room
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Memorabilia setup	Meet room B
5:00 p.m.	Registration Deadline SDC Judging Classes 1-5	Cornerstone

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Wednesday September 23, 2026		
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	SDC Drive Through Judging Classes 1 - 5	Porte Cochere
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open for SDC Registration & packet pick up	Foyer
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Welcome from local dignitaries	Foyer
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Ballroom
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open for SDC Registration & packet pick up	Meet room B
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Swap Meet	Ballroom
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	SDC National Board of Directors Meeting	Meet room D
9:00 a.m.	Toy & watches accepted for judging through Thursday	Meet room B
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Seminar - Hamilton Ontario Canada factory history & closing	Crape Myrtle
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Excursion Billy Bob's & Stock Yards, DFW Car & Toy Museum, Lunch Included	Fort Worth
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Ladies luncheon	Waxahachie
noon - 6:00 p.m.	Food trucks	Parking lot
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Seminar	Crape Myrtle
5:00 p.m.	Registration Deadline SDC Judging Classes 6-9 & SI	Cornerstone
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Meet & Greet Rallyard Park	Waxahachie

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday September 24, 2026 (continued)		
noon - 6:00 p.m.	Food trucks	Parking lot
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Seminar	Crape Myrtle
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting	Crape Myrtle
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auction	Crape Myrtle
Friday September 26, 2026		
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	SDC Registration & packet pick up	Foyer
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Ballroom
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Excursion Magnolia Silos - Lunch - Dr. Pepper Museum	Waco
9:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Swap Meet	Ballroom
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Vehicle Photos	Porte Cochere
8:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality/Memorabilia Rooms Open	Meet room B
noon - 6:00 p.m.	Food trucks	Parking lot
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Pick up watches, memorabilia ,judging sheets	Meet room B
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Vintage car tour through local countryside	Waxahachie
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Ice cream social/ parade	Waxahachie

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Saturday September 27, 2026		
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Grounds open to general public/ car show	Parking lot
9:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Swap Meet	Ballroom
noon - 6:00 p.m.	Food trucks	Parking lot
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Happy Hour	Crape Myrtle
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet	Ballroom

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Studebaker Drivers Club Centennial RT66 Tour

May 11-22, 2026





Join at any place along the way, travel with us as long as you like, and see the Mother Road in her 100th year. Our tour is led by Steve Fitzgerald. His details, hotels, routes, and day-to-day plan are available at this link.

<https://studebakersiowa.com/sdc-rt66-details>

Download the Town by Town detail route guide for easier reading. No registration or fees are required, but we hope you will use the form on this link to let us know you are coming so we can plan parking and seating for the activities along the way. Responding here will not add you to our planning; please use the form on the Let Us Know button.

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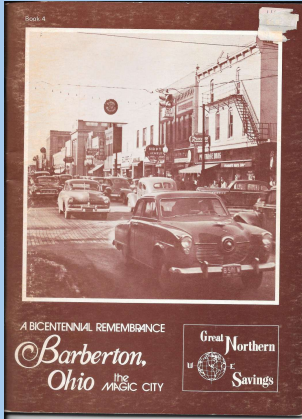


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While rummaging through some old boxes...

By Tim Taylor



I am a bit of a packrat; I admit it. So it's not too surprising that I have some boxes full of stuff that I haven't explored in years. Well, the other day I was opening some dust-covered boxes to see what was inside, and I came across a small book that I hadn't seen in at least a decade. It was one in a series of books describing the history of the town in Ohio where I spent the first thirty years of my life. And guess what was prominent on the front cover of that book. It was a good-looking Studebaker "rat."

I'm proud to say that I still remember where the Studebaker dealership was on Hopocan Avenue back in those years. And the Packard dealership on Wooster Road West, too. As a child, I often visited both dealerships where I tested the patience of the salesmen and helped myself to the sales literature that showed the latest models of those attractive cars in full color. I surely wish I had kept that literature, but I was happy to find the book.

Fond memories.

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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.

From Marlene Buchanan, 770-972-5595, mrat30052@aol.com

My husband Snell can no longer work on his collection of antique cars. I need to sell some off and I need someone who could finish up two cars. One is 1955 Studebaker Hawk and the other is a 1940 Chevy. The 1940 only needs some final connections to have it finished. It drives well.

The Studebaker needs the final putting together of the dash. It is drivable but there are things to complete before it gets the upholstery done.

We also have 1950 Daimler we need to sell. He was working on this one and it is not complete. It could be restored or street-rodged. We have all the original parts, motor, etc. It has a straight eight. We have priced it at \$16,000 to sell but would consider another offer.

We have a 1938 Chevy that is finished. Red & Black.

Can you help me? I would appreciate any names of someone who can finish the 1940 Chevy and Studebaker.

If you or someone you know would like to see the cars, we would love to have them come out.

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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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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

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

Chapter Newsletter, The Hillholder

Editors: Guadalupe & Tim Taylor
404-512-7431
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Southeast Zone Coordinator:

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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-2026-03.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-2026-03.pdf** - This file is a PDF version of the Hillholder. Download and view this file if you prefer the non-interactive newsletter format instead of the new PowerPoint version.
3. **HH-2026-03-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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