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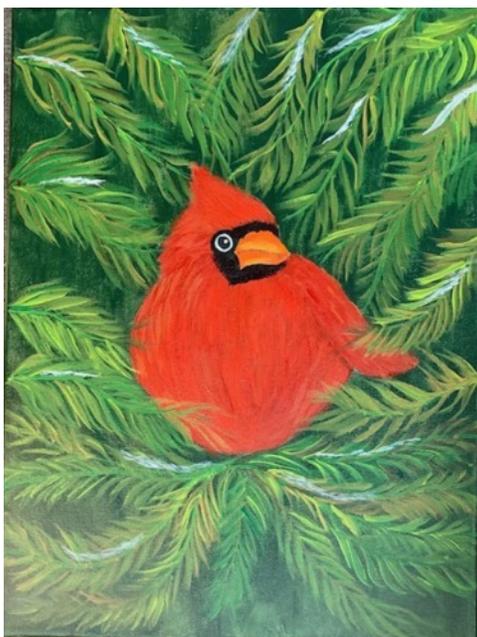
The official newsletter of the North Georgia Chapter,  
Studebaker Drivers Club

*Photos from the October meeting*



*More photos on pages 6-7*

*Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, December 3, in Kennesaw, GA. See details on page 8.*



Acrylic on canvas by  
Guadalupe Taylor

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## President's Message

From Bill Startt

*Several opportunities are anticipated (in 2024) for participating in visits to museums and vintage collections. As officers, we are looking for greater involvement from chapter members in 2024. Wherever possible, please consider volunteering.*



## Department of Corrections

### Correction from Alan Ziglin:

*I have a correction to the minutes of the August meeting. On page 3, it refers to my comment regarding the \$12 national dues. It says for \$12 the person would not get the newsletter, but that is not what I said. For \$12 the person would get our chapter's newsletter. What they would not get is the club magazine.*

Thanks for the correction, Alan.



2024 dues are payable now. \$10 per family gets you The Hillholder and fun times at the meetings! 14 families paid their dues at the October picnic. Don't be left out - you can give Terry your payment at the December meeting or mail a check to Terry Ziemer, 1301 Kristen Lane, Loganville, GA 30052, **payable to North GA SDC**. Please remember that to be a member of the North Georgia SDC, you must also 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."

Should you not want to renew your membership in the chapter, please let Terry know at [ziemer111@hotmail.com](mailto:ziemer111@hotmail.com), Along with this newsletter, you are being sent the current membership roster. Please look at your information in the roster, and let Terry know if any changes or corrections are needed.



**SDC – North GA Chapter – Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2023**

Annual Picnic at Fort Yargo State Park – Winder, GA

Hosts: Charleen and Billy Carey

**Call to Order and Opening Discussion:** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Startt at 2:45 PM. Bill thanked Charleen and Billy Carey for setting up our picnic meeting. Two Studebakers were driven to the meeting. Pete McCaffrey drove his 1963 GT Hawk. Dwight Weir chauffeured Buddy Hunt in Buddy's 1961 Champ Pickup Truck powered by a Ford V-8. The truck is in the process of changing owners. Richard Forgay drove his 1993 Buick Roadmaster. Chuck Lampman would like to sell his 1956 Golden Hawk, which he has owned for 40 years, to someone who will have it for a long-term relationship.

Minutes from the prior (August) meeting were approved by consent.

**Introduction of Guests:** A total of 31 people, members and guests, attended today. Dwight Weir was introduced as guest of Buddy Hunt and Terry Ziemer. Gaynelle Whiseant was also a guest attendee. Alan and Rochelle Ziglin were unable to attend this meeting because they were in Hershey, PA, at an AACA meet. (See their report with photos starting on page 10 of this Hillholder.)

**To Keep in our Thoughts and Prayers:** Chuck Lampman will reach out to find out about Jim Fisher's current health.

**Treasurer's Report (Wayne Ziemer):** Wayne provided a treasurer's report. The previous balance was \$4191.81, and the current balance is \$3,941 after \$250 in withdrawals for the Fort Yargo Reservation.

**Membership Chairperson's Report (Terry Ziemer):** Terry collected dues for next year's membership. Dues are still only \$10. President Bill explained the current cost of National Studebaker Club membership, which is a prerequisite to joining any chapter of the SDC.

**Website and Facebook Update (Rick Kamen):** Facebook is being kept up-to-date by Rick with new activities and upcoming events. Rick provided information regarding elections to be held at our next chapter meeting. He asked for members interested in holding an office next year to step forward. The club would prefer to have more than one person on the ballot for each open office.

**Looking Ahead to 2024:**

The club needs someone to organize our next picnic in 2024. The club is open to a new location since the Carey's are no longer able to continue doing it for the chapter. If someone wants to continue making the arrangements for Fort Yargo, including the set up and the reservation, that is an option as well. The club is open to the possibilities of a different month as well as the location. Please share your ideas. The line-up of hosts for our meetings in 2024 include Frank and Beverly Petru for February, Tim and Guadalupe Taylor for April, Bill and Kathy Startt for June, Terry and Dora Smith for August, Ron Martinez and Arlinda Eaton for October, and Wayne and Terry Ziemer for December. One of those meetings could be a picnic, depending on the will of the host to organize it.

Current officer Terry Ziemer will continue as Regional Manager, Wayne Ziemer will continue as treasurer, and Tim Taylor will continue as newsletter editor. The club needs 2024 candidates for President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Bill has agreed to continue as President for 2024 unless someone else steps forward.

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## Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2023, continued

**Rick Kamen on the move:** Rick Kamen provided information regarding his upcoming move to East Glens Falls New York with his new bride Linda Rizzi. The couple will be doing a "reverse snow bird". They are looking forward to New York winters and will visit Georgia each spring and summer. A cake was brought to the picnic to celebrate the couple's new life adventure. By the way, Rick generously offered to continue in his role of Webmaster and Facebook guru on behalf of our club.

**Old Business:** President Bill addressed legacy charity options that the club may want to contribute to. They included SDC internship scholarship for mechanic/restoration, in Bob Palma's name. Hemmings Foundation is also another good candidate. The South Georgia SDC chapter currently contributes in a deceased member's name. Richard Hickock seconded a motion for \$100, this year, for the Bob Palma SDC internship program. Treasurer Wayne Z. is delegated to make this contribution in the name of our chapter.

**New Business:** SDC member Jim Geary had contacted Bill Startt regarding the possibility of a joint meeting with the North Carolina chapter at the *Wheels through Time* museum in Maggie Valley, NC. Jim is not a member of the NGSDC, but he has held positions in the National SDC. Jim is responsible for organizing the Studebakers on display at the museum. Currently there are three Studebakers on display thanks to Jim's efforts. They include a 1957 Golden Hawk, an Avanti, and a Weasel. There is also a Packard on display.

Bill S. asked for the club members to provide names of Studebaker mechanics to post to help other members to maintain their cars. Information on any facility that is Studebaker or "old car" friendly would be appreciated, since finding anyone to work on older cars is growing increasingly harder. Bill also provided a report on the Maggie Valley show that he recently attended.

The National SDC is entertaining the possibility of holding the 2025 national meet in Manitoba, Canada. The 2024 Studebaker International meet will be held in Dubuque, Iowa.

**Adjournment:** With our agenda completed and with no further discussions on the table, the business meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM.

**Drawings:** Our generous hosts, the Careys, provided a table full of door prizes for all to enjoy. Thank you, Charleen and Billy. The 50-50 was won by Barbara Miller; she and the club each pocketed \$36.50. Congratulations, Barbara.

**Next Chapter Meeting:** The next meeting of the NGSDC will be held in Kennesaw GA at Provino's Italian Restaurant. See page 8 of this Hillholder for details.



*Happy Holidays!*



**October Meeting ATTENDEES (31 people)**

Wayne & Terry Ziemer  
 Billy & Charleen Carey  
 Barbara Miller  
 Helen & Richard Forgay '93 Buick Roadmaster  
 Gaynelle Whiseant (Guest)  
 Buddy Hunt '61 Champ pick-up  
 Dwight Wier (Guest) (drove Buddy's Champ)  
 Lenny & Phyllis Major  
 Ron & Arlinda Martinez  
 Hobo & Brenda Bodkin  
 Joe Flannery  
 Loren Nelson  
 Frank & Beverly Petru  
 Richard Kickok  
 Guadalupe & Tim Taylor  
 Peter McCaffrey '62 Hawk  
 Rick & Linda Kamen  
 Bill & Kathy Startt  
 Harry Dabrowski



**November & December CELEBRATIONS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Chuck Lampman	11/03
Helen Forgay	11/07
Susana Williams	11/11
Ron Martinez	11/17
Daryl Oswald	11/19
Jim Sanders	11/22
Pam Partain	11/26
Loretta Malin	12/01
Charleen Carey	12/05
Bill Nixon	12/07
Kathy Nixon	12/09
Hobo Bodkin	12/09
Edward Burris	12/11
Barbara Miller	12/20
Christina Ladd	12/23
Alan Ziglin	12/24
Helen Nelson	12/29

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Snell & Marlene Buchanan 12/13

**2024 Meeting Schedule**

Submitted by Ann Lee

**Feb 4: Canton, GA.**

**Host:** Frank & Beverly Petru  
**Info:** 678-493-0658

**April 7: Powder Springs, GA.**

**Host:** Tim & Guadalupe Taylor  
**Info:** 404-512-7431

**June 2: Sugar Hill, GA**

**Host:** Bill & Kathy Startt  
**Info:** 678-852-8536

**Aug 4: Morrow, GA.**

**Host:** Terry & Dora Smith  
**Info:** 404-213-0523

**Oct 6: Marietta, GA.**

**Host:** Ron Martinez & Arlinda Eaton  
**Info:** 818-337-9401

**Dec 8: Loganville, GA.**

**Host:** Wayne & Terry Ziemer  
**Info:** 706-202-5808  
 Annual Christmas party & chapter officer elections.



**Treasurer's Report, November, 2023**

10/15/2023  
 Opening Balance: \$3,941.81  
  
                     ck #5140 deposit \$166.50  
                     dues \$10.00  
                     50/50 \$36.50  
                     dues \$120.00  
  
 11/07/2023  
 Ending Balance: \$4,108.31

Submitted by Wayne Ziemer



# October Meeting Photos

Photos by Wayne Lee



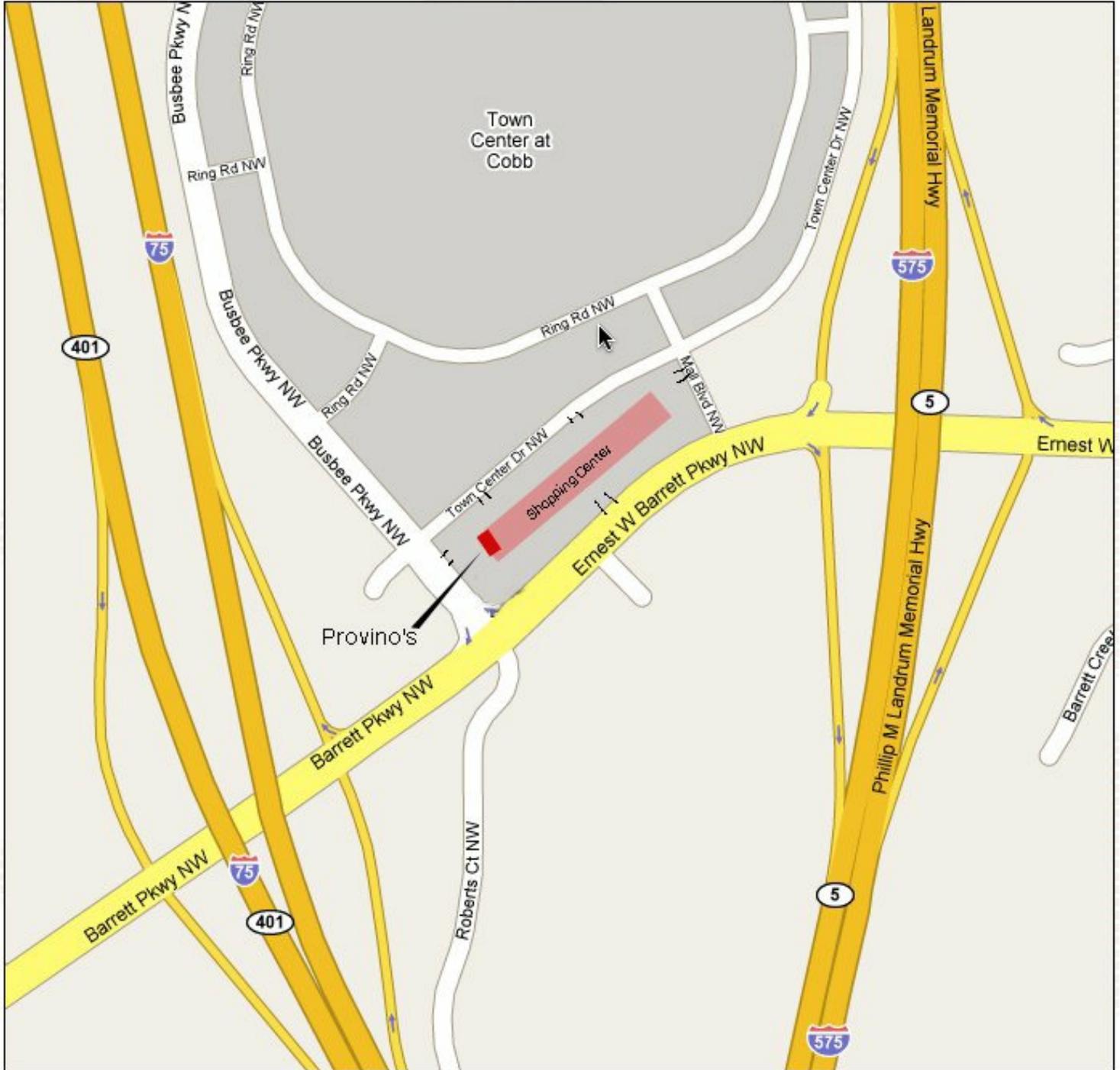
# More August Meeting Photos

Photos by Wayne Lee



## North Georgia Chapter SDC December Meeting

Our December meeting will take place at Provino's Italian Restaurant, 440 Ernest W Barrett Pkwy, Kennesaw, GA 30144. This will be the annual Christmas party and chapter officer elections. The meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 3. Map and directions appear below. Thanks to Joe Flannery (551-404-8992) for hosting this meeting.



Near Town Center mall, north of Marietta; accessible from either I-75 or I-575. (We recommend using I-575 since entrance to the parking area is 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 the parking lot entrances, including Barrett Parkway, Busbee Parkway, and Town Center Drive.

## Studebaker National Museum Update

1933 #34 Studebaker Special Added to Museum Collection!



The Studebaker National Museum is pleased to announce that it has acquired the 1933 #34 Studebaker Special, one of the five Studebaker factory-built Indianapolis 500 race cars.

Museum staff and volunteers have sought to add one of the five Studebaker Indy cars for several decades. This incredible vehicle connects Indiana's most iconic event, the Indianapolis 500 and the state's

most prominent automotive manufacturer.

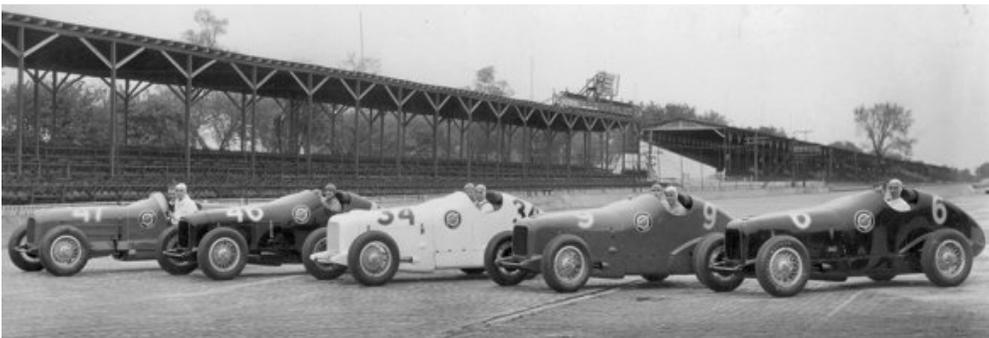
The #34 Studebaker Special is the only surviving factory car with its streamlined 1933 coachwork. The car goes on display October 24, 2023. Visit now to be one of the first to take in this incredible piece of history!

We Need Your Help!

This acquisition was made possible by the humbling generosity of a number of key donors in our community and enthusiasts around the globe. Even as the Studebaker Special arrives in the Collection, we need your help now! The Museum is seeking donations to support #34's current and ongoing care, conservation, and maintenance and also to create special exhibit materials to tell its story.

Please consider a donation to support this project at the link below!

**Donate**



The #34 Studebaker Special was part of Studebaker's factory-backed Indianapolis 500 racing team that competed in 1932 and 1933. It wears its 1933 body and livery, and was piloted that year by Tony Gulotta who was accompanied by riding mechanic Carl Riscignio. It

qualified 12th at 113.678 mph and finished 7th. Studebaker's five-car entry in the 1932 Indianapolis 500 was one of the race's largest factory-backed efforts. The cars were powered by Studebaker's 337 cubic-inch President inline eight cylinder engine and featured other chassis components sourced from Studebaker's parts bins. The Studebaker team's top finisher took 3rd place with the rest of the team placing 6th, 13th, 15th, and 16th. Studebaker rebodied four of its five cars for the 1933 race. The new streamlined bodies were designed with the aid of the University of Michigan's wind tunnel. The #34 car finished a team-best 7th, and took home \$1,300 in prize money.



**Mail from Alan Ziglin**

Last week we were on a week long tour in central Georgia with the Buick Club. One stop was at the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. It is near Warner Robins, GA. They have on display restored and unrestored engines built by Studebaker.



To the right is a picture of an electric Studebaker from the entry area of the AACA international headquarters in Hershey, Pennsylvania.



Photos by Alan Ziglin

# Mail & Photos from Alan Ziglin, continued

From the AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Museum in Hershey, PA.



### 1920 Studebaker

Manufacturer: Studebaker Corporation | South Bend, Indiana  
Model: Special Six Touring

Studebaker positioned the "Special Six", as its mid-priced offering between the "Light-Six" and the Series 20 Big-Six.

Special Sixes, came in 5 models: 2 and 4 passenger Roadsters, Coupe, Sedan, and the Touring Car example seen here. All Special Six models rode on a 119 inch wheelbase powered by a 50 HP in-line 6 cylinder engine. Period advertising promoted the Special Six's "removable head" design, its "power, quick getaway, ease of handling, economy" and stated "you will be convinced that it is the outstanding value among five-passenger cars."

By comparison, the 126 inch wheelbase "Big-Six", available only in a 7 passenger Touring configuration, had a 60 HP engine.

Studebaker began building wagons and carriages in 1852, incorporated as Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company in 1865, built electric vehicles in 1902 and its first gasoline automobile in 1914. A 1954 merger forming the Packard-Studebaker Corporation did not solve major financial issues, returned in name to Studebaker Corporation in 1962 producing the last Studebaker in 1966.

**Museum Gift: Leonard Roman of Lake Frederick, VA**

### 1932 Studebaker

Manufacturer: Studebaker Corporation | South Bend, IN  
Model: Model 55 Saint Regis Brougham

There were 12 Studebaker models offered in 1932 and the St. Regis made its debut that year. By this time, safety glass was standard in all Studebaker models. The 1932 Studebaker has a special body with extremely long doors making it very easy to get into the back seats. It has a longer wheelbase at 117". The 1932 Studebaker was made with slanting windshields and more rounded corners. It now has a single bar front bumper. The visor over the windshield is no longer on the car.

The car was owned by Fred Messner, nicknamed the car "Helen" because he had no sons and no daughters. Mr. Messner personally spent over five and a half years and countless hours restoring "Helen".

In October of 1932, Studebaker almost merged with the White Motor Co. but because the deal fell through, Studebaker was on the brink of bankruptcy. A 1954 merger with Packard failed to solve the company's financial problems. The Studebaker Corporation name returned in 1962 but 1966 saw the last production Studebaker built.

**Museum Gift: Donald Messner of Williamsport, PA in memory of his father Fred Messner**



## Mail & Photos from Alan Ziglin, continued

From the AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Museum in Hershey, PA.

### 1964 Studebaker

Manufacturer: Studebaker-Packard Corporation | South Bend, IN  
Model: Daytona convertible

Studebaker introduced the Daytona as part of the Lark model line in 1962. To reduce production costs, Studebaker – Packard Corp. had decided to abandon the full size car market and market the 1959 Lark model as a downsized redesign of its existing full size platform. Reduced front & rear overhangs and a shortened wheelbase avoided doing a total new vehicle design.

Powered by a 259 CI dual exhaust, 2 barrel carbureted V8 engine and automatic transmission, this Astra white, red bucket seat interior with black vinyl convertible top example rolled out of the South Bend plant in October of 1963. That plant closed Dec, 20, 1963 when Studebaker production moved to the Hamilton, Ontario Canada plant. This Daytona has the two tone steering wheel typical of South Bend built cars rather than the solid white steering wheel of the later Canadian built cars.

Equipped with power steering, AM/FM radio, factory undercoat, full wheel covers, front seat belts this Daytona earned the AACA Grand National award in 2002 and scored 99 out of 100 points at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Studebaker Drivers Club International held in 2018. It has accumulated less than 1,000 miles since its ground up restoration more than 20 years ago.

**Museum Gift: William D. and Betty Whitaker, Fort Myers, FL**



From the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA. This is a place with 1,000 (one thousand!) cars for sale! It used to be a shopping mall until it was purchased to display all these cars.



All Photos by Alan Ziglin



# 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](mailto:studebiker@hotmail.com). One photo may be included for each ad. All ads and photos should be sent to e-mail [studebiker@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



**1963 GT Hawk.** New Rosemist paint, re-chromed bumper, new fuel pump, water pump, motor mounts, brakes, rebuilt carb, 289 2-bbl dual exhaust, automatic, manual steering and brakes. Original interior. From the Bill Tilden Estate. \$14,000. Richard Forgay, 770-775-2064.



**1954 Commander** hard top. New paint, bumpers, brakes with finned front drums. Carb rebuilt, new Coker wide whites, original red vinyl interior. 232 V8 3-speed with overdrive. Most exterior chrome replaced with NOS. From the Bill Tilden estate. \$18,000. Richard Forgay, 770-775-2064.



**1957 Studebaker Provincial** four-door. The south Georgia Studebaker Chapter has a member that is hoping to sell this car. 257 V8, automatic transmission, complete restoration, beautiful interior. For more info, call Perry James (912) 399-5527.

## AVANTI and OTHER PARTS

**Chuck Lampman** has sold his Avanti and has two complete disassembled 259 engines, complete with heads, clutches and bell housings free to somebody who will put them together and get at least one good engine out of the parts. One block has a cracked cylinder wall, so it would have to be sleeved. Also have a 232 crankshaft and various used transmission and other parts he needs to get rid of.

Also, for sale, various shop equipment- industrial Lincoln welding machine, bead blasting cabinet with exhaust fan, hydraulic press, other stuff.

Call Chuck at 404 483-5380 to discuss what you need and what he needs to get for the stuff.



**1930 Commander,** California car. Frame-off restoration in 2005. Needs a few details. Straight Eight engine with manual shift transmission. Runs, drives, and stops. Terry Brooks, Richmond Hill GA, 912-656-3581.

**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 Ms. Terry Ziemer  
1301 Kristen Lane,  
Loganville, GA 30052

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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**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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