



The HILLHOLDER

The official newsletter of the North Georgia Chapter SDC

Photos from the April meeting



More photos on pages 6-8

Our next meeting for 2023 will take place on Sunday, June 4, at the Diner at Sugar Hill in Sugar Hill, GA, starting at 1:30, (not 2:00). See details on page 9.



Photos by Joe Flinnery

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President's Message

From Bill Startt

There are some obvious benefits to joining the Studebaker Driver's Club (SDC), such as the Forum and local/international meets and conventions. Our local North GA chapter offers a more personal "touch" to keeping in contact with chapter members and their families, plus viewing and discussing their Studebaker cars. You must be an SDC annual member to become a chapter member, but chapter membership is encouraged, but not required.

Notice Early Start Time

The usual starting time for our bi-monthly meetings is 2:00 PM, although some folks like to arrive early around 1:30 to look at cars and socialize. Please note that the starting time for our June meeting is 1:30. If you want to come early to socialize, arrive closer to 1:00. You'll be late if you arrive at 2:00..

2023 Meeting Schedule

June 4: Sugar Hill, GA, at 1:30.

Host: Bill & Kathy Startt. Info: 678-852-8536. See page 9 of this Hillholder.

Aug 6: Morrow, GA

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

Oct 1: Winder, GA

Host: Billy & Charleen Carey. Info: 770-867-2060 (Cell) 770-867-7186. **Annual chapter picnic at Fort Yargo State Park.**

Dec 3: Sandy Springs, GA

Host: Joe Flannery. Info: 551-404-8992. **Annual Christmas party & chapter officer elections.**

Thank you all for hosting!

May / June CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Nora Verheyen	5/03
Linda Rizzi (Kamen)	5/05
Tim Taylor	5/24
Lisa Wilkins	5/31
Joshua McCord	6/18
Jim Loftin	6/26
Cindy Oswald	6/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Barbara Loftin	5/01
Loren & Helen Nelson	5/01
Richard & Helen Forgay	6/06
Frank & Beverly Petru	6/09
Aalan & Rochelle Ziglin	6/14
Wayne & Ann Lee	6/23
Bill & Kathy Startt	6/28

Submitted by Ann and Wayne Lee

SDC - North GA Chapter – Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2023

Provino's Italian Restaurant, Marietta, GA

Hosts: Ron & Arlinda Martinez

Reported by Recording Secretary Joe Flannery

call to Order and Opening Discussion:

President Bill Startt opened the business meeting for the N. GA Chapter of SDC at 2:00 PM, following our normal delicious restaurant meal. This, our April bimonthly meeting, was held at Provino's Italian Restaurant on Barrett Parkway (Town Center) in Kennesaw. Hosts were Ron and Arlinda Martinez. Thank you Ron and Arlinda for agreeing to host. Each table was adorned with take-home Easter basket centerpieces full of sweet goodies, and door prizes were generously provided. We conducted our usual 50-50 raffle drawing, and President Bill had the winning ticket; he split the \$80 proceeds with the chapter.

Introduction of Guests:

Long-time members Henry and Loretta Malin were in attendance as well as "Crazy" Ray and Dianne Smith. The Smiths came with a basket full of "neat" manufactured resin "STUDE/BAKER" sculptures as gifts for everyone who wanted to take one home. We were well attended with 21 chapter members; two guests and three Studebakers: a "Gold" 1950 Business Coupe, a 1951 Starlight Coupe, and a 1954 GT Hawk. See photos starting on page 6 of this Hillholder.

Members with Health Issues or Condolences:

Buddy Hunt is not doing well, following the passing of his wife Dot last year.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Rick Kamen brought it to everyone's attention that he and Lin Rizzi are engaged. They will be married for more than a month by the time we see them at the next SDC meeting.

Vice Presidents' Comments:

Joe Flannery had no specific comments.

Treasurer's Report (Wayne Ziemer):

Our chapter's current balance after mailings and 50-50 earnings is \$4,156.81. See page 5 of this Hillholder for more details.

Membership Chairperson's Report (Terry Ziemer):

Per the February and March national membership report, I have contacted the new and renewed national members who live in our area, about joining our local chapter. As a result, we have four new members, Darryl & Cindy Oswald and Gary & Nora Verheyen. I have not heard from former North GA members who have renewed their national membership.

I also have club name badges for ten members who paid their club dues in 2019 and 2022 but never attended a meeting. Should I send the name badges and information about renewing their membership in our chapter? *(It was later agreed by vote to let Terry follow up with these people.)*

Hillholder Newsletter Update (Tim Taylor):

Everything is running smoothly. Please send more articles and photos.

Website and Facebook Update (Rick Kamen):

Need to update our chapter website, but Facebook site is running smoothly. Rick discussed the upcoming invitation for "vintage cars" at the Southeastern RR Association site on Buford Highway (May 6th?). The N. GA SDC page on Facebook would provide any information on upcoming shows. Ricky always posts local events worth attending.

Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2023, continued

Old Business:

President Bill has not yet responded to Gateway Classic Cars' invitation to showcase our vintage cars at one of their monthly Caffeine and Chrome get-togethers. At our last meeting, little interest was shown by our members. Benefits would be more publicity for our chapter and Studebaker vintage cars.

New Business:

President Bill proposed a sort of "legacy" for chapter members, who no longer own a Studebaker or may have no plans for passing their autos on to their estate. One suggestion might be contributing towards an automotive restoration scholarship to a young man or woman interested in restoring the "classics." These are available from a number of good organizations such as the RPM Foundation (Hemmings Classic Cars), AACA or SDC (memorial contributions to the Bob Palma fund).

The Savoy Auto Museum was mentioned. Bill and Kathy Startt recently visited the museum and will provide some photos for our next Hillholders. The club members that haven't been there yet were encouraged to tour the museum and support the old car hobby. There are currently three Studebakers on display. A 1963 Avanti, 1957 Golden Hawk, and a 1947 Champion. The Savoy is holding a car show on May 6th.

Adjournment:

Having completed our agenda and no further discussions, the business meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM.

Next Chapter Meeting: June 4th 2023 @ 1:30 PM, Sugar Hill Diner, Nelson Brogdon Blvd. (GA Route 20), Sugar Hill, GA. Our host and hostess will be Bill and Kathy Startt. Check page 9 of this Hillholder for more details.

Savoy Automobile Museum, Cartersville

The Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville has been a topic of discussion at our meetings for a while now. As mentioned in the meeting minutes above, Bill and Kathy Startt recently visited the museum and photographed the three Studebakers on display. Thanks for sharing, Bill.



Treasurer's Report, May, 2023

A	B	C	D	E
				\$4,155.53
3/9/2023	dues	1666		\$10.00
				\$4,165.53
	badges	3060		\$63.42
				\$4,102.11
3/11/2023	dues	6472		\$10.00
				\$4,112.11
4/1/2023	dues	1144	\$10.00	
		1482	\$10.00	
		437	\$10.00	
				\$30.00
				\$4,142.11
4/10/2023	due		\$20.00	
	50/50		\$40.00	
ng	mailings		-\$45.30	
				\$14.70
				\$4,156.81
5/13/2023	dues	7173	\$10.00	\$10.00
				\$4,166.81

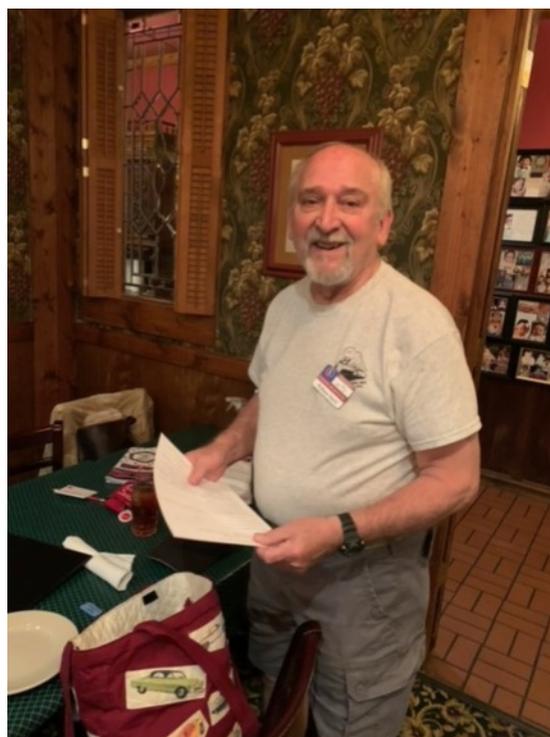
Submitted by Wayne Ziemer

April Meeting Photos

Photos by Joe Flannery

April Meeting ATTENDEES (23 people)

Wayne & Terry Ziemer	
Henry & Loretta Malin	Gold 1950 Stude
Steve Guest	
Ron & Arlinda Martinez (Hosts)	
Sharon Stone	
Wayne & Ann Lee	Chevy SSR
"Crazy" Ray & Dianne Smith	
Loren Nelson	
Tim & Guadalupe Taylor	
Cynthia Ingraham	
Elizabeth Wilkins	
Rick Kamen & Lin Rizzi	
Jim Loftin	
Alan Ziglin	1951 Starlight
Joe Flannery	
Bill Startt	1964 GT Hawk



More February Meeting Photos

Photos by Joe Flannery



Still More February Meeting Photos

Photos by Guadalupe Taylor



Brake Fluid Testing

By Wayne Lee

Automotive brake fluid does a great job of activating the brake cylinders that, in turn, push the brake shoes against the drum, so we can stop our Studebaker when we need to. However, brake fluid has a downside you need to be aware of; namely, it absorbs moisture from the environment. The technical term for this is "hygroscopic." Hygroscopic is the phenomenon of attracting and holding water molecules via adsorption from the surrounding environment. When this occurs, the moisture content can change the chemistry of the brake fluid, which can negatively affect how well your brakes work. Additionally, the extra moisture will cause the metal in your braking system to begin to corrode and rust.

This hit home recently as I've been helping a young fellow resurrect his 1957 Studebaker Transtar pickup. While jockeying the truck around the yard, one of the rear brakes locked up solid. No amount of rocking it with the engine would free it. This could have been disastrous if we'd been out and about town in this car.

I found that the brake master cylinder was full of brake fluid, but it was a dirty rusty brown color, certainly not what I expected to see. Tearing into the brakes I found the wheel cylinder components were rusty and inhibiting the free movement of the components which is why the wheel had locked-up.

Seeing this I became concerned about the brakes in our other Studes. What I needed was a quick and easy way to check the moisture content of brake fluid. The answer was found in a small device that looks like an ink pen called a Brake Fluid Tester available at auto parts stores and online parts outlets as well, often for less than \$20.

Powered by a small battery, the tester has green, yellow and red LEDs, and two metal contacts at one end. Operation is simple: install the battery, turn on the tester, dip the metal contacts into the fluid bowl of your brake master cylinder. The tester measures the moisture content and lights up the appropriate LED. Before testing the Transtar, I tested an old bottle of DOT3 that's been on the shelf for several years. It lit up the yellow LED. I also tested a new bottle of DOT3 and it lit up the green LED. When I tested the Transtar, the tester lit up the red LED indicating too much moisture in the brake fluid – thus confirming why I was seeing the rust in the brake system.

We all spend a lot of time making our Studebakers look good. Why not spend a minute checking your brake fluid to ensure you and your family's safety?!



Submitted by Wayne Lee

CELEBRATION OF THE AUTHENTIC CAR II

MAY 20, 2023

DULUTH, GEORGIA

A Different Type of Car Show!

The Celebration of the Authentic Car (CotAC) was created to showcase authentic, unmodified, and historic pre-war cars. The vast majority of car shows, certainly those held in the greater Atlanta area, now overwhelmingly feature modified and custom cars, most of which are great vehicles. Sadly, owners of interesting, rare, and historic cars often won't bring their authentic vehicles to such events.

CotAC gives authentic cars a show of their own!

Modified and custom cars, hot rods if you wish, represent an individual's personal style, creativity, and craftsmanship, while authentic cars are different kinds of vehicles: accurate illustrations of the wide diversity of automotive history.

All authentic cars, through 1948, restored or not, are invited to enter the CotAC show. The idea is that a car in the CotAC show appears visually as it did when new and also maintains its original style drivetrain. For example, small block Chevy engines or mag wheels on a pre-war car are not authentic features. A '34 Ford with a '41 flathead engine or a Model A Ford with later Ford V8 wheels is fine. The point is that a CotAC automobile represents and illustrates the accurate history of its day and time.

Determination of a particular car's eligibility will be solely at the discretion of the CotAC staff. No one should feel slighted that their car doesn't meet the show's narrow criteria. And please note that the parking lots and show fields are right next to each other, just a few feet apart.

The entry fee for cars accepted into the CotAC car show is a donation to the Southeastern Railway Museum in any amount. Please be generous!

The owners of cars not accepted for the show, and all other attendees, will be asked pay the museum's admission fees, which range from \$18 to \$12. The museum's buildings will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM. Hours of the CotAC show are from 9 AM to 3 PM.

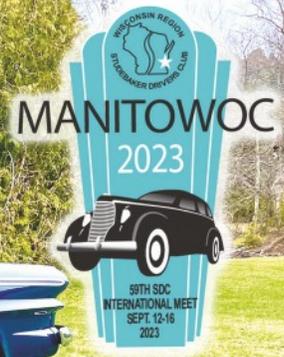
CotAC is designed to be a low-impact, fun event, and therefore **there will be no formal judging.** Several categories of visitor-voted 'People's Choice' awards will be given out to vehicles that remain until the event's conclusion at 3 PM.

Registration and parking lots for CotAC will open for entrants at 8 AM, May 20, 2023. **Note that pre-registration is not required.** There will be food available on the property midday and secured parking for trailers also will be provided Friday and Saturday nights. Details of the host hotel and the trailer parking areas will be provided once these particulars have been confirmed.

The Celebration of the Authentic Car show is held to benefit the 40-plus-year-old, non-profit Southeastern Railway Museum, which is allowing the CotAC show to use its facility without cost. It is consistently voted the most popular museum in Gwinnett County, Georgia. Kids absolutely love SRM!

After the dissolution of the AACAA's Southeastern Chapter a few years ago, Georgia has not enjoyed many car shows devoted to unmodified, historic, and authentic vehicles. It is hoped the Celebration of the Authentic Car will find a permanent place on the calendars of enthusiasts who cherish such cars.

Please contact Gregory Wells, (404) 610-4524 or greg@slotblog.net, for more information. SRM is located at 3595 Buford Hwy, Duluth, GA 30096.



1964 Studebaker Daytona convertible formerly owned by Fran and Buzz Beckman.

The 2023 SDC International Meet is dedicated to Buzz Beckman, Ed Carmo, Wayne Detjen, and Rick Rehek - WRSDC members who are no longer with us.

Visit scenic Manitowoc and Two Rivers, Wis. on September 12-16, 2023!

Northeast Wisconsin is a beautiful place in late summer - and the Wisconsin Region Studebaker Drivers Club will have a wide range of great activities planned for the 59th SDC International Meet, Stay tuned for more details! **We'll see you there!**



Lake Michigan Car Ferry Ludington, Mich. to Manitowoc, Wis.



Wisconsin Maritime Museum featuring submarine USS Cobia



Two Rivers, Wis. Home of the Ice Cream Sundae

Enjoy the hospitality of our friendly community.



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.



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.



1960 Champ pickup. 42,000 original miles 259 V8, three-speed with automatic overdrive. Near perfect exterior, decent interior. My only Studebaker since 2004. Well-documented history and maintenance records going back to the original owner in Arkansas. \$14,000 obo. Tim Taylor, 404-512-7431.

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 1st) 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)

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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