



# The HILLHOLDER

The official newsletter of the North Georgia Chapter SDC



*Photos from the February meeting.*



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*Our next meeting for 2022 will take place on Sunday, April 3, at Boondocks Bar & Grill in Loganville. See details on page 8.*



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### From Terry Ziemer Membership Reminder

I have discovered that National does not send out a reminder when your dues are payable. You may only know this when you realize you are no longer receiving your monthly Turning Wheels magazine! Every member has their own due date.

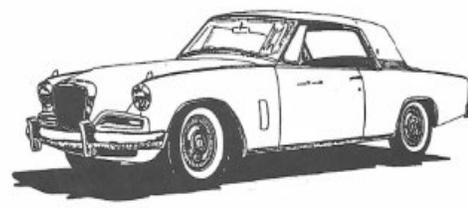
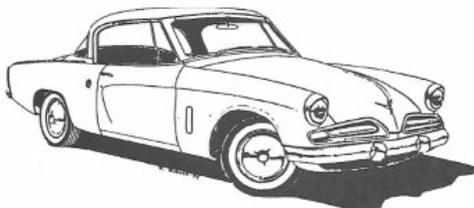
To discover this, go to the membership section on the National web page, put in your login information and you will see it. One of our chapter requirements is that all members must be paid members of National.

Please check your information and pay your dues. Thank you.

### From Bill Startt President's Message

Well folks, as I write this it's 21 degrees out and the wind is howling! I was going to suggest that it is the time to remove the tarp, shake out the cobwebs, change your "classic's" oil, refresh your gas tank (really?) and plan to get out and drive. It could be your Studebaker, Willys (Rick), Hudson, or Packard. Maybe I'm a bit premature with this and the ATL weather! Rick and Wayne have presented us with some opportunities, both locally and some distance away to "show and see." So plan to take advantage, when it's practical.

We should be looking forward to our next North Georgia chapter meeting at the Boondocks Restaurant between Loganville and Walnut Grove, off Highway 81, on Sunday April 3rd, beginning at 2:00 PM. Our hosts will be Terry and Wayne Ziemer. Mark your calendar!



**North Georgia Chapter SDC Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Diner at Sugar Hill, Sugar Hill, GA

Report by Joe Flannery, Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:** The January/February Chapter meeting was called to order by president, Bill Startt at 4:08 PM, following a delicious meal.

Bill introduced all of the new officers for 2022. The names and offices will be in the next issue of the *Hillholder* newsletter. They are Bill Startt, President; Joe Flannery, VP and Recording Secretary; Wayne Ziemer, Treasurer; Terry Ziemer, Membership; Tim Taylor, Newsletter; and Rick Kamen, Website/Facebook Manager. Bill thanked our 2021 officers for serving: Terry and Wayne Ziemer, Wayne Lee, Brenda Bodkin, Tim Taylor, Chuck Lampman, and Rick Kamen.

**Guests:** Pete Stone

**Members with Health Issues or need for Condolences:**

Another timely topic was reaching out to any club members due to ill health. Edward Burris was mentioned. Sharon Stone reported that David Stone had a stroke on Christmas. Please offer your moral and prayer support.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

David and Sharon Stone made sure to attend this meeting and share David's 80th birthday with the club. Pete Stone, David's oldest son was in attendance for the event. The Sugar Hill Diner was very accommodating for our large group of 25 and the party. Anniversary congratulations were extended to Terri and Wayne Ziemer and to Tim and Guadalupe Taylor. The Diner at Sugar Hill helped with the cake and had it all set up for us. Our attendees seemed genuinely pleased with this establishment a future venue.

**Opening Discussion:**

Bill began his first meeting as president with an open discussion on the reasons why we participate in the North GA Chapter events and why we even choose to drive and show our orphan cars, at all. Some of the beneficial effects of driving orphan cars seem to be the fellowship, camaraderie, and anticipation of attending events. We don't mind the extra time and expense required to find gas and make repairs. It's fun to explain and show your car to people who don't know what a Studebaker is.

Bill announced that three Studebakers were in the lot today: his 1964 GT Hawk, Pete McCaffrey's 1963 GT Hawk, and Alan Ziglin's 1951 yellow Commander Starlight coupe.

**Treasury Report:**

An informal treasury report was given by Wayne Ziemer. Bill reported that the club has a balance of about \$4,333 and he suggested that possibly the club should spend a small portion for some club-related activity or awards. It was mentioned how the club in the past has supported trophies for SDC International events as well as the ice cream social for the Chattanooga International Meeting, that regrettably didn't happen as planned. A few members shared their thoughts on this issue.

Our chapter gets some revenue from the 50/50 raffles during our meetings, which are now held six times a year rather than each month. The club does spend money on flowers, and adopts a car at the Studebaker Museum in South Bend, Indiana. Bill is open to any ideas or suggestions for making us a better club. His email address is wrsparky@hotmail.com or wrsparky@comcast.net.

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North Georgia Chapter SDC Meeting Minutes, continued

**Membership Report:**

Terry Ziemer, our new membership secretary and ex-president, had four membership cards to hand out to members. Brenda Bodkin, our previous membership secretary, explained that only paid-up members get cards. That would mean those cards that Terry is holding are for members that had not renewed for this year, at least not yet. There are only two club members that don't have an email address.

Terry and Bill have been following up on obtaining addresses from the SDC International for new members, in order to introduce them to our chapter.

**New Business:**

Rick Kamen reported that the North Georgia Studebaker Chapter Facebook page has the new officers listed and our club membership roster. Zoom meetings were suggested to possibly supplement the other six months that the club doesn't meet in person. Richard Forgay mentioned always checking the *Turning Wheels* magazine regarding any new members in Georgia to follow-up on interest and introduce our North GA Chapter. Bill wants the club to work on a way to commemorate our long-term members. He is open to ideas. Rick suggested a plaque. Some long-time members mentioned were Ed Burris, Alan Ziglin, (who was in possession of a 50-year pin), and Wayne Lee. The founding year of the club was a question that came up, although a definitive answer was not to be found. The answer was to ask the Millers. Alan stated that it was in the 1960's.

Rick Kamen provided information on the Savoy Museum located in Cartersville, GA. You can reach the museum complex from Exit 290 of I-75 and about three miles west of I-75. There are also three other museums located in Cartersville, including the Booth Western and Tellus Science Museums that are part of the Savoy. Rick would like for the club to host an event there and try to get other Studebaker or "orphan" chapters to attend as well. Rick has posted information on an Orphan Car show to be held at the Briscoe Field, Lawrenceville, GA on March 12. You can read the flyer for the event on the North Georgia Chapter Facebook page.

New member Henry Dabrowski, an Avanti owner, is also an owner of other orphan cars and a good friend of Rick Kamen. They were discussing the possibility of joining in with orphan car owners on future activities. Those of you who attended the Douglasville Museum chapter meeting back on Sept. 21, 2019 were part of a joint club meeting with the Hudson Club. Look for more events like that in the future.

Bill was open to any ideas for growing our club. He asked people to give it some thought for the next meeting.

Some door prizes were awarded by our generous host and hostess. The 50/50 raffle was held and Phyllis Major was the winner of \$24.



**Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned by Bill at 4:50 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

- Our next meeting is on April 3 in Loganville, GA. Hosts are Wayne and Terry Ziemer. See details on page 8 of this Hillholder.

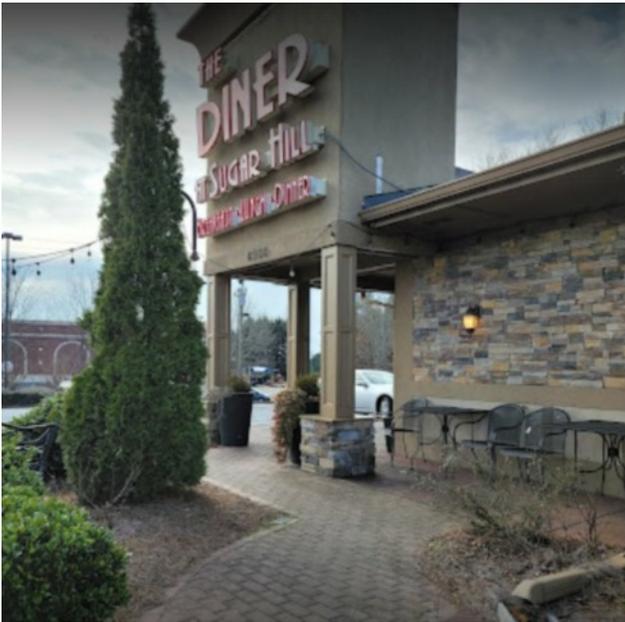
## From the February Meeting

### ATTENDEES

Joe Flannery  
Sharon & David Stone  
Pete Stone  
Bruce Rawley '02 T-Bird  
Loren Nelson  
Alan Ziglin '51 Starlight Coupe  
Rick Kamen '94 Ford Ranger  
Wayne & Terry Ziemer  
Bill & Kathy Startt '64 GT Hawk  
Ron & Arlinda Martinez  
Richard Forgay '93 Buick Roadmaster  
James Fisher  
Chuck Lampman  
Lenny & Phyllis Major  
Pete McCaffrey '63 GT Hawk  
Dotty Carto  
Hobo & Brenda Bodkin  
Henry Dabrowski  
Tim Taylor



# More February Meeting Photos



# Celebrations



## MARCH CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

William Delli	3/13
Robin Stansell	3/14
Brenda Bodkin	3/17
Mike Byrd	3/22
Robert Langford	3/24
Ray Smith	3/27
Sharon Stone	3/31

### ANNIVERSARIES

John & Arlene Hollier	3/03
Ben & Janet Alspach	3/20
Kenneth & Tracy Jones	3/27
Sam & Kathy Ensley	3/31



## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Lenny Major	4/01
Karen Rawley	4/01
Vince Geiger	4/04
John Hollier	4/12
Ann Lee	4/25
Arlene Hollier	4/27

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Barbara Miller	4/06
Henry & Loretta Malin	4/20

## North Georgia SDC 2022 Meeting Schedule

- April 3, 2022: Loganville, GA, Host: Wayne & Terry Ziemer, 706-255-5492. Details on the next page.
- June 5, 2022: Canton, GA, Host: Frank & Beverly Petru, 678-493-0658
- Aug 7, 2022: Douglasville, GA, Host: Guadalupe & Tim Taylor, 404-512-7431
- Oct 2, 2022: Annual chapter picnic at Fort Yargo State Park, Winder, GA, Host: Billy & Charleen Carey, 770-867-2060
- Dec 4, 2022: Cumming, GA, Annual Christmas Party & Chapter Officer Elections. Host: Loren & Helen Nelson, 770-781-3722

Submitted by Wayne & Ann Lee

## Treasurer's Report

North Georgia Studebaker Club financial Report 2022				
				\$4,523.86
Check	2/11/2022	Creative Awards		\$140.06
				\$4,383.80
deposit	3/3/2022	50/50	\$24	\$209.00
		dues	\$165	\$4,592.80
				\$4,652.80 correction
deposit	3/9/2022	dues	10	\$10.00
				\$4,662.80
deposit	3/15/2022	dues	20	\$20.00
				\$4,682.80

Submitted by Wayne Ziemer

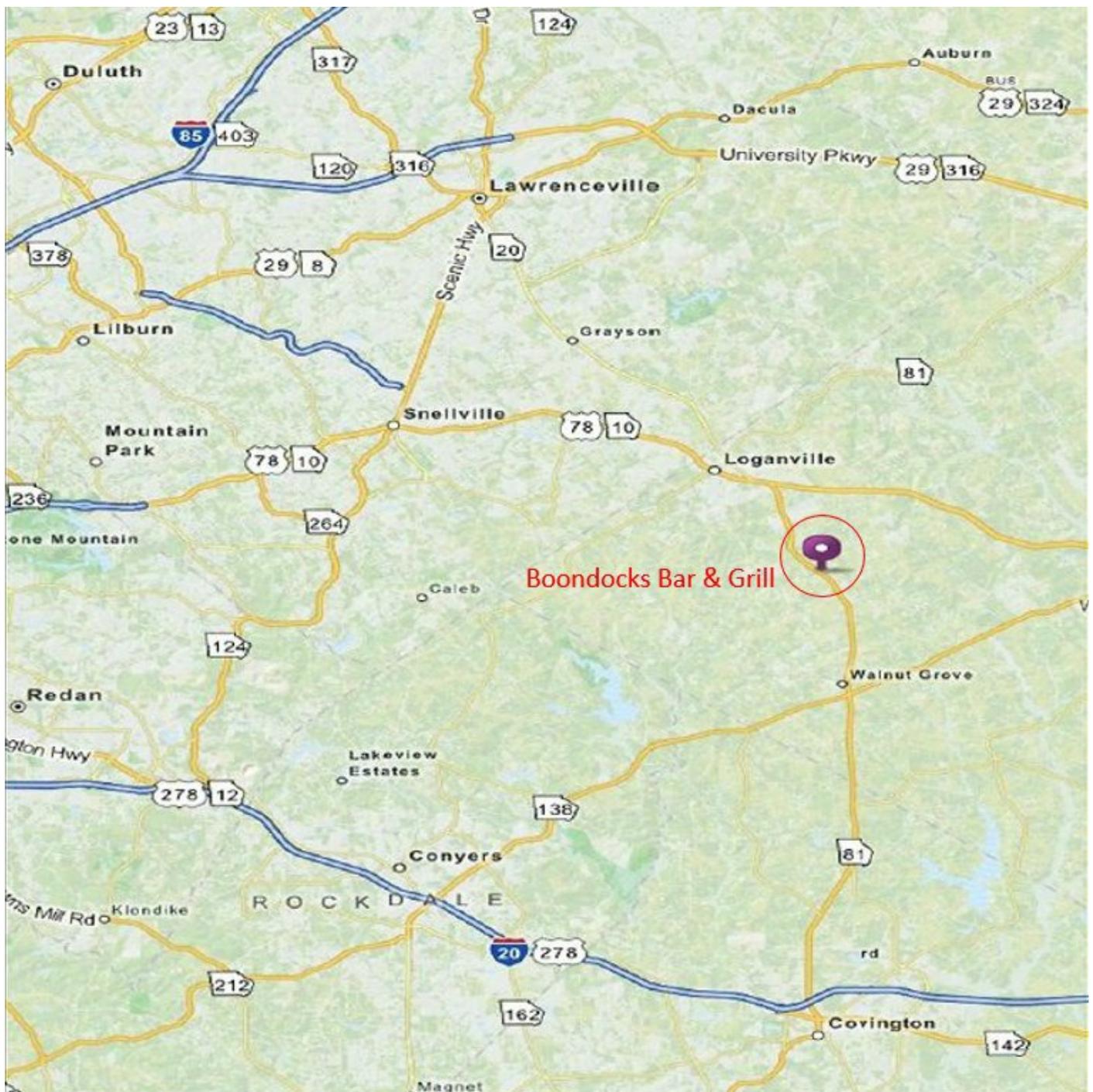
Date: Sunday, April 3

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Boondocks Bar & Grill, 1004 Karlee Blvd. #6, Loganville, GA 30052, 678-615-2116

Directions: Take GA 78 to Loganville, GA. (Exit 39B from I-285). Go South on GA 81. (A right turn if you are going east on GA 78 or a left turn if you are going west on GA 78.) Turn left onto Karlee Blvd. Restaurant is on the right. Plenty of parking for Studebakers! Menu includes sandwiches, hamburgers, pizza, wings, and salads

Questions? Contact the Ziemers: Terry (706-202-5808) or Wayne (706-255-5492)



**Dixieland**  
CRUISERS  
OF  
SAVANNAH

&

*Cruisin' With*



**O'Reilly**  
AUTO PARTS

*The Classics*

**32nd Annual Car Show \* April 9, 2022**

\*\*\*\*\* SHOW LOCATION\*\*\*\*\*

**The Seed Church**

**1950 Chatham Parkway \* Savannah, GA 31405**

**(Corner of Chatham and Veterans Parkways)**

**Plenty of Room \*\* Bring Your Tent (Must Be Secured) \*\* Lots of Fun**

**Top 40 \* Lots of Special Awards \* Dash Plaques (First 150 Entries) \* Door Prize Raffle  
Concessions \* Vendors \* Swap Meet \* 50/50 Drawing**

**\*\*\* Dixieland Cruisers are not responsible for your personal health \*\*\***

**Flyers Courtesy of:**

**Pre-registration: \$20.00  
(Pre-registration Ends 3-15-22  
Day of Car Show: \$25.00  
(Upon Entry)  
Registration: 8:00am-12:00pm  
Judging: 12:00-1:00pm  
Awards: 3:00pm  
Contact 912-661-0037 for  
More Information**



**9 Posey Street  
Savannah, GA 31406  
912-335-7268**

## What's In My Garage?

By Rick Kamen

In my garage are two cars, both 1954 Willys Aero Eagles. They happen to be 55 serial numbers apart and were probably built at the same assembly plant on the same day. They are two of 499 built.



The first is "Old Toby," the white car with the red roof. I bought this car in November 1978 and he has been a part of my family ever since. Survived two marriages and divorces and a move from Los Angeles to Atlanta in 1990. Been on some long distance trips, too: L.A. to Denver, L.A. to St. Louis, L.A. to Phoenix and Tucson several times, Atlanta to Rochester, N.Y. and many local trips. I bought the car with 159,000 miles on it and it now shows 360,000.

The second Willys is the yellow-green car with the dark green roof. This belonged to a friend of mine in the upper peninsula of Michigan. He was going through it, making it a nice driver when he passed away from cancer about 4 years ago. His wife called me last fall and told me that she's ready to sell the car to me. I told her that I was in no position to buy another car: no money, no time and no storage space. She told me I had to buy it, her husband would've wanted me to have it because I wouldn't strip it for parts or customize it. Then she made me that offer that I just couldn't refuse. I had the car shipped here last October. I have not come up with a name for this car yet.



Then there's the cars that don't fit in the garage:

First is a 1964 Ford Econoline panel van that I received from someone that owed me money and gave me the van instead. That was in December, 2001. I've spent some money on it in the past few years and it's become a reliable driver and looks okay if you like the colors blue and rust. My daughter was 6 years old when I got the van and she named it "Blueberry."



My last antique is a daily driver that I use two or three days a week, a 1994 Ford Ranger with the large 4.0 V-6. I bought it in March, 2019 from my unofficial step-brother, who special-ordered it new in 1994. It's showing about 217,000 miles on it. It's turned out to be quite reliable and enjoyable to drive. No name yet but my step-bro always called it "Ranger."



My other daily driver I bought from the estate of a family member in September, 2020. It was her baby that she bought new – a 2003 Subaru Legacy Outback Limited with all the bells and whistles and only 57,000 miles. Because the license plate says RXY xxxx, it has become known as Roxy.



Rick Kamen, Willys Aero Survival Count  
P.O. Box 2273, Lilburn, GA 30048-2273  
404.314.8910  
Aeroman@aol.com

## What Was In Our Garage?

By Ron Martinez

It was on October 20, 2021 that I found myself making one of those difficult, bittersweet decisions – to sell the “one of a kind” car that I had owned since 1998. So, this piece is appropriately titled “What Was in Our Garage?” alongside the three Studebakers (1957 Golden Hawk, 1958 Packard Hawk, 1963 Avanti R1).



The Invader, frequently referred to as a “hot rod icon,” was originally built by Bob Reisner and was one of only two cars to win the America’s Most Beautiful Roadster award twice at the Oakland Roadster Show (1967 and 1968). It was featured in the July 1967 issue of Hot Rod magazine and then again in the January 2003 issue.

Why would this rod be highlighted a second time, 36 years later? Coincidentally, at a Southern California swap meet, I met Steve Magnante who was selling vintage car magazines. Totally unbeknownst to me was his “real” profession – writing for Hot Rod magazine! This chance meeting resulted in “Invader Rediscovered! – Hot Road Exclusive.” In the 2003 article Magnante wrote: “In the case of Ron Martinez, a television producer on shows like Knight Rider; Miami Vice; Murder, She Wrote; and Sabrina the Teenage Witch, his purchase of a thick stack of the July ’67 HOT ROD sounded the alarm.”

Magnante’s historical sketch of The Invader places it among the very first cars of what came to be known as the California Show Car fleet which included the Pink Panther, Milk Truck, Sand Draggin’, Bath Tub, and Outhouse. For 20 years the fleet traveled the world impressing viewers in 31 countries. In 1998, while returning by ship from Korea, The Invader broke loose from its moorings and was extensively damaged.

As they say, I was made an offer I couldn’t refuse. I purchased the vehicle and took it to Scott Guildner in Van Nuys, California for a complete restoration which included rebuilding the twin 400s and milling hydraulic cams with 0.480-inch lift and 230/230-duration at 0.050. This massive undertaking was accomplished just in time for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oakland Roadster Show in 1999. Having never been registered for street use, The Invader was trailered to the show and all other events.

Per the 2003 Hot Rod article, “The dual slant-pan four-speed Hydra-Matics were rebuilt by Steve Carr...of Sun Valley and feature full-manual valve bodies. A single console-mounted stick shift controls both transmissions via tandem brackets and linkage. Long before billet, Reisner’s home-fabbed steering linkage was an engineering marvel. The only weak spot is the overworked non-power-assist Corvair steering box.”

With no doors, this hot rod requires both driver and passenger to crawl into twin bucket seats covered with velour. Magnante ended his article saying “Each engine has its own bank of Stewart-Warner gauges and console-mounted control switches. Martinez starts the driver-side motor first, as it is the only one equipped with an alternator to keep the batteries charged. The Invader uses a pair of ’61 Jaguar differential assemblies. The passenger-side differential has limited-slip, the driver-side does not.”

Although it was heart wrenching to part with The Invader, I am delighted The Volo Automotive Museum added this hot rod icon to its collection so the vehicle can continue to wow car enthusiasts for many years to come. Some aficionados may also appreciate the 11/464-scale assembled die-cast replica of The Invader that was tooled by Mattel and sold by Hot Wheels.





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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.

## CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE



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



### 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](mailto: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.



**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, 770-775-2064



**1962 GT Hawk.** \$15,000. 289 V8, Flight-O-Matic transmission, power steering, factory air conditioning, white with red interior. We are the second owners. Dan and Barbara Miller, 770-932-1615.



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## 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 I need 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.



## **Here's a little fact for automotive buffs, or just to dazzle your friends.**

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946 , the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter. Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car.

They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately. The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed. Now Ford was going to have none of that, as there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown. And so, to this day, all Ford air conditioners show -- Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls.

Did you see that coming? April fools!

*The preceding is taken from a column called Odds 'N' Ends written especially for SDC Editors by Pete Yuen, retired Newsletter Editor.*

**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 Brenda Bodkin  
PO Box 2895  
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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