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The June 1st meeting took place at Provino's.



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President's Message

By Richard Hickok



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Time flies: It's hard to believe that the year is half over, and it's not easy to do automotive activities in this heat. I am sure that we are all looking forward to the fall and cooler weather!

Membership update: The membership stands pat at 48, but I have fielded six phone calls from people interested in the club and Studebakers in general.

Treasury Update: Recent debit of \$170.00 to reserve Fort Yargo State park for our December meeting, and recent income of \$25.00 from membership dues received.

Need your help: I do have a problem, and I need your help. Early this year I carried a big truckload of sheet metal and chrome, mostly from '59 through '66 Studebakers, down to Richard Forgay's home to sell as a club project. If you have friends that need any of the parts, let me know. Money earned will go to the club.

In our thoughts and prayers: Richard Forgay recently had a massive heart attack, and he is still in recovery at Pruitt Health in Forsyth GA. Charleen Carey is also dealing health issues. Both of these club members need our prayers.

Next meeting: Looking forward to enjoying some pancakes and seeing everyone at the August meeting in Bethlehem.

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June Meeting Summary

By Tim Taylor

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A small group of SDC members gathered at Provino's Italian Restaurant in Kennesaw on Sunday, June 1. Our chapter president Richard Hickok was not able to attend, but we did reach him by telephone. He asked us to take a vote regarding whether the club should pay a fee to Fort Yargo State Park in order to hold our December meeting there. The vote was taken, and the expense was approved. Everyone enjoyed some good conversation and fine food. Jim and Barbara Loftin were thanked for arranging the meeting at that location.

June Meeting Attendees

(8 people, 2 Studebakers)

Jim & Barbara Loftin
Bill Startt '64 GT Hawk
Alan Ziiglin '50 Starlite Coupe
Loren Nelson
Chuck Lampman
Tim & Guadalupe Taylor

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Photos from the June Meeting

By Guadalupe Taylor

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July - August Member Celebrations



July - August Birthdays

Guadalupe Taylor	7/13
Dora Smith	8/02
Billy Carey	8/03
Amy Tilden	8/17
Loren Nelson	8/24
Alan Stewart	8/24
Anne Marie Dabrowski	8/25
Trent Stockman	8/25
Deborah McCaffrey	8/29



July - August Anniversaries

Brenda & Hobo Bodkin	7/01
Henry & Anne Marie Dabrowski	8/26
Lenny & Phyllis Major	8/31

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August Chapter Meeting

The August 2025 meeting of the North Georgia SDC will be held at the Bethlehem IHOP.



August meeting information:

Date: Sunday August 3
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Bethlehem IHOP
Address: 520 Carl-Bethlehem Road, Bethlehem, GA

Hosts: Lenny & Phyllis Major
Phone: 770-207-6129

Directions: Take University Parkway, either eastbound from Gwinnett or westbound from Athens, to Loganville Highway (81). Head south to Carl-Bethlehem Road, turn left and the IHOP will be on your right.

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Forthcoming Meetings and Meets

North Georgia Chapter Meetings

August 3, Bethlehem, GA

Host: Lenny & Phyllis Major, 770-207-6129

October 5, Braselton, GA

Host: Barbara Miller & son Michael, 770-856-5905

December 7, Winder, GA

Hosts: Charlene Carey, 770-867-2060

Barbara Miller, 770-856-5905

Ann Lee, 404-805-9404

Annual Christmas Party & Chapter Officer Elections

Other Meets

Aug 15 & 16: Maggie Valley: Eastern North Carolina Chapter to host the 56th annual Tri-State Meet. Creekside Lodge.

Website: <https://creeksidelodge.com/>. Contact: Jack White, 704-351-4540. Email: bamajak@gmail.com

August 16: Camden, Middle Tennessee Chapter to meet at 9 a.m. CST at the Finish Line Diner for breakfast or lunch.

Contact: Wally Ritter, 931- 580-9736. Email:

wallyritter4128@gmail.com. Website:

<https://mtsdsc.org/2021>

Sept 13: Fort Valley, South Georgia Chapter to meet from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Lane's Southern Orchards on Lane Rd.

Host: Trey & Lisa Smith, Info: 478- 951-4877.

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Center Steering

By Jerry Blount

Taken from a column called Odds 'N' Ends written especially for SDC Editors by Pete Yuen, retired Newsletter Editor

1951 to 1966 Studebaker cars are known to have sturdy front suspension components. Various parts have been changed and improved over the years, but the concept of a center steering pivot with equal length tie rods are the same for model years 1951 through 1966 including later Avanti II models also to 1985.

With proper and regular lubrication, the components would last indefinitely. What we Studebaker lovers have to realize, though, is that our Studebakers were at one time someone's daily driver – driven on all kinds of road surfaces in all kinds of weather, and may not have received chassis lubrication at proper intervals - probably more so as they became "old" cars.

The steering bell-crank center pivot is a cast iron housing with a precision ground steel shaft, rotating in either caged needle bearings (to 1962) or bronze - steel-backed bushings (after 1962). The unit is mounted on the front cross member, and the possible disadvantage of this is that it is greased through an access hole that is facing rearward out the crossmember. Thus, the grease fitting was easy to overlook if your Studebaker was having its chassis lubed at the local corner service station.

The caged needle roller bearings were used '51 to '62 and partially in '63. The bronze bushings were used partially '63 and then '64 to '66. It would be easy to assume that the partial '63 coverage was "early" and "late." No bushings were used before car serial numbers 63S-2098, 63V-1773 and again after 63S – 6108 and 63V – 5141. Bearings were used on and between these serial numbers.

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There are Studebaker owners that feel that the needle-roller type bearings are superior to the bronze bushings. They may look more interesting when you hold them in your hand, but assembled and packed in heavy chassis grease, I doubt that there is any noticeable difference in the feel.

In the days when chassis lubrication was lacking, the caged needle-roller bearing would not tolerate the lack of grease and would break apart and damage the ground shaft. The bronze bushings had a natural lubricity and could survive better without grease.

So, which style do I prefer? Easy! The one that is already in your car. No need to think that needle-roller bearings are superior. At this point in the existence of our Studebakers, they have an easy life, driven occasionally in good weather on smooth roads and lubricated properly.

Replacement bearings, bushings and pivot shafts are readily available. The shaft is the same in that bushings and bearings have the same inner diameter. The bearings have a thicker wall, (outside diameter than the bronze bushings) and thus, need a larger bore in the housing or bracket, in Studebaker language. The bore is different for each type, bearing or bushing.

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SDC Chapter Officer 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 Officer 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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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



1960 Champ pickup, rust-free, 42K actual miles. 259 V8, 3-speed with automatic overdrive. Lots of documentation. I bought this vehicle 20 years ago for \$12,000. Asking \$12,000 today but can negotiate. Powder Springs, GA. Tim Taylor, 404-512-7431



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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Studebaker Corral, continued



1952 Studebaker Champion Starliner Hardtop

Nocturne Blue roof over. Maui Blue Body. Museum quality throughout and underneath. 6 Cylinder, 85 Hp engine, 3 speed transmission with Overdrive. Originally built in South Bend by Studebaker company to mark their 100 year anniversary of producing transportation. (1852-1952). Featured in Turning Wheels magazine Feb 2014. Great value at \$25,000. CA. For more detail and photos, please contact Peter Nickoli, Vernon BC, 250-307-8901, email: pcnickoli@shaw.ca, or see on Facebook Marketplace search "1952 cars for sale" and filter "Sicamous, British Columbia".



1952 Studebaker Champion Deluxe Starlight Coupe

Velvet Black Paint, 6 Cylinder 85 Hp Engine, 3 Speed Transmission w/Overdrive. Excellent Condition Original Car Owned by same family since new. Has been on long-term static display, yet is in good driving condition. The history is included in an article in Turning Wheels magazine Feb 2014. Great value, asking \$25,000. CA. For more detail and photos, please contact Peter Nickoli, Vernon BC, 250-307-8901, email: pcnickoli@shaw.ca, or see on Facebook Marketplace search "1952 cars for sale" and filter "Sicamous, British Columbia".

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Current North Georgia Chapter Officers

As of January, 2025

President: Richard Hickok

404-285-3745

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Vice-President: : Vacant

Recording Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: : Vacant

Membership Chair: Richard Hickok
(Temporarily)

404-285-3745

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404-314-8910

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Chapter Web Site

<https://www.northgeorgiastudebakerdriversclub.org/>

Chapter Facebook Page:

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

Chapter Newsletter, The Hillholder

Editors: Guadalupe & Tim Taylor

404-512-7431

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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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The email you received from us includes three attachments:

1. **HH-2025-07.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-2025-07.pdf** - This file is a full-color 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-2025-07-PRINT.pdf** - This is a PDF version with a white background - not as pretty but saves ink when printed.

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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