



# The HILLHOLDER

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

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**Dues are Due**  
 Club dues of \$10 per family for the year 2026 are due now. You are encouraged to bring cash or check to the December meeting.



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## President's Message

### Happy Holidays!

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be upon us while Christmas and the new year will be ahead. I wish each of you and your families a joyous holiday season this year. Looking forward to seeing you all at the December meeting at Fort Yargo State Park.

### Looking for good auto technicians

Once again, I need your help. Several people have reached out to me with help in finding service and repair shops for their older cars and trucks in the state of Georgia. Good, honest automotive shops are hard to find, period! I have talked to several other car clubs about putting together a master list, and I need your input on this. If you have someone you trust with your car, please write the information and leave it with me at the holiday meet. Thanks for your help.

Richard A Hickok

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### October Meeting Notes

The October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North Georgia chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club was held at the Diner at Sugar Hill, Georgia.

#### October Meeting Attendees (14 People)

- Frank Petru
- Loren Nelson
- Brenda Bodkin
- Phyllis Major
- Barbara Miller - Winner of the 50-50 drawing
- Joey Waite
- Peter McCaffrey      1963 GT Hawk
- Bill Startt
- Bart Ladd
- Tim & Guadalupe Taylor
- Wayne & Ann Lee
- Richard Hickok

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### Photos from the October Meeting

By Tim & Guadalupe Taylor



As Guadalupe and I were making our way back to our car following the October meeting, we were thinking about the aging process and how people often tend to lose their mental capacities as they get older. We were talking about how fortunate we were that we have not had any real memory issues yet, in spite of our advancing age. We got into our car and happened to spot one of the club members driving his Studebaker toward the parking lot exit. I said to Guadalupe, "Oh no! We didn't take a photo of that car for the Hillholder." And I suddenly realized that neither of us had taken any pictures at all. For the first time in ten years, we left the meeting without taking a single photo to use in the Hillholder newsletter. So much for our "excellent" memory! So please accept our apology for the absence of any October meeting photos in this issue of the Hillholder.

**On the next page, please enjoy photos from the past 12 months.**

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*Treasurer's Report*

Submitted by  
Richard Hickok

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Balance as of 11/20/2025:

• 3145.62

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## November - December Member Celebrations



**November - December Birthdays**

Suzanna Williams	11/11
Charleen Carey	12/05
Hobo Bodkin	12/09
Barbara Miller	12/20
Alan Ziglin	12/24
Helen Nelson	12/29


**November - December Anniversaries**

Snell & Marlene Buchanan	12/13
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## December Chapter Meeting

The December 2025 meeting of the North Georgia SDC will take place at Fort Yargo State Park in Winder, GA.  
**This is a "pot luck." Bring your favorite dish to share.**  
 Date: Sunday, December 7, 2025  
 Time: **Please arrive by 1:30 so we can start eating at 2:00 PM**  
 Address: 210 South Broad Street, Winder, GA 30680  
**NOTE: Bring \$5 in cash for a mandatory parking fee (per vehicle), unless you have an annual pass.**

Hosts:  
 Charlene Carey, 770-867-2060. Barbara Miller, 770-856-5905. Ann Lee, 404-805-9404.

Directions: **From North GA:** Take I-85 to exit 137 for GA Highway 53. Go south on 53, which merges with GA 11 and becomes S. Broad Street, GA Highway 81. Continue to the main "front gate" park entrance on the left. Look for Studebaker sign and/or balloons.

**From Atlanta:** Take I-85 north to exit 41 and turn right onto GA Highway 316. Continue until you reach GA Highway 81. Turn left onto GA Highway 81. Continue to the park entrance on the right. Look for Studebaker sign and/or balloons.

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### October Chapter Meeting High-Level Map



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### SDC North Georgia Chapter Schedule of Meetings

Special thanks to Ann Lee for putting together the meeting schedules each year.

**December 7, 2025:** Winder  
Hosts: Charlene Carey, 770-867-2060  
Barbara Miller, 770-856-5905  
Ann Lee, 404-805-9404  
Annual Christmas Party & Chapter Officer Elections  
(Details in Topic 6 of this Hillholder.)

**Feb 1, 2026:** Sugar Hill, GA.  
Host: Bill & Kathy Startt, 678-852-8536  
[April 5 = Easter]  
**April 12, 2026:** Sandy Springs, GA.  
Host; Joe Flannery, 551-404-8992  
**June 7, 2026:** Monroe, GA  
Host: Hobo & Brenda Bodkin, 678-635-0404  
**Aug 2, 2026:** Morrow, GA  
Host: Terry & Dora Smith, 404-213-0523  
**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

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### Mailbox – Alan Ziglin in Pennsylvania

Tim:



Rochelle and I are up in Hershey Pennsylvania at the Antique Automobile Club of America, an annual event. This is the biggest antique car event in the world, held the first full week of October every year. At the national headquarters of the AACA, they have very few cars on display, but among them is this 1909 electric Studebaker.

Regards to Guadalupe  
Alan



**1909 Studebaker Electric Suburban Stanhope**  
Donated by William Weikel, Avon, Colorado

This 1909 Model 13a Studebaker Electric Suburban Stanhope is believed to be the only surviving example in the world. Studebaker Bros. Manufacturing Co. built a significant line of electric cars and trucks from 1902-1912, during which they produced only 1,841 vehicles. The company, like many of its days, came as an outgrowth of their horse drawn buggy business.

Some visitors may be surprised to know that electric cars are not something new to the auto industry. In fact, electric cars seem played the leading role in manufacturing to "automobiles" as they are known today. Studebaker produced many body styles during its run of electric cars and the brand is highly coveted today.

Technical features include four speeds forward and four speeds in reverse. A footbrake operated controls for the rear axle and a second brake controlled the armature shaft. The electric motor was powered by 36 cells of 8 pump batteries, which were located both in the front and rear of the car to equalize weight distribution. The company said it had a top speed of 18 mph and the weight of the car is 2,300 pounds.

This car has a unique history having been owned for two generations of the Weikel family. Bill Weikel had the car in a restoration shop for about 20 years, but it was never finished. He asked AACA for help and we picked up the car and proceeded to put it back together as best as possible in less than two months with a lot of help from #Elegance in the electric car class. In 2023 the car had some major body repair by Friends of Penn South Restoration Services in Glen Rock, Pennsylvania.

We have two electric cars on display, so please also observe the car in the 1909 Comuta-Car on display in our atrium. The cars are vastly different and similar at the same time!



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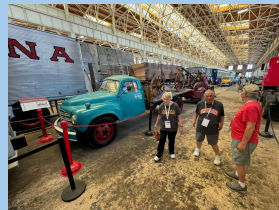
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### Mailbox – Alan Ziglin in North Carolina



Rochelle and I are in Concord, NC, at the National Buick meet. One of our excursions was to the North Carolina transportation museum where we saw these two Studebakers.



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## Studebaker International Meet

The 62nd International Meet will be held in Waxahachie, Texas, Sept 23-26, 2026. All activities and hotels will be in one central location, so attendees will be able to walk to everything.

More details will appear in the Hillholder as they become available.



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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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### 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](mailto:bethanyfabrication@gmail.com) 770-841-0861



**1960 Champ pickup,** rust-free, 42K actual miles, 250 V8, 3-speed with automatic overdrive. Lots of documentation. **SOLD!** Asking \$12,000 Tim Taylor, 404-512-7431



**1962 Hawk.** 289 4-bbl. Refurbished engine and tranny. Rusty floorboards, new interior ready to install. Price negotiable. Going to the crusher if not sold soon. Melvin Bohannon, Marietta, 770-780-4104



**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: pnickoli@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. he 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: pnickoli@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  
Email: [rahnow@aol.com](mailto:rahnow@aol.com)

**Vice-President: Vacant**

**Recording Secretary: Vacant**

**Treasurer: Vacant**

**Membership Chair: Richard Hickok**  
(Temporarily)  
404-285-3745  
Email: [rahnow@aol.com](mailto:rahnow@aol.com)

**Webmaster: Rick Kamen**  
404-314-8910  
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**Chapter Web Site**  
<https://www.northgeorgiastudebakerdriversclub.org/>

**Chapter Facebook Page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/633989910735097>

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Studebakers owned (Year/Series/Model) \_\_\_\_\_

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The email you received from us includes three attachments:

1. **HH-2025-11.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-2025-11.pdf** - This file is a 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-2025-11-PRINT.pdf** – Same as number 2 above but with white background saving you ink if you want to print the document.

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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