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# The Hillholder

North Georgia Chapter of The Studebaker Drivers Club

## A HEAD START ON CINCO DE MAYO



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## Commander's Comments

May 1, 2011

North Georgia Chapter Members:

**I** know our lucky streak can't go on forever, but we had another beautiful day for our meeting today. Thanks to Ron and Connie Bergeron for hosting today's meeting. We met at Los Bravos Mexican Restaurant and celebrated Cinco de Mayo four days early. By parking our cars in front of a nearby closed restaurant, our cars got lots of attention.

Unfortunately, *after* the meeting our two newest members, Dave and Carol Clackum, arrived. They thought we gathered at 4 PM instead of 2 PM. Several of us did get to meet them and we look forward to seeing them at future meetings. Dave certainly has a novel reason to be interested in Studebakers and I'll leave it to him to tell the rest of the club members about his link to Studebaker.

Our meeting next month will be hosted by Buddy and Dot Hunt and will be located in Commerce. Look for further details in this issue of our *Hillholder*.

As I mentioned at the meeting today, Rochelle and I regret that we will have to miss the next meeting. However, the meeting will be ably conducted by our Vice President, Ben Alspach.

Take care and let's keep those Studebakers on the road.

**Alan Ziglin**



## On the Loss of a Good Friend

We all know we are mortal and that our lives will at some point end. With Tom Elliott's diagnosis of ALS, we knew we would lose him sooner, rather than later. Nevertheless, his death came as a shock to us all.

At the funeral, we had a large turnout of Studebaker-friends and of Studebakers. I was privileged to have been given an opportunity to deliver one of the eulogies.

For this month's column, since not all members of our club were at the funeral, I'd like to relate the heartfelt comments I made in the eulogy:

"I am Alan Ziglin, President of the North Georgia Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, International. I am speaking today to express condolences to all of Tom's family and friends on behalf of the club, as well as myself and my family.

I first met Tom in 1975 when I got a phone call from Tom as an enthusiastic 20 year old. He said he loved bullet-nosed Studebakers, had a couple; heard I had one; and could he (and a date) come over to see my car. I of course said "Yes". That's how I met Tom and Cathy, his future wife. After Cathy's untimely death, Tom found another wonderful woman—Maureen.

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With Tom's death we have lost a good and compassionate man. In addition, we've lost a lot of Studebaker knowledge and enthusiasm. We've also lost someone of significant artistic ability. At Christmas-time 2009, Tom sent me a card on which he had drawn the view of the dashboard of a 1951 Studebaker Commander like mine, as seen from the driver's seat. I had that card framed and it now hangs in a place of honor on the wall of my garage.

In addition, we've lost a very creative person who would not give up. He was busy inventing mechanisms that would help ALS patients. Were they feasible? I do not know; but here's what I **do** know.....He was not **giving up** or **giving in** to the disease!

We've also lost a person who showed all of us what it's like to act with **positive dignity** even as a terrible disease debilitated him.

Maureen told me, shortly after Tom's diagnosis, that she was not through being married to Tom. I know the rest of us were also not ready for Tom to leave us.

Talking about Maureen, what a wonderful job she did taking care of Tom and focusing on him; while dealing with all that his ALS meant to her and the rest of the family and friends.

When caring for someone with a disease such as ALS it is easy for the caregivers to forget that they need to take care of themselves as well. I've had a number of conversations with Maureen over the past few years. When I would ask her if she was making sure to take care of herself too, she'd answered me briefly and then immediately refocused on Tom, as was her nature to do.

In one conversation last Fall, Maureen shared with me a conversation she and Tom had had. I thought at the time, what a wonderful story it was because it showed what kind, caring, compassionate and considerate people both Tom **and** Maureen are.

Tom, being who he was, expressed his concern to Maureen that he wanted her to be sure to take care of herself.

Maureen, being who she was....would not allow Tom to finish his sentence!!!

As I reflected on my grief at the loss of Tom it occurred to me that I could have avoided the sadness that I feel today if I had never known Tom....but that would have been **far too great** a price to have paid. I was privileged to have known Tom all these years and the benefit of having known this good person certainly is worth the sadness. In fact, my '51 Studebaker out in the parking lot is here today due (in no small part) to Tom's good advice and counsel many years ago on how to go about assuring that the car was reliable and enjoyable.

I know we all wish Tom could have been with us longer, but, our disappointment should be tempered by the fact that his illness would have only continued to progress and become increasingly frustrating to him.

I'll end my comments by making two suggestions to all of us who knew and loved Tom.

First of all, when we think of Tom lets focus on all the wonderful memories we have of him before those *scary* letters....A-L-S....came into his life.

Secondly, there is little in life that is certain, but we can all be comforted by the fact that Tom is neither sick nor constrained by his failing body anymore and *never* will be again!

May the good Lord see to it that our friend Tom is at rest and peace....and meeting Studebaker friends!!

And...again...my condolences to his family and friends."



### May 2011 Attendees

Ben Alspach	1949 Champion Business Coupe	Enrique and Norma Hernandez	
Ron and Connie Bergeron	1988 Avanti LSC	John Hollier	
Hobo Bodkin		Wayne and Ann Lee	1963 Daytona
Melvin Bohannon and Suzana Williams	1962 GT Hawk	Lenny and Phyllis Major	
Edward Burris	1963 Cruiser	Henry and Loretta Malin	
Jim and Dotty Carto	1964 Champ	Dan and Barbara Miller	
Dave and Carol Clackum	1956 Golden Hawk	Wayne and Terry Ziemer	
Chris Collins	1963 Avanti	Alan, Rochelle, and Michael Ziglin	1951 Commander Starlight Coupe
William and Charlotte Delli	1963 GT Hawk		

North Georgia Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club  
Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2011

- President Alan Ziglin opened the meeting. Thank you to Ron and Connie Bergeron for hosting us today at Los Bravos.
- Motion to approve the April meeting minutes as published in *The Hillholder* was made, seconded, and approved by all members present.
- We announced birthdays, anniversaries, and those members we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers. New members Dave and Carol Clackum arrived after lunch, while we were outside admiring vehicles and visiting. Welcome!
- Ben Alspach, our vice-president, will lead next month's business meeting, as Alan and Rochelle will be traveling that day.
- Alan announced that we have moved the date for the September meeting from the 11<sup>th</sup> to Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>. September 10<sup>th</sup> is International Drive Your Studebaker Day, so that is a natural time to have our monthly chapter meeting. This change also will avoid any conflict with members' 9/11/2001 remembrances.
- The Orlando Chapter has invited us to attend the 34<sup>th</sup> Florida State Meet. The meet will be the weekend of November 11-13 in Lake Mary (north of Orlando). Invitation will be published in this month's Mailbox; the meet flyer will be in the July issue.
- Alan told us more about Collector Car Appreciation Day, being held on Friday July 8. There is more information about this SEMA-sponsored event in the May *Hillholder*, page 9.

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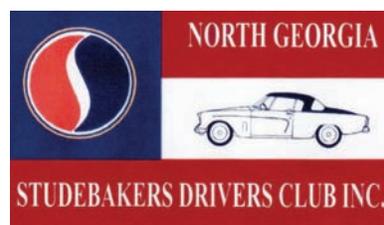
- Barbara Miller made a motion for the chapter to donate \$250 to the Red Cross, to support relief efforts for those affected by the tornadoes that hit the south last month. Connie Bergeron seconded the motion, and the members present approved it.
- Edward Burris reports that Mimi Halgren will not be running for re-election as SDC president next year. She has nominated Tom Curtis as a candidate for the position.

Edward shared some highlights from the latest Southeast Zone quarterly membership report. 52 members of our zone left the club in the first quarter of 2011, while 31 new members joined. Some members leave after just one year with the SDC; the average person who leaves does so after three years.

- Wayne Lee discussed with the other Southeast Zone chapters the idea of each chapter contributing \$100 to the group that sponsors that year's zone meet. Three of the 22 chapters have responded to Wayne so far. As none of those three wanted to support the concept, implementation does not seem likely.

Wayne also mentioned the antique car rally and driving event in Cairo, Georgia during May 13-14.

- John Hollier went to the meet in Tunica, Mississippi. Turnout was very light, about 8 cars present. The threatening weather forecast no doubt hindered attendance.
- Charlotte Delli presented the Treasurer's report; it will also be printed in *The Hillholder*. Recognizing the high price of fuel, Charlotte asked the group to give her a general sense as to our willingness to have the November meeting be a tour that ends up at a mystery destination. The overall sentiment was that the extra driving would not be a significant deterrent to participation.
- Bill Delli said our membership count stands at 64. The 2011 member roster is in process.
- Chuck Lampman has placed John Brown's inventory of Studebaker parts for sale on the chapter website. You can see the photos and description by clicking <http://tinyurl.com/62ZNPM6>. Summary information will also be in The Marketplace section of the newsletter.
- Dan Miller suggested that the chapter give some money to the member who drives the farthest to attend that month's meeting. Alan said that he also planned to suggest that to the committee looking for charitable and/or other good uses for our excess funds. We will let you know more as this and other suggestions develop further.
- Chris Collins gave a preview of the June meeting. We will meet at Ryan's restaurant, located off I-85 near the Tanger Outlet Mall in Commerce. Map and directions will be in *The Hillholder*.
- Door prize winners included Dotty Carto, Bill Delli, Norma Hernandez, Henry and Loretta Malin, and Rochelle Ziglin.
- Phyllis Major won the 50/50 drawing, splitting the \$95 pot with the chapter.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. See you again June 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Celebrations

Buddy Hunt	5/20	Joshua McCord	6/18	Marvin and Carolyn Sikes	5/26
Tim Taylor	5/24	Terry Smith	6/24		
Enrique Hernandez	5/25	Charlie Attaway	6/25	Frank and Beverly Petru	6/9
Jerry McKinney	5/27	Jim Loftin	6/26	Alan and Rochelle Ziglin	6/14
Tracy Maddux	5/30			Wayne and Ann Lee	6/23
Deby Forrester	5/31				

*Please Keep in Your Thoughts and Prayers*

- ◆ Our fellow Southeast Zone members who were affected by late April's tornadoes.
- ◆ Maureen Elliott and the rest of the Elliott family.

#### Treasurer's Report North Georgia Chapter SDC

**1 April 2011**

Beginning Balance \$6949.98

Deposits 228.00

50/50 53.00  
T-shirts Meet 10.00  
Polo Shirts 60.00  
Dues 105.00

Withdrawals ( 77.98)

Flowers/Memorial

**30 April 2011**

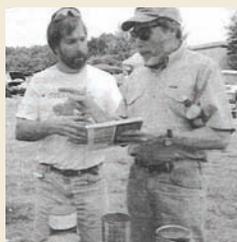
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## Thomas Howard Elliott, Sr.

*August 26, 1955 – May 4, 2011*

Mr. Thomas Howard Elliott, Sr., 55, of Fayetteville, passed away on May 4, 2011 due to cardiac arrest resulting from a congenital heart condition. Mr. Elliott was a loving father, devoted husband, dependable friend and a warrior in the fight against ALS (a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's disease). He retired after working 34 years with Delta Air Lines. He was an avid Studebaker aficionado and member of the North Georgia and National Studebaker Drivers Clubs and the Avanti Owners Association. He is preceded in death by his first wife Cathy Brigmon Elliott; father Howard A. Elliott; sister Teresa Ann Elliott. He is survived by his wife of fifteen years Maureen Elliott; children, Thomas Howard Elliott, Jr. and his wife Robin of Fayetteville, Lisa Ann Elliott of Atlanta, USCG Bradley Neal Lloyd and his wife USCG Nohealani Lloyd of Springfield, VA, Alyssa Grace Thomas and her husband David of Newnan, Jessica Lee Shelton and her husband U.S. Army Specialist Brian Shelton of Ft. Bliss, TX; grandchildren, Jacob Wingo, Austin Lloyd, Brendan Lloyd, Hailey Thomas, Colin Lloyd; mother Betty Jo Elliott of Fayetteville; family friend and full-time caregiver Gwen Moore. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 in the Chapel of Mowell Funeral Home, Fayetteville. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the ALS Association of Georgia, 1955 Cliff Valley Way - Suite 116 - Atlanta, GA 30329, ALS Guardian Angels, website <http://alsguardianangels.com/>, or to the Emory ALS Clinic, website <http://neurology.emory.edu/ALS/>.



*From the Archives: October 1996 issue:*

## STUDEBAKER SAGA

by Tom Elliott as told to Charlotte Delli

Chasing a dream for twenty-two years is not hard if you are a Studebaker driver. This is Tom Elliott's story of a quest that has taken over twenty years to complete.

It started in 1974. Tom, then 18 years old, saw a 1951 Champion Deluxe, 4-door Sedan on the road and immediately fell in love. He got the license tag number and tracked down the owner. This can't be done today, but back in 1974, the motor vehicle bureau would provide the name and address of a car's owner.

Tom worked for Delta Airlines and was surprised to learn that the car's owner worked there, too. The car owner was not a Studebaker enthusiast. He viewed the car as a means of dependable transportation. The man liked the car, but there was no love affair.

This was not true for Tom. He wanted this car. For years, Tom visited the car monthly at Delta and tried to convince the owner to sell.

At long last, it looked like fate was going to smile on Tom. The owner was getting ready to retire and had decided to give the '51 to Tom.

Just as quickly, however, Tom's good luck vanished. When the owner's daughters found out about their father's plans, they convinced him that they had too much

sentimental attachment to the old Champ to let it go. So, the car sat in a barn in Forest Park GA for nine years while the daughters tried to decide what they wanted to do with it. It was not driven, not even cranked, during this time and was slowly fading.

Tom had all but given up when he received a telephone call in May of 1996 from the owner. Was Tom still interested in the car? Yes! A deal was made and Tom's dream came true--he had the '51 Champion.

When the car was delivered, however, Tom had some second thoughts. Not only did the car arrive, but large boxes as well. Tom's first thought was "Great! More stuff to store." This chagrin soon turned to glee when Tom discovered just what was stored in these boxes--parts and parts and parts! There was replated and restored pot metal, new glass, a new hill holder, mechanical brake parts, and hub caps, just to name a few.

The condition of the car was good in spite of having been parked in a barn for so long. The engine was loose and it smoked a bit, but the body was solid with no rust.

The service records showed that the car had been in constant service everyday from 1951 to 1987 without being overhauled. It had over 130,000 miles on it and never failed to perform.

Twenty years of waiting are over. Tom has the car of his dreams. Perseverance was rewarded.



Tom Elliott and his car.



## The Mailbox



*Editor's Note:* Chapter member Thomas Odom does quite a bit of traveling in the Southeast, and in the process runs into some interesting Studebaker sightings. Here are a couple of recent ones. Thomas took additional photos at both locations; contact me if you want them.

### Hawks in Hazel Green

Chris,

Traveling back from the Middle TN meeting in Shelbyville, I found these Hawk parts cars in Hazel Green, AL (just North of Huntsville, AL). Two automatics, one four speed and one R1. They want to sell all as one lot. Contact:

Alabama Used Auto Sales  
Salesman: Foxx  
US Hwys 231/431 North  
Hazel Green, AL 35750

Cell: 256-658-2754  
Phone: 256-828-2922



**Thomas**

### Studebakers in Rainbow City

Chris,

On 4/23/11 I was traveling on Alabama Hwy 77 in Rainbow City where I found these Studebakers at Wholesale Used Car's / Daddy's Toys. Contact:

Frank Pruitt  
701 W. Grand (Hwy. 77)  
Rainbow City, AL 35906

256-442-1998



**Thomas**

*Forwarded by Wayne Lee:* Event is during the weekend of September 16-18. Contact the editor for a copy of the event flyer.

Hi Wayne,

During a recent business trip to Florida, I called on one of my accounts in Sebring, FL and as usual talked about cars with the company's owner, John Griffin. John is also a fairly prominent member of the community. He and the city revitalization committee have started a car show for all makes that takes over the downtown area of old Sebring. I have attached the flyer for the event.

John has indicated that they would reserve an area exclusively for Studebaker right off of the main town square, if there is interest from the state chapters. Last year's show hosted about 250 cars, and they are expecting more this year. They also feature a burn-out competition, and all entries are allowed several laps around the Sebring race course.

Bonnie and I will be scheduling a visit back down to Sebring to attend this September event. Please share this info with the Studebaker clubs in Florida. This promises to be a good one.

Regards,

**Ross Johnson**

SDC Regional Manager, Alabama  
[rdjohnson71@bellsouth.net](mailto:rdjohnson71@bellsouth.net)

April 21, 2011

Dear Chapter Presidents –

We of the Orlando Area Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club wish to cordially invite you and your chapter to the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida State Meet, of which we are the sponsoring Florida chapter this time around, taking place on November 11-13, 2011.

Should you or any of your chapter choose to attend our Meet, you can be assured of a great time, with interesting events planned, and great weather, for which Florida winters are famous. You may wish to extend your stay to include some of Florida's varied tourist attractions, many of which call the Central Florida area home.

Enclosed with this letter find 2 pages with information concerning our Meet and some of the planned events. We ask you to make copies as needed and pass them around to your chapter members.

Please feel free to call or e-mail Richard Langlotz (information on application/sign-up sheet) or myself at (407) 425-8090, [StudeDon@Bellsouth.net](mailto:StudeDon@Bellsouth.net) if you have any further questions.

I look forward to seeing you at the Meet!

Sincerely,

**Don Dodgen**

President, Orlando Area Chapter  
 Studebaker Drivers Club

*Editor's Note:* The registration information will be in the July *Hillholder*, or contact me for a copy.

Forwarded by Larry Swanson:

## **Project Avanti 1001 Request**

Dear SDC Club Chapters & Friends—

I am volunteering to help with the restoration of the very 1<sup>st</sup> production Avanti built by Studebaker. Volunteer effort and donations can restore the Avanti back to it's original condition and I hope you can help contribute.

The Avanti (serial #1001, body 101) will be a featured car of the LeMay – America's Car Museum, in Tacoma Washington.

The Museum feels this significant car will be one of their premiere showcase cars once completed.

The new museum set for a 2012 opening in Tacoma, Wash., explores how the automobile has fulfilled a distinctive role at the core of the American experience and shaped our society.

The 165,000-square-foot museum, currently under construction and scheduled to open May 19, 2012, will house up to 500 diverse vehicles at any given time, showcasing the LeMay collection, which amassed a Guinness Book of World Records total of more than 3,500 vehicles in the mid-'90s.

"Harold never met a car he didn't like," says Nancy LeMay about her late husband.

America's Car Museum is designed to be a destination where travelers experience America's love affair with the automobile.

It will be one of the largest auto museums and attractions in the world!

This Avanti will be a great example of Studebaker innovation and design of the 60's.

The museum will bring an estimated 425,000 visitors each year, giving great exposure to this historic Studebaker Avanti.

The museum will have a nine-acre campus – with the four-story, 165,000-sq. ft. museum as the hub – including a massive show field to host everything from vintage car events to rock concerts and drive-in movies.

There will also be galleries, meeting space, a gift shop, banquet hall and café/restaurant, an educational center/library and exhibits using cars, music, film and photos for displays such as "game-changing automotive inventions."

The Project Avanti goal is to have the car ready by May 2012, for the museum grand opening and visitors from around the world.

The museum would also like to take the Avanti to the Studebaker National Meet for the cars 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but only if the car is finished and funds allow for the trip.

I would encourage SDC and Avanti Club chapters, members and businesses to donate to this worthy car.

All donations (including parts & materials) are tax deductible and you will be added to the following website list and receive a letter of recognition as part of Project Avanti 1001.

For Information, Photo's, Updates and Donor Registry please visit the following website:

<http://www.lemaymuseum.org/page.php?id=419>:

Thanks,

James Bell  
SDC and Avanti Club Member

[studenut@comcast.net](mailto:studenut@comcast.net)

## A Bit About Me

By Tim Taylor

**I**n the February issue of *The Hillholder*, our North Georgia SDC president Alan Ziglin made an appeal to us members to submit a contribution for possible publication in the newsletter so that we might get to know one another a bit better. So here is my attempt. I will go through the various questions and suggestions Alan listed on page 3 of that issue of *The Hillholder*, responding to each as well as I can.

**What was your first vehicle?** My first vehicle was a 1956 Ford, which I obtained almost by accident. Back in 1964, my grandmother purchased the car for her son, my uncle, who ended up not wanting it. So she offered it to me. I was 17 at the time and was thrilled at the possibility of owning my own car - any car! So this 8-year-old, 4-door, solid blue Ford Fairlane with a 312 Thunderbird engine and automatic transmission became mine. I "drove it to death" for eight more years before finally selling it and getting something newer and a bit more reliable.

**What was your first "collector" vehicle and how did you acquire it?** Not too surprisingly, my first collector vehicle was another 1956 Ford. Feelings of nostalgia prompted the purchase. This one was a bit different from my first car, however. It was a "Mainline" model, a plain-Jane 2-door sedan with a 223-ci inline six-cylinder engine and three-on-the-tree shifting. I bought this one in Covington, Georgia, in 1989. I still have the car, and I think it's attractive with its two-tone green and white paint job. It is an unrestored original, and it's in pretty good shape. Look for it at a forthcoming SDC meeting. It has a license plate frame that says, "My other car is a Studebaker".

**How did you get into owning a Studebaker?** For reasons that I can't fully explain, I have always admired orphan cars. Although my family owned Nashes and Ramblers, nobody in my family ever owned a Studebaker. But since Studebakers were not one of the "big three," I always enjoyed seeing them on the road along with the other "independent" makes. Back in 1997, I saw an ad in the Kenny's Clunkers section of *Old Cars Weekly* for a 1947 Studebaker M5 pickup truck, "runs good," for \$700. It happened to be in Wisconsin, not far from where my mother lived. I asked her whether she might be able to stop by and take a look at it. She surprised me by not only stopping to have a look at it but by also shooting a whole roll of film taking pictures inside, outside, and even underneath! (Remember when cameras had film?) The truck was plenty rusty, but I was captivated by the phrase "runs good" and the price of \$700. So I rolled the dice and made arrangements to buy the truck. That old rust bucket did run well, but it had no brakes. About a year into the long and slow restoration process, a co-worker practically begged me to sell it to him for whatever money I had put into it thus far. I caved in and sold it to him. Bye-bye Studebaker. But not for too long. A few years later, I did something that I would never recommend that anyone do - I bought another truck, a newer one, "sight unseen" on eBay. This is my current 1960 Champ that I now own, drive, and enjoy a lot. I got lucky with this one. It is an unrestored original truck (except for new paint) with currently just over 40,000 miles.

**What are your earliest automobile recollections?** I remember being held in someone's arms and looking down at what seemed to be a huge display of model trains and cars, all in motion. I was fascinated. Later, I came to understand that I was just a toddler and my mother was the one holding me as I stared down at the display at Roadside America in Pennsylvania. As a child, I could be found just about anytime playing with my toy cars. I collected them, and I had quite a collection - metal ones, plastic ones, big ones, small ones. And even back then, I admired the orphans most of all. Within my collection, I had Kaisers, Studebakers, Willys Aeros, Packards, Edsels, and many more. Inside or outside, at home or with the neighborhood kids, I had my cars with me just about all the time. And I loved going to the showrooms and collecting the sales brochures for the "real" cars, too. Unfortunately, all of those toy cars and all of that literature got lost as I grew older.

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**Tell us about your life beyond Studebakers.** Well, I ended up going into the education field. First, I was a high school teacher of Spanish and biology. Later I worked in computer-based instruction at a university and still later at a couple of Chicago-based corporations. In 1984, I took my current job with IBM in Atlanta to design all types of corporate training. I have been here in Georgia ever since and have no plans to leave. Retirement is most likely just a couple of years away. Guadalupe and I are avid bicyclists. We sometimes ride a tandem bicycle together and sometimes we ride individual bikes. I have taken some “serious” bicycle trips including a 3-month trip from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean back in 1977 and a tour through the Alps in Europe a couple of years later. Another hobby of mine is model railroading. I have an HO-scale model railroad, and I get together with a group of fellow modelers from time to time to operate their layouts just as a real railroad operates. And, as if I didn't have enough hobbies already, I'm also into music. My father led a "big band" back in the 1940's. One member of his band, Louis Marshall Jones, better known as "Grandpa Jones," went on to achieve fame and fortune as a banjo player on the *Hee Haw* television show. Following in my father's footsteps, I learned the same instruments that he played, which were xylophone and drums. I have been the drummer for bands in Cleveland, Chicago, New York, and Atlanta. Today I play a vibraphone and a marimba (both of which are similar to a xylophone) for Incatepec, a Latin American band based in Athens.

That's my story. I'll look forward to reading yours in a future issue of *The Hillholder*.

## Tim



Tim's 1956 Ford Mainline, "Nellie"



Tim (L) and Oscar (R) replacing Nellie's Gas Tank





## Upcoming Events

### North Georgia Chapter Meetings

DATE	PLACE	EVENT	DETAILS
June 5	Ryan's Restaurant, at I-85 and Tanger Outlet Center in Commerce	<i>Chapter Meeting</i>	Details on next page. Hosted by Buddy and Dot Hunt.
July 10	The Flying Machine Restaurant, Gwinnett County Airport, Lawrenceville	<i>Chapter Meeting</i>	Hosted by Richard Knoblock. Details will be in the July issue.
August 7	Annual chapter picnic, Fort Yargo State Park, Winder	<i>Chapter Meeting</i>	Hosted by Billy and Charleen Carey. Details will be in the August issue.
September 10 <b>Note date change from the 11th</b>	Hosted by Lenny and Phyllis Major	<i>Chapter Meeting</i>	Details will be in the September issue.

### Other Event Opportunities (Studebaker Club - sponsored events are in *Italics*.)

DATE	PLACE	EVENT	DETAILS
May 20-22	Townsend, Tennessee	<i>Smokey Mountain Chapter Spring Meet.</i>	Website: <a href="http://www.smokymountainstudebaker.org">www.smokymountainstudebaker.org</a> . Contact: Joe Inman, 865-457-3002, <a href="mailto:smokymtnsdc@yahoo.com">smokymtnsdc@yahoo.com</a>
June 4	Boone, North Carolina	<i>Annual Spring Fling</i>	Flyer on page 14 of the May issue, or contact the editor for a copy. Hosts: Weldon and Margaret Critcher.
June 19-25	Springfield, Missouri	<i>47th International Meet</i>	Hosted by Ozark Trails Chapter. Contact: Gary Sanders, Chapter President, <a href="mailto:gsanders@cebridge.net">gsanders@cebridge.net</a> or Nita Ketchum, 417-840-5630. Host Hotel: Ramada Oasis Convention Center, 417-866-5253, mention "Studebaker" for room rate of \$89.00. Full details and online registration at <a href="http://www.sdcmeet.com">www.sdcmeet.com</a>
July 8	Collector Car Appreciation Day		Article in the May issue, page 9.
July 30	Harris Stadium, Winder-Barrow High School, Winder, Georgia	Antique Car, Truck, and Tractor Show.	Benefit for the school band. \$10 entrance fee. Contact the editor for a copy of the registration form.
September 9-11	Lake Junaluska, North Carolina	<i>Tri-State Meet</i>	Hosted by the North Carolina Chapter. Details will be listed as they become available.
September 10	<i>International Drive Your Studebaker Day</i>		
September 16-18	Sebring, Florida	Sebring Thunder II	Event description on page 10. \$25 registration fee. Contact the editor for a copy of the registration form.

## June Chapter Meeting

Sunday June 5th at 2 PM

Hosted by Buddy and Dot Hunt

**Ryan's Grill, Buffet, and Bakery**

**243 Steven B. Tanger Blvd**

**Commerce, GA 30529**

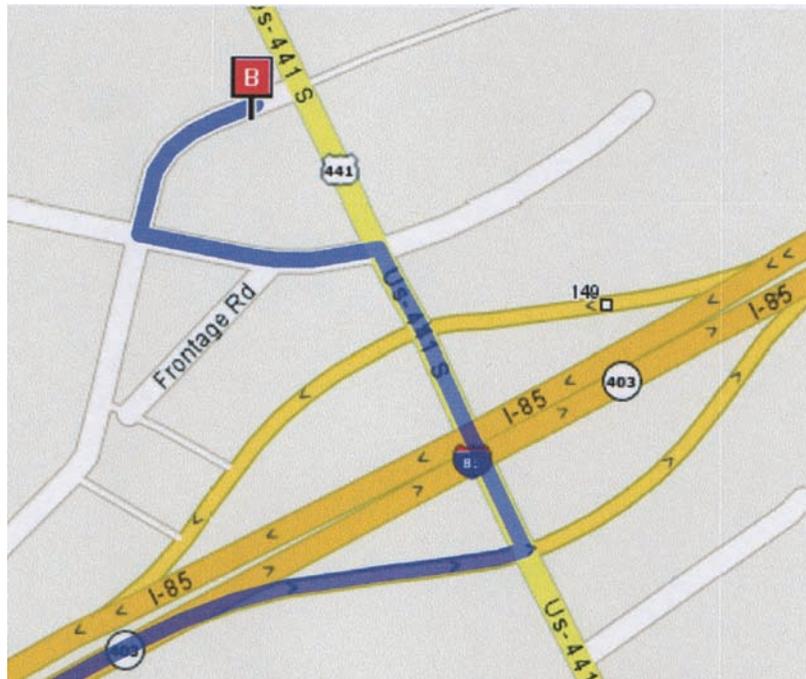
Restaurant telephone: 706.335.3213

Website: <http://www.ryans.com/locations>

No need to RSVP. We will be ordering off the menu.

Once you arrive, you can go through the line to order and pay individually, and then head toward our reserved room in the back of the restaurant. Cost is \$10.19 (\$9.69 for seniors) per person, plus Drink and Tax.

From Atlanta: Take I-85 northeast. Take exit 149 (US-441). Go left on 441; and cross over the interstate. Take a left on Steven Tanger Blvd / Frontage Road, proceed to restaurant. (Google Maps directs you around from the back, but that does not seem necessary.)



## THE MARKETPLACE

*Editor's Note:* Ads will run in three issues of *The Hillholder*, with the final date shown at the end of each listing. To renew your ad beyond the initial run, please contact me and I will extend it for another three months. To submit or change your ad, see the contact information on the last page. Classified ad submissions are shared between *The Hillholder* and the SDC North Georgia Chapter website. The accuracy of listings is the responsibility of the advertising party, who should contact the editor if corrections are needed.

FOR SALE:

CARS AND TRUCKS

**(New Listing) 1948 Champion two door sedan.** Not a Starlight coupe. Runs good, or use for parts. Hood, deck lid, and doors are off and in primer. Solid body, new radiator core. Driveway brakes only; not good enough for street use. Contact Leon Bates, Cumming, GA. 404.310.6185. (7/2011)

Submitted by Rick Kamen: Henry Dabrowski found this for sale. I do not have pictures, but the car is in Lilburn and is in decent used car condition:

**1949 Champion four door sedan.** Decent but some minor rust. Appears all stock. \$3,000. Phone 770.564.1113. (7/2011)

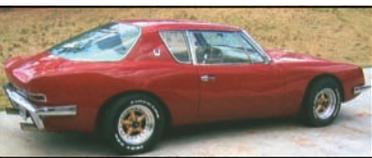


**1950 Champion Business Coupe.** Fully restored custom with 350 engine, 350 turbo trans., 3.73 rear. All new interior, new paint; too much to list. Located in Cartersville, Georgia. \$25,000. Contact Henry Malin, 770.606.8785, or email: [hmalin1@bellsouth.net](mailto:hmalin1@bellsouth.net). (7/2011)

**1952 Land Cruiser.** Light gray, V-8/automatic. Overall fair condition; needs interior and paint work, has a little rust at front fender. \$2,000. Contact Ray Phillips, Royston, GA. 706.245.6440, or email: [stude35@webtv.net](mailto:stude35@webtv.net). (7/2011)



**1963 GT Hawk.** Located in Cartersville, Georgia. \$18,000. For information, contact Henry Malin, 770.606.8785, or e-mail: [hmalin1@bellsouth.net](mailto:hmalin1@bellsouth.net). (7/2011)



**1963 Avanti.** R-1, air conditioning works, frame-off restoration, auto trans, new exhaust system; brakes, hoses, calipers all updated; candy apple red exterior, restored white/red interior, power steering, garage kept, runs great, car show trophies, asking \$22,500--Make offers. Contact Howard (Hobo) Bodkin, email: [bbod@comcast.net](mailto:bbod@comcast.net) or 770.554.8057 (6/2011)

## PARTS AND VEHICLE FLOCKS



**(New Listing) Studebaker Parts Inventory.** Dealer inventory acquired in the 1990's by the late John Brown. Bulk of the parts are mechanical parts, seems to be a predominance of late prewar to early postwar items. Lots of truck parts. Included are all the Stude parts, plus the metal bins / shelves they are stored in. Buyer responsible for loading and moving from current location (Marietta, GA). Additional photos can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/62ZNPM6>. Asking \$2500 for the lot. Buyer responsible for loading and removing from the current location. For more information, send email to Chuck Lampman: [chuck@lampman.com](mailto:chuck@lampman.com) (8/2011)

**Wheel Covers for sale.** 30 full wheel covers for various models, in overall good condition. For more information, please call Enrique Hernandez, 770.645.1867 (7/2011)

**Studebaker Parts for sale.** Both new and used; I can offer these for less than the out-of-town dealers. I also stock ZDDPlus™ oil additive to replace the zinc that older engines need, but which has been eliminated from modern motor oils. Contact Dan Miller, 770.932.1615; email: alexmil@comcast.net. (7/2011)

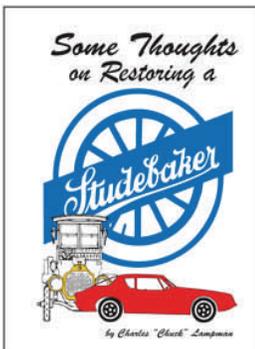
**Free to a good home:** Home-built trailer hitch for Lark-type Studebakers. I travel for a living, so I am only home Noon until 6 PM on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, and all day on Tuesday; please call only during these hours. Jim Fisher, 770.928.7841. (7/2011)

## STUDEBAKER MEDIA

**Turning Wheels.** 300 issues at \$1.00 each, from 1976 through 2010. Would prefer package deal to someone near Savannah, GA or Hilton Head, SC. I am located in Bluffton, SC. Contact: Denny Bly, telephone 843.706.9648; [JaniceBly@aol.com](mailto:JaniceBly@aol.com). (7/2011)



**1953 Accessories Brochure.** "1953 Motoring Accessories for Your Studebaker". It lists such things as a Strat-o-line 8-tube radio, Fashion-Styled Seat Covers, grill guards and much more. Overall very good condition; minor folds, no major tears or stains. Measures 8.75" X 12" with 16 pages including covers. Asking \$25. Milt Longbottom, Conyers, GA. Telephone: 770.922.4383; email: [miltlong830@gmail.com](mailto:miltlong830@gmail.com). (7/2011)



This is a 99 page book based on the articles of the same name that appeared in *Turning Wheels* in the early 1990s and which won the SDC's Churchill Award for Best Article, Non-Paid. The book contains all the material from the original series, which ran for a year and a half in *The Hillholder*, and not only replaces some material edited out for the *TW* series, but has updates and several new items that were written after the *TW* series was published.

"Some Thoughts" is aimed at the first-time restorer, but will be of value to the more experienced; it doesn't try to be a "how to restore a car book", but gives you a look at the decision-making processes, tools, spaces and basic skills you'll need to do a restoration, and will provide a framework to help you structure your project.

There are several chapters of Studebaker-specific advice. In the chapter devoted to engine rebuilding, I've tried to describe a step-by-step process that anybody can follow, and I've tried to include tips I've picked up in building 60+ engines. I've received many compliments on the engine chapter, and I'm glad to finally be able to get it in print.

*Some Thoughts on Restoring a Studebaker* is available for \$22.50 USD, plus \$4 for handling and postage, for a total of \$26.50 to US addresses. Canadian orders add \$6.50 USD for postage, total \$29.00 USD. To order a second book in the same order, add an additional \$3 (\$4 USD for Canadian orders). For Australia and Europe, shipping is \$12, total \$34.50 USD paid by PayPal only.

The easiest way to purchase (and the only way if you are in Australia or Europe) is to PayPal the appropriate amount to me at [chuck@lampman.com](mailto:chuck@lampman.com), and mention Some Thoughts in the remarks section. Otherwise, if you live in the US or Canada, send your name, mailing address and a check or USPS money order for \$26.50 (\$29.00 USD bank draft for Canadian buyers) to:

Chuck Lampman  
4141 Lynette Ct.  
Kennesaw, GA. 30144-2293

If mailing payment, please email me to notify me that the check is coming so I can set one aside for you, or get some more printed. (I try not to keep too big an inventory because they are expensive to stock.) (7/2011)

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To join our chapter, complete this form and send with your \$10.00 (\$5.00 if joining after July 1st) check or money order in US funds to:

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