



Adult-Rated, Hard-Core, Hard-Hitting, Timely? STUDE NEWS from Mid Oklahoma

From The President, Mel McGee:

Greetings to all fellow Studebaker Drivers, from a President excited about the promising Studebaker activities ahead for the Summer and Fall, but first a note about events of the last few weeks.

On April 5th at an officers meeting at Grandy's, we discussed acquiring a banner,

a small sign and hand-outs to display at car shows, and name tags for new members.



Studie Pete proposes new club shirt

Don volunteered to gather information on those proposals. Also discussed was finding a good location for the November chili dinner, and Clifton promised to undertake that task.

At the next meeting, Thursday April 26, Don had an actual sign and a design for the banner for us to view, and information on prices for the name badges. Clifton, although not present due to attending (Pate?) Swap Meet at the Texas Motor Speedway near Fort Worth, submitted an e-mailed report on the favorable aspects of "Incredible Pizza" in Warr Acres and advised us that he had

made reservations for the November event. The sign and the banner were approved; no decision made on the name badges or the handout flyers. Our Tour Master Studie Pete has some interesting and challenging road trips proposed in two directions on Route 66, the first one Eastbound on June 9, so keep an eye on your e-mails for meeting at Pop's, time, etc. The North East Oklahoma Chapter has been invited to join us, either at Pops or at the Route 66 Museum in Chandler, so it should be a fun-filled event.

Do not forget: The Club Picnic will be held on the afternoon of Sunday May 6th at our home. It's going to be a beautiful day. Drive Your Studebaker to **1600 N. Holly Avenue** and help us devour delicious hot dogs, hamburgers and all the wonderful desserts always brought by club members.

I would like to elaborate on the proceedings at the International Car Show on the Fairgrounds March 9-11. I can summarize in three words: It was great. Please go to page 3 to hear my observations on that epic event. *Mel*

Breakfast business meeting 5 April



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More news from club members

in Mel's article on the Hawk's engine swap, Charles Hall's progress on the Power Hawk, Don Sutherland's new tires on the Starliner, Clifton's adventures at the swap meet, and the very exciting schedules being proposed by our excellent Tour Master.

Member's Page



May Birthdays	May Anniversaries
Kathy Rodrigues	
Kathy Morrow	
June Birthdays	June Anniversaries
Pat Sutherland	

Lucille Laws improving slowly

We've just checked with Leland Laws on the condition and progress of wife Lucille, recently returned from the hospital after having stents put in and experiencing difficulty with platelets count. Symptoms of high platelet count include spontaneous blood clots in the arms and legs, which if untreated can lead to heart attack and stroke. Leland says Lucille is not responding well to efforts to get her to eat or to get up and about. Daughter Robyn from Stillwater and grand daughter from Arkansas are currently visiting, providing a good deal of encouragement and pleasure to Lucille, and help from a special Home Care agency has been arranged to come in three times a week to give further relief to the family. We do want to keep Lucille and family in our thoughts as we hope for her continued improvement.

Jim Hock enjoys visit with Peter Rodrigues

Jim continues to thrive in his current environment at the VA Center in Norman and Peter Rodrigues recently dropped by to visit, reporting that Jim was in a good mood, appeared to be doing quite well and they both enjoyed revisiting shared Studebaker events. It would be wonderful to picture Jim again driving that Hawk into the arena at the Sweethearts and Orphans event in Texas. Peter has been of great help in getting out information about the Hock's Studebaker collection now available. We want to wish Judy success in finding new homes for the collection and in moving into her new home.

The Hock's car collection is dwindling, Peter's efforts on Craig's List having resulted in many responses, some fraudulent, so be careful out there. The Champ has been sold and the Golden Hawk is probably gone by the time you read this, and a great deal of interest in the Frazer Manhattan has been noted.

Remember! Note this!



Club Picnic Sunday, May 6 AT Mel and Jeri-Alynn's House !!!

Mel comments on:



We had to have the cars down there on Tues. evening. We were directed where to park and left our cars there. After we left, sometime between Tues and Wed, they cleaned them and shined them. Some of the cars on display I had never seen in other shows. Many wonderful cars from the very early days.

The GM Futureliner was quite interesting and relatively small. It was displayed with the whole side opened and you could enter the cab if so inclined. It had a very small door and steps leading up to the driver's position. Very difficult to get into.

Thursday night they had a VIP showing to which the wife and I were invited. They served free beer and cake. I have never seen so many different kinds in my life, beer and cake. After we toured the 50s autos we went to the other end of the building to view the new models. Much to my surprise, as I stepped around a car I encountered Governor Mary Fallin. Not the highlight of the event, but notable, for me.



The President Swaps Engines in the Hawk

Another point of interest regarding my Silver Hawk: I have just installed a crate 350 engine. While I had it out I decided to put in a tilt steering column with rack & pinion power steering. It's not finished yet, but close. It has been quite a challenge. In the next issue of the Flyer I hope to report on a completed project.



Transplant surgery begins....



The original 289, Already SOLD!!



The new Chevy replacement

Melvin McGee has even more fun: Leaving in his '53 for Saturday's Tri-City Cruiser's Show, a loud "Bang" caused Mel to think he'd run over something that had hit the bottom of the car near the back. Jeri-Alynn ran out to ask, "WHAT was that noise?" Unable to find anything wrong, Mel proceeded to a gas station but while re-fueling became aware that the fuel was being re-routed somewhere between the opening in the fender and the tank and was spreading over the concrete. He assumed whatever he had hit had caused the tank to separate from the filler hose, returned to house, drove his Taurus to the Tri-City show. Did not enter the Taurus in the show. The next day he discovered the rubber connection between fender and tank had simply deteriorated at only 65 yrs old. The bang they'd heard was the noise made as the City imploded the smokestacks of the old powerplant. 'Suh trooth,'suh hep me.

Tri-City Cruisers Show Well-Attended Event, Lottsa Cars

0800 Saturday morning 28 April, a beautiful morning on Tri-City Drive off Hwy 37, found Joe Parks, Peter Rodrigues and Don Sutherland in their respective Studebakers in a line of about one hundred cars waiting to pose for the photographer prior to reporting at the registration tables. About three hundred cars were already registered and in place. Most arriving afterward were parked overflowing onto the grassy area to the east.



Mr. DeLane Keef, a member of the Tri-City Cruisers as well as of our club, attended this year in spirit only. His beautiful Lark, driven by his grandson, was given a place of honor in the parking lineup. His photo is in the driver's seat. Drive on, Sir.



Peter's '62 Hawk

A unique and greatly appreciated feature of this show was the presentation of an attractive plaque with picture of car and driver entering the staging area, given to every driver who registered, no additional cost. Nice.



Don's '53 Starliner



Don Vincent's '84 Avanti



Earl Rowland's '48 Pickup



Joe Parks' 1960 Hawk with the Club's new "car show sign" in place.



Joe relaxes as Peter flexes.

As Peter Rodrigues will tell you, the best part of these car shows is the people you'll meet and the many things you'll learn from these new friends, if you listen. This was certainly verified Saturday, as Mel had the opportunity to view many examples of installations of engines and steering boxes, etc. and we all got to hear stories of "My Dad useter own wanna them Studebakers!", etc.

An especially interesting encounter occurred when a gentleman with a seriously "down-under" accent approached our rest area.

Peter Rodrigues

and a Mr. Steve Edmunds, originally from New South Wales, now a 20-yr resident of the U.S., soon found they had much in common with experiences in Australia. Mayhap he can be convinced to join the August Skype meeting with Peter's Australian group. Maybe join

The Club. *Editor*

Don tried unsuccessfully to swap for this GP. The owner didn't want a Studebaker.



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Stately 1926 T-Model FORD



Progress on Charles Hall's Power Hawk

After stripping EVERYTHING off the Hawk, welding in a new floor, blasting away a lot of grease and dirt, Charles has installed new tires, re-wired just about everything, all lights, brakes, etc. working well. He put the front seat back in and has driven it around the neighborhood and down to a shop to have front-end aligned, where he was told he would need to replace the upper control arm bushings to allow it to be properly aligned.

Charles reports:

I started tearing into the upper control arm and bushings today. After an hour of surveying the layout, I started in. Just like the lowers, they bushings are rusted solid. I'm working with hammers, drifts, and chisels to free the first one. Once I get it out, I should be able to get the control arm out and work on the other bushing in a more comfortable environment.



some pics attached of today's and yesterday's progress on the upper control arms. Both arms removed and ready for reinstallation when bushings arrive. Two pictures have 'before' and 'after' (named with '-' marked'). These marked files indicate the placement of bolts that hold the shaft that goes through the control arm bushings. Notice the L side has no bolts sticking up and the R side has bolts sticking up. I'm not sure which is factory, but the one on the R was really hard to disassemble because the bolts could not be removed. I suspect the R side has been replaced at some point as Studebaker would probably have installed the bolts downward so they could more easily be serviced. My plan is to remove the R bolts, if I can, and then put them in from the top. If I cannot, reassembly is going to be tough .

Charles

Clifton Goes to THE SWAP MEET

On the last weekend of April, when some of us were at the Tri-City Cruisers Show and some were pursuing constructive activities, Clifton and Betty Hill were cruising the acres of things to swap for at the Pate Swap Meet at the Texas Motor Speedway. Clifton reports he had to re-charge the battery seven times on his go-cart, the venue was so vast. He apologizes for not sending any pictures, but he swapped his camera for a wheel-cover he thought he needed.



Sutherland's Sunday Drive in The Dutch Girl

Sunday afternoon being such a nice day, Patty and Don Sutherland pushed the '54 Starliner out of the garage and set out on Old 66 to Arcadia and Luther, stopping at Panera in Edmond for a cuppa and to share a tasty sweet roll. Don enjoyed the view of the car parked in the shade on an incline, until he remembered that every time he parks on a hill the gear selectors jam and he has to get out and get greasy. That's what gloves are for. After touring the metropolis of Luther they returned home having spent a good three hours in the hard-top, sometimes at speeds as high as 50mph, with no trouble.

They both enjoy the "thumbs up", honks and waves, but Don hates the standing with thumb up, tow-strap in hand. Which didn't happen this time!

Tour Master has arranged another excellent tour

Peter Rodrigues has again planned some exciting driving tours as well as a special "Skype Event" with the SDC in Australia, and has extended a special invitation to the NEO Chapter, hoping they will join us in two of these events.

First !! - The Route 66 East Tour – 2018

The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the SDC would like to invite y'all to join us for a Route 66 Tour on June 9, 2018. From POPS in Arcadia we will "Cruise" East on the world famous Route 66, stopping in Chandler at the Route 66 Interpretive Center and Gift Shop. Then we continue on scenic 66 to Stroud - Oklahoma's Winery and Grape Capital- where we will join "**Stroud's Historic Route 66 Wine Festival Car Truck and Bike Show**". Then we top the day off with lunch at the iconic **Rock Café** in Stroud.

Bring your Studebakers or other special interest cars for this fun day.

Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club

The Route 66 East Tour on June 9, 2018

June 9, 2018 The Route 66 EAST TOUR – Arcadia to Stroud round trip about 85 miles.

Stroud's Historic Route 66 Wine Festival Car, Truck and Bike Show

9 am ---Meet at POPS Arcadia

9:15 am -- Tour to **The Route 66 Interpretive Center** and Gift Shop, conveniently located halfway between Tulsa and Oklahoma City in Chandler 37 min (27.8 miles)

10 am -- Visit The Route 66 Interpretive Center and Gift Shop

10:30 -- Tour Historic Route 66 to Stroud, OK 74079 17 min (13.6 miles)

11 am -- arrive **Stroud's Historic Route 66 Wine Festival Car, Truck and Bike Show**

12 noon -or so - Lunch at the Rock Café in Stroud...

Route 66 Museum, Chandler



Rock Café, Stroud



Also !! **June/July/August, Saturday...Joint meeting via SKYPE with the SCCA for discussion:**

Studebaker Car Club of Australia Club member *Richard Salter, John Graham and Studie Pete* are arranging an international, shared live meeting of Studebaker Clubs between the SCCA and the COC-SDC. Using SKYPE we can visit with our Australian Studebaker friends in real time. On 6pm Saturday in Oklahoma it is 9am Sunday in Melbourne, Australia, so while we will be having a dinner-time meeting following the SKYPE meeting, our Australian friends will be having their Sunday breakfast. We will have a practice with Richard Salter to work out the details.

Studie Pete asks that we keep an eye on e-mails for finalization of the **Route 66 Studebakers Go West Tour, Sept., "Cruise-In-For-Coffee"** third Saturday of every month, Santa Fe Cattle Co., MWC 8 AM–11 AM, June 23, **Knights Auto Club Car Show**, Boy Scout Park, Shawnee, OK, an annual event well worth the trip, **"Coffee & Cars OKC"** Northpark Mall, 12100 N. May, OKC <http://wwcoffeeandcarsokccom/>

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Annual Bus. Meeting & Chapter Officer Elections, Warr Acres Incredible Pizza Company, 5833 NW Expy, OKC

Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get. H. Jackson Brown, Jr



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Leland Laws latest



Leland Laws, already owner of two very nice examples of the Avanti, in March of this year found the Avanti he believes will be his constant and “go to” driver, a 1990 4-door Luxury model he has named “The Champagne Lady” due to the name of the paint color. Relatively rare, only about 79 being made, this is a vehicle Lucille will be able to enter and exit easily and enjoy a very pleasant, comfortable ride where ever they go.

Avanti