

*AVANTI*

\*Serving the exceptionally well-informed Studebaker enthusiasts of Central Oklahoma\*

### From The Prez:



Aloha!! I've a lot to talk about this month because in March the wife and I took a Vacation!! our First in approximately 55 years, other than the occasional visit with relatives. We went to Hawaii! It was great and we love to talk about it when we can get anyone to listen. We took a lot of pictures and plan to show them at the next meeting unless that would create too great a decrease in attendance.

Speak of meetings: For 11 April, Peter emailed the club inviting members to meet at Grandy's on the South side. We had ten members and one guest show up and it was a very enjoyable get-together. It was a relaxed meeting with discussion ranging from anything thru everything while we breakfasted, sparingly of course, from Grandy's buffet. For those that failed to attend you might consider joining us for the next one. It's a fun event and to drive your Studies or Old Chevy or Corvette or Maserati and line up with the others and have people coming in wanting to talk about them – Priceless!.

Saturday, 20 April, another milestone event, with eleven members showing up with their cars at this year's first "Cruise-In-For-Coffee" at the Santa Fe Cattle Company Restaurant parking lot in Midwest City. It was a good turn out with great weather and cars. The parking lot was literally packed and hopefully next month will be as good. Charles Hall reported in with his absence excused when he vowed he would have The Hawk ready for next month's Cruise-In!

The club was also well-represented at the Tri-City Cruiser's Show on Saturday, 27 April and, again, a good time was had by all. Pictures and notes follow.

The club's annual picnic looms appealingly on the horizon! Last year the traditional date was changed from June to May because of conflicting schedules. This year we're changing back to the second week in June. So please RSVP (leave a message if we don't answer) if you will be able to join us at 1:00pm Saturday 8 June at Mel and Jeri-Alynn's plantation, 1600 N. Holly Ave., Okla. City, OK 73127. Phone: (405)789-7029

See ya there! *Mel*



.....Gathered at Grandy's 11 April



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## COC Chapter Officers

## Member's Page



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<b>Patty Sutherland</b>	<b>Walters</b>

**CLUB PICNIC**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 8**

**Mark your calendar to ensure your on time arrival for  
the club picnic 1:00 PM at  
Mel and Jeri-Alynn's , 1600 N. Holly Avenue, OKC  
Call Mel to tell him how you want your hot dog burned \***

**405-789-7029**

\* Bring side dish, dessert or salad (**RSVP**)

### Charles Hall shares an item of interest on a helpful tool:

I found and purchased a new tool for my collection, a zerk or grease fitting rejuvenator. I got it from NAPA because I had a discount that made it as cheap as Amazon. It has a grease gun coupler on the end of a syringe. The syringe gets filled with any light weight oil or penetrating oil. You put it on the zerk (must be a straight not 45 or 90) then tap the syringe plunger with a hammer. It forces the oil into the zerk and into the joint. Once it is flushed out and dripping with oil, remove the tool, hook up the grease gun and pump the fitting with grease until you've cleared out all the old stuff and the oil. I used it on the 4 zerks of the driveshaft today and was really surprised at how well it cleaned out the u-joints. I will attack the front suspension at a later date.

Here is a link to Northern Tool's version:

[Zerk Fixer-Upper](#)



..... *Motivation will almost always beat mere talent.* - Norman R. Augustine

Stude Stuff For Sale: get it while the gettin's good !!

**CLIFTON HILL OFFERS:  
1963 STUDEBAKER CRUISER 4 DR**



**Very Complete with:**

**\*\*V-8 Engine  
Automatic Trans  
Air Conditioning  
Power Steering  
No Title**

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**ASKING  
\$1,995.00**

Have not tried to get it running but it is all there. (Shawnee) Call me; I do not answer texts !!!!

Do NOT contact me with unsolicited service offers !

**405-214-8812**

Use this link for more pictures: [\*\*'63 Cruiser bargain\*\*](#)

**Elmer Davis still has some Studebaker cars and Parts left:**

Call Elmer, because he has some very interesting items not included in this list.

**(405) 645-3033**

1954 Stude 2 dr HT V8

1954 Stude 2 dr Coupe V8

1953 Stude 2 dr Coupe Cadillac V8

**All cars need complete restoration.**

Hood for 1955 coupe HT \$400.

New hood for 1953-54 coupe fiberglass \$650.

New RF fender for 1953-60 coupe fiberglass \$400.

New back glass for 1953-61 plexiglass \$200.

**\*Clifton Hill's RV still Missing. Call Clifton with any info: Hill 405 - 214 - 8812 \***



This vehicle was stolen either Sunday March 31 or Monday April 1st. Please advise the members that this is a fairly rare vehicle to be on the road and I am hoping some of my car friends can help find it, Thanks! Clifton Hill email [carguyhill2@aol.com](mailto:carguyhill2@aol.com)

This nice note to the club from Cindy Joyner, received too late to get into last issue of The Flyer:  
7 Mar 2019

Dear Don Sutherland,

I am Cindy Joyner, Richard Mason's wife. I appreciate your sending me the Stude Flyer, however, it is fine for you to discontinue now. I want to save your postage! As you may know, Tom died this past June of lymphoma. He had been ill for a couple of years, and he started with a tonsil cancer. That was removed and another cancer was still left near the site, so they removed that. He was doing well, but then the lymphoma appeared. This was after about two years of doctor appointments, surgeries, and all of that. It was too aggressive, even though he went through chemo and radiation. Elmer came to Virginia and bought the Studebaker and other cars. I had the opportunity of meeting Elmer when Tom and I had come to Oklahoma to pick up his things back in 2010. I was very happy when we got married in 2011, but it was really unfortunate that this had to happen. He always told me about your club, and about the restaurant that he ate at on his way to the meetings. It meant a lot to him as cars and air planes were his passion. I wish that he could have finished the Studebaker and that we could have ridden around in it, as he had planned to do. I am trying, like many others in my situation I am sure, to recover from the sadness of this. I myself started having medical issues right after he died, but I am plugging along.

Take care and please tell everyone there that he would have wanted to thank you for all of the joy that all of you have given him over the years.

Best to everyone,

## A Good Turnout at Tri-Cities by Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club

Competently co-ordinated by Tour Master Peter Rodrigues a respectable number of our COC SDC members braved the elements Saturday, 27 April, to join 240 automotive enthusiasts of Brand X persuasion at the Tri-City Cruisers Open Car Show.

Leland Laws provided advance operations, appearing at 0700 (late, for Leland) in his 4-door Avanti, intending to clear a landing place for Peter in his '53 coupe, Mel in the '58 Hawk, Don in the '54 Starliner, and Joe Parks in his '60 Hawk. As it turned out, the aforementioned Peter, Mel and Don were so late Joe was the one preparing a place for the others. Also there in his Avanti II was Don Vincent, who parked nearby. One '41 Studebaker Coupe, unassociated with our club, rounded out the South Bend product showing. (Must talk to the driver of that classic to convince him to join the Club.) Clifton and Betty Hill showed up as the others were settling in, arriving in one of their "off-brands" as they thought nobody else would be there since "...nobody comes here any more because it's so crowded" ...??

However, it cannot be denied that we of the club enjoyed a great deal of "...laughin' back and forth at what the other'n had to say..." and viewing a lot (240+) of great cars.

The "inclement wx" referred to was a "threat of rain". The day turned out bright and sunny, very little wind...great!!



Somebody's Darlin'



Mel's '58 Hawk



Joe's '60 Hawk



Peter's '53 Starlight



Don's '54 Starliner



Leland's '90 Avanti 4-Door

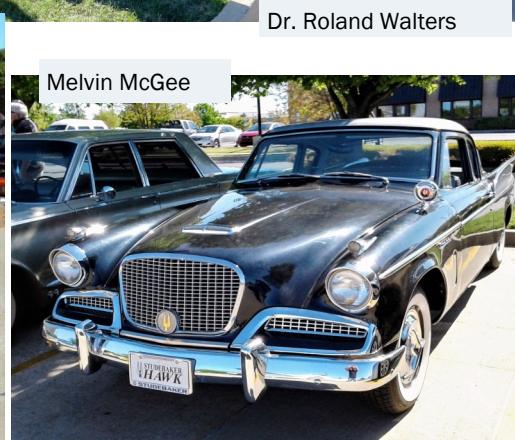


## Central Oklahoma Studebakers at MWC Cruise-In-For-Coffee 2019

For our club, the year's events unquestionably got "in gear" with the 2019's first Midwest City Cruise-In-For-Coffee on the parking lot of the Santa Fe Cattle Co. Restaurant. With more-or-less the usual list of suspects showing up, we saw Leland Laws park his '90 Avanti about 0700 and save a place for Don Sutherland's '54 Starliner, and Tom Douglass in a beautiful '55 restored to original Chevy. Then Mike Scott's outstanding '55 modified Chevy rolls in followed by Cody Shannon in a Mean Mustang. Glenn Masopust drove his Chevy pickup, with Peter Rodrigues piloting the '53 Stude Coupe for the year's first appearance. Mel McGee up

with the '58 Hawk this time, Joe Parks with his Stude pickup instead of the Hawk, Elmer Davis in the Avanti, Roland Walters with his original, purchased new '76, low mileage Avanti II. As mentioned before, Chas. Hall estimates completion of his '56 Power Hawk by next month's event, which will give the club a quite remarkable showing of remarkable vehicles. Glen may even have good news to report on a '55 sedan!

Apology: Failed to get pics  
of Cody's Mustang and of  
Elmer's Avanti....ed.





## The Rodrigues GT HAWK Goes To A WEDDING !!

### A TALE OF TWO WEDDING STORIES

I was excited to be invited to Katie and Christopher's wedding and was even more excited when asked if I could provide a classic car for the bride and groom. My Studebaker 1962 GT Hawk had prior experience, and although it is far from perfect, the GT presents itself well; especially when I get it sparkly clean.

#### IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES.

*I decided that my GT Hawk's voluminous oil leaks needed to be reduced, so I ordered a valve grind gasket set, FEL-PRO-Gaskets FS7669S2, to be certain that I had gaskets for the valve cover, intake manifold, and the lifter cover (also known as the valley cover). The set arrived the week of the wedding, so I started the project late Monday. On Tuesday I realized that I did not have the valve cover grommets needed to finish the reassembly.*

*I needed a plan. When I contacted Mel, he offered his '53 sedan as a back-up in case I could not get the needed parts. I hurriedly called StudebakerParts.com in Arizona late Tuesday. Russ Ware assured me he had the grommets and could send them 2-day air for a Friday arrival. Thank goodness I had Mel's generous offer.*

By the time the parts arrived Friday at 2pm, I had already installed the valley cover and the intake manifold.

Helped by my friend Sherrill, the job was finished by 4 pm Friday.

Saturday the 20th was the perfect April evening for a wedding in northwest OKC.

....IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES....



.,,AND MAY WE WISH FOR THEM A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER !



WEDDING SPECIAL V-8

From Larry Cooper 7 Mar 2019

Hi Donald,

The info I gave you caused me to reminisce. You might be interested in what I am about to state. I am not asking that it be published, but should you care to, feel free to use part or all of my wild story:

There was a man and his wife who owned some farm land which was adjacent to the northeast of the city limits of Sayre. It was not productive land, so he opened a service station in town. I purchased gasoline from him and one day, as I went to pay, I saw a Chevy tilt steering column. I mentioned that in my last post. I asked if it was for sale, it was so I bought it for my Stude pickup.

We used to have a car show every summer and I entered my pickup. A young man had a car there, I believe it was a '58 Ford hard-top convertible. We visited and he told me he was a distant relative of the Studebaker clan. He had my attention. It turned out that he was the son of the farmer and his wife who owned the farm land stated above. The wife of the farmer was the great-great (and maybe another great) granddaughter of the Studebaker family. A daughter of the original Studebaker family married a man named Barnes. To that marriage were born children along with offspring. How the relative got to Sayre I do not know.

Back to the farm land, the city of Sayre purchased some of the land to be used as the city dump grounds. After a time, the farmer started selling portions to individuals and a relative of mine purchased a large portion of the land and started building houses for sale. The city then annexed all that area, and I ended up purchasing a house and one acre which was listed on a north/south street. Later the entire area was platted and streets were designated but not opened. One of those streets bordered my property.

Now, completely away from what I was telling, back in the 1920s there was a man from Sayre who was a well-known opera star. His name was Joe Benton. He was living in Italy and performing opera under the name of Joseph Bentonelli. The town was proud of him, so they named one of the streets "Benton Street". Mr. Benton, when he was young, was a member of the church my family and I attended. Our church is on the list of historical places, and when the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church was commemorated Mr. Benton came for the celebration and sang in the morning service. I believe he had become a member of the OU faculty at that time.

Because of the recognition by the city of Mr. Benton I thought the great-great granddaughter of the Studebakers should be noted. I wrote to the city council and requested a street be named for her family and, as there were no houses located on the street which borders my property, I asked that it be named "Studebaker Drive" and that was done.

Now my property is at the corner of Studebaker Drive and Watts Street. There are two Studebaker vehicles parked in my shop, which faces Studebaker Drive.

*Larry Cooper*

And this nostalgic note from a visitor to our website:

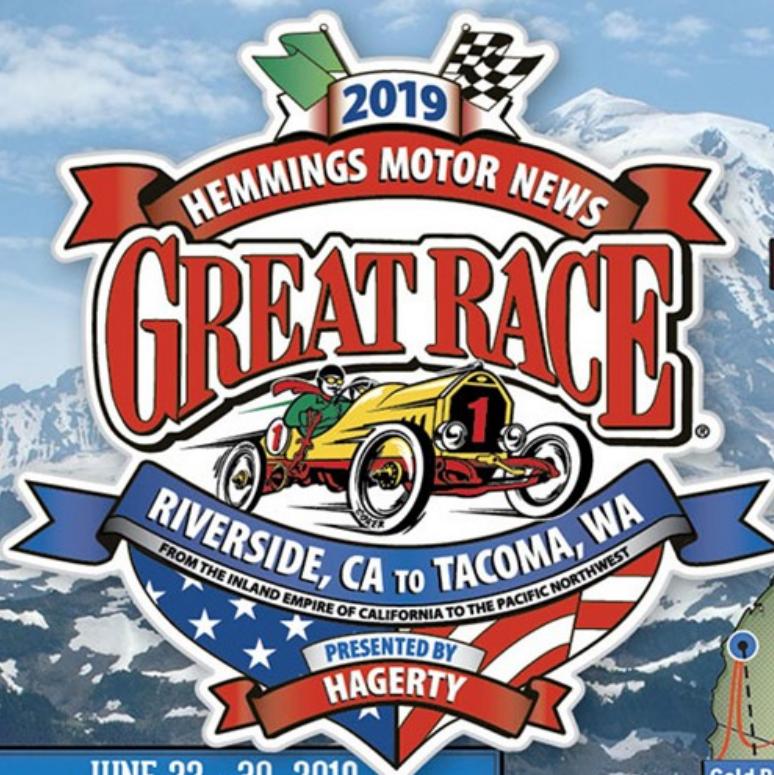
**Message Details:**

Name: Mel

Email: oldcarsmel@cox.net

Subject: Memories

Message: My first wheels was a '49 Land Cruiser, which was the only one in northern Minn. which was gray with a green hood. My mother drove it to town, and she thought she was pulling the O/D lever but it was the hood release. I was raised in a Stude family. My second car was a '51 Commander then a '60 Lark Convertible. The Lark is the car which I really wish I still owned. Well, such is life.



JUNE 22 - 30, 2019

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

START: Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
LUNCH: California Route 66 Museum, Victorville, CA - noon  
OVERNIGHT: The Boulevard, Lancaster, CA - 4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

LUNCH: Bishop City Park, Bishop, CA - noon  
OVERNIGHT: Lampe Park, Gardnerville, NV - 5:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**

LUNCH: Mill Street, Grass Valley, CA - 11:45 a.m.  
PIT STOP: State Theater, Myers Street, Oroville, CA - 2:30 p.m.  
OVERNIGHT: City Plaza, Downtown Chico, CA - 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25**

LUNCH: Recreation Grove Park, Willits, CA - 12:15 p.m.  
OVERNIGHT: 2nd Street, Old Town, Eureka, CA - 5:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26**

LUNCH: Curry County Fairgrounds, Gold Beach, OR -- noon  
OVERNIGHT: Southwest G Street, Grants Pass, OR - 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**

LUNCH: Rim Village, Crater Lake, OR - noon  
OVERNIGHT: Tower Theater, Wall Street, Bend, OR - 5 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

LUNCH: Aeroplane & Auto Museum, Hood River, OR - noon  
OVERNIGHT: WAAAM West, Vancouver, WA - 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29**

PIT STOP: Maritime Museum, Astoria, OR - 10 a.m.  
LUNCH: Commerce Avenue, Longview, WA - noon  
OVERNIGHT: LeMay Family Collection, Spanaway, WA - 5:15 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

FINISH: LeMay - America's Car Museum, Tacoma, WA - 1:30 p.m.

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**VINTAGE RALLY!**

TACOMA, WA

SPANAWAY, WA

Longview, WA

VANCOUVER, WA

Hood River, OR

BEND, OR

Crater Lake, OR

GRANTS PASS, OR

Gold Beach, OR

EUREKA, CA

Willits, CA

CHICO, CA

Grass Valley, CA

GARDNERVILLE, NV

Bishop, CA

**SOLD OUT!**

THE 2019 GREAT RACE IS  
ALREADY SOLD OUT.

To get on the waiting list  
for priority for the 2020 event,  
go to  
[greatrace.com/waitinglist](http://greatrace.com/waitinglist)

A TIME-SPEED-  
ENDURANCE RALLY  
FOR VINTAGE CARS,  
1974 & OLDER  
**\$150,000**  
IN PRIZE MONEY



RIVERSIDE, CA

LANCASTER, CA

Victorville, CA

RIVERSIDE, CA

.....Not coming thru Oklahoma?? Maybe not so great? Our June 8 Picnic ...that's Great!

Central Oklahoma Chapter Studebakers at Tri-Cities Saturday 27 April (...mostly COC)



Bud Jenkins 1941 Coupe



Don Sutherland 1954 Starliner



Don Vincent 1989 Avanti II



Joe Parks 1960 Hawk



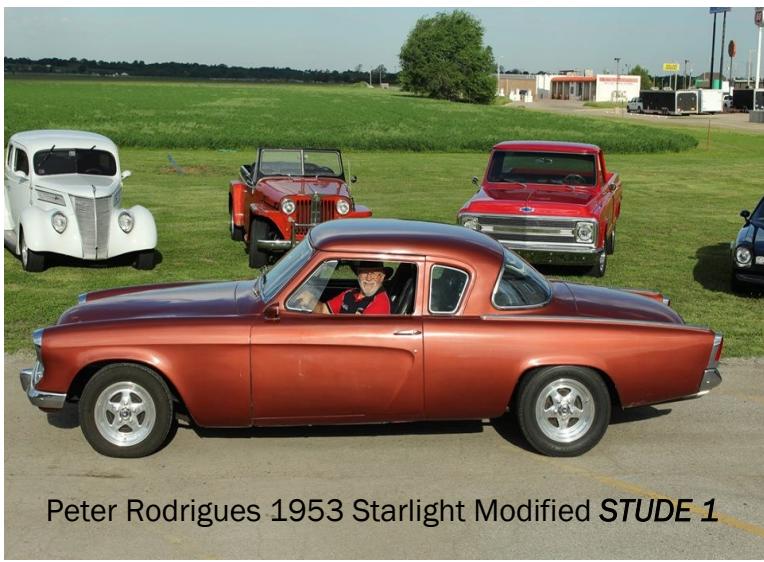
Leland 1990 Avanti Luxury 4-Door



Melvin McGee 1958 Silver Hawk

*Wait 'til next year... we'll show a lot of South Bend product there!*

## More (than you wanted to know) of the Tri-City Cruisers Show



Peter Rodrigues 1953 Starlight Modified STUDE 1



Each year it seems the Tri-City Cruisers open event grows and continues to be one of the more interesting of

car shows of the area, attracting such a varied representation of automotive products. If your appreciation of the output of the industry is for the latest, greatest, meanest, biggest, hottest, fastest...you'll find something you'll love viewing. If it's the innovative, wildly creative from the small shop or the individual with a back-yard work area, a good example can be found in the mix. Or, if your heart melts and nostalgia floods your senses at the site of the orphaned Studebaker, Packard or Hudson, or the ancient Ford Model A or T, you could very well walk right up to your favorite right there in a very good venue—an old Walmart parking lot—with a lot of great musical entertainment, fantastic door prizes, and a very good drawing for prizes. Well planned, well staffed and over-all good place to spend a few hours on

PLUS : A picture of you and your car mounted on a nice plaque for all paid entrants. \*\*





Attendees at April 11 meeting of the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Stewed(sp?) Drivers Club included, but not limited to: (from left and around the table)

Cody Shannon, Mike Scott (Mike's brother attended but fled before this picture was taken) Melvin McGee Peter Rodrigues, Don Sutherland, Clifton Hill, Leland Laws, Elmer Davis (hiding) and John Graham (ignoring photog) Charles Hall was there, not allowed in the picture so he took the picture with his smart fone and will bill the club. Motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting as read, but no second to the motion was forth-coming as most of the group rose about that time to return to the breakfast buffet line for their second helping, and the minutes hadn't yet been read anyway, the secretary having been absent at the last meeting.

We then got down to the business of telling big ones about the cars we once owned and how fast they would go and our ability to repair transmissions and carburetors with only a pocket knife, a pair of pliers and baling wire. We did not have JB Weld in those days; it was a rough life.

Tour Master Peter Rodrigues then laid before the group some very interesting plans for visiting museums and some touring we might consider approving at the next meeting. President Melvin McGee then asked for a motion to adjourn but he was the only one left so he cleaned the tables and walked out.

A very enjoyable and productive meeting overall, even though Don Sutherland kept asking, "What did 'e say?".

#### Interesting item reprinted from the Rocky Mountain Hudson-Essex-Terraplane newsletter of April 2019

Most of us know that the energy produced to meet the needs of consumers is subsidized. An article in Forbes Magazine (William Maloney, March 2018) mentioned that subsidies projected for 2019, based on per megawatt hour, amounted to \$0.5 for coal, \$1 to \$2 for oil and natural gas, \$15 to \$57 for wind and \$43 to \$320 for solar. Eighty percent of current global energy comes from hydrocarbons (oil, natural gas, coal), the remainder from renewable and nuclear sources. The Federal Government, courtesy of those of us who pay taxes, spent the following amounts on Energy Subsidies in 2017: \$74 billion to support research & development, \$50 billion for nuclear power, \$24 billion for fossil fuels and \$26 billion for renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency. Approximate Statistics: It costs \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 to build and install a wind turbine that weighs hundreds of thousands of pounds. The crane required to lift the stanchion and gear box costs over \$100,000 per day of use. Landowners receive a minimum of \$8,000 per year for each turbine. A pair of technicians will be needed to maintain 15 turbines. RMHET NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2019

# MAY—JUNE ACTIVITIES CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER SDC

**May 3 & 4, 2019    21st Annual Rock-N-Rumble Car Show & Cruise**

Downtown Square - Altus, OK 73521 Phone: 580-482-2277

**May 4, 2019 11 AM Don Sable Collection in OKC on Wilshire Blvd..**

Studebaker Club "Shop Tour" with the OKC Area MG Club

**May 18, "Cruise in for Coffee" - 8am-11am; sponsored by Midwest City**

At the Santa Fe Cattle Co., 7101 SE 29th A monthly meet & greet

5-19, 6- 16, 7-21, 8-18, 9-15

**\*\* May 17 & 18, 2019 46th Annual Spring Zone Meet,**

Northeast Oklahoma Chapter of SDC <http://www.neoksdcom/ZoneMeetRegistration.html>

Crown Plaza Tulsa Southern Hills.

7902 South Lewis Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74136

Phone (918) 492-5000

Room Rate: \$84.00 per night \*Identify yourself with "The Studebaker Club"

Contact: Roger Patten or Nancy Kimbrough [rlp@atlasok.com](mailto:rlp@atlasok.com) or [mztazz10@aol.com](mailto:mztazz10@aol.com)

**\*\* June 8, 2019 – SATURDAY      SDC Annual Chapter Picnic.**

Mel and Jeri-Alynne McGee's place. 1600 North Holly Avenue, Oklahoma City

**June 15, 2019 "Cruise in for Coffee" 8am-11am; sponsored by of Midwest City**

At the Santa Fe Cattle Co., 7101 SE 29th A monthly meet & greet

6- 16, 7-21, 8-18, 9-15

**Jun 22, 2019 Knights Auto Club Car Show on Sat, 8 AM**

405-275-0241      Boy Scout Park, Pesotum Street, Shawnee, OK 74801

Enjoy the revving of engines and car-centric camaraderie - as the annual Knights Auto Club Car Show roars into Shawnee. Attracting over 150 entries each year, this car show features lots of family fun and an impressive display of classic cars and custom hot rods

**July 13, 2019. Tour - the Joe Inda "Collection of Classic Packards".**

At 10 am, we will gather at Clifton Hill's "Museum of Special Interest Autos" in Shawnee, OK. - 13700 US177 (about 1-and-1/2 miles S of I-40 on 177)

We will then cruise about 5 miles South and 1-and-1/2 miles West to the Joe Inda collection of Classic Packards. Then about noon we will go to the Golden Corral for lunch and more quality visiting. – Thanks to Clifton Hill..

Please Note: Club dues are long overdue

This will be the last issue of the Flyer for those who fail to remit by next issue



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## Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club

May 4, 2019

### Studebaker Club “Shop Tour” with the OKC Area MG Club

The MG Club has invited the Studebaker Club to join them on Saturday, the 4th of May about 11:00 AM for a visit to Don and Becky Sable's Shop/Car Display building. Don is providing burgers cooked by a chef. Also, Don is working on a drive afterward to see another collection. The MG club was pleased with our recent invitation to join us for our tour of the Tom Douglass collection.

Don and Becky Sable's place is located :944 West Wilshire Blvd, Okla. City, Oklahoma.

- One Mile WEST of Hwy 77, just west of the RR tracks on south side of Wilshire-

When you see the big red sign- 'DTO Data Terminals of Oklahoma' you are there.

If you are going west and get to May, you went too far.

Any one needing more info can call Clifton Hill at 405 - 214 - 8812

PS. Don and Becky's collection is well worth seeing, as there are two Model Ts from the "Brass Era", A nice Studebaker touring car, two TD MGs, a couple of vintage fire trucks, two Rolls-Royces and five or ten others. See you there!

A Thank You goes to Clifton Hill, for facilitating this tour ...