



# Stude Flyer

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## A Letter From The President

Here's hoping everyone and their families are doing well through this pandemic. Due to the restrictions and fears of contact very few efforts have been made by the club to meet or tour so there is little to report.

One very pleasant event did occur Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> when Pete and Kathy extended their invitation to the club and their friends and family to help them celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Twin Pines, their country home near Noble. The food and companionship were great, everyone was masked up and social distancing was adhered to and all had a grand time. Kathy did a wonderful job with the decorations and refreshments. After the celebration, Peter and Kathy left for a two-week vacation in the mountains north of Taos, New Mexico. Kathy was planning to join in horseback riding with friends, Peter to chase some golf balls down the mountain.

Although delayed two months, due to the virus, Midwest City community Cruise-In-For-Coffee was finally able to begin, so July 18th and August 15th found five club members masked up at the parking lot of The Santa Fe Cattle Co. Restaurant to kick some tires and get a caffeine kick. July 18 it was Leland Laws in his '90 4-door Avanti, Elmer Davis with his '53 Coupe, and Roland Walters showing his original '89 Avanti. I rode my '58 Hawk and Don arrived in his '54 Starliner. Not a bad showing for this year's first Cruise-In-For-Coffee. Then on Aug 25 it was about the same crew except Leland was not there, having opted to enter the Choctaw Show, but we were glad to see Peter arrive in his '53 Coupe. Leland's Avanti won a 2nd Place trophy at his show, beat out of first by a 2015 Corvette. I would like to remind the members who haven't paid their 2020 dues yet to please do so. Be safe and mask up, hopefully this virus will be over soon.

*Mel*

**The Ozark Trails Chapter along with The Heart of America Chapter will be hosting the 25th Annual Orphan Car Show and the Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Gathering in Branson, Missouri on September 10-12, 2020. Angel Inn, 3311 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Branson, Missouri**

**Call or email Gary Sanders for more information:  
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A reminder to all that membership renewal fees to the SDC for 2020 are due. If you have not already paid your SDC membership fee, please mail your payment of \$15 to Elmer Davis: 11828 Autumn Leaves, Oklahoma City, OK 73170

We look forward to renewing your membership in the SDC. We hope you have enjoyed receiving the SDC newsletter, and we sincerely hope that you will join us for another year and we do appreciate your continued association with the COC SDC.

## Midwest City's Cruise-In-For-Coffee, Third Saturday Each Month, Continues To Be A Favored Event

Customarily opening in mid-April, the popular "Cruise-In-For-Coffee" sponsored now by the City of Midwest City finally declared an opening day of July 18 this year. Social distancing and masking up notwithstanding, the event drew an impressive number of cars and spectators. A very pleasant, for July, cloudy day found five (5) of the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the SDC gathered 'round their Studes to sip some coffee, swap some lies and brag about their rides. A very enjoyable morning.



Pictured above are four club members at MWC on 18 July. Back to front: Roland Walters, Mel McGee, Elmer Davis and Leland Laws. Not pictured are Don Sutherland (taking the shot) and Roland Walters' Avanti and Mel's '58 Hawk.



Next meeting! On 15 August, the next date of the Cruise-In, we have almost the same crowd, the exceptions being the absence of Leland Laws and his Avanti (they jumped ship and attended the Choctaw show instead) and the presence of Peter Rodrigues and his mean '53 Stude 1 coupe. The outstanding Avanti on the right is the one purchased new by Roland Walters and still in top condition. Great to see both Elmer's '53 and Peter's '53 at the gathering!



# On The Road With Charles and Sue

Club members Charles and Sue Hall have set out in their very nice RV on a Fantastic Journey of Ten Thousand Leagues On The Interstate for a voyage of .. who knows how long? A retired US Coast Guard Commander, Charles has spent the last few years in IT work with various private companies and with the government, They had not long ago “settled down” in their new home in far southwest Oklahoma City, Charles bought his '56 Power Hawk in April of 2017 and we thought their roaming days were over because we knew it would take about 12 years to restore that Hawk.

However, when Charles finished the Hawk in a little less than a year, and started looking again for something to do and Sue pulled up her bucket-list of places they knew they wanted to visit, they sold their new home and furnishings, gave their extra cars to the grandkids, stored the Hawk in a secret cave in New Mexico, hooked the Ram to the RV and, Tuesday 17 Aug of this year took off for ...well, first goal Mackinac Island, MI, first stop Lawrence, KS to visit friends. They both received their first degrees at a little college in that town.

Today as we create this issue of the Flyer we just heard from them as they parked to watch the sunset at Grand Marais, MN, the shot they sent me you see behind the title of this article. They had just been to Gooseberry Falls, MN, just up the coast from Two Harbors, and sent this picture of that beautiful spot .

They are definitely closing on Mackinac Island and, hopefully, they will find some beautiful scenes to send us of that area.

Charles included this note in his last mail:

*“Gooseberry Falls @ Gooseberry Falls State Park is north of Two Harbors, MN which is north of Duluth about 15mi from that other country (Canada). We continued past during our outing and ended up at Grand Marais, MN today (pic of harbor attached). I was thinking the lighthouse would be an interesting visit, but nope. If you look closely you can see it in the pic just a little left of center. Very beautiful drive along the coast. If we did not know better, we would think we were along the CA northern coast - not much sand nor many large rocks/islands. Very beautiful, peaceful, and deep blue crystal clear water. Small rocks smooth from abrasion form the beachline.”*

*“On the way back from Grand Marais, we had a black bear cub cross the highway ahead of us. That gave us our wildlife viewing making the journey here worthwhile. Cub was all alone and just lumbered across the highway.”*



Gooseberry Falls, MN

At Penmarllter Campground near Two Harbors, MN until Thurs. At that time we will be at Rippling River, Marquette, MI, the fanciest place we've stayed in RV life. Moving on from there to more affordable digs. ....Charles



Another RV shares a campground in Wisconsin.

*“The Grand essentials of happiness are:  
something to do, something to love, and  
something to hope for.”*

-- Allan K. Chalmers  
As quoted by Pete Yuen in “Odds-N-Ends”

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**Member's Page****September Birthdays**

Ron Hall

Mel McGee

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**Anniversaries**

Sept 12, 1962

President Kennedy's

"We Choose The Moon" Speech

**October Birthdays**

Lucille Laws

Janice Hall

J. Scott Stumpf

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Don Sutherland

**Anniversaries**

Don &amp; Pat Sutherland

**SICK CALL**

Betty Hill has spent a week undergoing some tests to determine what is causing so much difficulty in keeping her balance. Right now doing much better, walking much better, but still no results on the tests.

Lucille Laws experienced a fall inside the house on Thursday, 20 August, and is only slowly recovering from a badly bruised hip. She was taken to the hospital and treated for the pain and got a good sleep There. Having recently undergone some tests and scans to determine the cause of her back pains, this has set her back even more. She feels very lucky to not have a broken hip.

Lucille said the medical people wanted to do some research on Leland but they gave up on finding any indication of brain waves.

Joe Parks is having greater difficulty in breathing and is now on constant oxygen but with his positive attitude he is adamant that he will be around awhile and is eager to get back to some club meetings and swap some more Studebaker tales. Joe says he has too many people he still wants to irritate and argue with to give it up just yet. Having enjoyed a long history with Studebakers and the Tulsa NEO club as well as our Central Oklahoma Club, Joe has some interesting tales to swap.

The secret of living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple. —*Tibetan Proverb*



## What's Goin' On, Being Sold and Being Told:

Tom Douglass, of Carseum fame, has recently made another fine acquisition with the addition to his stable of a '63 Avanti, 5-Speed! 289. We'll have to talk Tom into opening The Carseum to allow us to view this fine machine.

Avanti Gray / Red Interior



More pictures in e-mail version!

Visit to the Carseum in February, 2019  
Tom with Roland Walters & Mike Scott



George Gibson, fellow club member in Moore, OK with a successful history in paint and body, front end work and differential repair, has made the exciting move to "be his own boss" and set up his own shop in an aggressive manner. We wish George all the best and want to make sure you read his announcement in this issue. George's number at this time is 405-881-8579

Leland Laws purchased a new Studebaker from the Nissan Dealer on 15th Street. It is a 2020 Nissan pickup, white with black SPOKE wheels, with running boards! The "Southwest Midnight" package. He said Lucille was experiencing difficulty in boarding and deplaning that old '20 Black Dodge. As Mel mentioned, Leland's '90 4-door Avanti won a 2nd Place trophy at the Choctaw show, a 2015 Corvette somehow placing first.

Ron Hall, doing well but considering they might soon sell both the Silver Bullet and that beautiful Green Champ pickup. So keep an eye out for the notice in later issues and be the first in line. Ron and Janice have taken very good care of those Studebakers. Look for the announcement in future issue.

Joe Parks is about ready to get rid of one of his '60 Hawks, his daughter needing the room in her garage. Some good parts there, Joe says, and we'll give you his number when he says he's ready.

Richard Nelson, down in Elgin, OK, a very interesting gentleman to talk with, reports that he is doing "not too bad", still fighting with the pain and heartbreak of the accident last year that took the life a grandson and his wife of 62 years and 4 months. He had fully intended to be with the group at the Midwest City "Cruise-In" last week but the person he planned to ride with decided not to go. Richard doesn't like to drive alone and you can't fault him for that. The owner of two Studebakers, he still manages to get in a little work on his Hawk now and then and does look forward to the day he can again get together with the club.

The Dutch Girl, ready to join the Crown Heights, OKC  
2020 July 4 Parade, Corona virus precautions observed



## Robin Hensley and Her Beautiful Avanti at Stillwater Cars & Coffee



Robin Hensley Facebook

Robin Hensley yesterday (29 Aug) showed her nice 1984 Avanti at Saturday's Cars & Coffee in Stillwater, OK. According to Leland Laws, Robin's father, this model is the last of the Avantis with the "mixed parts", having a Corvette engine, a Ford differential and wheels, Chevy front suspension and wheels. Robin has to carry two spares!.



Tom Douglass's latest addition to The Carseum, a '69? 5-speed 289 Avanti.

### STOCK

1969

### VIN

21175

### MILES

53,571

### ENGINE SIZE

289 V8

### TRANSMISSION TYPE

5 SPEED MANUAL

### DRIVETRAIN

RWD

### EXTERIOR COLOR

AVANTI GRAY

### INTERIOR COLOR

RED





*Roland Walters and The Avanti*

Dr. Roland Walter prepares to raise the bonnet to display the attractive and very well prepared engine of his beautiful Avanti. Elmer Davis, Mel McGee, Peter Rodrigues and Don Sutherland were also present at the Saturday Cruise-In-For-Coffee at Santa Fe Cattle Co Restaurant, MWC



Don is taking his 2pm nap at the time the picture was taken



The Dutch Girl gets new shocks, front and rear, in preparation for the drive to Branson and the 25th Annual Orphans Car Show. Tuesday morning September 1 should find the Girl on the way to Peter Rodrigues Auto Fixit Place to consider front end work that might and probably should be administered. If Don's epidural procedures, his spinal Certi Flex procedure and his haircut all can be accomplished without mishap, and the brakes can be set to rights, Don and The Dutch Girl should be there on time. Starting a day early.

Good morning all,

1. Please read the following carefully. You will need to update the SDC contacts on your newsletters as Peter Bishop has resigned. Peter will be missed and we are fortunate to have Denny Foust who was VP and has assumed the role of president for the remainder of Peter's term.
2. Also, Please, ensure that you have the correct fee structure\* as Mark Wheeler has indicated he is receiving SDC memberships at the old rate. I have included the link for the rates as it pertains to your chapter, for you to include in your newsletters going forward.

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- Resignation of Pete Bishop from the Presidency of Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. (SDC) From Denny Foust:

08-26-2020, 04:24 PM

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. (SDC), I want to take this opportunity to notify you of the Resignation of SDC President Peter Bishop, for personal reasons. We have all been fortunate to work with Pete in the last year, and I believe the Board echoes my sentiment in stating that Pete is a gentleman of outstanding character. We wish him good health and prosperity.

We wish to thank Pete for the talents and effort he has brought to the club and assure the membership of SDC that projects begun by Pete will be completed.

I am assuming the office of President of SDC effective August 25, 2020, and welcome your confidence, comments and support.

Denny Foust

President, Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.

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\*Fee Structure For Membership to the SDC See the link below to adjust your newsletters. [Latest SDC Fee Structure](#)

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*The planter, the farmer, the mechanic, and the laborer... form the great body of the people of the United States, they are the bone and sinew of the country, men who love liberty and desire nothing but equal rights and equal laws. — Andrew Jackson*





# *Kathy and Peter Rodrigues Celebrate Their 50th!!*

## Twin Pines Welcomes Friends and Neighbors

Peter and Kathy on July 25th invited all to come out to the ranch and help celebrate fifty years of married life, 1970 to 2020, years that passed quickly, to be sure..



... and the work Kathy put into the preparations made everything even more inviting and welcoming.

Even considering the limitations, restrictions required and imposed by the pandemic, the afternoon was a pleasant one, enjoyed by all.





## 50th Anniversary Celebration Continued



Studie Pete leads the singing at the Great Celebration

*What a beautiful day it was as we all enjoyed the weather, the camaraderie, the food, the drinks, the food, the drinks*



Did Ron say or do something with which Studie Pete disagreed???



This might be Ron and Jan Hall, but can't be sure... both wearing MASKS  
However, I'm sure they've enjoyed the celebration.



*Beautiful cars, beautiful day, beautiful people...HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, PETER AND KATHY !!!*





## *Such a Pleasant Scene*

The dog, by the way, is guarding the food, but we were finally able to get around him and get some for ourselves.



Glenn Masopust and Jeri-Alynn McGee had the best seats in the arena and it was 50 tickets for the desserts that Glenn sold from this key position if I have understood him correctly. I wasn't listening very fast and Glenn talks fast.



Larry and Glennett Jones



Peter seems OK now





Kathy says, "Never Again; not THIS bunch!"



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**Subject: BC's Dr. Bonnie Henry's Notes to all of us for COVID - sensible!**

1. We may have to live with C19 for months or years. Let's not deny it or panic. Let's not make our lives useless. Let's learn to live with this fact.
2. You can't destroy C19 viruses that have penetrated cell walls, by drinking gallons of hot water - you'll just go to the bathroom more often.
3. Washing hands and maintaining a two-metre physical distance is the best method for your protection.
4. If you don't have a C19 patient at home, there's no need to disinfect the surfaces at your house.
5. Packaged cargo, gas pumps, shopping carts and ATMs do not cause infection. If you wash your hands, live your life as usual.
6. C19 is not a food infection. It is associated with drops of infection like the 'flu. There is no demonstrated risk that C19 is transmitted by food.
7. You can lose your sense of smell with a lot of allergies and viral infections. This is only a non-specific symptom of C19.
8. Once at home, you don't need to change your clothes urgently and go shower! Purity is a virtue, paranoia is not!
9. The C19 virus doesn't hang in the air for long. This is a respiratory droplet infection that requires close contact.
10. The air is clean, you can walk through the gardens and through parks (just keeping your physical protection distance).
11. It is sufficient to use normal soap against C19, not antibacterial soap. This is a virus, not a bacteria.
12. You don't have to worry about your food orders. But you can heat it all up in the microwave, if you wish.
13. The chances of bringing C19 home with your shoes is like being struck by lightning twice in a day. I've been working against viruses for 20 years — drop infections don't spread like that!
14. You can't be protected from the virus by taking vinegar, sugarcane juice and ginger! These are for immunity not a cure.
15. Wearing a mask for long periods interferes with your breathing and oxygen levels. Wear it only in crowds.
16. Wearing gloves is also a bad idea; the virus can accumulate into the glove and be easily transmitted if you touch your face. Better just to wash your hands regularly. Immunity is greatly weakened by always staying in a sterile environment. Even if you eat immune boosting foods, please go out of your house regularly to any park/beach. Immunity is increased by EXPOSURE TO PATHOGENS, not by sitting at home and consuming fried/ spicy/sugary food and aerated drinks.

**Be smart and stay informed!**

**Live life sensibly and to the fullest.—**

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**Be Kind**

**Be Calm**

**and Be Safe**

**Dr. Bonnie Henry**

Under Doctor Bonnie Henry's direction, The British Columbians have done reasonably well to "Flatten the curve" on the Covid -19 Virus. If, unfortunately, you happen to live in a province or state where Covid cases are increasing, perhaps you may consider Doctor Bonnie Henry's suggestions. To do otherwise may be like playing Russian Roulette with your life and the lives of others which may include your loved ones as well as the lives of strangers. We are all in this together. Let's try to get things back to normal as soon as possible so that we can all live without the stress created by the pandemic.

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This is a friendly reminder that it is past time to renew your membership SDC. Please update any outdated information and send your 2020 dues to:

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As a member, you get a copy of the SDC newsletter bi-monthly. We appreciate your continued support.

