

President

Greater Seattle Chapter SDC Founded in 1969

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Holy moly!!! It can't be time for another President's Message already, can it? But I guess the calendar doesn't lie, so here goes.

Lots of cool stuff coming up and opportunities to display and brag about our favorite marque. Our first occasion will be the Horseless Carriage Club annual Breakfast Opener at the Puyallup Elks Club (314 27 Street NE, Puyallup) on Sunday, May 3. Breakfast starts at 9:00 am (\$12.50 for the breakfast). The tour leaves at 10:15 am and includes a stop to see a collection of Rickenbacker autos. (Your president is especially interested in seeing this collection my maiden name was Rickenbacher). And it was Studebaker and Ford that claimed that the 4-wheel braking system being offered by Rickenbacker as early as 1922 was dangerous. The reason, of course, was simply that Studebaker and Ford had thousands of

chassis in stock and nothing on the engineering table to start building a car with 4-wheel braking. Guess politics and business practices haven't changed so very much in the last 93 years.

And, of course, we cannot forget our annual Overdrive event, being hosted this year by the Whatcom County Chapter. The dates are May 16-17, and the place is Bellingham, Washington. People have put a lot of time and energy into making this a great experience. Be sure to have your Studies gassed, oiled, and shined up for this opportunity to show off our cars. And remember, you do NOT need to have a perfect car, or even a car at all. All you need is an interest in Studebakers. Beautiful scenery, great people, and awesome cars. What more do you want?

June 13 is a proposed chapter meeting at the LeMay Family Collection at Marymount in Parkland. This is different from the LeMay Museum in Tacoma.

July 18 is the proposed date for our yearly picnic at Mud Mountain Dam, although your President may have to forgo this event as her son plans to get married that day.

Then the Biggie, August 16—22 is the International Meet in St. Louis, MO. I don't know how many from here are planning on attending. We plan to go and have our reservations at the meet hotel. It is a long drive, but we plan is to do some sightsee-

ing along the way. We will probably not be driving a Studebaker. At that time of year, air conditioning is almost a must for people of our vintage, and cruise control is also welcome.

Our CAN AM meet is being held in Kelso, Washington, August 28-30. We would really like to attend that one, but may not make it back from the International in time. Wish I could figure out how to clone myself so we could be two places at the same time. Anyway, they are doing things a little differently from our past CAN-AMs, and one of those things is a driving tour to Mount St. Helens (do all of you remember where you were when the mountain "blew her top" in 1980?) Nature can do marvelous things in 25 years. Guess that is enough great events for us to pick which ones we need to plan for. We have been truly blessed this year with some fantastic spring days (Odd has really appreciated being able to work on his '51 convertible in warmer weather) but Greta needs it to be more miserable outside to get enthusiastic about working on the interior of his '21 touring car. Only time to be in the basement is when it is snowing or pouring rain outside. Everyone knows that, right? And remember, if you try to please everybody, nobody will like it.

*Up. Prez.
Greta Justad.*

MAY MEETING

16-17

NORTHWEST OVERDRIVE

AT HAMPTON INN -3985 BENNETT DRIVE

BELLINGHAM

AND AT

BELL'S STUDEBAKER DINER & MUSEUM

2015 SEATTLE SDC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT TIME AND PLACE	CONTACT
May 16-17	Bellingham, Northwest Overdrive at Hampton Inn, 3985 Bennett Dr.,	Brian Curtis: briankurtis@yahoo.com
June 13 @1 PM	Spanaway, Chapter Meeting at the LeMay Family Collection Marymount-Parkland	Bob Bryant bbryant@hotmail.com
July 18 @11AM	Enumclaw, All Studebaker Picnic at Mud Mountain Dam Park hosted by Greater Seattle Chapter	Bob Bryant bbryant@hotmail.com
August 8 @ 1PM	Chapter Meeting at the Museum of Flight	
August 16-22	St. Louis, Missouri, SDC 51 st International Meet	
August 28-30	Kelso, Pacific Can-Am Zone Meet at Red Lion Inn	
September 12-13	Bellingham, Drive Your Studebaker Day at James Bell's Museum	
October 11	Renton, Fall Colors Tour hosted by Greater Seattle Chapter	
November 14	Location TBD, Greater Seattle Chapter Elections Meeting	
December 13	Location TBD, All Studebaker Christmas Party	

SDC Internationals	
August 16-22, 2015	51st SDC International, Sheraton Heights, (St. Louis), Mo. Hosts -Gateway Chapter @ Sheraton Westport Hotel Meet Center
June 26-July 2nd 2016	52nd SDC International -Warwick, Rhode Island
June 18-24 2017	53rd SDC International -South Bend, Indiana
September 2018	54th SDC International -Seattle Wa?

Studebaker on the Web	
Greater Seattle SDC: www.studebakerseattle.com/	Studebaker Clubs of the World: http://studebakerclubs.com/
North Puget Sound: www.northpugetsoundsdc.com	Studebaker Vendors: http://studebakervendors.com/
National Studebaker SDC: studebakerdriversclub.com	Antique Studebaker: http://dochemp.com/9stude

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

On Saturday April 25th Gary Johnson's shop at Northwest Avanti in north Tacoma was converged upon by forty eight Avanti faithful for an unusual and unforgettable show and tell session. The event was originally limited to forty people. who were to be admitted on a first come sign up basis. There were reported to be people on the waiting list, but I guess that some interested folks who crashed the gate as the total assemblage was really forty eight. For those interested in the Avanti it was a huge opportunity to, again, connect with the most knowledgeable Avanti expert found anywhere. As a bonus John Hull, who has authored several books on the Avanti, chose to join us and add significant narrative to the presentation.

in his teens, which led to selling and restoring Avanti's throughout the 70's, 80's and into the 90's. For a good part of the last two decades he has remained as difficult to contact as though he was not among the living. Things started to change when I was able to help connect Alan Basile, and Lou Cote with Gary. Over the past three years Alan and Lou have worked tirelessly to establish a regional chapter of the Avanti club. The result has been the fastest growing Avanti chapter in the country, now having sixty five members. The re-emergence of Gary, one of the most knowledgeable Avanti advocates in the world, has been an exciting benefit. Also important has been the goodwill and friendly relations between the Avanti members

Gary has dedicated all of his adult life to the Avanti, first as a restorer and the rest of the NW Studebaker world. As interesting as the get together was for those of us who are Avanti owners, it seems as though with only a hand full of our Seattle chapter members showing up, that the event held less interest for most of our Seattle group. With the wrong published date in the "President," and only an Email address for Alan Basile for contact information, and the lack of perceived interest by the rest of the Studebaker world, I think that it is not surprising that we had such a meager turnout. I think we have got to do a better job of choosing events that are important to our group, and then make sure that the correct information gets to our members!

Your Constantly Humbled Scribe -Bill Hallett

EVENTS OF INTEREST		
DATE	EVENT TIME AND PLACE	CONTACT
May 3. @9 AM	Horseless Carriage Club Breakfast Tour, Puyallup Elks Club (314 27 Street NE, Puyallup) Featuring Rickenbacker's !!	Odd Justad stude21@juno.com
May 9 10-3PM	Tacoma Chapter Fly-In &n Car Show Buckley	Smith 253-686-7488
May 16-17	Monroe Swap Meet -Monroe Fairgrounds	YOYO
June 5-6	Mecom Seattle @ 800 Occidental Ave S. 200 Collector Cars (recent Scottsdale auction = a '56 Sky Hawk @ \$19,250!! wahoo)	Mecum.com or call 262-275-5050
June 14 @ 2 PM	Tacoma Chapter Hobart -Hallett Car Collection Bill Hallett or Mary West	Bill Hallett/Mary West
July 16 @ 2PM	Tacoma Chapter @ Elmer's 7227 S. Hosmer St.	Larry Mills
Sept 12th 12:30	Tacoma Chapter IDYSD @ Chehalis Wa. Tour & Show	Larry Mills 253-564-9501

The Northwest Chapter Invites:

The Antique Studebaker Club

The Avanti Owners Association

The Studebaker Drivers Club

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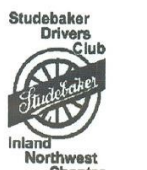
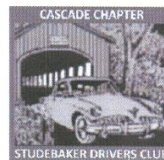
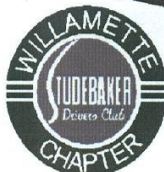
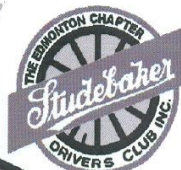
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VENUE: Kelso, WA Red Lion Hotel Kelso I-5 Exit 39

DATES: August 28th - 30th, 2015

ROOM RESERVATION PHONE: (360) 636-4400

ROOM RATES: Be sure to tell the agent that you are attending the Studebaker Drivers Club Zone Meet. Single and Double, \$92 + tax per night if reserved by July 29th.

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, August 28th
Cruise to Stuffy's II Restaurant
Welcome Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 29th
Swap Meet
Car Show on the grass in the park
Chapter Officer's Meeting
Banquet

Zone Meet Information

www.sdc-nw.org

(541) 386-7024 or (503) 263-8819

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Pacific CanAm Zone Meet ~ August 28 - 30, 2015 ~ Kelso, Washington REGISTRATION

Please fill out completely, make check payable to Northwest Chapter, SDC and mail to Tom Hart, 901 Pear Blossom Rd, Hood River, OR 97031-9509 by **July 1st**.
(The General Registration Fee increases from \$35 to \$45 after July 1st.)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse/Guest(s): _____ Children (ages): _____

Street/PO Box: _____

City: _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Member of: SDC ASC AOA; SDC Chapter: _____

General Registration (Immediate Family) to July 1st \$35 \$ _____

Registration Fee \$10 Higher After July 1st \$45 \$ _____

Friday Evening Cruise to Stuffy's II Drive-In Restaurant in Longview, 3-7 pm

Friday Night Welcome Ice Cream Social (per person) _____ X \$10 \$ _____

No-host bar, from 7-10 pm. (Dinner will be available elsewhere.)

Display Fee, per car entered in People's Choice Judging _____ X \$10 \$ _____

Car Year, Make, Model _____

Swap Meet (per space) _____ X \$20 \$ _____

Awards Banquet: Select menu choices and number of meals.

_____ Cheddar Chive Encrusted Chicken

_____ Char Grilled Salmon Filet

_____ Marinated Flank Steak

Total Meals = _____ X \$37 \$ _____

Meal Price includes dessert, 8% Tax and 18% Gratuity

Sunday Cruise to Mt. St. Helens Volcano Observatory Included At No Charge
(See Meet Booklet for food options on the cruise)

Meet T-Shirts – S, M, L, XL \$15 2XL, 3XL \$17
List Size(s) _____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Information: Tom Hart (541) 386-7024 roadio55@hotmail.com Website: www.sdc-nw.org

Meet Headquarters: Red Lion Hotel Kelso, 510 Kelso Drive, Kelso, WA Interstate 5 Exit 39.

Hotel Reservations: By phone only, (360) 636-4400, be sure to mention Studebaker Drivers Club
Room Rates: Single and Double \$92 + Tax ---- Triple \$102 + Tax ---- Quad \$112 + Tax
Room Rates valid until July 29, 2015

Slippery Slope.

Two eye-catching news items in the April 17 Auto Section. Item One was a question to Car Talk Guy about why drivers now leave so much room in front of them at stop lights? So they can text safely. . . Text safely!

Item Two was lead piece about new models becoming more and more auto-pilot. A quote from a driver who claims to have driven 150 miles in a GM without ever touching gas or brake, not in a high zoot Caddy, but in an everyday Chevy!

Those same two-car length traffic light stoppers are also given a little help. When the car ahead moves off, your car dutifully also moves ahead, without the need of an awakening horn blast

from fellow travelers. . . Ah Me!

We are now one step closer to full market compliance of these devices, ie; they're being sold as options, for now.

At the risk of sounding paranoid (again), regular readers will recall the time line ; first comes fully automated auto's, then restrictions for those not so equipped, and finally, banned from the road. It's a slippery slope I tell you –slippery! Those of us who drive older cars, have the double whammy of also being older, so if they don't ban us as being to old to drive, they'll ban our cars!

Up Hmb! Ed

TECH TIP

Studebaker cars from '51 through '66 used a well designed center pivot steering which used a pair of equal length tie rod assemblies.

The version used from '51 to early '62 had a set of tie rod ends that were 3-7/64" long. 530203 End was right hand thread, 530204 was left hand thread. These were connected by the tie rod, which was 21-5/16" long. These tie rod ends are readily available from a Studebaker wholesale source. He has a package deal - all 4 ends, 2 LH and 2 RH plus 2 rods with clamps for slightly less money than just buying the 4 ends only. This allows you to pre-assemble the components with new clean parts.

The '64 to '66 cars used different components, although the complete assemblies would be interchangeable. The '64 - '66 uses a long tie rod end - 1561767, 19-1/8" long, RH thread, and a 1561769, 3-7/8" long, LH thread. The

tie rod that connects these is 4-3/4" long.

The wholesaler also has a package deal - all 4 ends plus rods with clamps for less money than 4 ends alone.

Now, you may have noticed I left late '62 and '63 out of this discussion.

These years were the first to use a long/short tie rod end combination.

In fact, the short end was the same 530204 LH thread, 3-7/64" end as used on '51 to early '62. The long end was 1554236, RH thread, 19-7/8" long.

The rod with clamps was 4-3/4", same as used on '64 - '66.

The 1554236 long end is still available, but at a higher cost. I encourage owners of late '62 - '63 cars to buy the complete set of '64 - '66 ends for a total cost savings.

When installing the new tie rod assemblies an initial length adjustment can be made by measuring the previous rod from grease fitting to grease fitting. The front end adjustment that is affected by the tie rods is the toe. This is the direction of each front wheel, either pointing in or out.

Original Studebaker specifications call for 1/16" to 1/8" toe in.

If you want to go to the next step and set your toe yourself, I would recommend buying a set of toe plates. These are widely used in oval short track stock car racing and a set can be had for around \$60.00 - check Amazon or Summit, etc. They are a pair of metal plates that are held against the outside of the front tires, with slots front and rear for measuring with a steel tape measure. Yes, I know you can "string" your tires to check the toe, but the toe plates are easy to use.

If you set your toe and the steering wheel isn't centered, adjust the tie rods by shortening one and lengthening the other by the same amount to preserve your toe setting. You should double check it anyway.

Thanks to Jerry Blount, writing the B.S. "bout Studebakers column in the Northwest Newsletter, Bob Williams,



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42 Champion 4 Dr. Ambitious project. Completely disassembled Engine/trans & all glass and chrome, door seals etc. Will consider reasonable offer. Bernie Harris 1-406-248-5515 Montana

49 Pickup \$5,500 **63 Lark** V8 AT, 39K miles \$3,500 **61 Champ** project V8 4 spd. \$1K plus parts. Lynn Fletcher, Summerland BC 1-250-494-1699

50 Champ 4 dr. Parts car. Good sheet metal \$400 obo Tom Robbins 1-360-733-7748 Bellingham

54 Coupe w/no engine or trans. Body & glass good. Has Ford 9" Diff. \$2,500 Don Story 1-509-366-0636 Eastern Wa.

59 Lark Wagon. Chassis/drivetrain completely rebuilt. Flat-head high performance 6, Al head, dual carbs & headers. Bodywork complete, needs paint & assembly. Upholstery needs only headliner & carpet. Chroming done. Lots of extras \$15, K Mark Carson

1-604-939-0556

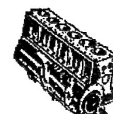
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP |

Note: It is a prerequisite that all local members also belong to SDC International. Insurance for club activities is only available through the International Club.

National Member # _____

REQUIRED NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

For information e-mail: sdc@cornerstonereg.com

Payment may be made by check or money order (make payable to SDC) in U.S. funds or: new members may use Visa or Master card by calling : 763-420-7829.

GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Greater Seattle Chapter dues are due January 1st each year and are for a one year period. Dues are \$25/year for club Newsletter in print, or \$13/year for e-mail version.

Mail check to: SDC gsc Eric Larson 8317 189 Ave E Bonney Lake, Wa. 98391 Info @ E-mail: : badcow@w-link.net

NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ Zip 98 _____

E-mail _____ SIGNATURE _____

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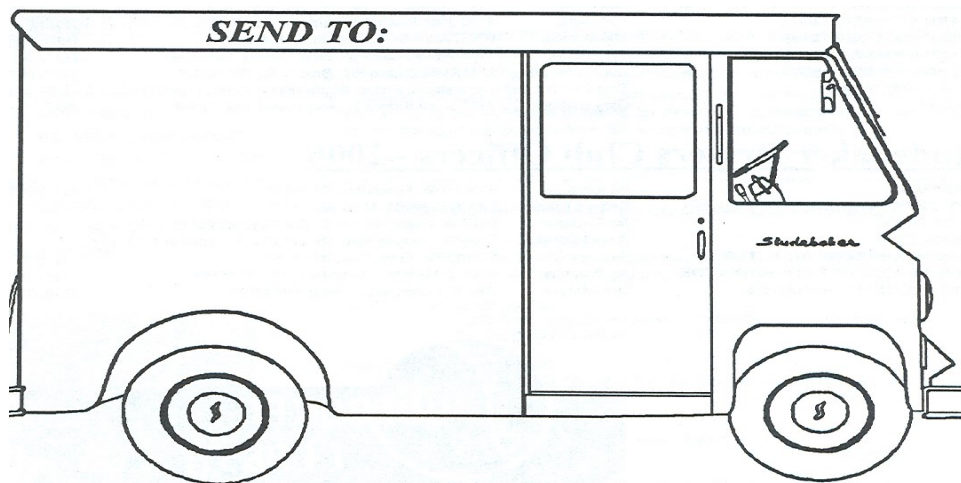
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Sammamish, Wa. 98074-6801

The Washington

President



Don Kelstrom sent this along. Check out the Cab & Chassis moving down the line –We know those are M-series cabs so it has to be '39-'41 or '46-'47 . Check out how these guys dressed for work. It looks to be closer to '39 than '47 To me –and I do know Hoosier. Contrary to common belief -Yr HmbI Ed never did work in this particular location NOR, I might add, at this particular time!

