

President



Well, another Overdrive has come and gone, and a great Overdrive it was, thanks to the efforts of Hazel and Russ Hagen and the entire Whatcom County Chapter. The day for our event was lovely—not too hot and not too cold. I hope everyone got a good look at Mike Yeakel's incredible collection of brass era cars. HOLY MOLEY!!! I'm not sure there is another collection like it in the world. And that wasn't even the entire collection (although I am willing to bet it was the cream of the crop). Would have loved to put my little pony in front of that sleigh on a snowy surface out in the country somewhere. That sleigh was a work of art. Gotta say, though, that I am glad I don't have to cross the country in the 1899 Winton. If you have never heard of a Winton, neither had I. But with over 3,000 automobile brands in our history, it is not surprising that a few of them have escaped me. Mike had quite a few Winton's, including his newest one from 1914. Boy, automobile technology came a long ways between those two cars. And I am sure glad I don't have to polish all that brass.

Next stop was the Pioneer Museum in Lynden, where we enjoyed a marvelous lunch. Those sub sandwiches were great. The museum has done a fantastic job of recreating an entire town within the walls of that building. Lots of stuff I remember being in everyday use, but a lot of it was before my time. And I hope everyone got to the basement level, with its collection of horse drawn and military vehicles. The Weasel is on loan from the Bell collection, and was in use in Norway after WW II. (Odd can even remember from his days in the army that they were used to tow skiers behind them in the mountains). And according to the curator, their collection of wagons and carriages is the largest west of the Mississippi. I remember being told, when we visited the Raymond Carriage Museum at last year's Overdrive, that due to the problem of disposing of so much horse "exhaust" on the streets, the automobile was advertised as "the solution to pollution".

Our tour continued west to Semiahmoo (try saying that fast 3 times) and Birch Bay. Again, some beautiful scenery, and yet another reminder why we choose to call the Pacific Northwest home. Back at the Hampton Inn, there was time to relax a bit before attitude adjustment hour before dinner. And what a dinner!! The entire meal was planned and cooked by Tami Robins of the Whatcom County Drivers Club. Three fantastic salads, Cajun rice or potatoes, two salmon recipes, roast beef, and some of the most delicious desserts I have ever tasted. Just wish I had had room to sample more of

them. Plenty of food—even had salmon fillets to go. Some day when she isn't looking I plan to grab her recipe book. Whatcom County did a job they can all be proud of!!

Our next meeting should also be really good. Our President of Vice, Bob Bryant, has arranged for us to tour the Lemay Family Collection at the Marymount Events Center in Tacoma. Don't confuse this with the Lemay Museum—they are two completely separate collections. I am told there are even some Studebakers there. It should be interesting and informative. See you there!!!

Don't forget to sign up for the Can-Am Zone Meet in Kelso at the end of August. The Northwest Chapter has really gone the extra mile to ensure a special event with tours and special things to do. The meet hotel is the Red Lion at 510 Kelso Drive.

Interstate 5, Exit 39

Phone: (360)636-4400

Be sure to mention Studebaker when reserving your room. Our special rate is valid until July 29.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for the all-chapter Studebaker-Avanti picnic on Saturday, July 18, at Mud Mountain Dam. This one I will miss, as my son is getting married that day (drum roll, please) and it is considered polite for the mother of the groom to attend. He has found a great gal, and we know you will forgive us this one indulgence. Please, everyone, put in your orders for good weather that day.

Odd is still working on his Studebakers. We still hope to be able to drive his high-school '21 replica next year

SATURDAY JUNE 13th

No host lunch at Godfathers Pizza Spanaway 15709 Pacific Avenue

Followed by a tour of The Lemay Family Collection Foundation

Marymount Events Center 325 152nd East Tacoma

Lunch starts at 11:30 am Tour starts at 1 pm

Information – Bob Bryant 253-472-6503 Email: rbryant1942@hotmail.co

SDC Internationals

August 16-22,

June 26-July 2nd 2016

June 18-24 2017

September 2018

51st SDC International, Sheraton Heights, (St. Louis), Mo.

52nd SDC International -Warwick, Rhode Island

53rd SDC International -South Bend, Indiana

54th SDC International -Seattle Wa?

2015 SEATTLE SDC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT TIME AND PLACE	CONTACT
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	

A Studebaker (Family) Tale

In which we have a Presidential look-alike, a '47 Champion, a 2,000 mile trip, and a tour around the hills of San Francisco lauding Hill Holders. Harry Truman in a Studebaker?

Back in the 1940’s I had an uncle who looked a lot like Harry Truman, the then current president. “Spittin’ Image!, was the expression used. Uncle was indeed nearly a double, but only with his hat on, since he was bald. As with many on both sides of my family, he worked at Studebaker. He became a local celebrity during the ‘48 election, written up in the Tribune, and he

worked all of it to his advantage whenever possible. He loved it!

Stationed in the Bay area of California in 1949, one Friday morning I was told that “*There’s was somebody in a Studebaker with Indiana plates looking for you at the Orderly room.*” When I wondered out loud who it could be, the messenger repeated; “*Indiana-Studebaker*” with a palms up shrug. I explained about my family, that it could indeed be any one of several. At the Orderly room, I was greeted with my looks-like-Harry Truman uncle, sporting a cast on his right foot. He had broken it just before

his planned vacation to San Francisco, and, not to spoil a vacation, had driven 2,000 miles in a 1947 Champion (three-speed, overdrive and hill holder). After driving two thousand miles on two lane roads (with no cruise control), uncle was tired of using the cast on the gas pedal. He wanted me to take over around the Bay Area, what with all the hills and traffic. I told him I had duty that weekend and couldn’t possibly get a pass. Plus, I didn’t have a license. Never mind that, who do I talk to, uncle asks. Start with the First Sergeant I said. So, off uncle stomps.



it was this beautiful May day but where were you? Two days of beautiful spring outings with only a

The end of May is rapidly approaching. For me, May is the beginning of the touring season. I enjoy May because of the mild weather. This we were able to get our Studebakers out and drive them without worrying about not having air conditioning or even operable windshield wipers. There are three focal events in May which should have been on everyone's calendar. The first is the HHCA breakfast tour out of Sumner. This event, of some forty three years running, is open to all old car folks and has been a popular spring event over the last ten years. The weather was beautiful the breakfast was as good as always and the tour gave the chance to get out with our old car brethren to mingle and to tour. This year's event did not disappoint, it was great!

The second event is the Buckley Fly-In. For my money you can't beat planes and old cars together, especially on a grass field on a beautiful spring day! So

very few Seattle chapter members participating, I was ready to call the dogs out.

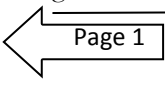
The weekend of the NW Overdrive restored my faith in our members willingness to hit the road and burn some gas in their Studebakers. The Whatcom Co chapter did an excellent job of putting together a very satisfying package of events including the Bell's social on Saturday evening leading up to the tour on Sunday. The weather was beautiful for the Sunday tour where the drivers of thirty three Studebakers, and a few non Studies as well, saw much of the area from Birch Bay to the Lummi reservation. There were stops at Lodge at Birch Bay and the excellent museum in Lynden where we enjoyed a nice lunch. The people that chose to leave before Sunday's banquet made a huge mistake. The food was excellent, not a rubber chicken in sight! I think that it was truly one of the best banquet meals that I have had. Thanks to all who

made it happen and a special thanks to Russ and Hazel Haggren!

As last year the Antique club put together a tour on Saturday. The tour was along Chuckanut Drive to an air museum for a special weekend display.

Unfortunately for me the Saturday tour has become a virtual Antique club event. Whether by intent or by happenstance there seemed to be little cross over between the Saturday event and the main tour on Sunday. This was not how I envisioned the extra day of touring when I suggested it last year. I was ready to lead the Saturday tour last year as part of the NWOD weekend, but I was only too happy to accept the offer by the Antique club to handle that part of the event. The Antique group have done an excellent job of organizing the tour, but I do hope that in the future the Saturday tour will be part of the OD weekend, as I had originally hoped it would be.

*Your Constantly Humbled
Scribe - Bill Hallett*



Page 1 (yeah, yeah—I know. I said we would have it on the road THIS year, but sometimes things have to be rescheduled). And

I am looking forward to showing up in that car. And never forget that leak proof seals—will, self-starters—will not, and interchangeable parts—

won't. Enjoy the beauty of spring, and count your blessings.

Pres. Greta Justad.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

DATE	EVENT TIME AND PLACE	CONTACT
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
Sunday June 14 @ 2 PM	Tacoma Chapter Hobart -Hallett Car Collection Bill Hallett or Mary West	Bill Hallett/Mary West
June 20 @ 10 AM	Orphan Car Meet -Clackamette Park, Oregon City (NW Chapter)	Phil Peters 503-244-1608
July 16 @ 2PM	Tacoma Chapter @ Elmer's 7227 S. Hosmer St.	Larry Mills
July 19	Forest Grove Or. -Pacific Univ. 43rd Concours d' Elegance Info at: www.concoursdates.com/event/forest-grove-concours	
July 25th @ 4 PM	Studebaker Display river City Speedway -Mt. St Helens Or.	Jerry Blount 503-658-6914
Sept 12th 12:30	Tacoma Chapter IDYSO @ 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

Avanti EMF Erskine Packard Pierce Arrow Rockne Studebaker



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

Sunday, August 30th
Tour to Mt. St. Helens
Volcano Observatory

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.)

NOTE

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 AOAI; 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 radio55@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

And within minutes I was summoned inside and questioned -did I know my uncle looked like the President? Oh yeah -he loves it. I'm taking him to the Adjutant, Sarge sez, he wont want to miss this.

The Adjutant repeats the summoning and questioning, and takes uncle along to meet the C.O.

Uncle keeps his hat on all the while, so as not to spoil the look.

When I'm summoned to the C.O.'s office, the Colonel repeats the question (Oh yes Sir, he loves it sir, etc. etc.). Ahem, I see. . .Well then Corporal, I'm giving you a three day pass so you can help your uncle while he's on vacation. You'll start this afternoon.

Uncle now had a great story to tell -and tell it he did, for the rest of his life. The best result ever of doubling

for Harry Truman. His favorite expression became "Give 'em Hell!"

I had a great weekend and nobody asked me if I had a license. I learned to use a hill holder, in fact I learned to love a hill holder a city where it came in real handy.

Yr. Humbl Ed

TECH TIP

Replacing the Cork Float on your Studebaker Fuel Level Sending Unit

By Henry M. Votel, Forest Lake, MN.

The fuel sending unit on my 1954 Studebaker Champion worked but did not read accurately after 50+ years of use. My suspicions were confirmed when I removed the gas tank for a cleaning in the Winter of 2006-07. After all those years and the newer formulations of gas there was no trace of the original shellac coating on the cork floats. Just holding them in my hand confirmed they were soaked and this caused them to be sinking when the tank was filled. The gauge never showed it above 3/4's full. A few days later after the corks dried they were very light.

Chatting with others and reading the few internet search results I could find had suggestions ranging from getting new corks from the hardware store to coating corks with modern sealers as a fix**. Not thinking these very good solutions I kept searching and came across references and suggestions about replacing brass floats on sending units. that sounded like the thing to do. I started checking for brass floats, found a few on eBay and along the way saw some plastic floats used on newer sending units.

I came across a reference at the Imperial Club web pages that gave a reference to a Ford Part number: <http://www.imperialclub.com/Repair/Fuel/sending.htm>

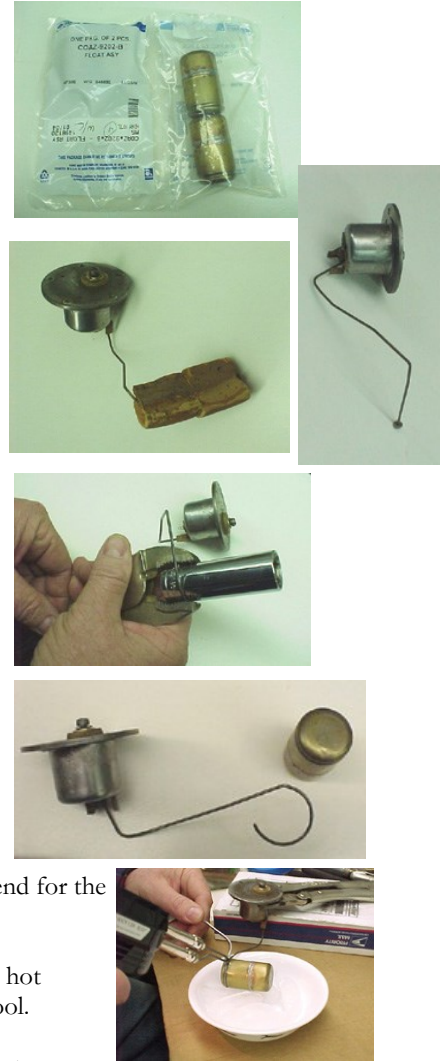
After checking with local auto stores on the part number I contacted my local Ford Parts and these floats were available for less than \$7.50 including sales tax. . . . right down my alley . This is the Ford Float. Part No COAZ-9202-B about 2-1/2 inches long. They came two in a pack.

Here's what I did to substitute the cork floats with a brass float:
First I cleaned the unit and then removed the old cork floats.

I Used a socket that is a little smaller diameter than the float and then by clamping and bending shaped the end of the sending unit wire into a circle. Be careful not to upset the original arm from the float as you bend the circle. Once I had the circle I had to bend it 90° to get the wire oriented properly. After bending it I had the proper orientation. I tightened the circle so it clipped onto the Ford float tightly. This float was manufactured with an indented ridge at one end for the wire to ride in and that works just right for this situation.

Twist the float a bit to make sure it would be level when it lowered and rose. Not trusting my circled wire clamp to hold forever I decided to solder the float on at two points. The float gets hot quickly it is thin brass. Use ice in a bowl to keep it cool. Solder slowly, a dab of solder, let it cool.

** I have had some good results using modern sealers and sprays, both of which are impervious to gasoline and proved to be a quick and easy fixes. The copper float is the ultimate in first class fixes. YHE



STUDE STUFF FOR SALE

I would like to sell my 1965 Studebaker Cruiser. It is a nice looking and driving car. It has the 283 Chevy V-8 and automatic.

\$5,000 or best offer. Don Kelstrom, 425-686-2931 dlkelstrom@aol.com



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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP I

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National Member # _____

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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. Dues are prorated per month for dues collected throughout the year. Make check payable to: SDC GSC

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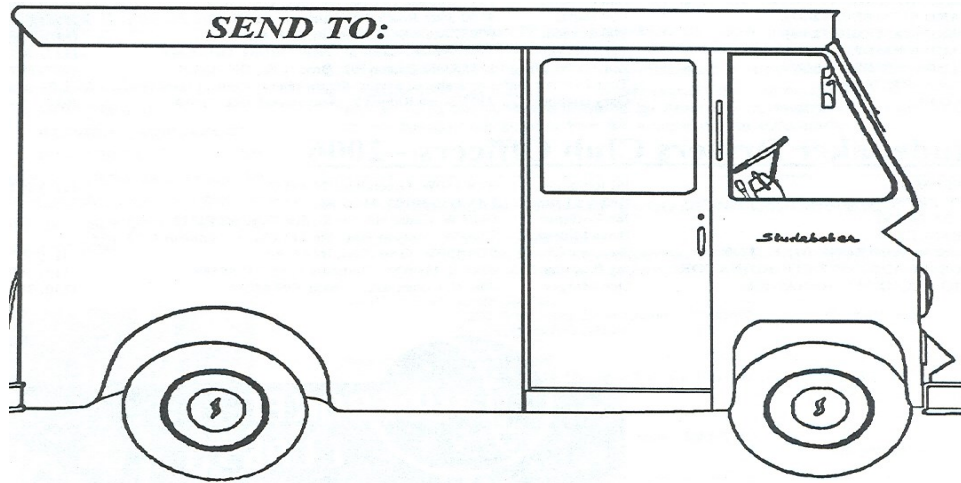
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