

# President

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## The President's *STEERING COLUMN*

I sadly have to report that our award winning editor, Bill Schiffer has lost his battle with cancer. Bill will be greatly missed with his stories of his time working at the Studebaker Packard Corporation in South Bend, Indiana. Elsewhere in this issue are details on his funeral arrangements.

You can help us remember Bill by bringing your memories of him to share at our first ever Valentine's Day Party at 3pm on Sunday, February 14 at Charlie's Restaurant,

just down the street in Puyallup on East Main Street near the railroad center. If you haven't sent in your money to Eric Larson, let me know ASAP that you will be attending by e-mail or phone, so we can give the restaurant a count by February 4th. You still can pay when you get there. We need as many members as possible to attend. See the revised flyer in this issue for details.

The unidentified mystery Cool Studebaker featured in last month's issue was a beautiful custom 1950 Champion Starlight coupe owned by Jody Reeme of Wilmette, Illinois.

It was featured in the Wall Street Journal article "Coming or Going, This Studebaker Collects Smiles" in their December 8, 2015 issue. It was designed to resemble a P-38 Lightning World War II fighter plane, right down to the decals. I

received an e-mail from her husband, Steven Albertson, who told me that Jody was featured by the article's author, A. J. Baime, because she is a female owner/enthusiast and her 1950 Studebaker is a very cool car. The WSJ article received many favorable comments in social media. Check out the full article on line at [WSJ.com/articles/coming-or-going-this-studebaker-collects-smiles](http://WSJ.com/articles/coming-or-going-this-studebaker-collects-smiles).

Be sure and visit our Studebaker Information booth in space 1333 in the big Showplex Building at the Early Bird Swap Meet on February 13 & 14 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Just look for the "cool" Studebaker banner. Stop by and say hello or bring someone over who might be interested in joining our chapter.

*Studerly, Bob Bryand*

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NOTE: Due to the sad news that our editor has passed (see inside), I am sending out this newsletter. This is strictly on a temporary basis. Also it will basically only be an e-mail copy. At this point I am not even sure who is supposed to get what format. Hopefully this can be cleared up when we get a new permanent editor. Odd J.

**WANTED: EDITOR FOR THE PRESIDENT**

## IN MEMORY OF BILL SCHIFFER



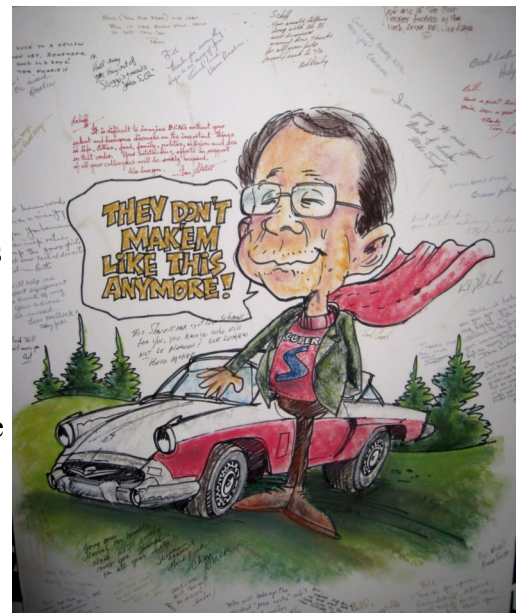
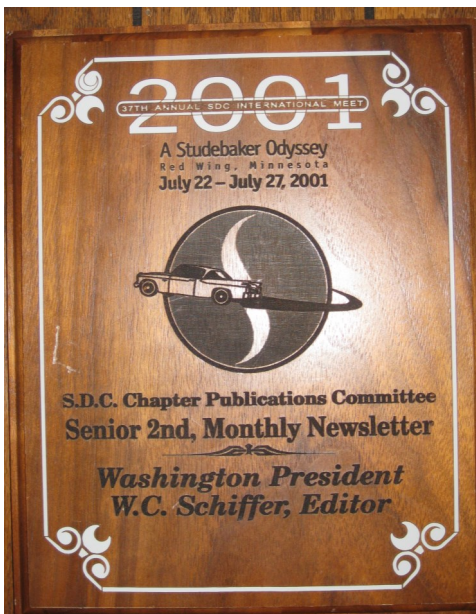
one month. Over those years, The Washington President evolved into one of the premier Studebaker newsletters in the country, beginning with a first place award in 1999 at the International Meet in Rapid City. This was followed by a second place showing in the senior division in 2000, 2001, and 2002. Then, in 2003 in Sacramento, he won a first in the senior division. That is stiff competition! In Charlotte he again took a second, then ending his streak in 2015 with another second in the senior division at St. Louis. Later, he and our own Bob Bryant shared kudos with the Best Political Article Written (Bob Bryant) and Best Political Article Published (Bill Schiffer).

Bill was born September 28, 1929, and passed away of cancer January 22, 2016. He had a passion for life, and wore three hats with zest and zeal—his Studebaker hat, his Korean War Veteran hat, and his political hat.

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of a true lynch-pin of our club, our newsletter editor par-

excellence, Bill Schiffer. Bill inherited the position of editor of the Washington President from Gerry Whato January 1, 1993. My math may be a bit rusty, but I calculate that out to be twenty three years and

his political hat. He also loved jazz and swing—both to listen to and to dance to. At his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, he cut quite a figure on the dance floor. He was born into a Studebaker family in South Bend, Indiana, where both his father and grandfather worked at the Studebaker factory. He joined the US Air Force in 1947 where he was assigned weather training, and served as a ground weatherman when war (excuse





me, a “police action”) broke out on the Korean peninsula. After being decorated with the Air Medal and obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant, he returned home and married his sweetheart, Iris Kischer. He loved to write (see above) and became a technical writer where he could follow his passions for cars, planes, and aerospace. He worked for Studebaker from 1957 to 1959 (where he made and kept many Studebaker contacts), and finished his writing-for-a-paycheck career on a contract for Boeing.

His passion for Studebakers was legendary, and those not acquainted with his favorite brand of car were referred to as “the great unwashed”. He started life with the Seattle Chapter as the proud owner of a 1963 Lark Hardtop (whom he named Buddy). Buddy was eventually sold (with a teensy bit of anguish) and room made for a 1956 Sky Hawk, which he loved, babied, and had wonderful plans for. Unfortunately, declining

health and a sagging economy interfered with those plans, but this will be a wonderful car for someone worthy of it.

Bill was a terrific “people guy”. He was active in his church, and served on Outreach and Congregations for the Homeless. He enjoyed people and cared about them, and people enjoyed him. He lived well, laughed often, and loved much. Even when his cancer treatments left him feeling weak, he never lost his faith and optimism, and he never missed an issue of the newsletter. When he left Boeing, a fellow worker made a big “card” (2’ x 2’) with Bill standing beside a Studebaker which said “they don’t make ’em like this anymore”. I will concur with that sentiment. Good-bye, Bill. And may there always be something that needs technical clarification to keep heaven running smoothly.

Thanks for the memories, Bill.

**Interment will be Friday, Feb.12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 at Tahoma National Cemetery.**

**The address is: 18600 SE 240th St, Kent, WA 98042**

**If you are planning on attending, it is important that you are on time, otherwise you will not be admitted.**

**Memorial Service will be Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**

**The address is: 411 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA**

**(That is just a little bit south of Crossroad shopping center**



## IN MEMORY OF HELEN ALBRECHT

*As was reported last month, we recently lost Helen Albrecht, wife of Donovan. Both of them have been enthusiastic and hard working members of our organization, and SDC in general and our club in particular owe them a great deal.*

*She and Donovan were charter members of our chapter—not too many left who have been with us from the very beginning. Helen has been plagued with medical problems the last few years and as a result has not been as visible or as active as she was earlier, but she still insisted on coming to as many events as she could.*

*Helen has acted as zone coordinator for some years, and she filled in for Art Unger when he was no longer able to fulfill that position. She was probably the most conscientious zone coordinator they ever had. At the 1982 meet in Pennsylvania, she gave the opening speech.*

*She was also a newsletter judge, and she took that job VERY seriously. She never skimmed or shirked her responsibilities. She enjoyed collecting Studebaker memorabilia as much as Donovan did, and they had quite an impressive little “museum” of old (and newer) things that were fun to see and not often seen. She was a wonderful organizer, and very methodical in all the events she helped with.*

*She was a “do-er”, and never hesitated to volunteer her services when something needed “do-ing”. Never*



*one to blow her own horn, she worked behind the scenes, so to speak, making sure “i’s” were dotted and “t’s” were crossed—things hard to see but essential to the successful outcome of an event. She loved to knit—donated many beautiful hand-knit baby clothes to the Children’s Orthopedic Guild to sell. A generous and loving member of our community has left us. We are grateful for the time we had with her, and we know that she is at peace.*

*Thank you, Helen.*



**Join us to remember Bill Schiffer at our First Ever  
 Studebaker Valentine's Day Party  
 February 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm (after Early Bird Swap Meet)  
 Charlie's Restaurant  
 113 E. Main Street, Puyallup, WA**

**Fixed Price Menu includes choice of one of four items  
 \$19.60 per person/ \$39.20 per couple (beverages extra)**

**RSVP before February First**

**Send checks to: Greater Seattle Chapter SDC,**

**Upcoming events (full list for the year should appear in next issue (hopefully))**

<b>February</b>	<b>13 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Early Bird Swap Meet Chapter Info Booth</b>	<b>Puyallup Fairgrounds</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Bob Bryant rbryant1942@hotmail.com</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>12 &amp; 13</b>	<b>Almost Spring Swap</b>	<b>Puyallup Fairgrounds</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
<b>March</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Spring Brake Tech Meeting</b>	<b>Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Bob Bryant rbryant1942@hotmail.com</b>

**SDC Internationals**

<b>June 26-July 2nd 2016</b>	52nd SDC International -Warwick, Rhode Island
<b>June 18-24 2017</b>	53rd SDC International -South Bend, Indiana
<b>September 2018</b>	54th SDC International -Seattle Wa?



**STUDE STUFF FOR SALE**

**CARS FOR SALE**

**1946 Champion Skyway Business Coupe** Solid all original NW car.

Only 2140 of this body style were produced in '46. # speed/od, 60,446 miles on odometer , is radio delete. Some rust in RR fender, on drip rail of trunk. Needs paint and upholstery. Missing one door panel & headliner. Package shelf curtain still there. Runs but needs brakes & has exhaust manifold leak. \$6,000 Photos available.

studemary@comcast.net  
425-413-3958

**1956 Sky Hawk.** Owner passed away so must sell. V8-289, A/T, PS. White with brand new red leather interior. Paint in good shape.

Straight body. Car used to be driven regularly. Will need some minor repairs. A nice driver or do a full restoration to perfect car..

bischiffer@frontier.com

**1959 Silver Hawk** 6 Cyl. 3 spd/OD, HH, Straight body, no rust, never wrecked. Have nearly all trim.

Runs & drives. Mechanically restored by Chuck Tubens. Everything works. Long list of new parts. Car is still at Tubens home. Also selling off tools and small equipment. Have hydroponics growing equipment. Need place to live and grow, could make them a lot of money! Dave Toney Call anytime 503-701-8675

**1960 Hawk.** Purchased by me in 1963, now at 146,000 miles. Needs paint, engine overhaul and seat re-upholstering. Not driven since stored in my garage in 1987. Photos available. \$5000. Ern Anderson, Kirkland, WA 425-822-9716 ern.anderson@gmail.com.

**1960 Lark Regal VIII Hardtop**

Good running V8w/AT, TT. Clean interior, working radio, good glass and chrome, no rust in floor or trunk. A sharp, clean good looking car. Trans shifts ok, but has issues and will need attention in future. White over red. 1st \$4,000 takes. Will consider trade for decent 1950 Land Cruiser or pre-war, no projects. Scott 503-397-5542

**1963 Avanti R2** AT, Red over red, numbers match, newer paint/upholstryPro maintained. Second in class at two concourses, many show awards. Looks, runs great, 122k miles. Dave 503-256-0229 or ddgay@sbcglobal.net, Leave message.

Black seat belts (6) All parts sold OBO Phil Peters 503-244-1608 pipeters@aol.com

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Bruce Kerslake 360-254-1461 or: brucekerslake@gmail.com

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- 1937 Coupe Express Trans. \$150
- 1954 Champion 3 spd/od Trans \$50
- 1960 Hawk 3 spd/od \$100
- 1-Ton foldable engine hoist \$100
- 1953-61 C/K back window/trim nice \$100
- 1953 Commander fan shroud \$50

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**Parted out 1965 Daytona** lots of exterior/interior parts. Gas Tank Headlight Bezels (2) Taillight Housings w/lens & trim (4) Heater core, wipers & linkage (2) Headlight housings (2) Sealed beam lights (2) Steering column wiring Window & door handles (8) Exterior door handles (5)

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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. Contact national club directly or the local Treasurer for information (given below). 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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