

## President

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Hello everyone. Myrna and I hope everyone is doing well. We are fine.

Here comes May and no car shows. This covid-19 has put a damper on everything.

I did get my car out and drove it up to the top of the pass. It ran great at 65mph

I am looking for parts for my 58 Transtar 4X4 . I found a lot of NOS parts that my dad bought from Newman& Altman back in the 70s. I need a bed floor and upholstery. Also need to rebuild the motor and then paint it. The front and rear ends were done by Ingvar Vik.

Thanks Jerry

*(See back page for picture of the president with his car at the top of Snoqualmie)*

It has been a strange month. With basically having to stay at home all the time, why have I not made more progress on my '51? Cold weather has something to do with it and all the bad news has had it's influence as well.

First off, I am skipping the Secretary notes this issue. As we had no meetings last month and no news about when the next one will take place, there is not much to report.. I have left future meets still on the calendar until I get notice of cancellation. Hoping for the best, but afraid I am expecting a lot of cancellations

As for progress on my '51, I made up and installed the rear wiring harness, including an extra wire for the electric fuel pump I installed.

No, I am not planning to use that pump for other than starting the car after a long hiatus or in case the mechanical one should fail, or if I get a vapor lock condition. From past experience I also installed a bypass line around the electric fuel pump with a check valve in it.. The past experience I talk about is from Greta's '40 Champ. Under heavy load (uphill) and low RPMs



the restrictions in the eclectic fuel pump resulted in insufficient fuel reaching the carburetor.

That was not a problem with my previous electric fuel pump.

The fuel tank got installed as well. For the main harness I got an NOS harness, but installation has to wait till I get the instrument panel painted. On my last painting attempt I got into a bad fisheye problem which has to be solved first.

Currently I am working on the rear bumper gravel deflector. It is in pretty bad shape, just about complexly ripped apart in the middle. I wish I were better with bodywork.

Question: According to the bylaws I am responsible for publishing the newsletter approximately one week before each meeting. With no meetings, does that mean I don't have to publish? But with no meetings that cannot be voted on, so I guess I will continue to publish

## May MEETING

### CANCELLED

## 2020 Greater Seattle Chapter Upcoming Events

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	INFORMATION & CONTACT
May	3	Tour with HCC?			CANCELLED
May	16	Car Show	Harrington		CANCELLED
May	16-17	Overdrive	Spokane		CANCELLED
June	7	SDC Family Picnic	Griots in Tacoma		CANCELLED
Jul	11'	All Chapter Picnic	Mud Mountain Dam		Mary hosting. 425-4133958
Aug	16	BBQ and car show	14810 SE Jones Pl, Renton		Durkees hosting
Sep	5	Cruise and Car show	Bickelton, WA		
Oct	11	Fall Color Tour			Don Albrecht 425-392-7611
Nov	15	Election Meeting	29902 176 Ave SE, Kent		Noller's hosting
Dec	6,	Christmas Party 1PM	Sizzler, South Center		GSC hosting

### **UPCOMING SWAP MEETS**

MONTH	DATE	LOCATION	INFORMATION & CONTACT
May	16-17	Monroe Swap meet	CANCELLED
Sep	5	Bickleton, WA Flea market and car show	
Sep	25-26	Chehalis, WA Swap Meet	
Oct	10-11	Monroe Fall Swap meet	
Nov	7-8	Bremerton Swap meet	

<p><b>August 5-8, 2020 ,</b></p>	<p><b>Internationals</b>  <b>56th SDC International</b>  <b>57th SDC International</b>  <b>58th SDC International</b></p>	<p><b>Chattanooga, Tenn.</b>  <b>Indianapolis, Ind</b>  <b>South Bend, Ind</b></p>
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Many years ago, when I attended my first International SDC meeting, one of the first faces I met was Larry Swanson. Of course, I had no idea who he was, or how important he was in the club formation. He was simply a warm, friendly face who remembered my name and seemed genuinely happy to have me there. And as the years passed, I was more and more aware of what a remarkable treasure the Studebaker club had in this man. Perhaps I would have been more in awe had he “blown his own horn” a little more, but that was never his way. Quiet, efficient, capable and appreciative of everyone were his trademarks. The following article and picture, reprinted from the New Prairie Bulletin and written (I think) by Pete Yuen, describe a remarkable man, whose life was well lived and whose absence will be missed. May he rest in peace. Greta Justad

***Laurence (Larry) Swanson***

***June 29, 1941 – Feb.28,2020***

Picture taken at 2018 SDC International Meet in Tacoma, WA.

Larry was a gentleman, highly respected and regarded and justly so. He had a gentle nature and always had a smile and a warm greeting for everyone that he met in the Studebaker Drivers Club. Some say that one person can make a difference. Larry made a lot of differences in the Studebaker Driver Club.

In his teen years, Larry delivered pizza. The shop owner had purchased a number of brands of car for the deliveries. Larry had found that Studebakers were more reliable and durable than the other makes that the other pizza delivery boys chose to drive. Impressed with Studebakers, that is what he chose to drive on his deliveries. Time passes and Larry joins the Studebaker Drivers Club.

After a time, Larry worked for Burlington Northern Railways as the yardmaster, controlling the traffic and flow in the rail yard. He loved the steam engines and railroading. During the time that he was employed by Burlington Northern, he became the SDC Membership Secretary at a time when the membership numbers were 3 or 4 thousand. He also took on the task of being the club editor, publisher and did the newsletter mailing, all done on a voluntary basis with the help of his wife, Pat. Larry and Pat were married in 1964. Some SDC members assisted. One of them being the late Ron Hall. George Krem also volunteered to help. Larry and Pat used their Studebaker for the hauling of the newsletters. While all this was going on, Larry studied and became a lawyer.

My association with Larry goes back to the early 1970's when I was the membership secretary for the local, B.C. Coastal Chapter, a span of over 45 years. In those days, there had been a constant 10% premium on the American Dollar. As the membership secretary, funds were given to me for the SDC Inc. (National) membership as well as for the local chapter membership dues. Larry, being the SDC Inc. Membership Secretary, I would send the SDC Inc. dues to him in Oswego, Ill. This was the arrangement for a number of years and eventually, I retired from my position. Shortly after, the premium on the U.S. Dollar started to fluctuate and this created a problem for the local membership secretary and he would not know how much premium should be added to the dues for SDC Inc. This resulted in the local chapter members only paying the B.C. Coastal Chapter dues and for the member to send their SDC Inc. dues directly to Larry on their own.

Time passes and during the 1979 SDC International Meet in Long Beach, California, I finally had a chance to meet with Larry and Pat on the parking lot. My thoughts were, how great is this? I am thrilled at meeting the high-profile couple that for so long, our association was by mail only. We have managed to keep in touch throughout the years.

In 1999, Larry and Pat were invited to be guests of the B.C. Coastal Chapter for the Pacific Can-Am Zone meet and to our delight, they accepted the invitation. We had a great time together, creating many fond memories. During a speech that Larry gave at the awards presentation dinner, Larry stated that he had 2 kinds of friends in the Studebaker Drivers Club, the ones that he has met and the ones that he has yet to meet. This is a nice thought. It was a pleasure for me to meet Larry, only made possible by both of us being members of the Studebaker Drivers Club.

The 2018 SDC International Meet would be the last that Larry would attend. He had health issues previously but he was well enough to attend the event. This would also be the last time that I would have the pleasure of his company. I had invited him to be my guest for what should have been the Awards Presentation Dinner but for some reason the awards were presented on the day following the dinner.

During the years that Larry was in the SDC, he was the membership secretary, the editor and creator of TURNING WHEELS, club newsletter, a club director, legal consul, designed the commemorative coins for our club, compiled The Touring Studebaker Drivers Glovebox Geographic Guide which provides information regarding parts, service and roadside assistance while on tour of America and Canada. Larry also compiled the Studebaker Inside Facts regarding the SDC.

Not many members will know about or remember the SDC bulletins that SDC had before Larry created the TURNING WHEELS publication. The publication was merely 2 pieces of standard letter paper, folded in half and stapled to create 8 pages. In those days, the editor, I believed to be Ed Flarity, would have to use a typewriter to create the text and any graphics would physically have to be cut and pasted to the page. Any mistakes on the draft copy would mean using "White Out" a quick drying substance that covered the mistake and then text was typed over, on to the document. When Larry produced the TURNING WHEELS publication, it was so much improved over the previous publication that the difference was like the differences of night and day. Not sure when the computers were used for the club newsletter publications. When the computers were introduced to the public, more often than not, they were called, Word Processors.

I am blessed to have Larry touch my life. He gave me inspiration to be an editor for the B.C. Coastal and Vancouver Island Chapters. After retiring from that, I started to write the Odds „N“ Ends column on a monthly basis since 2013. A copy would be sent to him by e-mail. Larry was gracious to forward copies of the column to the SDC Chapter Editors that he was in touch with.

The loves in Larry „s life: His wife, Pat, music, writing, railroads, steam engines, Studebakers, Studebaker Drivers Club and friends. Especially if they were club members.

Until Larry had health issues and vision problems, he was involved with What“s Happening, a chronological listing of future events within our club. That listing continues with the very capable Susan Lusted taking over. On many occasions, Larry has been acknowledged for his many contributions to the club. We each have a common award though, that being the John Brichetto Award, an acknowledgement for literary contribution by a non-editor to the club. After Larry“s retirement from being the Editor-in-chief, he was given recognition as the Editor Emeritus, a title given to him for what he was prior to his retirement.

Not mentioned was the fact that he was a terrific ambassador for the SDC. Larry created many changes to improve our club. He will be remembered and he will be missed. He touched many lives in a positive manner, graciously.

One person can make a difference. For the Studebaker Drivers Club, that person was Larry Swanson. The world needs more people like him. Since his earthly work is done, I know that you will join me in wishing Larry a peaceful rest. He deserves it. Our deepest sympathy goes to Pat for the loss of her loved one.



Hi,  
Please join me on Memorial Day Sunday for the SDC Family Picnic. I have invited all makes that Studebaker was associated with in their history and hope to get a representative of each. There are about 60 parking spaces on the green and another 100 plus in the parking lot of Griot's.

We hope to have raffles throughout the picnic and some games to keep it interesting.  
Please add this event to your calendar and spread the word so we can have a great crowd to enjoy the day. If you have any questions, please email me at [avantibob1@gmail.com](mailto:avantibob1@gmail.com) or visit SDC Tacoma 2018 International Meet {until I can figure out how to change the title) on Facebook.

Hope to see you there,

Bob Bryant

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## Tacoma Area Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club

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Studebakers, Packards, Pierce-Arrows, Avantis, Excaliburs, Erskines, EMFs, Garfords & Rocknes  
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### To attend:

**Our SDC Family Picnic  
Sunday, May 24, 2020**

**11:00 am to 3 pm on the green**

**At Griot's Garage**

**3333 South 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, Washington**

**Bring a dish to share**

Limited parking on the grass with parking available for the first 200 cars

More information available from Bob at: [Avantibob1@gmail.com](mailto:Avantibob1@gmail.com)



**There will be raffle prizes and games!!!**

**TO BE RESCHEDULED**

I'm normally a social girl  
 I love to meet my mates  
 But lately with the virus here  
 We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now  
 We need to stay inside  
 If they haven't seen us for a while  
 They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did  
 Before we got this old  
 There wasn't any Facebook  
 So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies  
 Who would never be uncouth  
 But we grew up in the 60s '  
 If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll  
 The pill and miniskirts  
 We smoked, we drank, we partied  
 And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married  
 And turned into someone's mum,  
 Somebody's wife, then nana,  
 Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace  
 Because our lives were full  
 But to bury us before we're dead  
 Is like red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside  
 For 4 weeks, maybe more  
 I finally found myself again  
 Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me  
 I'd while away the hour  
 I'd bake for all the family  
 But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful  
 I like a gutsy thriller  
 I'm swooning over Idris  
 Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze  
 For when I'm being idle  
 There's wine and whiskey, even gin  
 If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown  
 To recovery and health  
 And hope this bloody virus  
 Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
 And be back to join our mates  
 Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
 To fit through the flaming gates!

**One dark night outside a small town in Minnesota, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink of an eye it exploded into massive flames. The alarm went out to all the fire departments for miles around. When the volunteer firefighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, "All our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact."**

**But the roaring flames held the firefighters off.**

**Soon more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the fire department who could bring out the company's secret files.**

**From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the nearby Norwegian rural township volunteer fire company composed mainly of Norwegians over the age of 65. To everyone's amazement, that little run-down fire engine roared right past all the newer sleek engines that were parked outside the plant.**

**Without even slowing down it drove straight into the middle of the inferno. Outside, the other firemen watched as the Norwegian old timers jumped off right in the middle of the fire fought it back on all sides. It was a performance and effort never seen before.**

**Within a short time, the Norske old timers had extinguished the fire and had saved the secret formulas. The grateful chemical company president announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave fire fighters.**

**The local TV news reporter rushed in to capture the event on film, asking their chief, "What are you going to do with all that money?"**

**"Vell," said Ole Larsen, the 70-year-old fire chief, "Da first thing ve gonna do is fix da brakes on dat focking truck!"**



Studebaker used two types of fans in their cars. The red one has the rivets in the center of the blade and the black one has the rivets towards the edges of the blades.

Over the years, it was noted that the fans with the rivet on the center of the blades were more prone to cracking than the blade with the rivets that were near the edges of the blades. He has seen one with a crack and has personally had one on a Studebaker. One day, after he started the engine he heard a strange noise coming from the engine compartment. Immediately, the engine was turned off and an inspection was done. Everything seem to be in order until the tip of the fan was wiggled, fore and aft, that is towards the radiator and then towards the firewall. The blade flexed at the rivet and it would have soon detached itself if the motor had not been shut off immediately.

**WARNING! When you hear the strange noise from the engine compartment while the engine is running, do not lift the hood to see where the noise is coming from. If a person is in the path of the fan blade that is detached he/she could get a very serious headache, one that EXCEDRIN won't cure. Fact is, the detached fan blade could be a killer. That is the worst case scenario but in any case, a fan blade being detached while the engine is operating will certainly do damage to the car, be it to the hood, radiator or whatever in the engine compartment.**

Take a few minutes to check the fan in your Studebaker. Check to see if there is any flex in any of the 4 blades. If any blade flexes, then the fan needs to be replace. The preferred replacement should be the fan with the rivets toward the edges of the blades. Look for one with a hole that will fit on the fan adapter. Failing that, you will need to find an adapter of the same thickness as the original to fit the fan.

from Pete Yuen

I have a 3' X 5' Studebaker banner,  
brand new, for \$18.00 & free shipping.  
Is anyone interested?  
Paul ppaul51@aol.com

**ROSES ARE RED**

**APRIL IS GRAY**

**HOUSE ARREST,**

**IS OVER IN MAY**

**(maybe optimistic)**

Hello All, As most all of have heard, There is a Schedule change for the Northwest Overdrive. The Term we have heard a lot lately is Cancelled. I prefer the term Post-poned. The 2020 Spokane Overdrive has been postponed until May of 2021. There was quite a bit of Debate as to when to reschedule it. September drive your Studebaker day was a big consideration. It was voted to make it May of 2021.

There is a Norwegian joke about an old farmer who, in the grip of emotion, once confessed to his best friend, "I love my wife so much I almost told her (from Kelstrom)

**STUDE STUFF FOR SALE**

Most ads having run for more than 6 months have been removed. If you want to reinstate an ad, please notify the editor (stude21@juno.com)

**Deal of the month: 1941 Commander**

\$6,500. Body off Restoration by Al Ticknor Been sitting in garage for a number of years. Runs good but needs brake work. Missing title so it will probably take two years to get clear title.. It originally came from a wrecking yard auction in Wenatchee . Contact Don Kelstrom at 425-686



**PARTS FOR SALE**

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**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. Contact national club directly or the local Treasurer for information (given below). **National Member #** \_\_\_\_\_

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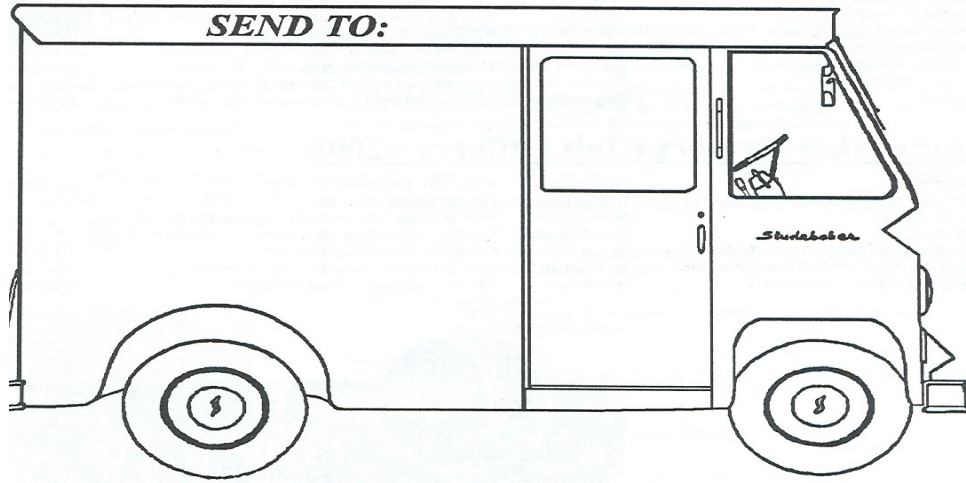
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*Jerry at Snoqualmie pass*