

# President

Greater Seattle Chapter SDC Founded in 1969

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## SECRETARY'S SCRABBLES

Another month of COVID restrictions, so no meeting in March and none scheduled for April. We are making progress in that we are now moved to Phase 3 which allows meetings of larger groups, but still wearing masks. So, I thought I would tell you about a recent acquisition, a '28 Studebaker Commander sedan; the oldest car I have owned. Well, at least it was once a sedan. It was from the estate of Al Ticknor.

When I got it here the weather was turning colder so I put it in the carport and wrapped it for winter. The wrap included plastic on the ground under the vehicle which I think is important to cut down on moisture and the rust it causes. A lot of garages allow moisture up through the concrete. Concrete is very porous. I placed 6 mil. plastic under the floor when I built my garage.

Now back to the '28. Someone, I believe many years ago started to convert the 4 door sedan into a pick-up. They had removed the center section of the car and then moved the back wall with the back window forward to the B pillars. They attached that back section to the B pillars with sheet metal screws and that is as far as they got. The wood floor boards from the back seat are still in place as is the gas tank. Two bumpers came with the vehicle, but I don't know if they are correct. Other than the back part, it appears to be complete except no wheels in the 2 spare tire wells in the front fenders.

I plan to complete the conversion to a pick-up knowing full well that Studebaker didn't make a pick-up until 1937, the Coupe Express. There is another '28 Studebaker pick-up in Wenatchee that I think looks pretty cool. Now that the weather is getting at least a little better, I will soon remove the winter cover and go to work. I am reluctant to call this a restoration because that means to me a return to a previous state. This rig has never before been a pick-up. I will design a pick-up box for it that I think would look right for the era and still have some utility. Anyone have a small pick-up box that might work?

I hope that a month from now I can tell you about progress on my pick-up and about an upcoming Driver's Club get together.

God Bless, Don Andersen, Secretary

## APRIL MEETING

### CANCELLED

## 2020 Greater Seattle Chapter Upcoming Events

| MONTH | DATE   | EVENT               | LOCATION                  | TIME   | INFORMATION & CONTACT     |
|-------|--------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| May   | 22-23  | Overdrive           | Spokane                   |        | Cancelled                 |
| May   | 30     | Picnic on the green | Griot's Garage            | 12-3pm | Bob Bryant for more info  |
| Jul   | Sat 10 | All Chapter Picnic  | Mud Mountain Dam          |        | Mary hosting. 425-4133958 |
| Aug   |        | BBQ and car show    | 14810 SE Jones Pl, Renton |        | Durkees hosting           |
| Sep   |        | Cruise and Car show | Bickelton, WA             |        |                           |
| Oct   |        | Fall Color Tour     |                           |        | Don Albrecht 425-392-7611 |
| Nov   |        | Election Meeting    | 29902 176 Ave SE, Kent    |        | Noller's hosting          |
| Dec   |        | Christmas Party 1PM | Sizzler, South Center     |        | GSC hosting               |

The 2021 NW Overdrive is cancelled (was rescheduled to this May from last year). Barb Curtis will refund your registration fee or will carry till 2022, your choice.

The Harrington auto show in May at the Studebaker Garage is still on

### **UPCOMING SWAP MEETS**

| MONTH | DATE | LOCATION                               | INFORMATION & CONTACT             |
|-------|------|--|-----------------------------------|
| July  | 9-11 | 50th Annual Spokane Swap Meet          | Spokane County Fair & Expo Center |
| Sep   |      | Bickleton, WA Flea market and car show |                                   |
| Sep   |      | Chehalis, WA Swap Meet                 |                                   |
| Oct   | 9-10 | Monroe Fall Swap meet                  |                                   |
| Nov   |      | Bremerton Swap meet                    |                                   |

### **OTHER EVENTS**

**Greenwood Car Show** April 24, 2021 for the 33rd Annual

Auburn's 4th of July Car Show Center/Les Gove

#### Internationals

|                   |             |      |                               |                          |
|-------------------|-------------|------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>.September</b> | <b>8-11</b> | 2021 | <b>57th SDC International</b> | <b>Indianapolis, Ind</b> |
|                   |             | 2022 | <b>58th SDC International</b> | <b>South Bend, Ind</b>   |

Dear Editor of the Washington President,

The Members of the Dakotas Chapter invite you to consider stopping in the Black Hills of South Dakota on your way to the International Meet in Indianapolis. It will be held just a couple of days in advance of that and is very handy to find if you are traveling I-90. Would you please include this invitation in a future issue of your Washington President newsletter ? We hope members from the Greater Seattle area might be interested in showing their Studebakers with us. Thank you, Mary Coffin, PR, Dakotas chapter

Greetings from the Dakotas Chapter, SDC !

The Officers of the Dakotas Chapter invite you to our annual **Labor Day Weekend of Events in Custer, South Dakota.** We thought that some members of your club might be traveling East to the International Meet September 8-11, so we encourage you to come a little earlier to stop in the Black Hills and share your Studebaker with us ! We are just 45 minutes south from I-90, exiting in Rapid City. Our activities will include:

**On Friday evening, Sept 3:** A free Meet & Greet evening social with snacks & beverages in the outdoor tent beside the Super 8;

**On Saturday, Sept 4:** Drive with us on a Cruise through the Southern Black Hills with lunch to-

gether. Then you will have time to explore any of these activities that evening: visit a state park or a national park cave, see the evening program at Mt Rushmore, explore Mammoth Prehistoric Site in Hot Springs, or see the evening show at Crazy Horse Memorial just north of Custer.

**On Sunday, Sept 5:** Participate in an outdoor Car & Truck show in downtown Custer from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Last year more than 1,000 people visited the show and voted for their favorite vehicle. That evening we will have an awards banquet followed by a silent auction of Studebaker related items. See photos of the 2020 show in the March, 2021 issue of Turning Wheels.

We will have a registration form in a future issue of Turning Wheels, including details for reduced rates at the host, Super 8, hotel. There are also a Comfort Inn nearby with an elevator and a Holiday Inn as well as many other hotels within a few miles. Free Trailer parking is available, close by to these 3 hotels.

*For additional information,* call our Chapter President, Tom Cantral, 605-431-4502, or email him: mech39@rushmore.com. Or check out our Chapter's website: dakotastudebaker.com or find our Facebook page.

Here's the latest from Spokane for the newsletters. There will be a swap meet in Spokane this year and I've reserved my usual two spaces. This is the 50th Annual event!

So put this swap meet on your TO-DO list for the summer and take advantage of the deals



**SPOKANE SWAP MEET**

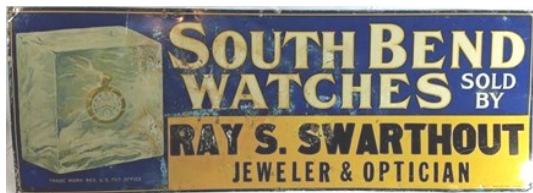


as attached. Goats sold separately. Only in eastern Washington...

50th Annual Spokane Swap Meet  
July 9 – 10 -11, 2021

**Spokane County Fair & Expo Center**  
Havana & Broadway, Spokane, WA

## Studebaker Hobbies: SOUTH BEND WATCH COMPANY



In May of 1902 members of that Studebaker

family, Clement Studebaker Jr. along with his brother George and their uncle John Mohler Studebaker bought the financially troubled *Columbus Watch Company* and began moving it from Ohio to Indiana along with much of the work force. They constructed a state-of-the-art watch-making facility with such advanced features as sprinkling systems and huge, fully fire-proofed walk-in vaults. The name then became the *South-Bend Watch Company*, and they would eventually build 71 different grades of watches in the 5 most popular sizes. The official opening in March of 1903 was with a great deal of fanfare.



Through the first two decades of the twentieth century the company grew and prospered. During its peak years the company produced 60,000 watches annually and employed nearly 600 employees. Ambitious nationwide advertising was largely responsible for this early prosperity. Full-page ads showing the South Bend watch running in a block of ice were particularly effective. Numerous styles and models were available with a price range from \$16.00 to \$125.00. All watches carried a "insured for a lifetime guarantee." In fact, there are thousands of South Bend watches still running today.

As some of you may know, the great North American railroad watch became an institution after a fatal crash in 1891, which was caused in part by the stopping and then restarting of the engineer's watch, which caused it to be 4 minutes slow. In the early days of railroading, when trains ran by strict time and timetable rules, that 4 minutes proved to

be fatal. As a result, in 1893, the General Railroad Timepiece Standards were adopted, which mandated the following standards for railroad watches:

*".... be open faced, size 18 or 16, have a minimum of 17 jewels, adjusted to at least 5 positions, keep time accurately to within a gain or loss of only 30 seconds per week, adjusted to temperatures of 34 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit, have a double roller, steel escape wheel, lever set, micrometric regulator, winding stem at 12 o'clock, grade on back plate, use plain Arabic numbers printed bold and black on a white dial, and have bold black hands..."*

The South Bend Watch company offered at least two railroad grade and approved watches. The 327 (18 size, 21 jewels) and 227 (16 size, 21 jewels). These watches were produced after 1923 under the Studebaker name and South Bend name.

The most prestigious watch produced by the South Bend Watch Company was called "*The Studebaker*", Even now, some 100 years after their introduction, the best known and most popular South-Bend Watches are:

*"The Studebaker"* movements. They were eventually produced in 18-size and 16-size grades. Handsomely damascened and marked "*The Studebaker*" in fancy script on the movement they are considered by collectors to be among the best-looking RR watch movements ever made.

### A Studebaker in the Mail

In 1923 the company offered a "Studebaker" watch on a mail order basis, direct sale to the public. The Studebaker watches were identical to the South Bend line and were made on the same production line. The Studebaker watch ads of this era did not indicate any connection between the two watches, but instead gave the impression of a separate company. The naming of the watch, however, was an obvious attempt to capitalize on the good name of the famous brothers of Studebaker automobile fame. Most ads carried the following line:"

*"Directed by members of the Studebaker family known for three-quarters of a century for fair dealing."*

The Studebaker watches were sold on a credit basis and could be purchased with a down payment of

only one dollar. With the onset of the Depression, the company found itself with many delinquent accounts and the banks were unwilling to cooperate in those unstable times. This and the fact the company never switched to production of men's wristwatches was responsible for their eventual demise. On Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27, 1929, the nearly 300 employees of the company were notified the plant would be closed until January 1, 1930. The company never reopened.



After the closing, the machinery was eventually sold, and liquidation completed in 1933 with creditors being paid off fifty cents on the dollar. On July 8, 1957, a fire started in the old factory and destroyed the last evidence of a once world-famous factory.

This is a South Bend model 227, size 16 railroad grade and approved watch, note the lever above the "2". The face/crystal had to be removed and the lever extended in order to change or adjust the time. This was so that the time could not be inadvertently changed when winding the watch.

Below are a few examples of the watches produced by the South Bend Watch Company produced from 1902 to 1929.



The top two watches are South Bend Size 16, Model 227 Railroad Grade Railroad and Approved Watches. The bottom two are Studebaker mail order watches made available from 1923 to 1929.



This is an example of a "Loaner Watch" South Bend Model 227 size 16. When the engineer or conductor needed his watch serviced, inspected or adjusted the railroad company would provide him with a "loaner". This watch does not denote the railroad company name or the name of the watch repair company making the adjustments.



Another example of a Studebaker mail order watch. Size 12 not railroad grade or approved. This watch is smaller than the 16 or 18 size watches approved for railroad use. Incidentally, I won this watch at a Studebaker, South Bend swap meet several years ago.

Submitted By: Cliff Tattersall

The South Bend watch company in 1923 decided to sell direct to the public via mail order. "One dollar down plus weekly payments. This is an example of a 16 size "railroad grade" but not "railroad approved" watch. Note this watch is not "lever set" and therefore does not qualify for railroad approval even though it has the required size, jewel movement and adjustments for position and temperature.



## EDITOR'S CORNER

Not much to report this month. As far as I can see, we really have no club meeting until July.

Hopefully we will have enough people vaccinated by that time that things are opened up. Hopefully most of you have already gotten the shots, or are close to getting them.

My progress on my '51 been pretty minimal this last month. Still in the process of installing door glass, lifting mechanism and weather stripping. (And hunting for all the right parts. That's what happens when the whole car came in baskets and not organized in any way).

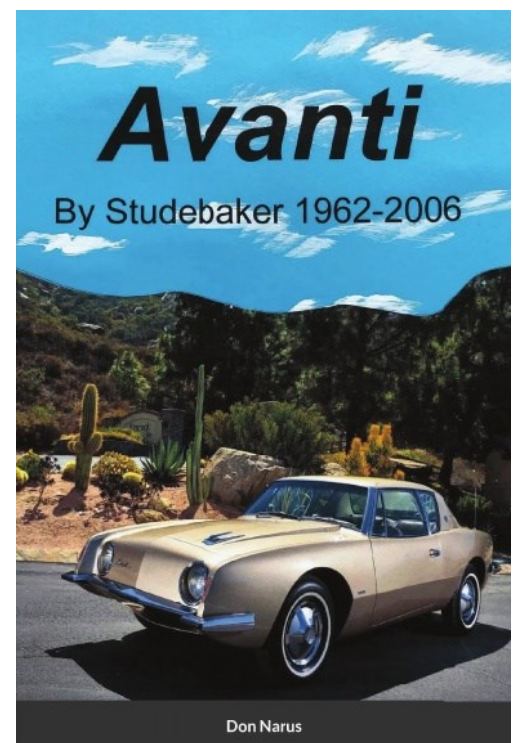
As reported, the Spokane swap meet is on. See page 3. But the problem is that it is the same weekend as our yearly picnic at Mud Mountain Dam.. Which I believe at this time is a go. Which will be our first meeting for the year



## Odds 'N' Ends (this kind of belongs in the for sale section)

### AVANTI BY STUDEBAKER 1962 – 2006

Quick, name a book that covers the history of the Avanti from 1962 to 2006 in an easy to read format? *Avanti By Studebaker* is such a title by auto historian Don Narus. This primer is great for new to the hobby or for someone seeking to bone up on what the Avanti was all about. Seven chapters cover Loewy, the Studebaker years, Altman-Newman, Stephen Blake, Michael Kelly, John Cafaro, and Bunting-Kelly. Detail-rich 88 black & white photos as well as 7 period advertisements generously highlight front and tail ends, dashboards, seats, and interesting details. Narus' accessible writing style offers expertly intriguing observations and insights. Order a copy from [www.LULU.com](http://www.LULU.com) for \$12.95 plus shipping.



The below came from a non-member who is trying to sell it for a friend that passed away.

## 59 Studebaker pickup: I

I have a 59 4E1-112 Ser E1203-8 complete except for engine and trans. I have the v8 engine I believe came out of it though it is seized up. There are Chevy motor mounts. It is a solid specimen with small rust spots in normal places. Grill and tailgate are perfect.

I think it might be worth \$4000. My friend paid just shy of \$3000 in 2010. If someone

is interested in correct numbers I'm pretty sure the engine is the one that came out of it. I also have the name of the guy he bought it from who was, I am sure, a Stude club member. But I will consider any reasonable offer. I am in Des Moines just South of SeaTac airport if anyone wants to look at it.

Bj. Bjerneby .  
206-571-5569



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**59 Studebaker  
pickup:**

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)

1940 President engine for sale includes block, head, crank, cam, some pistons and rods. Not sure what else is missing. \$100. Also I have some teens or twenties headlight lenses for sale. \$20 each. Two 8 1/2", two 9" and one 8 1/8".

Contact Don Kelstrom at 425-686-2931  
dikelstrom@aol.com

FOR SALE >> 1956 Studebaker Transtar 2E5 1/2-ton short-bed pickup. 185ci 6-cylinder flathead rebuilt mid-1980's during mild restoration, only 10K aprx miles since. 3-speed "on the tree" manual transmission. Original 12-volt electrical system & oil-bath air cleaner. \$15K OBO. Contact Kevin @ inthetreez@comcast.net or 206-953-1612.

FOR SALE: 1955 President 4dr Sedan (late production) V8 Auto PB in storage many years \$ 2,400.00 Gary Finch Spokane WA (509)624 9543

Car has a NOS rear dif, repop huncaps & headlight bezels plus replacement front fenders and loads of extra parts.

Pair of headlights for '30, '31 and some '32, \$400 for the pair as well as a Radiator for '31 President, \$100.

Don Andersen, 253-854-0678 or djandersen@q.com

FOR SALE: Custom machined Borg-Warner Detroit Gears alignment tool / special tool to align the torque converter to factory specs \$ 350.00 firm + shipping

Gary Finch. g.finch@comcast.net 509-624-9543

Hi, I got an Phone call from Roger Pfeff @ (509)595-0136 he has this 1952 Com. 2dr has not been driven since 1977. It has a 1953 engine he dose have the engine that came with it. 3 speed with overdrive he said he wanted \$5000.00

Any request for ads can be emailed to stude21@comcast.net

Or by phone: 425-747-9196

Any other material you have for the newsletter can be sent to the same address.

**ATTENTION:**

Don Albrecht is in the process of moving and is therefore reducing a considerable part of his vehicle and parts inventory. Too large to list here. Mostly Lark and Hawk cars and parts. Give him a call or e-mail if you are interested in any. parts or cars.

**dhalbrecht@msn.com or : 425-392-7611**

1961 Lark 2 dr Sedan, good running, Low mileage, 6/AT—good body, interior, brakes, tires. \$3,500

Also: 1964 R1 parts Manifold and (large) Weber carb. R3 exhaust manifolds. Delco Distributor. Fuel pump & Power steering pump. Air conditioning compressor & radiators.

Christopher Woodsum. 360-357-8078.

Avanti1947@aol.com (Olympia)

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

Paul ppaul51@aol.com

**STUDEBAKER LITERATURE**

Owners Manuals, Shop Manuals, Parts Books, Sales Catalogs & folders, Paint Chip books, Salesman's data books for 1914 to 1966 cars & trucks. Have 1,000's of original Studebaker literature., history and phots books and back issues of Turning Wheels \$2 @. Special prices for SDC members. Overstock special1956 Passenger car shop manuals (also used '57 &'58. supplements \$15 Bruce Kerslake 360-254-1461 or: brucekerslake@gmail.com

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**Studebaker on the Web**

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**North Puget Sound:** [www.northpugetsoundsdc.com](http://www.northpugetsoundsdc.com)  
**National Studebaker SDC:** [studebakerdriversclub.com](http://studebakerdriversclub.com)

**Studebaker Clubs of the World:** [studebakerclubs.com/](http://studebakerclubs.com/)

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[www.theantiquestudebakerclub.com](http://www.theantiquestudebakerclub.com)

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

**NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

For information e-mail: [sdc@cornerstonereg.com](mailto: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**. Send payment to **SDC C/O Cornerstone Registration, Ltd, P.O. BOX 1715 , Maple Grove, MN. 55311-6715** Annual dues are \$29.00 (1st yr only) \$36 renewal

**GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Greater Seattle Chapter** dues are due January 1st each year and are for a one year period. Dues are \$12/year and includes a monthly email newsletter. If you do not have an email address and exception may be made for a printed newsletter for an additional \$12. Dues are prorated per month for dues collected throughout the year. Make check payable to: **SDC GSC**

Mail check to: **SDC GSC c/o Greta Justad , 6302 164 Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006. Info 425-747-9196**

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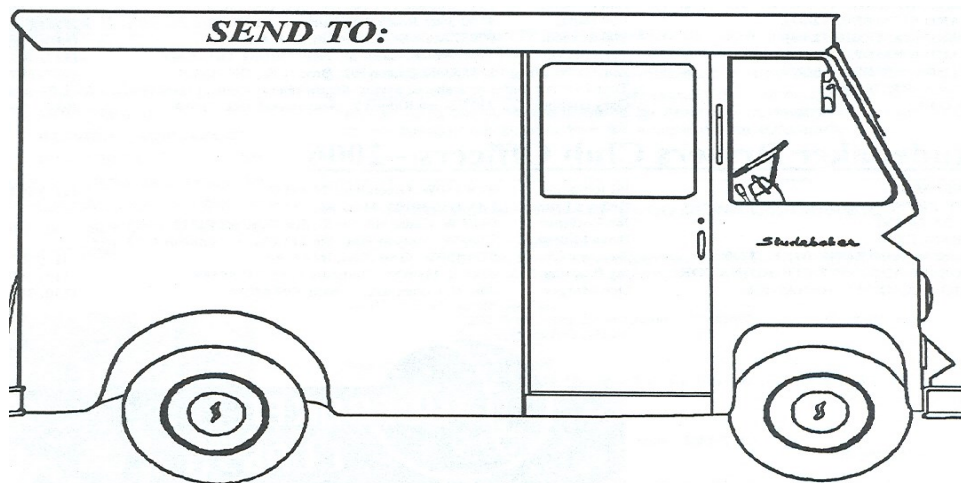
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*From Kelstrom. This 1941 used to be Al Ticknor's car. Now located in Florida*