

## President

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### SECRETARY'S SCRABBLES

Another month without a meeting because of COVID19 and no plans for a meeting in May. Joan and I miss seeing you all face to face. In April I made some progress on upholstery in my '37 President, but I got off on a tangent, the reporting of which I will call the Tale of Two Trunks.

Until recently, I have not had a car with a separable trunk and now I have 2 such cars. I am intrigued by these trunks because I have known nothing about them. My '32 President came with a metal trunk bolted to the trunk rack at the rear. The bolting looked to be an amateur job, but the front of that trunk is curved to match the inward curve of the back of the car body at its bottom. That trunk is all metal and there is some rust in the bottom. The other trunk I now have is for the '33 Pierce Arrow; it is larger, appears to be made of wood that is covered all around by what probably is vinyl.

Neither of these trunks look like ones on cars in factory photos. Separable trunks appeared on a few factory photos in the '20's and early '30's. All were gone by 1935 when all cars had integral trunks. I remember a 1934 Oldsmobile from my youth and the built-in trunk was very small with a top opening that I thought at that time was too small for a suitcase, but I did not own a suitcase for testing.

Most factory photos are 3/4 front views with the rear of the car not very visible. Trunks and trunk racks are not to be seen in the most common views. It would appear from pictures I have, that trunk racks were most common on larger models, on those with side mounted spare tires and were ordered separately as an extra

cost option. My listing of options for 1932 Studebakers shows several trunks, some with suitcases to match. I would guess that dealers and others offered trunks as well.

There are lots of trunks for sale on ebay and they are quite expensive with expensive shipping charges way out here on the "other coast". My Pierce trunk needs no repair, but I will be bringing the Studebaker trunk back to life. It needs new latches, de-rusting and paint.

Because both cars have trunk racks (side mounted spares) and because separate trunks were only offered for a few years of automobile history, I will be driving both of those cars (eventually) with a trunk proudly displayed on the trunk rack. Looking forward to that!!

I hear the Governor is talking about moving us back a phase in COVID19 control. I hope not, because I want to get back to having regular meetings.

God Bless,  
Don Andersen



**MAY MEETING**  
**CANCELLED (but see page7)**

**2020 Greater Seattle Chapter Upcoming Events**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INFORMATION &amp; CONTACT</b>
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**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>INFORMATION &amp; CONTACT</b>
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

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

**SAD NEWS**

Some days ago I noticed the death notice on the right in the Seattle Times.. I am sorry to say we lost another member of our group.. I have to admit I did not know him very well but Mary West sent me the following note. (ed)

**Bill loved to talk cars at the Burien cruise night with me, and whomever else would listen. He had many great stories, and liked to buy and sell cars.**

He purchased Bill Schiffer's red 1956 Sky Hawk. He later sold it to a man in France. He had a 1954 Kaiser (not attached to Frazer), which was very rare. He had an English taxi cab, with the retained the original license plate, and lettering on the outside of the car. Bill also had a beautiful 1957 Silver Hawk. We only saw him at one meet - the McBride collection. He preferred the weekly get-togethers. He will be missed, and our condolences go out to his wife and family.

Mary West

**GOOD NEWS**

We got a new member to our group.

He lives in the Renton area and owns 1953 commander Coupe. You will find a picture of on the last page. Here are a few words from him:

My current vehicle is a 1953 Starlight Commander Coupe.

I've had this vehicle since 1985 and did a complete restoration on it. This one was manufactured at the California plant.

This took me 8 years to finish. Did everything myself except the upholstery.

Has close to 30,000 miles on it. Hard to tell from this picture but it is two tone.

As you can tell it's slightly modified. It was a complete basket case when I purchased it from a high school teacher that lived in the Mount Si area back in 1985.

Studebakers I've had in the past were a 1956 & 57 Hawks.

And a 62 GT Hawk with a 289/4 speed.

**William McKIVOR**



June 30, 1940 - March 15, 2021

Bill was a collector all his life. Of cars, tokens, historical memorabilia. But what he really loved collecting were stories. His friends and family remember him as someone who always had an interesting, funny or historical story to fit every occasion. And over his life, he sprinkled these stories into his work as a radio announcer, into talks he gave for his various clubs and into everyday conversations he'd have with just about anyone who was interested.

He was a man who threw himself whole-heartedly into whatever he did, and this was certainly true in his work life. He started his 50-year career in the newspaper business at age 9, selling newspapers on a Wallingford street corner until he was old enough to have a paper route... and then two paper routes. As an adult, he became a district manager and then branch manager in the circulation department at the Seattle Post Intelligencer. Later, at the Seattle Times he directed the shift from an afternoon circulation to a morning run.

At 60 he retired from the Times and started his own business selling British tokens. He used his knack for storytelling to give his customers historical context about how the tokens were used before there was a national British currency. He trekked to England every fall to attend conferences and give talks.

To say Bill loved automobiles is to underestimate the lifelong connection he had with them. Over the years, he drove an ever-changing variety of vintage cars, including—but not limited to—Kaisers, Studebakers, Willys, Buicks, Corvairs and even London Taxis. He was a member of several car clubs and enjoyed attending many local and national car meets.

Bill was a kind and loving person who was generous with his time and could always make you smile with a bad pun or silly joke. He is dearly missed by his wife June; daughters Kelly and Kristen; and grandchildren Winter, Oskar and William Alexander.

## Studebaker Hobbies:

### Studebaker Service Pins Submitted by: Bob Barrick

As we all know the Studebaker Corporation started in 1852 just as a small family business that grew to become the largest producers of wagons in the world by the turn of 20th century.

Studebaker in 1923 realized it was time to celebrate their employees service by awarding them with years of service medals. From 1923 through 1933 they awarded their 1st generation of service pins that looked more like war medals for 5 year (copper), 10 year (bronze), 15 year (silver) and 20 year (14 K gold). The front of the medals was all the same with the likeness of J.M. Studebaker with the inscription "The Studebaker Corporation. Established 1852."



On the backs of these pins was the Studebaker Wheel emblem along with employee's name engraved which was a nice touch that only happened on this series of employees service pins. My 5-year medal was awarded to a F.L. Miller. The 10-year medal was awarded to A.G. Koenig. Both the 15 & 20 are the same employee D. Mead.



It is nice that these pins have the employee's names on the, they will always be remembered. These pins show up at swap meets regularly if anyone is interested but the silver and especially the gold ones are not that common most likely because of their precious metal and with gold valued at almost \$2000 an ounce, these will fetch a good price.

In 1935 Studebaker came up with their 2nd employees service pin type, going from the lager medal type to the lapel pin type. They still only awarded 5 and up to 20 years of service. Personally, I think these were the most attractive device pins they gave out.



They stayed with the copper, bronze, silver, and gold but the gold dropped to 10K. Studebaker stayed with this style of service pin until 1948. They needed to upgrade their pins because by this time there were many employees that had way more then 20 years of service.

In 1949, Studebaker brought out their 3rd series of service pins, nicknamed the "Redball" This series was used until the South Bend plant closed its doors in 1963.



This series dropped the likeness of JM and just used the Studebaker name along with the year of service. These were in 5-year increments but instead of just up to 20 years they went all the way to 60 years of service. My collection includes up to 35 years always looking to expand my collection. Studebaker starting with the 25-year pin put jewels

into the pins, pearl in 25, ruby in 30. Diamonds were added in high years.

I have included a 40-year pin with 2 Rubys owned by Cliff Tattersall.



Pins above 40 years can tend to get expensive, and I understand that only 2 of the 60-year service pins were ever given out and 1 of these went to the grave with the recipient and that a couple were made up later with unused blanks found after the plant closed.

The 4th and final series probably are the rarest since they were only given out during the final couple of years that all Studebakers were produced up here in the Hamilton plant. These are basically the same as the "Redball" pins with the inclusion of CANADA below Studebaker.



My collection includes a 5-, 15- and 20-year pin. To my knowledge no jewels were put into any of the Canadian pins. Like the previous series the 20-year pin and up were 10K gold. I have seen a 10-year pin and they are silver, and the 5 year is copper. From my research I figure there was at least one 45-year pin given out in the final series.

One interesting pin Studebaker gave out but not a service pin was what has been called "The Widows pin "



Studebaker supplied a lot to the war effort and that included 5,611 employees that signed up to defend our way of life, 111 of these did not come home. Studebaker awarded these pins to their closest relative; these are scarce and is one of my most treasured Studebaker items.

Dear Friends,

I hope you will all support our second attempt at a Studebaker and Associates Picnic in Tacoma. Yes, second as the first was cancelled last year due to the COVID pandemic. Even though most of us have gotten the vaccine, we will have the following rules.

1. Bring your own food to eat (if you forget, KFC, Burger King and other fast food restaurants are nearby).
2. Bring your own chairs, masks, and eating utensils.
3. Maintain at least 6 feet from other people.

Parking on the grass will be limited to 40 cars. Arrive early (but not too early) to be placed on the grass. All other cars can park on the adjacent tarmac.

Shine up your Studebaker, Packard, Avanti, Pierce-Arrow, Erskine, Rockne, Excalibur, '57-'61 Mercedes, or Isuzu Bellett and come to our picnic on Sunday, May 30 from 11 am to 2 pm at Griot's Garage, 3333 South 38th Street in Tacoma.

See you there!  
Bob Bryant  
Commander  
Tacoma Area Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club

Good morning guys,

I just wanted to let you know the Mary and I stopped by to visit with Walt on Sunday. The visit went well, once most of the fogginess cleared, both his and mine. He was unclear on some things, and some other things that he said, I was unsure of. Dorothy is housed in the same complex. He seems to be unsure as to where Mark is living. He did say that Mark had visited him several times.

He still has the drain tube in his stomach, prognosis uncertain. He would like to get out of where his is, but whether that's possible I really don't know. I encourage you to go see him. He seemed to really enjoy the visit. The best time for a visit would be 1:30-3:00 PM.

Bill

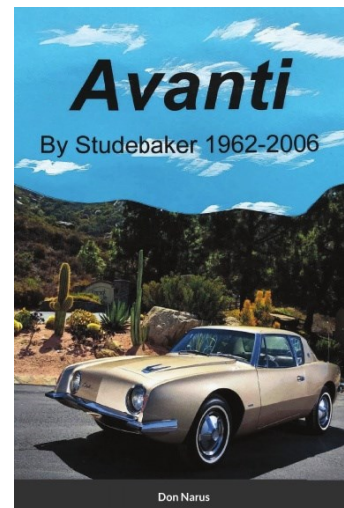
**STUDE STUFF FOR SALE or wanted**

A friend of mine who lives in Victoria BC is looing for '53/'54 front fenders. He is helping a friend restore a 54 Starliner. If you know of any for sale, contact Jim Renfrew at [renfrewj@jamesrenfrew.com](mailto:renfrewj@jamesrenfrew.com) He said they can ship via aircraft cargo to get around the closed border.  
Thanks, Mary

**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.

Michael Petti



## STUDE STUFF FOR SALE or wanted

### WANTED

I'm in need of an H-Frame Floor Shop Press and I'm not too picky on the tonnage weight of the bottle jack. If you've got one you're no longer using, I'd be interested. Thanks! Tom in Kent. 206-779-0268 call or text.

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](mailto: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](mailto:djandersen@q.com)

I have a 3' X 5' Studebaker banner, brand new, for \$18.00 & free shipping. Is anyone interested?  
Paul [ppaul51@aol.com](mailto:ppaul51@aol.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dhalbrecht@msn.com) or : 425-392-7611

### 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. Bjorneby .  
206-571-5569

See April issue for pictures

### 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 special 1956 Passenger car shop manuals (also used '57 &'58. supplements \$15 Bruce Kerslake 360-254-1461 or: [brucekerslake@gmail.com](mailto:brucekerslake@gmail.com)

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**National Studebaker SDC:** studebakerdriversclub.com

**Studebaker Clubs of the World:**studebakerclubs.com/

**Studebaker Vendors:** http://studebakervendors.com/  
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 www.theantiquestudebakerclub.com

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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 #** \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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**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**

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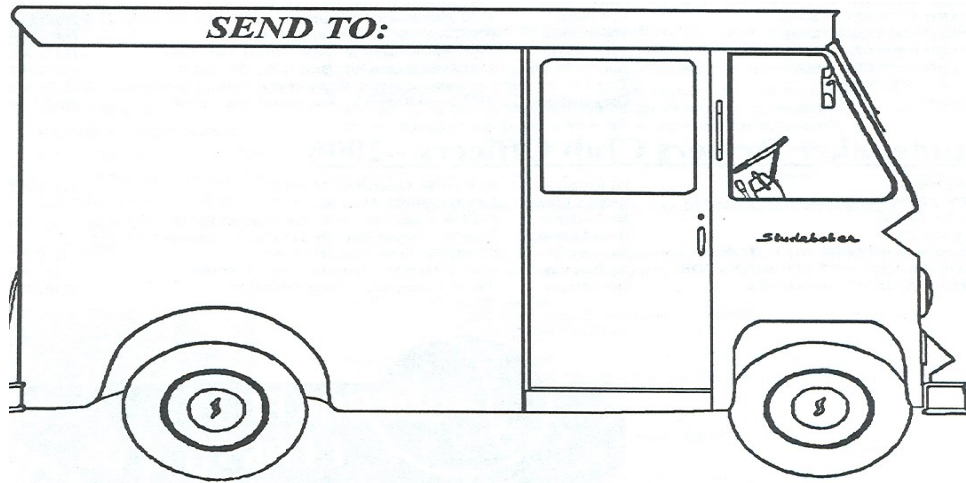
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*1953 Starliner Commander Coupe belonging to our new member Doug Martin*