

FLYING HUBCAPS

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The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.



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January 2016

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

HAPPY 2016 !!

As we start this year out, the holidays are past us, and I truly hope each of you will find 2016 to be one of your best ever. After all, we live in America, and we have our freedom, and although many of us in this Chapter are no longer working, the American Dream still lives, and we can observe the younger folks in our lives take advantage of the opportunities available to them. I wake up every morning and emphatically say **"Life Is Good."**

With a positive attitude, we can have a big turnout on Saturday, January 9, 2016. In November, thanks to Judy and Wayne Studebaker, we tried a new meeting place for breakfast. It turned out great! And we will be back there this month, at Rodie's Restaurant in Palm Harbor. It boasts a private room, bright and friendly, with plenty of room for our group. We had a good turnout in November, but if you missed it, try to make it this month, you'll be glad you did.

We have been getting some fantastic articles from various members this year. Keep them coming, I've been getting great comments about them. That's what helps to make the **Flying Hubcaps** popular. My thanks go out to all of you, I know it takes a lot of time to write those articles, but I urge all of you to spend some time thinking of some of the great Studebaker moments in your lives.

Another thing, our classified section has covered 2 pages a few times this year, help me out with some ads for parts to sell, cars to sell or that you want to add to your collection.

Finally, as I start my 8th year as your editor, let's all pitch in to make this a great Central Florida Chapter year. God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Wilber G. Van Scoik



Check us out on the web at cfcscdc.com

JANUARY

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9 CFC-SDC Meeting Buddy Freddy's, Plant City 9AM
10	11 Human Trafficking Awareness	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr.	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Drive Your Studebaker Day—September 10 • Southeast Zone Meet—May 20-22 • Florida State Meet—October 9 					

Take time and post things you would like to share with the club or with visitors on our Facebook page.

MINUTES OF SDC CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER MEETING ON SATURDAY, November 14, 2015

Attendance:

Larry & JoAnne Good
Mike Fisher
Damian & Marylou Macaluso
Wayne & Judy Studebaker
Wilber Van Scoik
Keith & Ellen Rolleston
Ed Fisher
Dave Meachum
Julio & Yolanda Velez

Discussion centered on monthly meetings vs. every other month. It was decided to try monthly meetings through May 2016:

- January 9: 9AM Buddy Freddy's, Plant City
- February 13: 9AM Roadie's - 2471 N. McMullen Booth Rd. - Oak Brook Plaza, Clearwater
- March 12: 9AM Parkside Café, Pinellas Park
- April 9: 9AM Roadie's - 2471 N. McMullen Booth Rd. - Oak Brook Plaza, Clearwater
- May 14: Location not decided.

It was noted that there needs to be assistance with club officers to help share the work load.

NE Chapter will host the next South East Zone Meeting.

Discussion on name badges - no decision made.

Donation to be made to the following:

- Metropolitan Ministries \$100
- Studebaker National Museum \$100
- Cancer Charity, we still owe \$100

Christmas Holiday Party to be held December 12 at Phillip & Sheila Brown's home in Land O Lakes.

Deepest Sympathy



With deepest sympathy we send prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Russ Fragoman who passed away on Monday, November 30.

STUDEBAKER NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarships from the Studebaker National Foundation are available for students pursuing a career in the automotive industry. The scholarships are offered to members or the children/grandchildren of members of the Studebaker Drivers Club, the Antique Studebaker Club and the Avanti Owners Association International.

Amounts of the scholarships vary from \$250.00 up to \$1000.00 and previous applicants and recipients may reapply. Criteria for applicants and applications are at the foundation website studebakernationalfoundation.com or contact Brian Millette at abmillette@cox.net or 602-300-5313

PSALM 98

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!
For He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him
the victory.

The Lord has made known His salvation;
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of
the nations.
He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness
to the house of Israel;
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God.

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.
Sing to the Lord with the harp,
With the harp and the sound of a psalm,
With trumpets and the sound of a horn;
Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell in it;
Let the rivers clap *their* hands;
Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord,
For He is coming to judge the earth.
With righteousness He shall judge the world,
And the peoples with equity.

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH

Leek & Fennel Soup



Allrecipes.com

Please note: Our recipes are chosen by the season of the vegetables.

Ingredients

- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 3 large leeks, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 4 large stalks celery, thinly sliced
- 3 large white onions, peeled and halved
- 1 large fennel bulb, thinly sliced
- 2 large baking potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2 in cubes
- 1 Tablespoon salt
- 1 1/2 Teaspoons ground black pepper
- 8 cups chicken broth
- 2 cubes vegetable bouillon

Directions

1. In a large saucepan over medium-low heat, place the olive oil, leeks, celery, onions, fennel, potatoes, salt, and pepper, and cook and stir until the onions are translucent and the vegetables have begun to soften, about 10 minutes.
2. Pour 8 cups of chicken broth over the vegetables, bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and drop in the vegetable bouillon cube. Simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally to dissolve the cubes, until the vegetables are tender and the potatoes have begun to thicken the soup, about 30 minutes.

FAMOUS QUOTES

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present." Bill Keane

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
--Mother Teresa



DO YOU REMEMBER....

- Blue Flashbulbs
- Rope clotheslines
- Corner Malt Shops

FUNNY

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car, both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, "I must be losing my mind. I swear we just went through a red light."

After a few more minutes they came to another intersection and the light was red again, and again they went right through. This time the woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red, but was really concerned that she was mistaken.

She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention to the road and the next intersection to see what was going on.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red and they went right through. She turned to the woman driving and said, "Mildred! Did you know we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, am I driving?"

SDC CFC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual
Membership
Renewal

The membership year for the Central Florida Chapter of SDC is from January 1 to December 31. The annual dues are \$10.00. For renewal please send a check, payable to SDC CFC, to:

Central Florida Chapter, SDC
c/o Wayne E. Studebaker
2701 Regency Oaks Blvd., Apt. P-407
Clearwater, FL 33759-1535

SDC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



If someone you know is thinking of buying a Studebaker or interested in joining the Studebaker Drivers Club, please go to www.studebakerdriversclub.com and click on "About/Join SDC". Download membership application, print, fill out, and mail to:

The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc., P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311-7615. You don't have to own a Studebaker in order to join the Studebaker Drivers Club, you just have to have an interest in them. For our local Chapter membership, see next page. →

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STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER

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If you have any questions, e-mail wjstudie@verizon.net
or call Wayne Studebaker 727-724-5404

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ CELL PHONE _____ - _____ - _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

LIST ALL STUDEBAKERS AND RELATED MAKES

Ownership of a Studebaker is not required.

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

Annual Membership Fee.....\$10.00

Please enter your National SDC Membership Number _____

Send completed application and check payable to SDC CFC to:

Central Florida Chapter
Membership Director
Wayne E. Studebaker
2701 Regency Oaks Blvd., Apt. P-407
Clearwater, FL 33759-1535

THE TOY STUDEBAKERS COLLECTORS CLUB

Membership Application

Annual Dues \$10.00 US / \$15 Foreign (payable each January)
which includes four quarterly newsletters



Mail application and check to:

President/Treasurer: Gary Sanders, 216 N. 36th St., Nixa, MO 65714

Questions can be directed to Gary Sanders at phone (417) 582-0608 or email gsanders@cebridge.net

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COMING OR GOING, THIS STUDEBAKER COLLECTS SMILES

With airplane styling, a 1950 Champion Starlight has powerful appeal, even if its engine is toned down

By A.J. Baime

In every town, there's a community of people into old cars. Most people don't even know it's there, but if you plug into it, you meet the most interesting and helpful individuals. There's always something to do; pick any night of the week and there's an event somewhere. And everyone you meet has a story about their car.

Even at these gatherings, however, few people have seen anything like my Studebaker.

The car—a 1950 Champion Starlight—was originally designed with all kinds of aviation-inspired details. At the time, not long after World War II, Detroit's auto industry was enthralled by airplanes, specifically one called the P-38 Lightning. Cars came with airplane-like hood ornaments, and Cadillac's and Chryslers had huge aviation-inspired tail fins. Studebaker designers were keen on taking those design cues a step further.

They built a big chrome bullet-nose into the front of the car, clearly modeled after the nose of an airplane. The rear window looks like the cockpit of a fighter plane. People have often said: When you look at the window, you can't tell if the car's coming or going.

The owner before me turned this Studebaker into an art car, teasing out the car's aviation heritage. He painted it gleaming silver. Then he found a model kit that had all the correct markings of the P-38 Lightning and had the decals blown up in vinyl. He pasted those decals onto the car. He also had some 750 rivet decals created at a local graphics shop. (People often run their hands over the rivets because they think they're real, but they're not.)

Strangers come up and ask: "Does this car fly?!" I always say, "No, we had to get rid of the airplane engines because we couldn't afford the fuel."

Other than the paint and decals, the car is pretty much stock-original interior, original six-cylinder engine.

When driving, the Studebaker feels like a granny car. It's certainly not going to reach any take-off speed. But all around you, people stop and smile. You feel like you're cruising around, making people's day.



THE SDC CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER HISTORY

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Notice that we do not say you must own a Studebaker auto or truck - even if you're just interested in Studebakers, come join us!

Our membership is widely distributed throughout Florida. In order that all members have some meetings near them, meetings are held in various locations in the Tampa area.

The first meeting was held on July 9, 1972, coinciding with the first Florida car meet held at the Seminole Plaza in Casselberry, Florida. In attendance were Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miles, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Beckett, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Simmons, Robert Kegebin, Kenneth Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Holland and their two daughters, Mr. Tony Roth, Mr. M.F. Noffsinger, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. Evelyn Schwannecke and Mr. & Mrs. Russell J. Thomas.

The second meeting was held on October 15, 1972. Mr. John Ernst was in attendance and presented Russell the new chapter charter.

The next meeting was the official first meeting of the newly chartered Central Florida Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club on January 24, 1973.



Odds "N" Ends

Cleveland's Highway Law

Highways in the worst need of repair naturally have low traffic counts, which results in low priority for repairs.

Cohen's Law Of Secrecy

The best way to publicize a governmental or political action is to attempt to hide it.

Graditors Laws

1- If it can break, it will, but only after the warranty expires. 2 - A necessary item only goes on sale after you have purchased it at the regular price.

Kirkland's Law

The usefulness of any meeting is in inverse proportion to the attendance.

YOUR NEW DIMENSION IN MOTORING...

Harold Churchill was a Studebaker man from the old school. An engineer by profession, he had joined Studebaker in 1926 & worked his way up the ladder. He became President of the Studebaker-Packard Corporation in 1956 upon the departure of James Nance. During the early days of Churchill's tenure, Curtiss- Wright had a management contract & SP was in dire straits...and very nearly went out of business. It fell to Churchill in a series of cost-cutting moves to terminate the lease on Studebaker's Los Angeles factory & to phase out Packard as an automaker. The latter was probably an easy decision to make from a financial point of view, but no doubt a difficult one to make from an emotional perspective. At about the same time that Packard disappeared, SP concluded a distributorship agreement with Daimler-Benz, and a diversification plan was begun in earnest (a plan which would turn the company into a conglomerate and eventually save it from dissolution).

Production for 1957 & 1958 was a disaster, but sometimes it's darkest just before the dawn. In a crash program, Churchill got a jump on the Big Three and brought out the 1959 Lark in the fall of 1958. By offering a compact with the roominess of a larger car and at a great price, Studebaker-Packard, for maybe the only time in its brief corporate existence, was in the right place at the right time with the right product at the right price. And Harold Churchill the engineer saw to it that the production delays and quality control problems of previous years were avoided. All of this translated into a \$28 million profit for the 1959 model year. WOW!

The advertising theme was "Your New Dimension in Motoring", and the main introductory ad portrayed Mr. Churchill himself proudly introducing the new car along the same lines that Lee Iacocca would push his K cars 20 years later. It was a great time for Studebaker & South Bend. It was like the home team down by 2 winning on a home run in the bottom of the 9th with 2 outs.

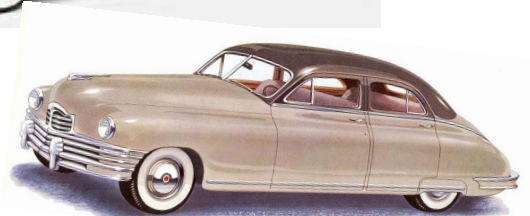
The compact Lark was offered in 4 body styles (a 2 door sedan, a 4 door sedan, a 2 door hardtop, and a 2 door station wagon). Production of the 1959 Lark exceeded 130,000 units. Although the company would never again reach this level of production, incredibly exciting things were still to come...and all of it made possible by the success of the Lark.

*Credit and Thanks to--- Al Germano, Member,
Tacoma Area Chapter*

CHOICES

CHOOSE TO LOVE . . . rather than hate
CHOOSE TO SMILE . . . rather than frown
CHOOSE TO BUILD . . . rather than destroy
CHOOSE TO PERSEVERE . . . rather than quit
CHOOSE TO PRAISE . . . rather than gossip
CHOOSE TO HEAL . . . rather than wound
CHOOSE TO ACT . . . rather than delay
CHOOSE TO GIVE . . . rather than grasp
CHOOSE TO FORGIVE . . . rather than curse

"Learning is a treasure which follows its owner everywhere."



CLASSIFIED

Parts For Sale

All 52 parts except for a 47 hood emblem that is in very good condition...2 head light doors; 2 parking light lens; 1 hood ornament; under hood air deflector with hood latch; 1 radiator very good; gauge panel with glass and frame; 6 grille teeth, very good; rear bumper, not that bad; fuel tank filler and filler neck with hoses, no rust; 2 tail light assemblies with new sockets; 1 extra tail light door; 1 trunk handle with license plate light lens, not that bad; upper and lower pans for under trunk where bumper back bars go through; 1 left side rear correct stainless steel stone guard, very, very good; and the 1947 hood emblem very, very good. My Stude is going to be a pro touring car and these parts I can sell. Would like to sell the whole lot at one time, have not got the room or time to pack and ship....I know by today's prices there is well over a \$1000 worth, but can be bought at \$750 or best offer. If interested, please contact James Dowland at ehickory@gmail.com or 772-708-0252 or 772-871-1173

1963 Lark 4 Door

Less engine and transmission and can have it by hauling away. In Dover, FL
For more info contact Sam Crowe at 813-754-8187

For Sale

Trans: '64 3spd BW overdrive trans from Champ truck. Complete \$300.
To purchase or for more information, contact Sam Kroll at 813-754-8187 or 813-541-0810
slkdiver@tampabay.rr.com

For Sale

1963 Studebaker Lark Transmission
Call Sam Crowe at 813-754-8187

Place Your Ad Here

Parts Needed

Since our last meeting I've purchased (2) 57 Silver Hawks that I am trying to combine into one usable vehicle. I'm hoping some of you will have parts available. The only things I have to have are both door window glass and front fenders (fiberglass would be very acceptable). Please let me know if you have extra things that would fit—yours may be in better condition than what I have.
For more information contact Phillip Brown pbrown110@verizon.net

For Sale

1966 Studebaker Lark Parts
Front bumper with brackets, e-brake pedal, (nos) left front fender, 2-original front calipers, (nos) door hinges and mirror inside of glove box.
Call 352-426-4701 for more details.

For Sale

3 speed manual trans. With overdrive from a 1958 Packard Hawk with cables \$300.
N.O.S. oval Lark tail light 1961 Lark \$20.
Contact Skip Bonnell at skipbonnell@yahoo.com or call 813-493-1380.

To Submit Your Ad

Contact Wilber at wvanscoik@tampabay.rr.com or call 727.580.1481

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For Sale

My husband recently passed away, leaving his 1953 Studebaker Champion. It is in near-perfect condition. The engine was rebuilt earlier this year by Engine Labs of Tampa. My husband bought 4 new tires and did a lot of work on the car. For more information, contact Susan Boyd at susandlar@gmail.com



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