



February 2010

NORTH TEXAS WHEEL

Newsletter of the Studebaker Drivers' Club of North Texas

**February Meeting
Saturday, February 27th
Sweethearts & Orphans Event
Weatherford, Texas**

Warning! Achtung! Aviso! Attention! This could be your last copy if you have not renewed your (bargain) dues of \$15 (personal or family) Send immediately to Van Holmes, 1215 Shawnee Trail, Carrollton, TX 75007.

January Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Griffin. Introductions of members and guests were made as the sign in sheet was passed around. New member John Wiseman came with a 1954 Commander.

There was some discussion of the questionnaire filled out during the December meeting. The most recommended changes were:

- 1) more activities
- 2) Vary meeting places
- 3) Meetings at a show or event

The February meeting will be at the Sweetheart and Orphans show on the 27th at 1:00 PM on the square.

There will be a committee to research places and activities. Volunteers welcome. All members are requested to look for locations within 15 minutes from home and bring suggestions to next meeting. (See Rod's article on pg.2 of January issue for guidelines.)

We need to encourage new members by having events, programs and locations that are interesting and show our cars in more locations to make the club more visible.

There was some discussion of places and events. Mike suggested that we all look at the roster and call a few members to see how they are and ask if they could suggest a meeting place that

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Sweethearts & Orphans

February is here already, has everyone marked their calendars for the Studebaker meeting at the Sweetheart and Orphan's Show on the 27th? If not get that hi-lighter out and do so! If you can't stay all weekend come early on Saturday the 27th. Display your Stude. No Stude? No problem, come and enjoy the others, get ideas for your project and get those NEW MEMBERS! Rain or shine, Studebakers don't mind getting wet.

Display time is 9am till 2:30pm Sat. 27th.

Our club meeting will be at 1pm in the loft/ meeting room above the Tobacco Lane smoke shop on the northwest corner of the Weatherford Courthouse Square. Bring refreshments for this is a meeting room only; also bring future meeting/event info to assist our Event Coordinator and Vice President, Kent Greenlee and team. Be safe, be warm, and remember your true SWEETHEART on the 14th.

Your President, Mike Griffin

Previous Stude Lineup at Sweethearts & Orphans



2009 SDC North Texas Club Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	Tire kicking	Meeting	Location
February	Saturday 27th	—	1:00 PM	Weatherford, TX.
March	Sunday 21st	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Kip Motors, Dallas
April	Saturday 17th	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	TBA*
May	Sunday 16th	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	TBA*
June	Saturday 19th	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	TBA*
July	Saturday 17th	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	TBA*
August	Saturday 21st	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	TBA*
September	Sunday 19th	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	TBA*
October	Sunday 17th	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	TBA*
November	Saturday 20th	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	TBA*
December	Sunday 12th			TBA*

* = Subject To change. Check next month.

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would entice them to participate.

It was also suggested that we wear badges and club shirts to all events and shows and have signs for our cars as well, to identify the club. September Labor Day weekend is "Drive your Studebaker Day"

Other suggestions for meetings or events:

March meeting at Kip Motors.

Morning Maniacs in McKinney every Saturday morning at the La Madeleine (El Dorado and HWY 75) for a summer AM meeting.

Mineral Wells cruise.

There were also suggestions for visits to Tractor meets or a driving tour.

While 50/50 tickets were sold, there was a request for advice on how to get a starter for a '60 Lark rebuilt. Any suggestion of a reliable person or shop to do this?

The SDC International is Memorial Day week May 30 to June 5 in Glendale, AZ.

A motion was made seconded and passed to have a special mail out for the Sat. Feb. 27th meeting with location details.

After more discussion of meetings and participation we ran out of time and the meeting was adjourned .

Gayle

Let's take Route 66!

Dale Truitt has a plan for the 2010 International :-
 " So! You belong to a 'Drivers Club - Eh? Well, I propose we take Route 66 , the Mother Road from Clinton, OK. to Glendale, AZ. this year, inviting other clubs to join us along the way. Instead of 2 or 3 boring days on the interstate, add a couple of extra days and see 3 days of American History!

If you ever planned to take Rt. 66 before you croak, what would be a better time than this, accompanied by your Studebaker friends?
 I will have a detailed plan and all sorts of brochures and materials to consider at the February meeting in Weatherford. Imagine lining up our classic Studebakers for gas and lunch at the Art-Deco service station in Shamrock, Texas(see below). Lets Do It!"



Sweethearts and Orphans XI

February 26-28, 2010 -- Weatherford, Texas

The North Texas Chapter of the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club invites you to come to Weatherford, Texas, to celebrate the second decade of the SWEETHEARTS & ORPHANS MEET!!!

We'll meet on the same weekend as the Decatur Swap Meet so now you can combine these two great events into one terrific "old car" weekend!!!

As you know by now, this meet has two purposes: to bring "orphan car" owners together to establish or renew friendships; and to set aside a weekend during Valentine Season to honor the wives, girlfriends, or significant others (it's not always the guys that are the car nuts!) that put up with us during the rest of the year! And all proceeds go to the American Heart Association to continue their great work.

For those who don't know, "orphan cars" are historic automobiles whose parent companies have disappeared from the American scene - great marques like Hudson, Studebaker, Kaiser, Frazer, Packard, Nash, Willys, Crosley, Graham, Essex, Terraplane, DeSoto*, Edsel*, and many others. More recent "orphans" include AMC, Plymouth* and Oldsmobile*. These marques - and all other orphans - are welcome, but to keep our "vintage flavor", we ask participation of pre-1989 vehicles only.

Sweethearts and Orphans has always been a non-judging meet. S&O meets are not about competition. We just want to admire our unique and historic cars, establish friendships, and enjoy ourselves in a friendly, relaxed setting. There are Peoples' Choice (by decade) and a Sweethearts' Choice award, but good friends and great memories are the real prizes you take home from this meet.

On Thursday evening, February 25, Registration will open at the Host Hotel, and will also be open from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Friday, Feb 26. We expect that many of our "old car folks" will spend Friday morning and afternoon at the Decatur Swap Meet, an easy 35-40 minute drive up Hwy 51 from the Host Hotel. The Decatur Swap Meet is a BIG Swap Meet - and getting bigger every year!

There will also be a very special event on Friday morning at 10:30 AM for those who don't go to the Decatur Swap Meet. Weatherford is an historic city with a large number of beautiful historic homes. The owners of several of these homes will open them up for our group to enjoy. We'll visit a few in the morning, then have a catered lunch, and then visit the rest. We'll leave time for some afternoon shopping, too. You can drive if you like, but transportation will be available for tour participants.

Registration will reopen on Friday evening at 5:00 PM. Coffee, tea, and adult refreshments, as well as cookies, chips, etc., will be served in our Hospitality Room throughout the evening.

Feel free to bring snacks to share - and games to play - if you like.

On Saturday, Registration will be open on the Courthouse Square from 9:00 AM-Noon, and our cars will be on display at the Parker County Courthouse Square. We ask that all "orphans" be on display from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM on the west quadrants of the Square surrounding the Parker County Courthouse. Another area of the Square has been reserved for non-orphan vintage cars. Let's show up with LOTS of great cars and fill up the entire Square!!! There are many boutiques and antique stores for the ladies on and near the Square, especially in the York Street Historic District just NW of the Square.

On Saturday evening, we'll have our Special Sweethearts' Outing. It's a live production of the comedy "Southern Hospitality" at the Theater-Off-The-Square. We'll precede the play with dinner on your own - make sure you take your sweetie someplace nice - Weatherford has lots of choices! If you want to caravan from the hotel, we'll leave for the theater at 7:30 PM - the Play starts at 8:00 PM.

Our Peoples Choice and Sweethearts' Choice Awards Presentation and the 50/50 Drawing will take place at the La Quinta Inn at 9:00AM on Sunday, Feb 28, and you will be on your way home by mid-morning.

The Host Hotel is the La Quinta Inn, 1915 Wall Street, Weatherford, TX. The back-up hotel is the Sleep Inn, 1911 Wall Street, right next door to the La Quinta. Both are located a few blocks north of I-20. Get off at exit 408, go north on Main Street (TX FM-51), and turn right on Adams. La Quinta's phone is 817 594-4481; Sleep Inn's phone is 817 594-9699. You must call the hotel's local number and tell them you are with the Sweethearts and Orphans group to get the special meet rate. Rooms will fill up fast and the rooms will only be held until February 20, so make your reservations ASAP!

Both hotels have reduced our room rates for this year! King or double queen rooms are only \$75.00, including an extensive breakfast bar. If you'd like a suite, you'll need to call for price as several different suite styles are available. La Quinta has both smoking and non-smoking rooms and pets are allowed! Sleep Inn has smoking or non-smoking rooms, but does not allow pets.

We selected the La Quinta as our primary hotel because of its larger lobby, meeting rooms, and parking area, but you'll be very comfortable at either facility. Both hotels include an extended continental breakfast and all rooms have a refrigerator, microwave oven, coffeemaker, hair dryer, free high-speed internet and HD TV. There are many restaurants and shopping areas nearby.

As always, we'll have a 50/50 Raffle at the Meet. If you're not familiar with 50/50 raffles, the holder of the winning ticket gets 50% of the money collected from raffle ticket sales. The remaining 50% of the pot will be donated to the American Heart Association. Just remember --You can't win if you're not in!!! Remember February is American Heart Month - Give Life a Second Chance

For more information, please call John Clement at 817 220-5858 or reach me at my new e-mail johnclementtx@verizon.net

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## Sweethearts and Orphans XI Registration

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Car (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need trailer parking? \_\_\_\_\_

Family Registration (\$15.00 prior to the Meet, \$20 at the Meet) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Tour and Luncheon (\$12.00 per ticket) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Theater-Off-The-Square (\$10 per ticket) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

"50/50 PLUS!" Raffle Tickets (\$5 each or six for \$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Sweethearts and Orphans Meet". Mail this form and payment to John Clement, 630 J. E. Woody Road, Springtown, TX 76082  
Telephone: (817) 220-5858 NEW E-mail address: [johnclementtx@verizon.net](mailto:johnclementtx@verizon.net)

## Cars and parts for Sale

1951 Studebaker Champion Coupe owned by single family has been garaged on the east side of Fort Worth for 20+ years. Appears to be in its original finish. Glass & rubber are good. Replacing tires so it can be moved. Not in working condition. Pictures attached. Sorry, it hasn't been washed in 20+ years. Asking \$2200. Contact Ron Mason, [mason@prismnet.com](mailto:mason@prismnet.com), 512.331.9130. Cell 512-554-3447. Additional contact: Randy Mason 678-906-7370.



R.W.'s 1950 Commander Conv. At S&O Waxahachie, 2007. →

## January Attendees

| Name           | Member | City       | Car        |
|----------------|--------|------------|------------|
| John Caldwell  | m      | Dallas     | 50 Champ   |
| John R. Hazen  | m      | Dallas     | x          |
| Kent Greenlee  | m      | Arlington  | 63 Avanti  |
| Mike Griffin   | m      | Rockwall   | x          |
| Jack Lockhart  | m      | Hurst      | x          |
| Bob Lowry      | m      | Dallas     | 50 Champ   |
| Bob MacLeod    | m      | Carrollton | 63 Cruiser |
| Gayle MacLeod  | m      | Carrollton |            |
| Pat Patterson  | g      | Prosper    |            |
| Jeff Sanderson | m      | Denton     | x          |
| John Wiseman   | m      | Bedford    | 54 Comm    |
| Ed Will        | m      | Plano      | x          |
| Ron Underwood  | m      | Prosper    | x          |



## Monthly Meetings to be Held at Various Locations in 2010.

In response to membership requests that the monthly meeting location be varied, suggestions are being solicited for some new and different meeting spots. We will continue to use the Golden Corral in The Colony as our "home base" and will schedule meetings there about half of the time. For the rest of the meetings we are open to suggestions and welcome your input. If you would like to make a suggestion and help us fill out this year's calendar, send the location and a person to contact (Restaurant Manager, Club Officer, etc) to the Meetings Committee Chairman:

kent.greenlee @tx.rr.com

Or snail mail

Kent Greenlee  
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Arlington, Tx. 76012

| SUGGEST A MEETING PLACE     |
|-----------------------------|
| Suggested Date:             |
| Event or Venue :            |
| Contact Person:<br>Phone:   |
| Restaurant Name, address:   |
| Manager/Contact:<br>Phone:  |
| Your Name:<br>Phone/ e-mail |

## NTSDC Officers for 2009

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## Upcoming Automotive Events

- **Feb 19-21** O’Rielly Autorama, Dallas Market Hall
- **Feb 26-28** 35th annual WCAAC Swap Meet  
Decatur
- **Feb 27,28** Sweethearts and Orphans Meet,  
Weatherford, TX.
- **Mar 26-28** 33rd Annual Texas Packard Meet  
Saledo, TX (210) 922-1300

Check your local newsletters, etc. and bring the details to the next meeting, so the club members know.

For additional event listings and great links, visit  
[www.hemmings.com](http://www.hemmings.com) [www.hotrodhappenings.com](http://www.hotrodhappenings.com) or  
[www.taillightking.com](http://www.taillightking.com)

*See you in Weatherford!*

Studebaker Driver's Club  
North Texas Wheel  
c/o 826 Indian Trail  
Argyle, TX 76226

