



January 2012

NORTH TEXAS WHEEL

Newsletter of the Studebaker Drivers' Club of North Texas

January Meeting
Saturday, January 21st, 2012
Golden Corral, Hi 121,
The Colony, TX

December Meeting Notes

There were 23 members and guests and 4 Studebakers

President Mike Griffin was not present. The meeting was conducted by Dale Truitt.

Introductions were made. The nominating committee presented the slate for the 2012 officers:

President: Dale Truitt

Vice President: Kent Greenlee

Treasurer: Van Holmes

Secretary: Gayle MacLeod

Also agreeing to continue in their positions were Rod Barclay as newsletter editor and John Caldwell as webmaster

A motion was made by Fritz Poppe to accept the nominating committee slate as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was a gift exchange.

Santa sent Dale Truitt with gifts for members on his good list. Club shirts and patches were presented to:

Mike and Terry Griffin, Kent Greenlee, Bob and Gayle MacLeod, Van Holmes, John Caldwell, Vic and Sandy Pochobradsky, Jack Lockhart, RW Thornton, Fritz Poppe, Garry Meeks and Rod Barclay.

Next meeting will be Saturday January 21st at the Golden Corral in the Colony. Tire kicking at 12 officers will meet at 12:30 and the meeting will start at 1PM. We also received invitations to view the AACA Classic Car Show January 7th at the Hilton Lakes Hotel in Grapevine. Put it in your plans!

Party Photos



Dale's '55 President State all dressed up for the Holidays. Where's the Sleigh, Dale?



All the gifts laid out waiting for those eager, nervous hands to rip them apart.

2011 SDC North Texas Club Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	Tire kicking	Meeting	Location
January	Saturday 21st	12 Noon	1:00 PM	Golden Corral, The Colony

* = Subject To change, or TBA. Check next month.

More party Pictures



Talk about nervous hands! Here's 'Box Cutter' Gary Meek about to slash the Fed Ex box and spill all the guts!

President's Podium

Thanks to the work and participation of all of our members, our club enjoyed another great year in 2011. It began with excellent attendance at the February, Sweethearts and Orphans car meet in Weatherford, planned and hosted by John Clements and his HET club. In April, our Studebakers were spotlighted at the Bluebonnet Trails Festival in downtown Ennis and accompanied by a front page article in the "Ennis Daily Light". Various other alternative meeting locations brought extra sparkle to our monthly gatherings through-out the year. In June, nine of our members toured historical Route 66 in their Studebakers while in route to the International SDC Convention in Springfield where they were joined by four more North Texas members for an exciting week of activities. In September, our club pulled off another eventful South Central Zone Meet which brought in many well restored Studebakers attracting a lot of attention in the Waxahachie area while making a little profit for our club.

These achievements would not have been possible without the time and good leadership of our 2011 officers. President Mike Griffin, with the help of his very capable wife Teri, did an excellent job of steering us in the right directions all year. Vice President Kent Greenlee was always present to lend support wherever needed. Secretary Gayle MacLeod's accurate meeting reports were a great help in keeping our members informed of our planned activities. She also did an excellent job of coordinating our zone meet hospitality room. Treasurer Van Holmes continues to keep us up to date with his advice, bookkeeping and computer generated statistical charts. Van also did another monumental job in coordinating our 2011 South Central Zone Meet. Newsletter editor Rod Barclay keeps our members well versed with great articles and pictures in "The North Texas Wheel". Web master John Caldwell continues to keep a world of Studebaker aficionados informed and updated about our North Texas SDC.

And last but not least, YOU as a member have continued to lend a large measure of support to our club in all the places you feel needed and capable. So, THANKS!!! NTSDC for contributing to all the fun and success you have provided our members and guests in 2011. In 2012, it is my commitment to help you break all our past achievements!!! Dale T



Here's me (Editor) holding up one of the spiffy Chapter Shirts left off at Dale's House by Santa, on his way to the North Pole.



Let's Go See Some Classics January 7th!

Dear members of the North Texas Studebaker Club,

I am a member of the North Texas Region of the Classic Car Club of America. The members of this club collect the expensive luxury cars that were produced from the mid 1920s through 1948, with early Studebakers being among those. These were the cars that only the very wealthy could afford during the height of the great depression. Makes such as Cadillac, Lincoln, Pierce-Arrow, Packard, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Duesenberg, Auburn, Cord, LaSalle, Franklin, Buggatti and others.

For the first time since 1996, our local CCCA North Texas region is hosting the National Annual Meeting and Grand Classic judging for the nation. It will be held indoors during the weekend of January 4th-7th in the main ballroom of the Hilton Lakes Hotel in Grapevine, TX. I have been asked by the club to extend a very special invitation to members of the Studebaker Drivers Club to come see the fabulous cars that will be on display here from across the country for this great event.

We will be opening the showroom from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, January 7th, to other car clubs in the area for an introduction to our club, and for viewing these wonderful cars that you may never get an opportunity to see again in person.

I've attached a few photos of our local member's cars so you can get an idea of the types of cars this club represents. The Hilton is located off Hwy 121 and Bass Pro Dr. on Hwy 26 just north of DFW airport. It is just West of Grapevine Mills Mall.

Bill Mott, CCCA, North Texas,

(Ed: I hope we get a good turnout, even though it is short notice, Be sure to wear your new shirt, if you got one.



Focus on our Chapter— Survey Results

As part of the December party, Dale handed out a survey sheet to discover more about our membership, their views and opinions of the chapter, and how we could improve. (Dale will send a copy to anyone who missed the party, and would like to register their opinions. Call or write him.)

The results of the survey have been tallied and presented as an average of the 13 respondents:

The average member has been active for 19 years, attended 7.6 meeting in 2011, drove his/her Studebaker to 5.6 events, has attended 3.5 SDC Intl. conventions and belongs to 1.1 other car clubs.

As far as preferred functions to attend, in order of preference:

- Antique Car Rallies
- Studebaker Zone Meets
- Chapter Meeting (with program!)
- SDC International Convention
- Evening cruise-in
- Driving Tour –Historical/Interesting Places
- Daytime Classic Car show –Judged
- Area Festivals + Car show.

Zone Meets were the most pleasurable events, with shop tours and S&O a distant Second No one had any strong regrets over any event attended.

As far as when to get together, the most popular was monthly, with alternating Special events, followed closely by a bi-monthly version (6 meetings/events per year.) According to this survey, special events (twice per year) have a great importance, as well as adequate publicity and media coverage. Lunch meetings were preferred over Dinner, but this might need discussion regarding seasonal conditions. As far as having scheduled board meetings and event committees, this was marginally recognized as important with lots of ‘maybe’s”.

The fun begins when individual comments and gripes are reviewed.

Members (at least the 13 in attendance) are clamoring for programs, events, shows, etc.

Others also think more effort should be made to contact new SDC members in the area, and spread the meetings and other events around the metroplex so more members have a chance to attend meetings. Problems that affect membership such as excessive talk ing during meetings and the distances that the older cars and members have to travel were identified. In other words, there is no shortage of ideas to grow and encourage membership and enrich the chapter experience.

This is not new! All these matters have been discussed before and identified as “Good Ideas”, only to wither on the vine for lack of follow-through. What is required to take an idea and make it happen? Each idea requires a champion, owner, or sponsor (s) Any member can jump in (doesn’t have to be the President or VP), get a buddy with like interest or even set it up by themselves, propose the event to the membership and get an approved time and place. Also, anyone who enters a show or meet should have SDC information and sample newsletters to hand out. Chapter business cards are still available. There is a project for someone - Develop and produce several publicity kits for members to place in their cars. Just raise your hand and get weaving. See if other members can help so the tasks are manageable and not overwhelming. Together we can bring this chapter up to the level we say we would like it to be. (Ed)

DUES! DUES! DUES! DUES!

Sorry if we are repeating ourselves, but it is getting that time of year where our treasurer starts waving his little tin box under your nose and rubbing his thumb and index finger together, smiling benignly. Yes! The annual \$15 bargain dues, person or the whole family, need to be paid by Jan 1st, 2011. Remember, if not paid by February, he stamps your forehead 'Past Due' and you don't get this fabulous publication. Note! Send them to Van, our Treasurer. (see back page! Do not send them to the editor of this publication—he forgets to pass them on. And Van gets all grumpy.



Raymond Loewy Station Wagon Prototype 1947

December Attendees

NAME	CITY	CAR	M/V
Rod Barclay	Argyle	X	M
John Caldwell	Dallas	50 Champ	M
Kent Greenlee	Arlington	X	M
Van Holmes	Carrollton	X	M
Cash Hargett	McKinney	X	M
Theresa & Grace	Hargett		
Jim King	Hurst	x	M
Jack Lockhart	Hurst	X	M
Bob MacLeod	Carrollton	64 Cruiser	M
Gayle MacLeod	Carrollton		
Gary Meek	Dallas	X	M
Genevieve Meek			
Vic, Sandy Pochobradsky	Ennis	X	M
Fritz Poppe	Denton	X	M
R.W., Shirley Thornton	Ft.W	X	M
Dale & Alice Truitt	Commerce	55 Pres	M
Ron Underwood	prosper	X	M



Monthly Meetings to be Held at Various Locations in 2012.

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:

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Or snail mail

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SUGGEST A MEETING PLACE

Suggested Date:

Event or Venue :

Contact Person:

Phone:

Restaurant Name, address:

Manager/Contact:

Phone:

Your Name:

Phone/ e-mail

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Upcoming Automotive Events

- **Jan 7** CCCA National Meet and Show (See pg.3)
- **Feb 24-26** Sweethearts and Orphans, Denton
- **Feb 24-26** Swap Meet Decatur

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 www.hotrodhappenings.com or
www.taillightking.com

NOTE

**Send all Membership Applications, Dues payments
And inquiries to: NTSDC, 1215 Shawnee Trail,
Carrollton, TX. 75007. e-mail: NTSDC@yahoo.com**

Come Meet at the old Golden Corral!

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