



November 2009

NORTH TEXAS WHEEL

Newsletter of the Studebaker Drivers' Club of North Texas

**November Meeting
Saturday, November 21st
Tire-Kicking at 3:00 PM, Eat at 4:00 PM
Golden Corral, Hwy 121, The Colony.**

October Meeting Notes

North Texas Chapter SDC Meeting Minutes for Sunday October 18th at 5 PM

While President Dale Truitt welcomed members and guests, the sign-in sheet was passed around and the 50/50 tickets were offered. There were 14 members and guests present and 6 Studebakers driven.

Dale also reminded us that dues would be due soon.

Secretary Gayle MacLeod asked for any additions or corrections to previous meeting minutes. Treasurer Van Holmes presented the club financial report.

Editor Rod Barclay reported that the Newsletter received an award from the national newsletter committee, and we still could use member's contributions to print in the newsletter.

Webmaster John Caldwell reported that photos of the Zone Meet are on the web.

Wrap up report of the Zone Meet, Van Holmes reported that there was a profit even though participation was slightly down. The club swap table did well. There were also some other vendors although more vendors would have been better. The hospitality room was well placed and successful. Judging went well with no mistakes. Some improvements would be a car wash area, better directions to the site, more publicity and a tip jar in the hospitality room.

Member feedback was all good. Gayle MacLeod thanked Terry Griffin, Yvonne Poppe, Alice Truitt, Shirley Kalling, Ann Lowry, Jack Lockhart, Hazel Holland, and every one else who helped in the hospitality room.

At the request of Dale Truitt, Rod Barclay volun-

teered to create an article for Turning Wheels of the meet with pictures.

Report of the Steak Picnic at the Holland home for the Central Texas SDC. They had a great group of people and cars, nice weather and a good time.

R.W. reported on the UNT parade, he drove his convertible with some officials as passengers. Some discussion of strategies for membership growth. One suggestion is to get out to more car shows with Studebaker club info.

Upcoming car events:

Winnsborough

Wolfe City HS

Gary Meek's house was suggested as location for the upcoming Christmas Party with Chinese gift exchange. After some discussion it was decided to have the party there on Sunday, December 13th or Saturday the 12th. With a \$10-\$15. Gift limit.

Also discussed was the possibility of a car tour or drive as a meeting event.

Discussion of a calendar for the coming year. Will check on prices.

A nomination committee for 2010 officers was formed and advised to meet after the meeting is over. 50/50 was drawn and won by Bob Lowry.

Gayle



2009 SDC North Texas Club Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	Tire kicking	Meeting	Location
November	Saturday 21st	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Golden Corral, Hwy 121*
December	Sunday 13th	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Meeks House (see pg.1,Notes)

* = Subject To change. Check next month.

Studebaker wins Carrera Panamericana Again!!

Nuevo Laredo, October 29th.- The perfect way of Swedish Stig Blomqvist, World Rally Champion 1984, came to an end today in Nuevo Laredo, upon reaching the final goal as the new champion of La Carrera Panamericana, who ended his wanderings over 3 thousand 600 kilometers after seven stages through 13 states in Mexico.

Unofficially, Sweden made the 1-2 in the overall ranking of the twenty-second edition of the classic car race, because behind Blomqvist and his navigator, Venezuelan Ana Goni Boracco, ranked Lars Stugemo and Jonny Olofsson.

Mexico took the fight with the brothers Alejandro and Mauricio Pimentel, who won two stages, however an error in the third day, which ran from Mexico City to Queretaro, made the difference in the end to the duo-Boracco Blomqvist, who practically gave a flawless display.

The seventh and final stage of La Carrera Panamericana, which kicked off on Friday 23 in Huatulco, Oaxaca, came at 8:00 AM of Zacatecas and the northern border came shortly after four o'clock, after a long journey of 703 kilometers of which were 50 speed, divided into five sections.

In the Studebaker number 110 of the Turismo Mayor, Boracco and Blomqvist won only two stages, however masterfully guided their car through Mexico to reach the new monarchs as the goal arc, located in Guerrero Avenue, where hundreds of laredenses gathered to receive the weary convoy Pan.

Boracco and Blomqvist started their journey in Zacatecas in his Studebaker with a total time of 4:25.09 hours, with a clean control card penalties, and just over 12 minutes ahead of Stugemo and Olofsson, also in a Studebaker, so it was enough to get to Nuevo Laredo to formalize its title.

The big controversy of the last day of La Carrera centered between Pimentel and Stugemo and Olofsson, who nevertheless were able to maintain his 46 second lead, away from complications, to stay with the second absolute.

Main absolute positions of the 22 Carrera Panamericana:

1. Stig Blomqvist SWE/Ana Goni Boracco VEN **Studebaker** Turismo Mayor
2. Lars Stugemo SWE/Jonny Olofsson SWE **Studebaker** Turismo Mayor
3. Alejandro Pimentel MEX/Mauricio Pimentel MEX Dodge Turismo Mayor

Francisco Ciprián
La Carrera Panamericana
Press Direction

Editor's Note:

The above is direct from the official news source. You can see photos by going to the website: www.lacarrerapanamericana.com.mx A total of seven Studebakers were entered in various divisions such as the Turismo Mayor, which are essentially '53 coupes with NASCR underpinnings.(600 Litre GM engines, 5 speed transmissions, Disc Brakes, etc.) Other divisions are Turismo Produccion, which would be powered with Studebaker performance engines, etc, and Original Panam (Stock) going back to the first round of races which were terminated in 1955, having served the purpose of publicizing the new Pan-American Highway connecting South, Central and North America. The success of the '53 coupes comes from the muscle of the NASCAR coupled with the lightness, balance and aerodynamics of the Loewy body design. Studebakers have been consistent winners over the years, with the same drivers sharing the spotlight and posing with the cute señoritas and gushing champagne bottles that form the fast world of auto racing. Anyone care to prep their '53 coupe and venture south of the border? Van? R.W.? Complete rules available at www.panamrace.com!

Zone Meet Photos



October Meeting Attendees

Member	Car
Rod Barclay	X
John Caldwell	X
J.W. Davies	X
David, Micheal & Thomas DeGan	X
Ron Gohdes	X
Mike Griffin	X
Van Holmes	X
John Lockhart	X
Bob & Anne Lowry	'63 GT
Bob, Gayle McLeod	'63 Cruiser
R.W. Thornton	'53 Coupe
Dale & Alice Truitt	'58 Silver Hawk

Stude's in the movies



Here's a stude in a recent movie that no doubt you have seen, even in previews. Identify the car and the movie

News from other clubs

Bob Lowry got an e-mail from a friend about a recent Florida State meet, where they held a short 2.5 mi. tour with 21 members in 9 cars. You can see it on Utube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa77pvbw4hs>

More on the Zone Meet. . . .



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Lark Fever!

In the latest Hemmings Motor News, (First section of the monthly Hemmings), The Editor-in-Chief, Richard Lentinello, includes the Studebaker Lark in his list of "Four-Figure Bargains" along with the likes of Chevrolet Corvair, Plymouth Fury and Lincoln Continental. Says Richard: "If ever there was a car that has a look like no other, the Early Lark is it. The 1959 to '61s are the most distinctive, with their stubby, compact, but oh! So individualistic shape." 4 Is that a sweeping endorsement, or what!

Cars and parts for Sale

For Sale: Chrome trim, gages, glove box door, grill for 1951 Champion. Chrome is excellent. Call Rod Barclay 940) 464-4027 or Mike Griffin, (972) 771-9400

For Sale: 1952 Studebaker Dealers Catalog. Will throw in some 1952 magazine ads. Contact Jerry Hubbard jerhub@earthlink.net

New Classified Car Parts Web Site FREE ADS

A new classic car parts web site is starting up and offers free ads good till the end of this year. Right now there are no Stude or Hudson or Packard parts listed. But also note there are no passwords, no sign-in, no flashing banners, no donations, just parts and related categories. OK, there are Chevy and Ford parts listed, so it is working, just needs more participation.

Check it out: www.classiccarpartsclassified.com
(The only drawback is the long name!)

THE CHEF'S CORNER

Here's a contribution from our old friend Dan Dobbins, The WMWM:

I have to tell you a shortened version of a story you might appreciate. This was I think around 1976 or so. I had a 63 220-S Mercedes. It was a hot summer day and I was returning from a day at Montgomery County Park outside of Philly.

On the way home and not too far away the water hose to the heater core ruptured inside of the car, under the dash. It was the inlet, before the valve, so turning the heater off meant nothing.

I stopped in a sleazy little bar and asked if I could buy a raw hot dog from them. You can imagine the looks I got just walking in and making my way up to the bar, and then asking that question didn't make things any better.

Anyway, I did get the raw hot dog and as you are already suspecting I jammed it into the pipe that the broken hose was attached to and started the car and waited for the hot water to cook the dog enough for it to expand and seal the leak. They plump when you cook em, as the commercial goes.

It worked fine. I got all the way home with no more drama and was able to get the right hose on Monday.

Avanti's for Sale

The Chicagoland chapter of the Avanti Owners Association International contributed goodies for our Zone Meet. Here is a way we can reciprocate- Spread the word, or even buy one of the following Avanti Bargains! (Will have photos at next meeting, see Rod Barclay or Ed Will)

#1 1964 R2-4 speed, TT, 82,000 Mi. White with Tan interior, POA, Call Steve James, 404-213-2460

#2 1972 Avanti, 305 engine, rebuilt turbo 400, new AC unit, Magnum 500 wheels, perfect Forest Green paint and chrome. 93K mi. \$12,900 with new interior, \$1K less as is. Carl Doughty 321-693-6341

#3 1984 Avanti, 305 CJ HO engine, 4 speed OD trans, Power everything, inc. moon roof. Dk Charcoal with lt.grey leather interior. 42,000 mi. Class 3+4 \$14,000 firm. Don Jones, 610-428-3299.

#4 1984 Coupe, Chev 350, new tires and brakes, AC, Show quality red paint, blk interior, **No Emission System** \$15,900 321-693-6341

NOTE ABOUT CAR SHOW SCHEDULE.

The events that are listed on meeting days are mostly evening events. Members are urged to enter these events to promote Studebakers and Avantis in the DFW area at as many venues as possible. The future of our chapter is at stake here.

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 Dec. 31st, 2009. Remember, if not paid by February, he stamps your forehead 'Past Due' and you don't get this fabulous publication.

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Upcoming Automotive Events

- **Nov 14-15** 26th Annual Belton Swap Meet, Little Valley Auto Ranch 254-939-8548
- **Nov 20-22** Leake Auction, Dallas Market Hall (lists a 1972 Avanti) 800-722-9942
- **Every Third Saturday** Christian Cruisers Car Meet. Hwy 26 & Precinct Line Rd., Hurst 5-9 PM

For additional event listings and great links, visit
www.hemmings.com www.hotrodhappenings.com or
www.taillightking.com

See you on Saturday at 3 o'clock!

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