

Potomac Chapter SDC
2024 Potomac Chapter SDC Holiday Luncheon
Bulls and Bears, Hagerstown, MD
Saturday, December 7, 2024
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Vice President Ron Hoff

1. President's Report – Steve White
 - a. Thank you to Ron for conducting today's meeting. I'm sorry Irene and I can't make it this year but we'll be back in 2025.
 - b. Fun year with meeting members at cruise-ins and classic car shows
 - c. Thank you to all officers especially Pete with great *Commanders*, Steve Walter for keeping the membership roster accurate, Chris for proposing several activities and coordinating good times at cruise-ins, Dave for maintaining our treasury and coordinating this Holiday Luncheon, Bob for keeping our webpage current, Ed for his constant updates on our Facebook page, and Ron for chairing today's meeting.
 - d. Apologize for not sending *The Commander* upon publication to those paying for postage. Those members received a year-end package with all the year's *Commanders*. If anyone would like to volunteer to copy and mail next year's issues, please contact Pete and me. All expenses are reimbursed.
2. Vice President/Meeting Chair Report – Ron Hoff
 - a. Thanked all who attended the December 2024 meeting.
 - b. Welcome back to Murray Welsh and his '55 Speedster.
 - c. Ron wanted to bring his Studebaker, but he wisely kept it off of the salted roads.
3. Membership Director's Report – Steve Walter
 - a. Active member count in December was 47
 - b. Renewals have been coming in at a good rate
4. Editor's Report – Pete Rutledge

- a. Sorry Jan and I could not make it to today's luncheon but it's 95 miles from our home. I do hope to see some of you at closer events in the New Year.
 - b. Pete thanked the members who sent pictures of their cars for use on covers of *The Commander*. He's been using them in 2024 and still have some left for use in 2025. Feel free to send more.
 - c. Every two months, a week before the next issue, Pete sends members an email asking what they have done or had done to their Studebakers. Over the course of 2024, he received quite a bit of great input and put it to good use in *The Commander*. In this last issue, however, he had no input from members, so you had to read about his project. Pete hoped we enjoyed it (president's note – we did enjoy it!), but I, and I'm sure, the other members, would like to hear more about your Studebakers in the New Year.
 - d. Pete is always open to your suggestions on how to make the newsletter better, so if you have any good ideas on what you would like to see in *The Commander*, please don't hesitate to let me know.
 - e. Finally, if you have any Studebaker parts or Studebaker-related items that you don't need anymore, there is always room in *The Commander* for your For Sale or Free ads.
 - f. Pete does enjoy preparing *The Commander* and look forward to putting together more great issues in the New Year, hopefully with your help.
5. Treasurer's Report – Mike Farris: Current Balance (12/3/1924) is \$1809.38 with latest deposit of \$186.00. Will have more from cash/checks at the Holiday Party. Update 1/3/25: Bank balance as of today is \$1817.58. That includes Holiday Party expenses and checks having cleared.
6. Activities Report – Chris
- a. We are considering a winery tour and a caravan to the meet next year.
 - b. Ron said that the Allegheny Region will be needing volunteers as well as support over the coming months to

make the meet an enjoyable experience. I know everyone on the planning committee and they have been working hard.

- c. Ron also mentioned that the Reedsville Swap Meet will no longer be held along with Dunkirk in September. The Reedsville Swap Meet has been a sad shadow of itself for the last several years. Even moving it to late April didn't help.
- d. The swap meet held in July at the Morgantown Auto Mall in PA will continue. As far Ron knew, it will be the only Studebaker swap meet nearby.
- e. Ron reported that the Allegheny Region Chapter will be hosting the Annual meet which will be held September 16th through the 20th at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Washington, PA. Washington, PA is about 30 miles southwest of Pittsburgh at the junction of I-70 and I-79. For members who may have friends coming to the meet, Pittsburgh International Airport is about 30 miles to the north. The fairgrounds are located 4 miles from The Meadows Horse Racing Track, Tanger Outlets and the Hollywood Casino. The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum is near the fairgrounds. They have a 7 mile track which runs from the museum to the fairgrounds with rides on restored vintage trolleys. Meeting facilities are provided at the Trolley Museum. Tours of the Trolley Museum and trolley ride passes will be available all week. The host hotels are the Doubletree Washington Meadow Lands at \$99.00 a night without breakfast and the Hyatt Place at Hollywood Casino at \$119.00 a night including breakfast. Other hotel room blocks are being worked on. Information will be in Turning Wheels and at the sdcmeet.com website. This will be a joint meet with AOAI with one registration.

f. Contact information for 2025 SDC International Meet:

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7. There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned.