



The Commander

Potomac Chapter

Studebaker Drivers Club



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A classic "bullet-nose" Studebaker for only \$40?
See page 13 for details.

BREAKING NEWS: Twin Arch Tavern chapter luncheon rescheduled to April 16 — see page 5.

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Next Meeting

April 16

11:30AM

Twin Arch Tavern



Steering Column Steve White



Spring is here and it's time to bring our Studebakers out and have a good time. My GT Hawk now has a new clutch, new tires and a new ignition switch so it should make it north of I-70. Of course, there are still many things that need work but that's why we have our luncheons, picnics and tours. We can see one another, enjoy handshakes and hugs as well as trade war stories. As you know, our next event is our luncheon meeting at the Twin Arch Tavern in Mt. Airy, Maryland, on Saturday, April 16, at 11:30 AM. I know it's the day before Easter so I hope you can take a break from hiding Easter eggs and join us for some enjoyment with your Studebaker friends.

I'm hoping that our new members will join us and we old members can provide updates and good stories. Pete has been able to get many of us to spin some Studebaker tales and they have been most enjoyable.

We're still looking for someone to chair our Activities Committee or assume the position of Activities Director. As I've mentioned before, we are functioning as a committee and that works okay but we really need someone to take the proverbial bull by the horns. Please consider doing this important job.

I've been able to go to two cruise-ins these past three weeks. It's been fun seeing and talking with other people who enjoy their classic cars, hot rods and exotics once again. How about you?

Please let Ruth Carr, Shirley McDaniel, Dave Farris or me know if you have an idea for a Studebaker Drivers Club Potomac Chapter event that we could do this year or next. We really need to do some cruises so map out your favorite routes and take us for a fun trip around the Potomac area.

I must close on a sad note. I heard from good Studebaker friend, SDC Delmarva Peninsula Chapter President and Potomac Chapter member Frank Philippi that on Sunday, March 27, Max Corkins passed away. Frank said that Max was the president of SDC years ago and was involved with the Reedsville, Pennsylvania Swap Meets. Apparently, Max had quite an impressive shop and car collection in an old building in Lewistown. Frank said Max would jam with his band and keep everyone entertained at the swap meets. I wish I had met Max. I know many of you will miss him greatly.

Steve



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Potomac Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club

The Potomac Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, was chartered in April 1967. It encompasses the area of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Current membership approaches one Hundred. Our members hail from as far away, as New Zealand, the states of Hawaii, Florida, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Our mission is well defined in our [Chapter Bylaws](#).

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER (updated)

The Potomac Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club reminds you that it is time to renew your membership for 2022. To date we have had 21 renewals out of a total of 44 paid memberships in 2021. So please start the New Year off right and send in your 2022 renewal. Our annual dues remain at a modest \$15 for an emailed newsletter or \$30 for a mailed newsletter. If you joined as a new member after July 1, 2021, no additional dues are needed until January 1, 2023. If you are an old member who paid twice in [2021, please do not send any additional dues until January 1, 2023](#). As usual you will find an application form on the last page of this issue of "The Commander." Please contact Membership Director Stephen Walter at stephen.walter1@verizon.net if you have any questions.

PLEASE NOTE: You may also bring your renewal payment to the **April luncheon**.



POTOMAC CHAPTER, SDC
2022 Planned Activities
(Updated 4/1/22)

Event (Location)	Date	Contact
Luncheon Meeting at Twin Arch Tavern, Mt. Airy MD	April 16, 2022 (Revised Date)	Steve White
Spring Picnic, Location and exact date to be determined	May 2022	Dave Farris
Tour of Bradford Classic Car Collection, Bridgewater, VA	June 11, 2022	Darrell & Ruth Carr
Sully Antique Car Show, Chantilly, VA	Jun 19, 2022	Non-chapter activity
Luncheon/Cruise-In, Quincy's Uptown Bar and Grill, Damascus, MD	July 16, 2022	Steve White
Fall Picnic, Location and exact date to be determined	September 2022	Dave Farris
Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show, Rockville, MD	October 15, 2022	Murray Welch & Bill Morgan
Activities Planning Meeting, Location and exact date to be determined	November 2023	Activities Committee
Holiday Party and Meeting, Location and exact date to be determined	December 2022	Dave Farris

Updated from email - 08 April 2022

Rescheduled to April 16

Twin Arch Tavern Potomac Chapter Luncheon

Potomac Chapter SDC second event of 2022 will be a luncheon at the Twin Arch Tavern, Mt. Airy, Maryland, on Saturday, April 16th, at 11:30 AM. This is a week later than that listed in the 2022 Planned Activities (page 5 of the February - March 22 *Commander*). Twin Arch Tavern is located at 1001 Twin Arch Road, Mt. Airy, MD. Their phone number is 301-829-8283 and their Internet site is [Twin Arch Tavern | American Restaurant & Bar in Mt. Airy, MD.](#)



The occasion will be a pleasant way to see and chat with Studebaker Drivers Club friends and discuss future activities both Studebaker related and not. Of course, we'll have a chance to hear reports from our officers too.

Please send Steve White an email or give him a call if you are planning on attending the April Luncheon.



Obituary — Max E. Corkins, Jr.



Max E. Corkins, Jr., 77, of Lewistown, passed away on Sunday March 27, 2022 at Greenwood Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born June 28, 1944 in Lewistown, he was the son of the late Max E. Corkins, Sr. and Edna (Peck) Corkins-Caton.

Max is survived by his biological children, Sherri Oakes, and Terri Shiffler, all of Strasburg Virginia, Leslie Sweeney and fiancé Chris Warfel, of Reedsville, and Maxi Curry and husband Wade, of Lewistown; nine grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren; siblings, Catherine Gutshall and husband Brian, and Garth Corkins and wife Tammy, all of Lewistown; and step-sisters, Colleen Perou and husband Patrick, of New Jersey, and Maureen Durst and hus-

band Scott, of Lewistown.

Earlier in life, he was employed at the family restaurant, known as "Corkins Restaurant", where he later became the owner.

Max had a passion for music from an early age, playing the accordion and keyboard in numerous bands throughout his life. **Most of his life, he restored Studebaker Automobiles, and even served as past president of The Studebaker Driver's Club.** He was also a member of The Brooklyn Fire Co.

A memorial service in loving memory of Max will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday April 1, 2022 at Lewistown Assembly of God Church, 160 Summit Dr, Lewistown, PA 17044, with Pastor Michael Bailey officiating.

Arrangements have been entrusted to King-Barr Funeral Home LLC, 120 Logan Street, Lewistown.

Online condolences can be shared with the family at www.kingbarrfuneralhome.com

Bob DeVore: "I had wondered about Max since seeing his son taking on Reedsville Meet. He was an unforgettable person and a little bit "Hippie". with a rock band. His shop was almost like a museum in the making. All parts! I remember him showing us the rusted remains of what is now the 47 Station wagon, now in the museum. Most of it was the long roof. The rest was unrecognizable. However, he owned some beautiful cars, such as the Landcruiser and several others. Reedsville usually was different from York and somewhat less expensive. Most of the parts for my 49 Champion came from Reedsville."

Frank Philippi: "And I just got some sad news. Max Corkins passed away yesterday. Max was the president of SDC years ago (late 70s, early 80s, maybe) and was involved with the Reedsville Swap Meets. A lot of you may remember Max's shop and car collection in the old building in Lewistown, Max jamming with his band, and the roaring fire in the converted oil tank. Good times! Sad to see Max gone...."

Stude Spotter



1947 Studebaker in the upcoming Grease prequel series "Rise of the Pink Ladies." The show is set in 1954. The series is expected to debut later this year on the Paramount Plus streaming service.

First Chapter Activity of the Year Virtual Garage Tour, Feb. 26, 2022

Twelve chapter members participated in our first activity of the year, a virtual garage tour of Pete Rutledge's garage. The event was conducted as a Zoom meeting and, as a result, was COVID-safe. It might serve as a model for such meetings in the future. Participants were shown and told about Pete's small car collection including '91, '57, and '54 Corvettes, '54 Studebaker Commander Starlight coupe, and '64 Studebaker Avanti R2. Also shown was the Avanti's engine sitting on an engine stand and currently undergoing a complete rebuild. Following is a collage of some of the sights seen that day.

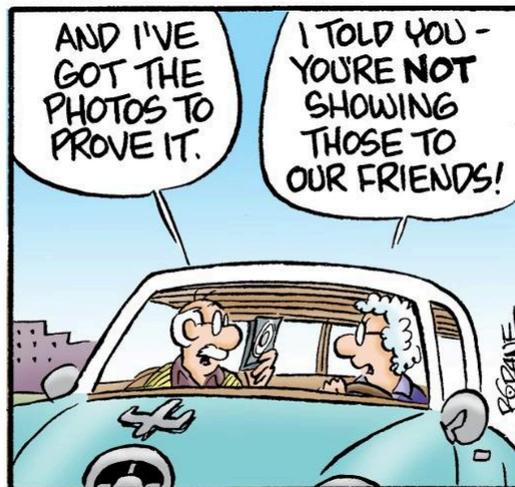
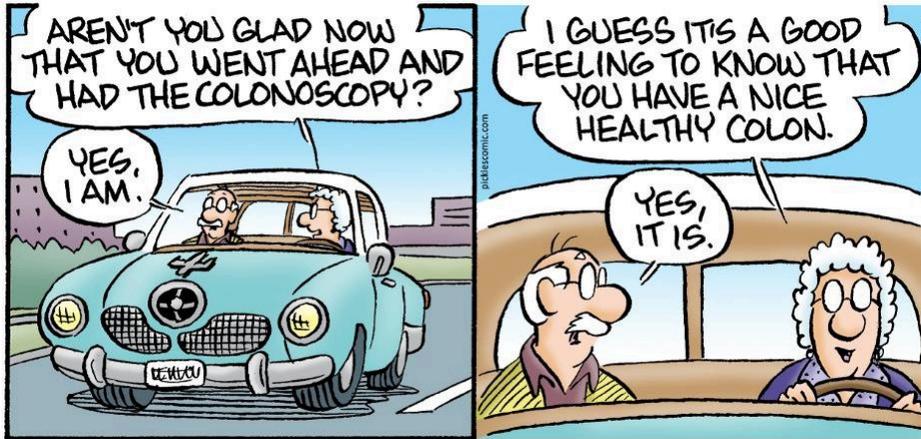


Studebaker Humour

From Ed Lemanski



Pickles 2-19-22 with permission
from the author



Sully Antique Car Show

Coming Up in Chantilly, VA

June 19, 2022

The Sully Antique Car Show, sponsored by the GWC, MARC/MAFCA and the Fairfax County Park Authority will resume with the 47th Show on Fathers' Day, 19 June 2022. Location is the Sully Historic Site at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151.

Approximately 350 classic show vehicles, Special Displays, Flea Market, Food Vendors, Kids' Tent, Music, and Century Parade. Sully Mansion tours included with admission. Thirty classes with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies, as well as Best in Show and Sully Staff Trophies.

Registration Brochure:

<http://www.gwcmodeleda.com/pdfs/Sully/2022/2022SullyCarShowRegistration.pdf>



Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show

Coming Up in Rockville, MD

October 15, 2022

Event Information

Saturday, October 15, 2022

11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park

[603 Edmonston Dr.](#)

[Rockville, MD 20852](#)

From Packard to Ferrari, 32 car clubs are represented during this grand event while auto collectors and enthusiasts share fond memories of the classic cars of yesteryear. The show has a flea market, car sales area, and live music. Food and drink will be available for purchase. This event is open to the public and admission is free.

Each year, the Mayor and Council of Rockville select one vehicle to receive the Mayor and Council Award. The 2019 recipient was a Hudson Terraplane K Rumble Seat Coupe owned by Todd Harrington.

What Did You Do to Your Studebaker???

(since the last issue of The Commander)

Paul Bjarnason—1957 Golden Hawk:

I bought cup holders for my GH from CUholdersplus.com. This was the option that Studebaker forgot. It was expensive but high quality.



John Martin — 1950 Champion 4dr sedan:

My 1950 Studebaker Champion is in the "intensive care" unit getting a complete restoration. I will send a few pictures as the process continues.

Technical Tips

From Ed Lemanski - How to convert an old style canister oil filter to the modern twist on type on a classic V8 Studebaker Silver Hawk.



Watch "Oil Filter Conversion - Studebaker V8" on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/1cTS-tKdYs0>

FOR SALE, FREE, and WANTED

FOR SALE: 1954 coupe, in Martinsburg, WV. A Champion model with a later Stude V8 and manual trans w/o OD. Engine turns freely; car sat in a barn for 30 yrs. \$1000. Call Jim Butts at 304 676-4803.

FOR SALE: Wheel Covers — \$75 for the set of four. They are in excellent condition and are suitable for 1959 through 1962 (each year is different but they can be modified easily), Email Bob Devore at luvmyvan2@frontier.com. Pick them up (Martinsburg, WV) or Bob can ship them with prepayment. Free shipping to the lower 48.



FOR SALE: Vintage Studebaker Hawk fender cover — Good shape, vibrant colors but has some wear. \$125 obo. Contact Greg 301-512-5110



NOTE: Send you Studebaker-related ads to the newsletter editor, Pete Rutledge, for publication in the next issue.

FOR SALE, FREE, and WANTED (cont'd)

AMT Electric Remote Control Studebaker \$40



These toys were built by Aluminum Model Toys, Inc in the late 1940's to early 1950's. I received this as a Christmas present from my sister, but I would like to sell it and donate the proceeds to the Potomac Chapter of the SDC. The best part of this toy is the box, because it is in excellent shape for its age and has excellent graphics. The model was built out of some very early plastic and has not aged well. It seems to have resided in a very warm environment for a long time and the plastic has become quite brittle and warped. The friction drive is supplied by a battery powered electric motor, and steering was provided by a hand pumped hydraulic bladder. When I received the toy the electric motor casing had completely melted and the shaft and winding was completely rusted. I decided to buy a new motor and it does work but is slightly too large. It will move forward and back. I modernized the internals of the battery pack with an 7.4-volt lithium-ion battery that can be recharged if you have the right equipment. The hydraulic bladder was completely disintegrated and due to the cost of developing a hydraulic ram configuration, I decided the model was not worth it. What I have done is set the front wheels at a permanent turning rate so the model will rotate in a circle around you as you hold the battery pack. Finally, when I received it, the front bumper was broken off and I attempted to epoxy it back on, but it is by no means permanent. I am sure it will fail at the least amount of shock. I wanted to drill the shafts supporting the bumper and insert a thin wire and then solder (the bumpers are some very cheap pot metal), but I do not have a drill press and again I am not willing to make the investment in getting one. I have decided it is beyond my ability to restore this car, so you can take it as a challenge or simply display the box. The options are yours. I have seen these toys at auction go for over \$100, but I think a reasonable amount is \$40. I can ship (extra), but it is in a pretty fragile state, so you may want to consider driving to my house or picking it up at a Potomac Chapter function. Again, the check would be made out to the Potomac Chapter of the SDC.

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April-May Birthdays*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!!!

Linda Winokur—Apr 1
Hal Hermann—Apr 8
Chris Mendl—Apr 10
Margaret Bjarnason—Apr 19
Chester Bradfield—Apr 27
Peggy Conner—May 8
Shirley McDaniel—May 10
Larry Pugh—May 10

Peter Lefkin—May 14
Paul Johnson—May 21
Robert F Wilson Sr—May 24
Chuck Stroh—May 25
Anne Mortensen—May 29
Darlene Pugh—May 30

***Please Note:** If we fail to list your birthday, it may be because we don't have your birth date in our membership database. If you would like to see your birthday listed in the future, please let Stephen Walter know just the month and day of your birth date.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION

SDC International Meet 2021 Pictures

For those of you who didn't go to this year's Int'l Meet and don't use Facebook, below is a hyperlink (you can click on it) to what you missed in September at the International Meet. (It is from SDC member Cindy Sale.)

<https://youtu.be/J6qly7lxQOI>

2022

Potomac Chapter SDC

Membership Application or Renewal

Please complete this form and mail a check, payable to POTOMAC CHAPTER SDC.

\$15.00 Electronic email copy of Commander newsletter

\$30.00 Mailed hardcopy of Commander newsletter

Send the completed form and check to:

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14916 Chestnut Ridge Court
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Yearly dues apply from Jan 1st to Dec 31st of each year

I am a member of SDC International.

I am joining SDC International at thistime.

National Membership#

Upon receipt of your national Membership#, please send the membership #to the addressor email above.

This is a NEW Application Renewal/Update

Name: Phone:

Address: Cell:

City/ST/Zip: Spouse Cell:

E-Mail:

Birthday: Month Day Spouse: Month Day

I own the following Studebakers (including Rockne, Erskine, EMF, Avanti)

Table with 4 columns: Year, Make, Model, Body Style. Multiple rows for listing vehicles.

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF NATIONAL SDC IN ORDER TO JOIN ANY SDC CHAPTER