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John Sartorius's '59 Silver Hawk

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Next Meeting

TBD



Steering Column Steve White



Things are getting more exciting now that June is around the corner. We had a good member turnout for our luncheon and meeting at the Twin Arch Tavern on April 16. The minutes are found in this issue of *The Commander*. We have more opportunities to assemble with our Studebakers, including a fun tour arranged by Ruth and Darrell Carr. That tour is just around the corner, too.

I had the good fortune to see some Studebaker friends at the 25th Annual Olney Car and Truck Show sponsored by Fletchers Service Center. I hadn't seen Bob Winokur for a few years and he's always a pleasure to talk with, not only because he's an Avanti guy, but also because we enjoy talking about Michigan State University and University of Michigan sports. I also saw Joe Kissel and his wife. I met Joe a few years ago at the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show. He was wearing his Studebaker cap and, more importantly, a Studebaker ring he had made from his father's Studebaker pin earned as an employee in South Bend. I don't think he'll ever get over his love for Studebakers.



Joe Kissel and his wife, and Bob Winokur

You might find it interesting to know that I started writing this column while on a small cruise ship docked at an island off the east coast of Italy in the Adriatic Sea. Irene and I are on a cruise that is taking us down the Adriatic and ending in Malta. I haven't seen one Studebaker while on this tour but did luck into finding a Concorso Di Eleganza while we were in Trieste (May 20). I was told about the show, which was only four or five blocks away from our hotel. I headed out immediately only to see a number of classic cars heading down the street in front of our hotel. When I arrived at the beautiful square where the show was being held, only a few cars remained. I killed time for about thirty minutes and then headed back to the hotel. As I neared the hotel a few of the classics were heading back. Talk about bad timing. I went back to the square after dinner and was rewarded with the sight of many outstanding classic Italian cars. The only American car was a 1910 Cadillac, but it looked great. As you can imagine, there were plenty of Ferraris and Alfa Romeos and a beautiful Maserati. I took more than a few pictures (see some on next page) because the setting was beautiful especially in the evening. I talked with one of the representatives from their classic car organization and she was curious about Studebakers, especially our Avanti. She was then off to see the Ferraris, Maseratis, Alfa Romeos, and other exotic Italian beauties.



I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Steve

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Steering Column Photo Addendum

Steve White



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 5/31/22)

Thank you everyone for answering my request to renew your membership. We now have had 39 renewals out of 44 active members last year and one new member Craig and Linda Comontofski. Our membership is slowly dwindling, so please promote our club when you are out and about. Our annual dues remain at a modest \$15 for an emailed newsletter or \$30 for a mailed newsletter. If you join as a new member after July 1, 2022, no additional dues are needed until January 1, 2024. If you are wondering why your check has not been deposited yet, please be patient with us, our Treasurer has been having issues with his financial software. As usual you will find an application form on the last page of this issue of The Commander; carry one in your car. Your car/truck is our best advertisement, I cannot drive anywhere these days without getting positive comments and questions. Please contact Membership Director Stephen Walter at stephen.walter1@verizon.net if you have any questions.



Minutes of Chapter Meeting April 16, 2022



Luncheon

Twin Arch Tavern

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Ed & Janet Lemanski, George Hamlin, Stephen & Mary Walter, Steve White, Murray Welsh, Ruth & Darrell Carr, Ron Hoff, Darlene & Larry Pugh, Dave & Nadine Farris, and Craig Comontofski.

The meeting called to order by President Steve White at 1:14 PM.

President's Report - Steve thanked all members for their continued participation. He especially acknowledged the officers and activities volunteers. He reminded all that we still need an Activities Director. He thanked Ruth, Shirley, and Mike for their efforts in maintaining the 2022 events.

Editor's Report (submitted)- Pete thanked "...the members for their support and he is always happy, even anxious, to accept input to The Commander in the form of stories about memorable Studebakers or Studebaker-related events in which you have participated, reports on what you have done or had done to your Studebakers, technical or other tips for enhancing the Studebaker experience, reports on Studebakers you have spotted on TV or in real life, for sale (or free) ads for Studebaker cars or related items, and anything else you think might be appropriate for publication and sharing with the membership. As always, if you can provide pictures to go along with your written input, that's even better."

Also Pete, Murray and Steve are working on improving the process to get The Commander mailed earlier.
*All agreed that Pete is doing a fabulous job with the Commander.

Murray provided information regarding the mailing of The Commander. Those who have paid extra dues for hard copies of the Commander will get them. There has been some difficulty developing a process to produce them. The first issue was only sent to two people. Not enough for a job at a printer but too much to do at home. They were done at a walk up copier but the copies were not very good. The number is now up to 8 and they will be done in a copy center and sent out by 4/23/22.

Treasurer's Report - Although Mike did not have the exact balance he said that the current balance is in fine shape.

Membership Report - Steve Walters - There are now 39 dues paid members in the chapter. This time last year there were 41.

Following his report Steve demonstrated the Starlight coupe electric model car that was on the cover of the last Commander. George Hamlin bought the model car for \$40. Steve then contributed the \$40 to the Potomac Chapter treasury.

Activities Committee Report - Ruth Carr, Mike Farris and Steve White - Mike said that the next event is the Spring Picnic, date and site TBD. Ruth distributed the flyer for the day trip to see the Bradford Collection in Bridgewater, VA, on June 11th. Steve White asked the the location of the next luncheon be changed to Walkers on Rt. 97 just south of I-70 on July 16th. (Steve has since learned that Walkers requires a 25-person minimum to use their meeting room. Steve will investigate other options including the originally planned Quincy's Uptown Bar & Grill in Damascus MD).

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.

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**Potomac Chapter Members Participated in a Luncheon Meeting
at Twin Arch Tavern, April 16, 2022**



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at Twin Arch Tavern, April 16, 2022 (cont'd)



Stude Spotter



Apple TV+ is currently running a series called "Shining Girls." It is a psychological thriller that includes a serial killer and time-travel. This shot, from episode 6, takes place in the early '50s and shows a shiny '50 bullet-nose Stude with visor and fog lights (?). Can't be sure if it's a coupe or sedan but it sure looks great.

Stude Humour



The Little Studebaker That "Thought He Could"

Most drivers have experienced a "Panic Stop", but has anyone ever heard of a "Panic Start?" Even more rare is a "Burn-Out" performed by a little 170 cu. in. Studebaker. The joke used to be that if it ever stopped on a wad of chewing gum, it could not move off the spot. As an eighteen year old kid in a 49 Studebaker Champion, I was working in Newark, New Jersey in the summer of 1954. One evening, I decided to find the house in which I was born. Little did I know that the area was a "high crime" section of the city. I stopped at an intersection for a red light. On the curb were a group of young men, bored and in need of excitement. They swarmed my Studebaker and tried to up-set it. When the light turned green, the right side of the car was off the ground. I floored it and let the clutch out. With racing engine, the car rocked to the ground. The right rear tire screaming, it took off but I did not stick around to view the burn-out streak left on the pavement.

Bob DeVore

What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to a nursing home ... from Paul Bjarnason

POTOMAC CHAPTER, SDC
2022 Planned Activities
 (Updated 5/31/22)

Event (Location)	Date	Contact
Spring Picnic, Location and exact date to be determined	TBD 2022	Dave Farris
Tour of Bradford Classic Car Collection, Bridgewater, VA, with Greater Virginia chapter	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 &
Activities Planning Meeting, Location and exact date to be determined	November 2023	Activities Committee (see p. 4)
Holiday Party and Meeting, Location and exact date to be determined	December 2022	Dave Farris

ATTENTION PLEASE

IMPORTANT CHAPTER ACTIVITY -- JUNE 11



JOINT GATHERING OF THE **GREATER VIRGINIA CHAPTER** & **POTOMAC CHAPTER** OF THE **STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB** TOUR BRADFIELD'S STUDEBAKER COLLECTION AND MEMORABILIA SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

MEET at MCDONALD'S

9846 Winchester Road, Front Royal, VA 22630

*** Arrive 8:45AM; leaving at 9:00AM***

(McDonald's is on the right hand side of Route 522S/340S heading towards Front Royal, VA.

If traveling from route 66, take EXIT 6 (Front Royal, VA), make a left at the light. Hampton Inn on right, then McDonalds and gas station.)

SONG

(A little song to sing for our trip)

OVER HILL OVER DALE

AS WE HIT THE VALLEY TRAIL.

AS THE STUDE'S KEEP ROLLING ALONG.

LIKE A LARK IN THE PARK AND THE HAWK UP IN THE SKY

TO NANCY AND CHESTERS WE GO.

ROUTE

HOPE YOU ENJOY THE SCENIC COUNTRY

Make a right out of McDonald's onto Route 522S/340S towards Front Royal, VA. At second light, turn right onto Route 55 towards Strasburg, VA. (10 miles of country road).

Route 55 turns into Route 11S in Strasburg. We will pass several quaint towns. We will make a right at the light in Woodstock, VA, onto Route 42S towards Bridgewater, VA.

MIGHT BE TIME FOR THEME SONG -- ENJOY

As we leave Bridgewater, VA, we'll stop at the 7-11 on your right at the stop light to use their facilities and continue on Route 42 towards the Bradfield's collection site. Take a left off Route 42 onto 699, Centerville Rd.

LUNCH

Francesco's, 101 N. Main Street, Bridgewater VA 22812

<https://www.francescosbridgewater.com>; Facebook @ Francescos Bridgewater

HOMeward BOUND

GROUP PHOTO

At Mason Motors -- site of Studebaker dealership, 228 North Main Street, Timberville, VA 22853

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME AN END. HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR DAY

Ruth & Darrell

RSVP (as soon as possible) to: ruthcarr1948@frontiernet.net

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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/>



47th Annual

Sully Antique Car Show

Registration Form 2022

Sunday, June 19, 2022 • 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sully Historic Site, Chantilly, Va.

Parade of 100-year-old cars!
Car Corral • Live Music • Food Vendors
First Floor House Tours • Children's Activities
Special Displays • Antique, Craft & Flea Market

Classic Cars & Classic Fun for Father's Day

Presented by
George Washington Chapter, Inc.
Model A Ford Club of America
and Fairfax County Park Authority



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: [ATTENTION PERTRONIX USERS] About two weeks ago, after I had backed my Golden Hawk into the garage, I noticed I had left my driver side window down. So, I switched the ignition switch back on to put the window back up. As I said, that was two weeks ago.

A few days ago when I decided to take the GH for a spin, I got in and had an "oh darn" moment when I saw the ignition switch was in the "on" position. Of course, after two weeks, the battery was totally flat. I was happy when it seemed to charge up O.K., but the GH would not start although it would crank really well. Upon investigation, I discovered that both the Pertronix module (the unit inside the distributor cap) and the coil had melted down, i.e., they had been destroyed by heat. This was because I had failed to shut the ignition off, perhaps I made this mistake in part because in my Ford F-250 I can shut the ignition off and still put the windows up. That's my story and I'm sticking to it - this occurred out of habit in my F-250 and not because I am 78 years of age and getting foggy. LOL

I called Pertronix and was told the best part number to order was #91183 for the module and #45111 for the coil. The module is a newer one with "ignition left on" protection and the coil is an epoxy filled unit which may be mounted upside down without leaking, unlike oil filled units.



This was an expensive lesson.

What Did You Do to Your Studebaker??? (cont'd)

John Sartorius - 1958 3E7 Transtar longbed:

Here's a brief update on recent work done on my 1958 3E7 Transtar longbed. (Work done in Ocala, Florida at the home shop of Jeff Rice).

- Swapped out the original 259 V8 and replaced it with a full-flow 289 with performance heads and R3-style exhaust manifolds
- Installed an aluminum manifold and Holley Sniper EFI
- Installed an electronic power assist steering (EPAS) kit (needed to be customized/parts had to be machined by Jeff so it would fit the truck), along with a new fuel tank and plumbed in a return line
- Installed a class 3 trailer hitch
- Installed Dynamat throughout the cab to insulate and quiet it, in preparation for next week's installation of new custom interior panels (grey vinyl).
- Rebuilt the steering box
- Modified the stock bench seat frame to accommodate the removable 3rd row seats from a Chevy Tahoe (3-point safety belts, while still looking like a bench when both are installed).



Work remaining (hopefully all to be completed by 15 June):

- Have a local muffler shop fabricate and install a dual exhaust system with both pipes exiting at an angle just behind the passenger side rear wheel
- Recharge the A/C (a Vintage Air kit installed a couple years ago; had to disconnect it to do the engine swap)
- Tune the self-learning EFI by driving it!

Some photos follow:

What Did You Do to Your Studebaker??? (cont'd)

John Sartorius - 1958 3E7 Transtar longbed (cont'd):



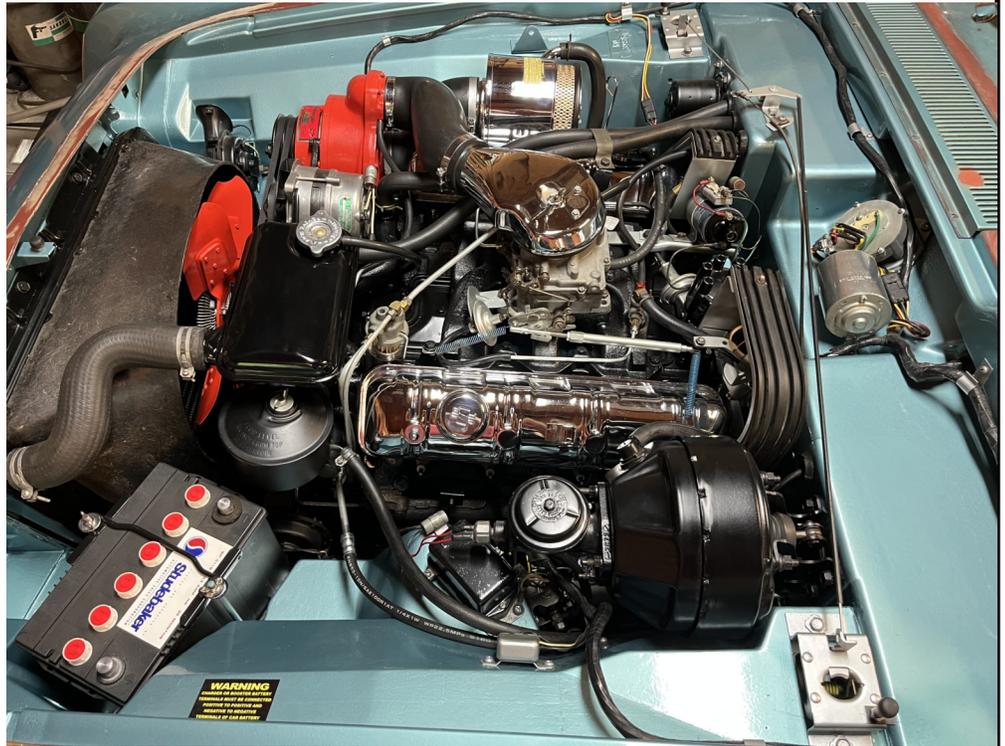
What Did You Do to Your Studebaker??? (cont'd)

John Sartorius - 1959 Silver Hawk (cont'd): I also got the Silver Hawk out for a brief drive this past weekend.



What Did You Do to Your Studebaker??? (cont'd)

Pete Rutledge — 1964 Avanti: It's taken awhile, but I have some significant progress to report this time. The R2 engine is fully reassembled, the engine compartment is repainted, and the engine and transmission are back in the car. As of today, May 31, all it needs is the installation of spark plug wires, battery cables, coolant, and motor oil. Then I will be able to start it up for the first time after the rebuild. After that will be front end rebuild, replacement of "hog troughs," and paint striping. A lot more work to go, but we're getting there.



B.S. Column ('bout Studebakers) Specialized Tools - Keep Your Eyes Peeled

By Jerry Blount, member of the Northwest Chapter, Oregon; With Thanks.

Often when attending a swap meet you will see tables layered with various hand tools. So many that your eyes might pass over a unique tool that you might not have seen before.

Such a possibility is an "ANCO ALL PURPOSE WIPER ARM TOOL." No part number, but does have a patent number. This tool was probably common in the 1940s through 1960s, when car wiper arms were pretty universal in design. Back then, service stations did a lot more than pump gas, so likely every service station mechanic had one of these tools to aid in selling and installing wiper arms.

Cars of the era of our Studebakers had wiper arms that pushed down over splined shafts. The spring tension designed into the arms helped lock them on.

Additionally, a small stainless-steel finger snapped over the bottom of the splined shaft.

The wiper arm could certainly be removed with a flat bladed screwdriver, while holding against the spring pressure to disengage the stainless steel locking finger. Certainly, a two-handed operation. And, on reinstalling, you hope that it goes on the desired location the splined shaft. If not, try, try again.

This ANCO tool however, fits over the wiper arm end and holds against the spring pressure, allowing easy one-hand removal, and precise positioning when reinstalling.

Now...if you see one at a swap meet - buy it.



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on

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.

June-July Birthdays*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!!!

Karl Veit — Jun 7
Nadine Farris — Jun 12
Pete Rutledge — Jun 19
Karen Johnson — Jun 28
Peter Pamepinto — Jun 30

Ed Lemanski — Jul 1
Kathryn Koenig — Jul 8
Clete Roh — Jul 8
Wayne Birkel — Jul 18
Mary Walter — Jul 18
Bob Wagner — Jul 19
Jack Grimm — Jul 21
Kaiser Braham III — Jul 23
Bob DeVore — Jul 26

***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.

B.S. Column ('bout Studebakers) Partial Flow Oil Filters

By Jerry Blount, Member of the Northwest Chapter, Oregon

Studebaker used spin-on type partial flow oil filters from early 1957 models through mid-1962 models. These filters, as used on Studebaker V-8s, were conveniently mounted at the upper front of the engine, attached to the oil fill pipe.

I have owned many Studebakers with this filter system, and I can't tell you how many times I have done oil and filter changes.

The only thing slightly unusual about this installation is that the open end of the filter is pointed down. This is not an issue in removing these filters. Let the filter drain as the engine oil is draining. Then, place a paper towel underneath the filter base, and unscrew the filter rather quickly. You will have spilled very little oil - easily cleaned up with the paper towel. (Some say to punch a small hole in the top of the filter to help the filter drain.)

Recently, there was some discussion on one of the Studebaker forums - typically one of those "What was Studebaker thinking?" kind of statements...

Now, if you are used to changing under-the-car type full flow filters, you know what an oily mess that is, even if the open part of the filter is facing up. In contrast, the partial flow filter will lose very little oil, even if it may look to some as though they are installed "upside down."

It should be noted that American Motors cars, Jeeps, industrial engines, tractors, and forklifts used this same filter - usually installed open-side down, just like our Studebakers. And they have been perfectly accepted over these many years.

These partial flow filters are readily available: Fram PB50, Purolator L30003, Wix 51050, NAPA 1050, and others.

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

Gaithersburg, MD 20878

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I am a member of SDC International.

I am joining SDC International at thistime.

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This is a NEW Application Renewal/Update

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Birthday: ___ Month ___ Day Spouse: ___ Month ___ Day

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

Year	Make	Model	Body Style
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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