



2025 HAPPY NEW YEAR



Stude Flyer

Serving The Central Oklahoma Chapter of Studebaker Drivers

Letter From President Melvin McGee

Greetings to all and I'm hoping you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holiday. My family enjoyed what has become our traditional Christmas celebration, getting as many of the family, daughters, husbands, grandchildren together on Christmas Morning at our house for a Christmas Breakfast. Such a joyful gathering helps us all forget what might have been a difficult few months near the end of last year.

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Leland's daughter, Lou Ellen Schlegel for putting together a very enjoyable setting for our Christmas Lunch on Saturday, 14 December. Helped by her son, Daniel and Leland's other daughter, Robin Hensley and Robin's son, Richard, the tables were nicely covered in festive tablecloths, holiday ornaments on the tables. We then enjoyed a fun game of Dirty Santa. It had been many years since I had played Dirty Santa. Evadean Davis again brought some welcomed table ornaments of little crocheted Christmas stockings, helping set the festive mood. Stude Pete Rodrigues added to the holiday mood with his familiar Santa hat and Studebaker shirt. We were very pleased at the turnout and I think everyone enjoyed the occasion.

All of the Studebakers garnered a lot of attention in the parking lot, and I think Don & Becky Sable's 1921 Touring was the "icing on the cake" and drew the most attention. I'm sure there will be a report of all the Studebakers there that day from someone, perhaps with pictures, in this issue of "The Stude Flyer".

Unable to attend our November meeting at which the election of new chapter officers was accomplished, I cast my vote by sending my ballot to Don. I felt it was time for me to step down and allow some of the

younger generation to be more involved. We now have Andy Reich as President, Ken Sumwalt in the Vice President's chair, and Jesse Sutherland as Chapter Secretary. Elmer Davis will continue as Chapter Treasurer and the Tour Master/Events Coordinator duties are to be shared by the amazingly capable John Harris and Peter Rodrigues. I trust that all of us in this chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club will welcome the new ideas and innovations the new cadre of officers will be working on and will rally around and support them with suggestions for any activities, road trips, cookouts, anything you feel would be enjoyable for everyone.

One activity I would like to see continued is the monthly breakfast meeting. That gathering has increased in attendance and is a pleasant get-together on those second Thursdays of each month. Perhaps an effort will be made to occasionally vary the meeting place to be in an area outside the Oklahoma City area.

I want to thank everyone for your support over the period I have served as president. To the new officers I would remind you that there is a lot of knowledge and experience in this club and if you have questions they will be eager to help. I also hope this coming year will be prosperous for all. See you at the January meeting.

Thanks again,

Mel

Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.

.....Brian Tracy



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Co-Tour Masters

January Birthdays

Connie Harris
Jeri-Alynn McGee
Natalie Sutherland
Elvis Presley

Anniversaries

Nobody gits married in January!
 (.....This should draw out a few entries)

February Birthdays

Kelsey Walters
Mary Jones

Anniversaries

Don & Jeri Cox

*Wishing you a year full of blessings and happiness.
 Happy New Year!*

DAYTONA DRIVER Turns To Clock Art

Jesse Sutherland searched through the junk pile in his Dad's garage, found two 1940 Ford headlight bezels rusting away, shined them up and mounted a Studebaker clock face in each and gave them as Christmas presents. One to his Dad. His Dad was "...gonna restore that ol' pickup someday" but thought he will hang the clock in the garage 'til he gets a round tuit.



Jesse devoted the Night Before Christmas to the construction of the clocks. Don thinks it a time well spent.



We are stuck with technology when what we really want is just stuff that works.

.....Douglas Adams

Christmas Lunch at Johnnie's A Success-No Arrests



A good turnout of Studes and Drivers for Christmas Lunch 2024



Don Sable's 1921 Studebaker Big Six received a lot of attention as the Chapter Studes arrived. Above we see Robin Hensley and John Meyers viewing from the right while Trae and Ken Sumwalt on the other side listen to Don Sable's explanation of some of the features of the engine room. Below: Robin helps sister Lou Ellen with the drawing of numbers for Dirty Santa gift-claiming.

Lou Ellen Schlegel was about an hour early to the Christmas Lunch on Saturday, 14 December, arriving in her Avanti with table-cloths for each table, Christmas decorations with which to top those, and some willing helping hands as her son, Daniel, arrived with friends to assist her in setting up. Her sister, Robin Hensley arrived soon after in her Lark, with her son, Richard, to also help and by the time the rest of the chapter arrived, carrying their gifts, everything was quite festively set up and ready for a meal and a dirty game –that is, a game of Dirty Santa.



It's Beginning To Feel A Lot Like Christmas!

..as the Lunch breaks up into the “tire-kicking” stage, thoughts of tasks yet to be accomplished before the Big Day....



As members of **C**entral **O**klahoma **C**hapter of **S**tudebaker **D**rivers **C**lub of America leave the last meeting of the Club for 2024, the talk is mostly about the cars but also heard are remarks about how well the lunch went and how we look forward to 2025 with the new officers, new members, new horizons. Gonna be a great year.



Ken Sumwalt's Lark, Tony Gustin's Avanti and Paul Cruce's Starlight lead the display.



The scene above, captured by Daniel Schlegel, is of the calm after the meal and the fights and the dances were over, with most of the group happy and satisfied, some thinking they might have made a mistake in attending. Wait'll next year!

For the benefit of those not attending, and to help those who were there to remember who they met in all the chaos, let us identify the participants of the Central Oklahoma Chapter's Christmas Lunch of 2024.

Starting at left, table on the left, we see Jesse Sutherland, Don Sutherland, Trae Sumwalt, Ken Sumwalt, Kathy Rodrigues, John Meyers, Joyce Meyers. Coming back up the other side, same table, Evadean and Elmer Davis just out of sight, Peter Rodrigues (Santa Hat!), Tony Gustin, Glenn Masopust, Patty Sutherland.

Table at very back, center, Clifton Hill, Don Sable, Betty Hill and Paul Cruce.

Table on the right, starting at the front, left side we see, kneeling, Yashanda, then Lou Ellen's daughter, Savannah, then Ta Ta. Just behind them, standing, is Lou Ellen Schlegel, Richard Hensley (at 18, the youngest attending) Robin Hensley, Jeri-Alynn McGee and Melvin McGee.

Other side of that table, from the back, Virgil Hullett (at 90, the youngest-in-heart of any there), Virgil's daughter Linda Plank, and John and Connie Harris. Then Don Sable's daughter with Don's wife, Becky Sable, just out of the picture.

Apologies - no picture of Daniel the photographereditor

Everyone at the Christmas Luncheon seemed to enjoy it and appeared to be glad they were there, with many members standing up to speak a word about why they were glad they joined the club, how much they appreciated certain aspects of the meetings, etc, Linda Plank spoke of how Virgil Hullett and his friends started the club in 1970 and how Melvin McGee was instrumental in Virgil's "renewal of membership". Elmer Davis joined the club only a short time later and is probably the member with the record of uninterrupted membership since the '70s. Elmer has probably done more for the club, served outstandingly in more offices, than most. It was noted that Richard Hensley, at 18 a possible candidate for membership, was there at the same time as Virgil Hullett, a 90-yr-old renewing member.

John Harris related an interesting story about his first contact with Virgil. Perhaps John will, in a future newsletter, favor us with a re-telling of that occasion.

Luke and John Rogers were not able to be there, but had he been in attendance Luke would have taken the award for "youngest active member". Luke is swiftly bringing along the restoration of a '64 Barracuda.

Jesse S. spoke of how joining in activities with the chapter have helped him cope with the recent tragedy in his life.

Don Sable reminded us that his collection and shop would be a good destination for a group tour. Those of us who have attended the wonderful lunches at Don's shop would certainly be eager for such an event.

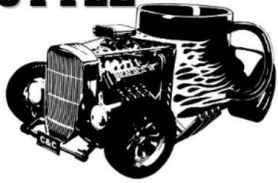
This reporter was ready for his 2PM nap by then and did not hear anymore comments.



Patty donned her Christmas glasses for the occasion!

With our Tour Master and Events Coordinator both recovering from the Christmas Lunch, Guss, down at Guss's Gass, submitted the following suggestions. Only suggestions; no commitments to any.

TUTTLE



CARS & COFFEE

January 4, 2025
8AM to 10AM
Ruby's Rustic Furniture
Tuttle, OK



January 5, 2025
Tulsa Cars and Coffee
9AM to 12PM
BEST BUY.
Tulsa, OK

Second Thursday of each month Meeting at
Grandy's

7704 S Western Ave, Oklahoma City
Next Meeting 9AM Thursday, 9 January



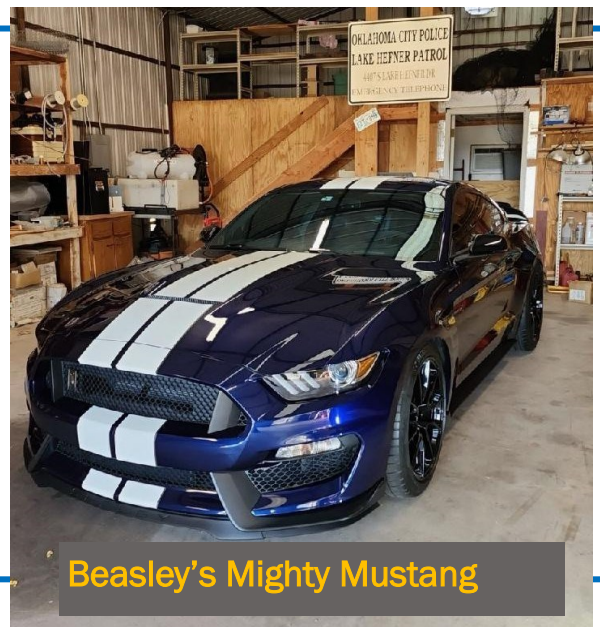
Rte 66 Road Fest
2025

January 4, 2025
Coffee & Cars - 8am - 11am
Remington Park OKC
1 Remington Pl, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

You might be making plans for the **OKC Auto Show**
March 7-9 2025 * Oklahoma City Fairgrounds
E-Tickets on Sale Soon
2025 Model , new car and truck brands on display(TBA)

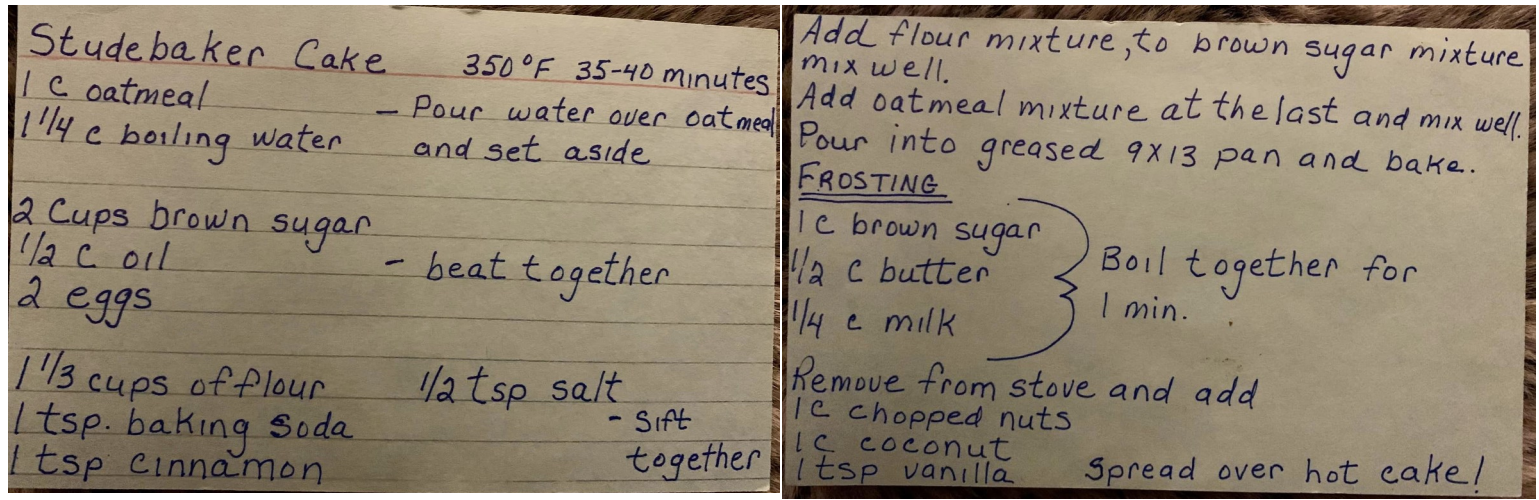
Newly elected secretary, Jesse Sutherland, has been trying to represent the club and recruit new members. Unfortunately, he only has two friends (who admit it), one of whom owns a 1970s Chevy Corvette Stingray and the other a 2019 Ford Mustang GT350. He recently met his neighbor's dad, David Patton, who was featured along with chapter members Don Sable and Clifton Hill in Ann Sherman's 2013 "Car Collections of Oklahoma".

David, like most people Jesse knows, doesn't own a Studebaker, but nonetheless, Jesse tells everyone the club will take all comers ...as long as they enjoy talking cars and pay their dues.



Beasley's Mighty Mustang

This recipe for "Studebaker Cake" was found in the boot of one of "Wheelbarrow Johnnie's" wheelbarrows left in a used car lot in ...well, I lost the copy of the provenance for this recipe and that's all I can remember. However, Susan swears that someone made a cake from this recipe and ate of it and didn't die and was not cast out of The Garden. If anyone in the club be brave enough to apply this recipe and bring the finished product to next meeting (9 Jan) a committee of one has been assigned to sample it.



A NOTE FROM SUSAN LUSTED about 2025 SDC AOAI meet:

The planning committee was notified that we are able to book our rooms now at the host hotel, the DoubleTree Hotel for the 2025 International Meet in Washington, PA.

Please click on the link below to receive the room rate of \$99.00 per night:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=PITMPDT&groupCode=CDTMSD&arrivaldate=2025-09-16&departuredate=2025-09-20&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

If you would rather call the hotel to make your reservations, please be sure to mention the event name of: Studebaker Meet SDC AOAI so that you will receive the discounted rate.

Please share this email with any ARC member I may have missed.

Thanks,

Jay

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Respectfully,

Susan Lusted

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Voltage Regulator Failures

Anyone who has repeated failures of the voltage regulator on the 1963-66 vehicles should check the condition of the brushes in the alternator. The brushes may be worn to the point where they will short out intermittently while under load and yet check out okay otherwise.

Credit and Thanks to the Washington Dictator

Things to remember:

.....Your first bicycleYour wife’s birthdayYour Anniv ersary

....*Studebaker International* has mov ed: 630 Noble Street, Shelbyville, IN 46176

....Hemmings is now one publication: “*Hemmings Motor News*”

.....**DUES ARE DUE , folks!** Central Oklahoma Chapter and —
Studebaker Drives Club, Int’l dues are due.

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Central Oklahoma Chapter
Membership Application



Dues \$15

Qualification for membership in Central Oklahoma Chapter (COC) of SDC requires current membership in the National Studebaker Drivers Club. Membership is for one year, includes 6 issues Stude Flyer . Residents of the same household may share one membership. Please print or type complete information. Make check payable to Central Oklahoma Chapter of SDC. Ask any member of COC for application to National SDC, or go online to Studebaker Drivers.

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If New Member, source of referral:.....

SDC National Membership #

Please list your Studebaker(s) year & model, etc.(use back of page if necessary!)

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We like to mention birthdays and anniversaries in our bi-monthly newsletter (The Stude Flyer)

Birthday Self.....Spouse.....

Anniversary.....



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