



The Studebaker Drivers Club Heart of Dixie Chapter

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REMEMBER:

- 2009 - July 12-18. 45th SDC International Meet, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Hosted by Hawkeye Chapter. HQ hotel: Clarion Inn with events at Hawkeye Downs.

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The Studebaker Drivers Club Heart of Dixie Chapter meets monthly, at locations determined by the membership. We have members primarily from Central Alabama, including the Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, and Anniston areas. Membership in SDC is open to anyone with an interest in Studebaker history and vehicles. Ownership of a Studebaker automobile is not a requirement for membership.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual chapter dues are \$20. All members of the chapter must be members of the national Studebaker Drivers Club. The \$27.50 annual dues to the national club includes a subscription to *Turning Wheels*, the club's monthly magazine.

Chapter dues may be mailed to Bonnie Johnson, Treasurer, P.O. Box 626, Montevallo, AL 35115 or contact any of the chapter officers for more information.

To submit material for inclusion in the newsletter, send it to Eric Gray, 5299 South Broken Bow Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242 or email eric@alabamastudes.com.

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STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships are for one year and include twelve issues of *Turning Wheels*.

Dues: Regular membership w/periodical class mail...\$27.50
Regular membership w/1st class mail.....\$60.50
Student/Young Adult (up to age 22).....\$19.95
More: Donation to SDC Museum Fund.....\$_____
Donation to SDC Restoration Fund.....\$_____
2007 SDC Roster (plus postage).....\$8.00
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED.....\$_____

To join SDC, complete this application and send check or money order in US funds to:

The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 1715
Maple Grove, MN 55311-7615

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____
If new member, source of referral: _____
If renewal, month due: _____ Member# _____

HEART OF DIXIE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____
List any Studebakers you own: _____

To join the Heart of Dixie Chapter, complete this application and send check or money order in US funds to:

Bonnie Johnson, Treasurer
P.O. Box 626
Montevallo, AL 35115

Or better yet, bring it to the next meeting!



MISCELLANEOUS STUDEBAKERINGS

Ross Johnson

I was recently through Clio, Alabama and stopped by the home of Ralph Ivey. You will recall that Ralph was a longtime Studebaker fan and had restored many Studebakers, both gas and diesel. Ralph was a wealth of knowledge, I had hoped to visit with Mrs. Ivey, but didn't find her in. As I recall, Mrs. Ivey sold most of Ralph's car and parts inventory after his passing to Steven Allen in Florida. I did see several old trucks at the rear of the property and several of Ralph's cars could be seen in storage up on Ralph's railroad rail car storage racks.

I was watching a special on the History Channel last week about cowboys and cattle drives. They did a short piece on an 1887 Studebaker "Chuck Wagon" and all of its innovative features. It sold new for \$28.00 and was appraised at over \$100,000. Who said Studebakers didn't appreciate. I knew I should have invested in wagons ages ago.

The old Bullet Nose that was on 231 South of Dothan is gone after being there for many years. The old Studebaker pickup/International pickup pair that was on 231 near Brundidge is also gone. Only the International remains. I was recently in Atlanta and have spotted an Avanti stashed in a side yard that looks like it's been there for 20 years or more. Sorry, but I'm not ready to reveal the exact location at this time. If you have spotting that you would like to share, we'd love to share it in the newsletter.

The Headliner

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Dear All,

As I write this, it's chilly outside. Most of the leaves have fallen. All of those Studebakers left on those back fence lines are starting to reveal themselves. This is the time of year to be thankful and to draw those near that are dear to us.

Bonnie and I wanted to thank everyone that joined us at our home in Montevallo for our annual Thanksgiving get together. Bonnie put forth a wonderful spread from ham to turkey and all baked things in between.

Our house has been in one renovation mode or another since May, with much left to do, so it was nice to slow down and enjoy good food and friendship with no sheetrock dust. Thanks to all that were able to get out. We are thankful to count you as friends.

We are all excited about our December meeting, once again hosted by Jim and Sharon Standifer at their home near Tuscaloosa on Sunday, December 14th. Sharon always has a wonderful assortment of goodies for us to enjoy, and I look forward to their Studebaker Christmas tree.

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We will have a brief meeting and will discuss activities and events for the upcoming year. I'd also like to discuss how to grow the Chapter and how to work better with the other State Chapters and with other like organizations such as the Avanti Owners Association, the Packard Club, Southland Cruisers, etc. There's strength in numbers!

Bonnie and I are looking forward to seeing all of you on the 14th at Jim and Sharon's!

Best regards,
Ross

DIRECTIONS TO JIM AND SHARON STANDIFER'S HOUSE FOR THE DECEMBER 14TH PARTY

Take the exit onto I-20 W/I-59 S toward Tuscaloosa	 26.4 mi
Take exit 79 for US-11 toward Coaling/ University Blvd	 0.4 mi
Turn right at AL-7/University Blvd/US-11	 1.7 mi
Turn right at 83rd Ave/Cedar Lake Continue to follow Cedar Lake	 0.3 mi
Continue on Cedar Dr	 0.1 mi
Turn left to stay on Cedar Dr	 0.4 mi
Turn right at Hurricane Rd	0.3 mi
Turn left at Keenes Mill Rd	 0.2 mi
Turn right at 72nd Ave E/Olde Mill Trce	404 ft
Turn right at Orchard Mill Rd	0.2 mi

DECEMBER 14TH PARTY DIRECTIONS *continued*

Jim and Sharon's address is 1007 Orchard Mill Road, Cottondale, AL 35453. Their phone is (205) 556-5361. Look for the Studebakers in the driveway!

