

President

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I would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year. Have you made your resolutions yet?

My resolution for the Greater Seattle Chapter is to increase the chapter membership and provide activities that are interesting to both older and younger members. I am going to try to convince my children and grandchildren that "Old School is Cool & Studebaker Invented Cool".

One way to get new SDC mem-

bers is to get involved with local activities. After the Studebaker Christmas Party, with its capacity crowd and good eats, I picked up the gas tank for the first Avanti from James Bell. I delivered it in my 1989 Avanti to the LeMay America's Car Museum, where they will have it restored.

You don't have to deliver a gas tank. There are lots of other things you could do, such as build a pinewood derby Studebaker race car with your grandson, get the family to help with your restoration or just help with detailing your Studebaker.

Another way to get involved is to volunteer to help staff our booth at the Early Bird Swap Meet in Puyallup on February 13 – 14. We will be handing out information about our chapter and the national Studebaker Drivers Club, in an effort to sign up new members. There will be a sign up sheet at our January meeting.

Of course, I am looking forward to the chapter

Meeting northwest author, Lance Lambert, at our January meeting. He will be arriving in his red 1963 Avanti, which is featured in the 2016 AOAI calendar.

After attending the Sunday Early Bird Swap Meet just down the street, why not celebrate Valentine's Day with us at the First Ever Studebaker Valentine's Day party at Charlie's Restaurant in Puyallup? It should be a great party that Clay & Evelyn are hosting. Get your reservations in early, since the restaurant needs to know whether to set up the banquet room for six or sixty, or something in between.

See the Valentine's Day flyer for all the details. Gail and I are going. Hope to see you there.

Studerly, Bob Bryand

Your Dues are Due. . . Yes, your dues are due!

I said "Your Dues are Due"

JANUARY MEETING
SUNDAY THE 10th @ 2 PM
Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant
17100 South Center Parkway, Tukwila, WA

SDC Internationals

June 26-July 2nd 2016	52nd SDC International -Warwick, Rhode Island
June 18-24 2017	53rd SDC International -South Bend, Indiana
September 2018	54th SDC International -Seattle Wa?

Helen Albrecht

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Helen Albrecht. This information was passed on to me by our Mary West, to whom I owe this write-up. Ed.

Helen Marjorie Miller Albrecht, of Sammamish, passed away on Wednesday the 16th of December, 2015 she was 79 years old.

Helen was born on April 8th, 1936 in Pierce, Nebraska, and daughter to Edward and Hattie Miller. She grew up in Pierce where she attended Pierce public schools. She graduated from Sacred Heart Nursing School in Yankton, South Dakota. She met the love of her life, Donavan A. Albrecht, at a dance in Vivian, South Dakota and they were married on June 14th 1958. She had a life of happiness and blessings. They had three beautiful children together, Daniel Joseph, Janita Marie, and John Paul.

Helen and her family moved to Issaquah, Washington in 1969. She worked many years as a charge nurse at Issaquah Villa and 12 years at Marianwood where she made lots of meaningful relationships.

Quote from Helen's retirement party: "The goal of my nursing career has been to make at least one person comfortable. In order to do that - a resident's privacy and dignity must be respected. The principles of Marianwood make it easy to do this and I am proud to have worked here the past 12 years. Thanks again for the most memorable day of my life. - Helen Albrecht"

She was active with her community and had a membership with the Daughters of the America Revolution, Children's Orthopedic Guild and was one of the founding members of Mary Queen of Peace. She was a voracious reader and surrounded herself with stacks of books. She loved to crochet and knit and got much pleasure making and donating hundreds of hats to Children's Orthopedic Guild. Over the years both Helen and Donavan made many friends with the Studebaker Club and traveled across the U.S.A and Canada visiting friends and family. They were charter members of the Greater Seattle Chapter.

Her survivors include, her beloved Donovan, beautiful daughter Janita, brother Harvey Miller, step sisters Susan and Mary and grandchildren

Eric, Emily and Jenny. She is preceded in death by, her son Daniel and son John, her parents Edward and Hattie Plahn Miller and Stepmother Venice.

A viewing will be held on Monday December 21st from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Flintoft's Funeral home with a Rosary at 3:00 pm. A Funeral Mass will be held at Mary Queen of Peace on December 22nd at 11:00 am with a reception to follow. There will be a graveside committal at Lower Hillside Cemetery, Issaquah at 1:45 pm.

For more information, directions please visit our website at www.flintofts.com or call Flintoft's Funeral Home 425-392-6444

The addresses are **Flintofts Funeral Home and Crematory**
 540 East Sunset Way
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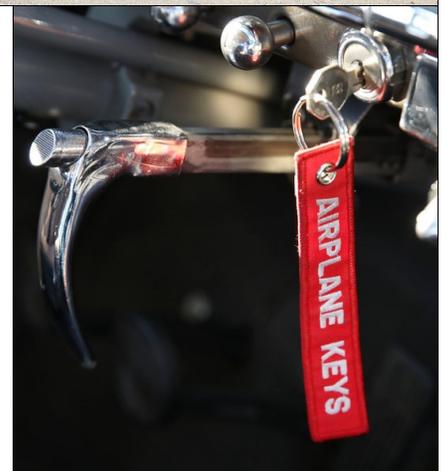
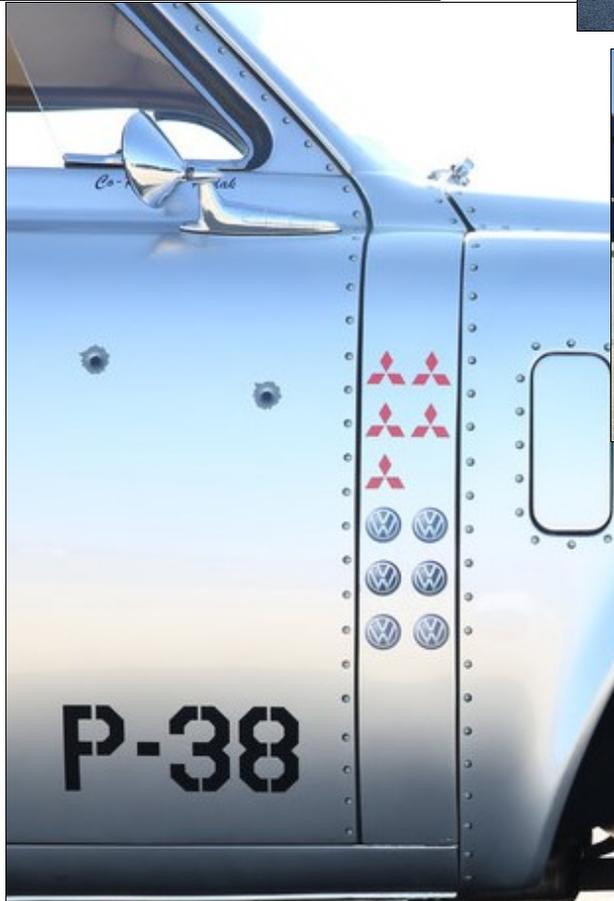
Lower Hillside Cemetery
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Mary, Queen of Peace
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My particular
Fave –check out
this guy's "Kills"
Mitsu's
(Japanese)
and VW's
(German)
Clever!



2016 Greater Seattle Chapter SDC Events Calendar

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	INFORMATION & CONTACT
January	10	Lance Lambert Talk	Old Spaghetti Factory *	2:00 PM	Bob Bryant rbryant1942@hotmail.com
February	13 & 14	Early Bird Swap Meet Chapter Info Booth	Puyallup Fairgrounds	8:00 AM	Bob Bryant rbryant1942@hotmail.com
February	14	Valentine's Party	Charlie's Restaurant **	3:00 PM	Clay & Evelyn Hobelheinrich clayton.evelyn@comcast.net
March	12 & 13	Almost Spring Swap	Puyallup Fairgrounds	8:00 AM	
March	13	Spring Brake Tech Meeting	Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant	2:00 PM	Bob Bryant rbryant1942@hotmail.com
April	9	Hydroplane Museum Tour & Pizza Party	5917 South 196 St., Kent, WA	Noon	Don Andersen djandersen@q.com
May	15	Show Prep & Go Meeting	Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th St, Tacoma	1:00 PM	Bob Bryant rbryant1942@hotmail.com
May	28-29	NW Overdrive	Vancouver Island, B.C.		Vancouver Island Chapter SDC
June	12	Garage Tour	Renton, WA (Subject to change)	TBD	rbryant1942@hotmail.com
June-July	26-2nd	SDC International	Warwick, Rhode Island		www.sdcmeet.com
July	10	All Studebaker Picnic	Mud Mountain Dam	Noon	rbryant1942@hotmail.com
August	5th-7th	CanAm Zone Meet	Kamloops, BC		Southern Interior Chapter SDC
August	13	After Zone Meet Meeting	Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant	2:00 PM	rbryant1942@hotmail.com
August	27	Open House Car Show	LeMay Family Collection Marymount	8:00 AM	lemaymarymount.org
Sept	10	Drive Your Studebaker Day	TBD		
Oct	TBD	Fall Colors Tour	TBD		
Nov	13	Events Planning Meeting	TBD	2:00 PM	
Dec	TBD	SDC/AOAI Christmas Party	TBD		

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1961 Larks

This column is usually technical in nature. I will be writing about '61 Larks so the technical aspect will be year to year parts interchangeability - or not.

I have been driving Studebakers since the '60s. I have had many, many Studebakers - Hawks, Avantis, pickups - but early on I realized the best Studebakers of all were the Lark models.

Having had so many Larks over the years allowed me to appreciate the differences in the model years.

I still say the creation of the '59 Lark from the basic shell of the large '58 sedans was brilliant. (And all that development of the '58 J body hard tops translated nicely into the Lark hard tops.). There were few changes for the '60 models, although a 4 door wagon and a convertible were added.

However - then came the 1961 models. To someone not familiar with Larks - they group '59 through '61 together, in that the basic appearance is similar - the "stubby" Lark look.

I feel that more improvements were made for the '61 models than any other year of Lark. I am talking about "under the skin" changes as opposed to styling changes.

The entire cowl area was changed in 1961. This meant changes to the windshield, dash panel, etc. The brake/clutch pedal assemblies were now pendulum type rather than through the floor. This allowed a firewall mount brake master cylinder. And, if power brake equipped, this allowed a direct acting Bendix Master-Vac booster, an improvement over the previous Bendix HydroVac which was activated by hydraulic brake pressure - meaning it was more complicated.

The cowl re-design enabled a total re-design of the Climatizer (heater) system. The fresh air intake was now at the base of the windshield, with the heater core moved to the underside of the dash on the passenger side. The fresh air intake box required that the windshield wiper motor be mounted on the engine side of the cowl air box, with the wiper linkage mounted within the box. The previous design had a single wall between the engine compartment and the dash underside, with the linkage operating under the dash. Thus much less wiper operating noise was transmitted to the passenger compartment. (Ultimately what I consider to be the final improvement to driver operating comfort came with the 1963 models. The middle section of the body underwent major changes, including a taller, flatter windshield. This allowed parallel action wiper blades.) Another 1961 major mechanical improvement

was the Saginaw recirculating ball steering gear. Much easier to steer and more resistant to wear. Kingpins were modified with a caster change to allow easier steering.

For 1961, the engine compartment inner fenders were much more open since they no longer contained the fresh air vents or the heater core on the passenger side. Thus engine access was improved and now there was room for an automatic transmission dipstick tube to be in the area formerly occupied by the heater core.

Also, for the first time on any Studebaker, a torsion rod was used on the hood to raise and hold the hood without the familiar hood prop rod that all earlier models had.

Thus all of the improvements we typically relate to the 1962 model Larks were actually incorporated in 1961. (Other than the obvious styling changes for 1962, the only notable mechanical upgrade is torsion rods used on the trunk lid.)

1961 was the introduction of the overhead valve "Skybolt Six" in which the previous flathead six cylinder engine was extensively modified to overhead valves. The motoring press was quite complementary about this achievement. It was a good engine, but not as indestructible as the famed Studebaker V-8.

One new body style was introduced for 1961 - the Lark Cruiser. The long wheelbase 4 door Y body had been in production in '59 and '60, but as a taxicab. But now it was elegantly trimmed as a fancy new model. The look of a '61 Cruiser is particularly distinctive when compared to later model Cruisers.

So, as you can see there were many changes in the 1961 models. Thus, when you see an parts ad "Hood - fits '59 - '61 Lark." NO! "windshield - fits '59 - '61 Lark." NO!

Hoods and front panels are '61 only. Front fender assemblies including inner fenders interchange with '62 a '63, excepting molding locations. Windshield fit '61 and '62 only. Sedan and hardtop rear glass is unique to '61. Front doors will interchange '59 -62.

So, the next time you are looking at a '61 Lark, give it the respect it deserves!

B.S. COLUMN

'bout Studebakers
by Jerry Blount



STUDE STUFF FOR SALE

CARS FOR SALE

1946 Champion Skyway Business Coupe Solid all original NW car. Only 2140 of this body style were produced in '46. # speed/od, 60,446 miles on odometer, is radio delete. Some rust in RR fender, on drip rail of trunk. Needs paint and upholstery. Missing one door panel & headliner. Package shelf curtain still there. Runs but needs brakes & has exhaust manifold leak. \$6,000 Photos available. studemary@comcast.net 425-413-3958

1959 Silver Hawk 6 Cyl. 3 spd/OD, HH, Straight body, no rust, never wrecked. Have nearly all trim. Runs & drives. Mechanically restored by Chuck tubens. Everything works. Long list of new parts. Car is still at Tubens home. Also selling off tools and small equipment. Have hydroponics growing equipment. Need place to live and grow, could make them a lot of money! Dave Toney Call anytime 503-701-8675

1960 Hawk Purchased by me in 1963 now at 146,000 miles. Needs paint, engine overhaul and seat re-upholstering. Not driven since stored in my garage in 1987. Includes many uninstalled NOS parts and matching seat fabric. \$7000. Ern Anderson, 425-822-9716

1960 Lark Regal VIII Hardtop Good running V8w/AT, TT. Clean interior, working radio, good glass and chrome, no rust in floor or trunk. A sharp, clean good looking car. Trans shifts ok, but has issues and will need attention in future. White over red. 1st \$4,000 takes.

Will consider trade for decent 1950 Land Cruiser or pre-war, no projects. Scott 503-397-5542

1963 Avanti R2 AT, Red over red, numbers match, newer paint/upholstery Pro maintained. Second in class at two concourses, many show awards. Looks, runs great, 122k miles. Dave 503-256-0229 or ddgay@sbcglobal.net, Leave message.

PARTS FOR SALE

1959 Studebaker 259 V8 engine and automatic transmission \$750 refundable! Engine rebuilt about 30K ago. Head gaskets need to be replaced and needs carb. I can deliver. If you're not satisfied, I will refund some or all your money.

More pictures available upon request \$750 OBO Lee [360 638 0297](tel:3606380297) cell [425 774 2908](tel:4257742908)

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- 1949-53 C-cab grill \$50
- 1937 Coupe Express Trans. \$150
- 1954 Champion 3 spd/od Trans \$50
- 1960 Hawk 3 spd/od \$100
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- 1953-61 C/K back window/trim nice \$100
- 1953 Commander fan shroud \$50
- The Dalles, Or. Steve Hudson 541-993-3540 or: steve-hudson99@hotmail.com

Parted out 1965 Daytona lots of exterior/interior parts. Gas Tank Headlight Bezels (2) Tail-light Housings w/lens & trim (4) Heater core, wipers & linkage (2) Headlight housings (2) Sealed beam lights (2) Steering column wiring Window & door handles (8) Exterior door handles (5)

Black seat belts (6) All parts sold OBO Phil Peters 503-244-1608 pjpeters@aol.com

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OPPORTUNITIE

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

Note: It is a prerequisite that all local members also belong to SDC International. Insurance for club activities is only available through the International Club. Contact national club directly or the local Treasurer for information (given below). **National Member #** _____

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

For information e-mail: sdc@cornerstonereg.com Payment may be made by check or money order (make payable to SDC) in U.S. funds or: new members may use Visa or Master card by calling : **763-420-7829**. Complete this application and send with payment to: **SDC C/O P.O. BOX 1743, Maple Grove, MN. 55311-6715** Annual dues are \$24.00 (1st yr only) \$31 renewal

GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Greater Seattle Chapter dues are due January 1st each year and are for a one year period. Dues are \$25/year for club Newsletter in print, or \$13/year for e-mail version. Dues are prorated per month for dues collected throughout the year. Make check payable to: **SDC GSC**
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