

President

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Another year gone by. Without hardly any meetings. Are we all starting to get bored? Personally I keep plugging away on my '51. But it seems like every item I start in on seems to have problems. One item was the side windows, all of them. One problem I was able to solve kind of ended up as a tech tip. See further along in this newsletter.

I have now included preliminary meeting schedules for 2021. That is a work in progress which Mary is working on. Hopefully we will be far enough along with vaccination to start with meetings in June. Most of us belong to the early vaccination groups. But remember it takes another 5 weeks to be protected after your first shot. And on a somber note, most of us also belong to the group with the highest death rate.

I recently got a letter from the Studebaker Museum. It was addressed to Greater Seattle Chapter SDC. In other words, our club. As so many other organizations, the museum has experienced tremendous financial setback from. The Pandemic. (Their words). In other words they are asking for donations. Under normal conditions we would have taken this up at a normal meeting. However, we discussed it (via email) among most of the club officers and decided on a \$300 donation, which is being sent off.. The club is very solvent so that is not a problem. Checking the bylaws, we can legally do this, without taking it up with the whole membership as long as the money spent is not from member dues.



AND LET'S HOPE WE CAN SOON GET TOGETHER AGAIN

2020 Greater Seattle Chapter Upcoming Events

MONTH DATE EVENT LOCATION TIME INFORMATION & CONTACT

June		TBD			
Jul	'	All Chapter Picnic	Mud Mountain Dam		Mary hosting. 425-4133958
Aug		BBQ and car show	14810 SE Jones Pl, Renton		Durkees hosting
Sep		Cruise and Car show	Bickelton, WA		
Oct		Fall Color Tour			Don Albrecht 425-392-7611
Nov		Election Meeting	29902 176 Ave SE, Kent		Noller's hosting
Dec		Christmas Party 1PM	Sizzler, South Center		GSC hosting

All the above events and dates are preliminary and will be updated when more info is available. Dates prior to June are probably going to be cancelled due to Covid-19

UPCOMING SWAP MEETS

MONTH DATE LOCATION INFORMATION & CONTACT

Sep		Bickleton, WA Flea market and car show	
Sep		Chehalis, WA Swap Meet	
Oct	9-10	Monroe Fall Swap meet	
Nov		Bremerton Swap meet	

OTHER EVENTS

Greenwood Car Show April 24, 2021 for the 33rd Annual

Auburn's 4th of July Car Show Center/Les Gove

Internationals

September	8-11	2021	57th SDC International	Indianapolis, Ind
		2022	58th SDC International	South Bend, Ind

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

By the time you read this 2020 will be over or nearly so. A lot of people are saying good riddance. I have found it to be a good year, but with a few disappointments. I have been able to spend less time with Studebaker and other friends, but have gotten extra time to work on my Studebakers. I was able to install a new top insert in my '32 President. That is a project I had never done before so included some challenges. I, as usual, did not do it the original way, but I think the finished product looks like the original and should perform well. At least I am pleased with it. Now to do the same job on my Pierce Arrow. Now I am experienced so the job should go quicker and with no missteps.

2 Vaccines are now approved for the virus and should be available to the public soon. Even though in the high risk group at age 82, I think I will wait a while to see how well it works and if there are any safety issues. The vaccines were developed and tested quicker than normal and I know that Congress has given vaccine makers immunity from liability. So, I'll see.

The Studebaker National Museum has had

much less income this year. Their normal fund raisers had to be cancelled, so they have asked for donations from the chapters. Your club officers have voted to send \$300 from non dues money in our treasury. Not a lot, but it should help.

Hope you have all stayed safe and healthy during the China virus. Two of our children and their families tested positive and had some symptoms thereafter. Those symptoms could have been cold symptoms or the flu. Will never know, but they are back to normal now. Maybe all those that have tested positive will have immunity and won't need the vaccine.

Here is hoping 2021 is a more normal year and that we can get back to doing our regular outings. I have missed seeing all of you and being able to exchange Studebaker stories in person. I wish you all a joyful and prosperous new year.

God Bless,

Don Andersen

Secretary

Got this from our The President

Happy Holidays. Here is a little something from my Christmas. I got a regift from my dad . In 1975 I bought a grill from Newnan & Altman for my dad for Christmas. I used my paper route money. I was told that it was the last one . And now Jerry Sr. regifted it back to me for Christmas 2020. It sentenced me to have to start on the 58 4X4 .



TECH CORNER (by the editor)

Not sure if anybody need this info. Should apply to 1947-52 hardtop and convertibles. It has to do with the rear quarter window.

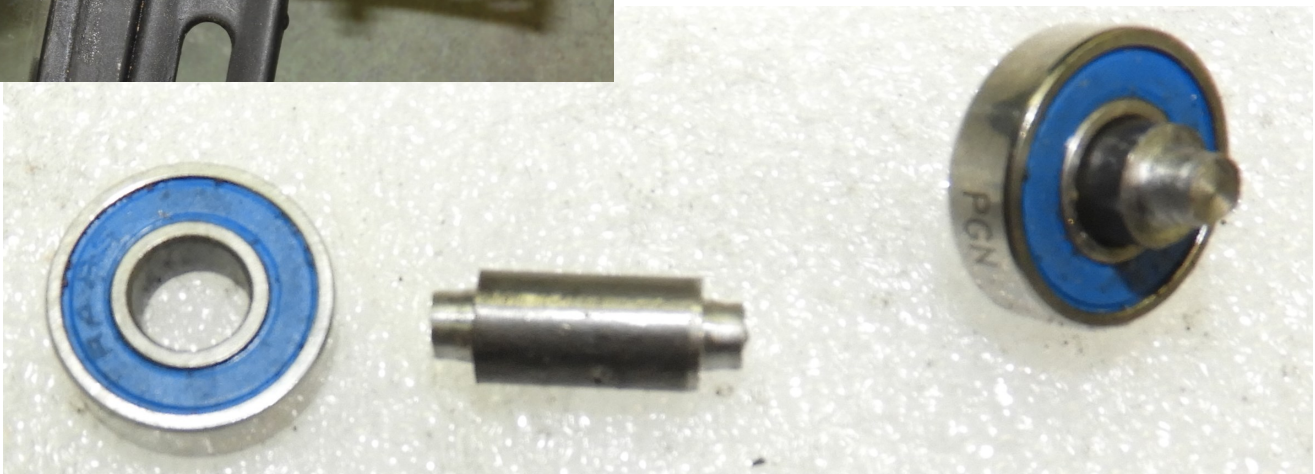
As you know I am still in the process of restoring my '51 convertible. A couple of years ago I was inspecting a few parts in my set of baskets my car came in. I noticed that the door and quarter windows used a set of roller bearings for guidance in the track. 5 for the door windows and 4 for the quarter windows. Basically mine were a heap of rust. Now those door rollers are not separate parts but just part of the window frame as far as part numbers go. But SI did list a roller set for replacements. Probably a common problem with rust. So I ordered and got two sets, figuring the quarter windows used the same, rollers (A set is enough for both sides). Now in the process of installing these rollers, I discovered that I could not get the ones for the rear quarter to fit, no matter how hard I tried.. Finally got out my caliper and started measuring the old and new, Enough left of the old one to actually measuring them. Well it turned out they were of different diameters. 0.70" for the doors and 0.62" for the quarter. 0.08" difference. Why would Studebaker make them different? Or rather why would they make the tracks different with that small of a difference.

Now where could I find those rollers. Not much luck anywhere. Now how could I make new ones. Luckily it was the smaller ones (0.62" roughly) that I needed. That is 5/8". I found bearings 5/8" OD and 1/4" ID without problems. A week later I had a set of 10 for \$12 and change including shipping. Now all I had to do was duplicating the shaft for them. Spent another dollar at the hardware store for a 1/4" steel rod. The next operation required lath to turn down the end of the axle shafts. Here are the dimensions: Total shaft length is 0.660". The ends were turned down to 0.15" for a length of 0.10"

When assemble the shaft and bearing together one should make sure they don't slide. Could be done with epoxy or making some punch marks on the shaft to make a press fit.



Could they be made without a lath? I guess the shafts could have been made 0.2" shorter and drilled a hole 5/32 lengthways through the shaft exactly in the center. And then insert a .5/32"x0.660" rod through the hole. But without a lath it would be hard to center that hole



This just came in from our new member. Thank you

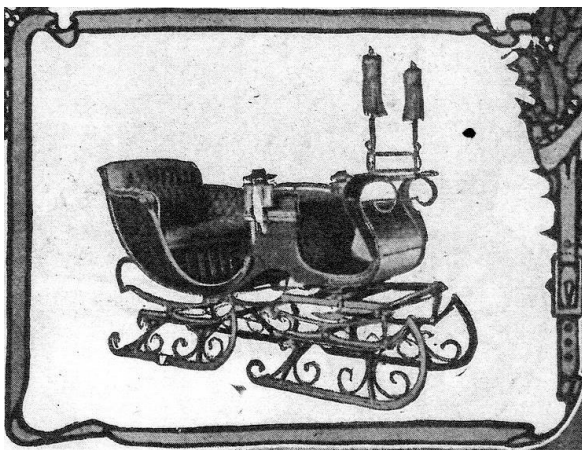
Wagonaire adventures – by Christopher Woodsum

December 2020

My recently de-parted 1964 R1 Wagonaire has provided many good parts and incentive to take on another Wagonaire project. This car towed my small home built camper across country in 2017 - 9250 miles, across parts of 32 states, as far south as Birmingham, Alabama and north to Bangor, Maine. (Turning Wheels July & August 2017) There were never any mechanical problems. The (usually open) sliding roof Wagonaire received lots of attention everywhere I traveled. Now that the remains have departed to a scrap yard the best parts are now in my recently acquired 1963 Daytona Wagonaire. I will soon be able to drive and use this most functional of vehicles. My past Wagonaires have served as work cars, carrying tools and supplies to sites, hauling scrap and junk, taking vintage motorcycles to shows and races, and going to lighted holiday parades with a 6 foot Christmas tree in back. However, significant rust problems resulted in cracks in the rear frame where the spring bolts attach. After some search – and often unrealistic prices, I found one south of Bakersfield that had been sitting in a barn for the last twenty years (\$4,000 plus shipping costs.) The car has a very good body, chassis, motor, and overdrive. My last two Wagonaires had the AT – the lack of gear choices caused poor gas mileage and extra demands on brakes, especially on mountain roads. This Wagonaire has the overdrive, providing gear ratios that allow maximum performance and gas mileage. I always have a tachometer and vacuum gauge to help keep a light foot on the throttle (except when I let the V8 and its large R1 carb unwind – oh what a great sound and feeling!) I am still faced with a slipping clutch that will require attention, so will put in fresh clutch parts as well as pull the pan and replace gaskets and seals. I am 74 so this will be a challenge. I did a complete replacement of the interior as the dry weather and rodents had destroyed the upholstery and most of the vinyl. The underside of the roof is now covered with light gray naugahyde. The deck areas, the door panels and dash are ~~now~~ finished with ¼ inch marine plywood that has a beautiful grain pattern. The interior and exterior are in a two tone gray satin paint. The front seats are two tone gray cloth split bench from a wrecking yard. There is no back seat as that area is covered storage for tools and travel supplies. I removed the sliding roof, cleaned and detailed the nearly 100 parts and installed a new gasket in hopes of reducing Wagonaires tendency to leak. I am leaving the underside of the sliding roof exposed to reveal the overly complicated parts and mechanism used to open and close the roof of this most functional and unique vehicle.

I am generally pleased with the results of my efforts and look forward to being able to use this car as a daily driver and allow me to retire the 1953 Commander Coupe from its daily use. So, when the Covid-19 health crisis is over I will be able to pursue Wagonaire adventures while driving American roads in a Studebaker.

CHRISTOPHER WOODSUM, OLYMPIA, WA



Should have had this Stude for Christmas

STUDE STUFF FOR SALE

Gary Finch's 1955 Studebaker President four door sedan for sale

Full description in previous issues

Gary Finch Spokane WA (509)624 9543

STUDE STUFF FOR SALE

1940 President engine for sale includes block, head, crank, cam, some pistons and rods. Not sure what else is missing. \$100. Also I have some teens or twenties headlight lenses for sale. \$20 each. Two 8 1/2", two 9" and one 8 1/8".

Contact Don Kelstrom at 425-686-2931
dlkelstrom@aol.com

FOR SALE >> 1956 Studebaker Transtar 2E5 1/2-ton short-bed pickup. 185ci 6-cylinder flathead rebuilt mid-1980's during mild restoration, only 10K aprx miles since. 3-speed "on the tree" manual transmission. Original 12-volt electrical system & oil-bath air cleaner. \$15K OBO. Contact Kevin @ inthetreez@comcast.net or 206-953-1612.

FOR SALE: 1955 President 4dr Sedan (late production) V8 Auto PB in storage many years \$ 2,400.00 Gary Finch Spokane WA (509)624 9543

Car has a NOS rear dif, repop huncaps & headlight bezels plus replacement front fenders and loads of extra parts.

Note – See previous page for a photo of Jack's car that many remember as this was a car from the Greater Seattle Chapter, a twin to my car. Also what Gary's car looks like today and a more thorough Description of the condition of the car today

Pair of headlights for '30, '31 and some '32, \$400 for the pair as well as a Radiator for '31 President, \$100.

Don Andersen, 253-854-0678 or djandersen@q.com

FOR SALE: Custom machined Borg-Warner Detroit Gears alignment tool / special tool to align the torque converter to factory specs \$ 350.00 firm + shipping

Gary Finch. g.finch@comcast.net 509-624-9543

Hi, I got an Phone call from Roger Pfeff @ (509)595-0136 he has this 1952 Com. 2dr has not been driven since 1977. It has a 1953 engine he dose have the engine that came with it. 3 speed with overdrive he said he wanted \$5000.00

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ATTENTION:

Don Albrecht is in the process of moving and is therefore reducing a considerable part of his vehicle and parts inventory. Too large to list here. Mostly Lark and Hawk cars and parts. Give him a call or e-mail if you are interested in any. parts or cars.

dhalbrecht@msn.com or : 425-392-7611

1961 Lark 2 dr Sedan, good running, Low mileage, 6/AT—good body, interior, brakes, tires. \$3,500

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Christopher Woodsum. 360-357-8078.

Avanti1947@aol.com (Olympia)

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Paul ppaul51@aol.com

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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

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GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Greater Seattle Chapter dues are due January 1st each year and are for a one year period. Dues are \$12/year and includes a monthly email newsletter. If you do not have an email address and exception may be made for a printed newsletter for an additional \$12. Dues are prorated per month for dues collected throughout the year. Make check payable to: **SDC GSC**

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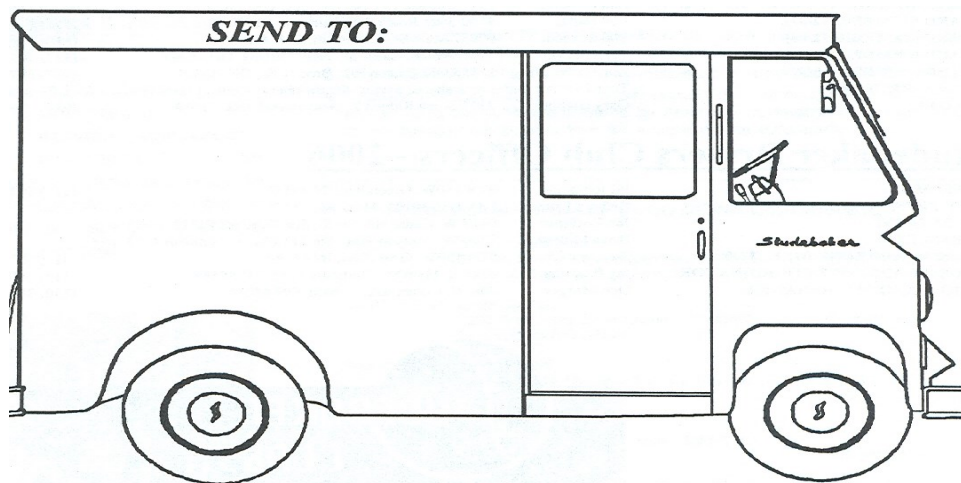
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