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NEXT MEETING - SPRING TOUR 2012

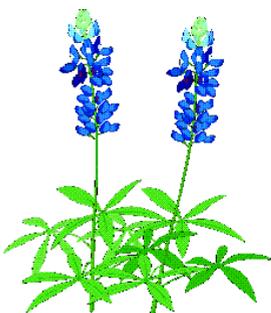
**Highlights: Central Texas/Hill Country Chapters
Spring Tour April 13-14-15 Fredericksburg, TX**

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Our tour will start on Friday April 13, 2012. At **11:30 am** we will meet at the Hill Country Cupboard located at the intersection of Hwy 281 and 290 in Johnson City for lunch. We will leave there about **12:30 pm** and caravan west on Hwy 290 to the President Johnson Ranch where we will see a movie at the visitors center about **1:00 pm**. The movie is about 20 minutes long. We leave there by **1:45 pm** to drive around the ranch past Junction school, LBJ's birthplace, LBJ's grandparents' house, the family cemetery and his show barn, ending up at the Western Whitehouse at about **2:15pm** for our **2:30 pm** private guided tour of the house and grounds. The Whitehouse has a \$2.00 per person admission that we will collect the day of the tour so we can pay them as a group. **Please help us out and have change ready.** The tour of the house is like going back to 1964 and we think you will find it very interesting. We did. It is a very pretty setting and LBJ was pure Texan with lots of character. The house tour takes about 30 minutes. We will leave the Whitehouse and stop at the Johnson family cemetery on the way back to the Sauer-Beckmann living history farm. We will leave from there exiting the ranch on Ranch Road 1 going west to Hwy 290 and on into Fredericksburg to our host hotel. If we have time we may stop at the Wildflower Seed Farm on our way into Fredericksburg and the Peach Inn and Suites or one of our alternate motels. At the Peach Tree Inn we have a separate party building for our hospitality room and banquet. We plan on having the hospitality room open in the morning and evening, and we will have some breakfast foods such as coffee, cereal, milk, juice, yogurt, roll, etc on Saturday and Sunday mornings. **We ask you to bring other goodies for the hospitality room.** Friday evening dinner is on your own and there are several restaurants nearby. The hospitality room will be open Friday evening for your enjoyment.



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SPRING TOUR 2012 - (continued from page 1)

Saturday morning we depart the motel about **9:00 am** for the National Museum of the Pacific War just a few blocks away. The museum covers a city block and is a world class facility. The admission is good for two days so you could go back on Sunday if you do not see it all on Saturday. We have a special group rate of \$8.00 per person that you have paid as part of your tour registration. Lunch on Saturday is on your own and there are many places close by. If you finish up at the Museum there is shopping galore right there on Main Street. You also can drive back out to the Wildflower Seed Farm and enjoy their Spring Festival.



We have catered our banquet with David's Old Fashioned Pit BBQ and we will use the party building at the motel for our banquet and meeting Saturday evening starting about **6:30pm**. We will have the hospitality room going after that. The meal will include three meats, two sides, pickles, onions, sauce, and bread, with tea, coffee, water and soft drinks.

Sunday morning there are plenty of things you can see and do around Fredericksburg or eat a good breakfast and head for home. We will have lots of things to see and do in Fredericksburg in your goodie bag, including a map of the area. **An updated Itinerary will be in the Goodie Bag.**

Goodie Bags will be given out at the start of the Tour or when you join the Tour.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Mark Brians

It is April already and that means that it is time for the Central Texas Studebaker Spring Driving Tour April 13-15, 2012 in Fredericksburg Texas. As I write this we have thirty-five signed up for the tour. We were in Fredericksburg last week and the wildflowers are looking good this year. The peach trees are blooming and everything is nice and green. It should be very nice compared to last summer. We are going back in a few days to nail down the rest of the details.

We have made a change in the start time on Friday to 11:30 am and we leave from Johnson City at 12:30 pm instead of 1:00 pm. Read the Tour Highlights here in the Hubcap for the rest of the minor changes. We also encourage you to bring goodies for the hospitality room.

We needed to arrive at the Johnson ranch at 1:00 pm to make our 2:30 pm scheduled private tour. We took the full tour of the Texas Whitehouse and I think everyone will enjoy it. It is like stepping back in time to 1964.

We went to the Sweethearts and Orphans meet in February in Denton and had a great time. The weather was great and there were about sixty-eight cars there as I counted. We visited with old friends and made some new ones. Sorry we missed you. We enjoyed all the cars and this meet seems to get better each year.

I plan on attending the Bluebonnet Trails Vintage Car Show Saturday April 21st 2012 in downtown Ennis, Texas, which will feature American Independent Automobiles such as our Studebakers. So if you cannot make the Spring Tour, maybe we will see you there. Additional information and a registration form are included in this Hubcap.

Mark



FEBRUARY MEETING - SURREY INN, CALDWELL

Our February meeting was held at the Surrey Inn in Caldwell on Saturday the 11th. We have been there several times and the food is always very good and reasonably priced. (side note: Once upon a time, a long time ago, I taught the owner of the Surrey American history in the eighth grade). Attending the meeting were 32 members and guests from 12 communities and 13 Studebakers. It's always good to have over 30 at these meetings. And we want to welcome new member, Gene Zaleski from Cameron. At this writing there are more than 30 from various chapters going on the Spring Tour.



The Surrey Inn is almost exactly 25 miles from our home in the Brushy Community west of College Station. Since we were meeting so near home, I decided to drive five of our Studebakers. (another side note: four of them made the round trip.) The cars and drivers were: 50 convertible -Bill and Diana Osborne; 50 Champion sedan-B.B. Holland; 51 business coupe-Hazel Holland; 65 Cruiser-Meagan McKellar and Gilbert Sawtelle, 66 Cruiser- Larry and Chris Dover. Others attending and their Studebakers were: 65 Commander -Mark and Lorraine Brians; 49 Champion-Terry Crain and Sandra Kalousek; 64 Hawk-Don Davenport; 66 Commander-Ken and Estella Smith; 55 Commander-Kirk and Lisa Smith; 58 President-Brad Putschat; 50 Champion-Patrick Mahoney; 77 Avanti-Ross Ball. Those driving Brand X's were: Joe and Karen Clark; Buddy and Joyce Pyle; Gene Zaleski; Mick and Sheila Curl, Steven Shore, Barry Hackney; Gary and Donna Lowe and Brianna Truelove.



Some interesting excerpts from *Engelman's Autocraft*, a book published in 1917, copyrighted in 1914:

"Traffic regulations have been adopted in nearly all states—it is well to become acquainted with them. We all know it is unlawful to be without lights after dark. Nearly all states require lamps to be burned on both front and rear of the car from sundown to sun-up."

Don'ts

- Don't drive on in case of an accident.
- Don't fail to be a gentleman under any provocation.
- Don't fail to always release hand-brake before attempting to start.
- Don't ever drive faster than the law permits; it will save you many a fine.
- Don't try to race every car that passes you. "

To be continued.....



CLASSIFIEDS



For Sale:

1947 Texas car license plates, restored, \$100; 1952 Texas Farm Truck license plates, restored \$100; 1938 Texas commercial truck license plates, restored \$100. These are all ready to use with correct colors, straight and nice. Call Mark Brians 254-939-3011

For Sale:

Studebaker new & used parts, chrome plating. Restorable cars for sale: '57 Silver Hawk, '53 Land-cruiser, '54 Commander coupe, '63 Daytona, '52 Champion 2dr, 56 Sky Hawk. Restored '55 Speedster, restored to orig 37 Coupe Exp., See www.Studebakersite.com. Barry Hackney - 281-787-6230



A WARNING FOR CAR HAULERS

By Bill Osborne

How old are your tie down strips??? I recently bought a 1936 Rolls Royce that had been parked in Bryan since 1969. After having it hauled to Bob Barnes at B&B Auto for some awakening, I loaded it on my trailer for the trip to my farm in Louisiana. Tied down with two straps in front and two straps in the rear, I headed off for the four-hour drive. All went well until about five miles from the farm. On a narrow back country road a flock of guinea fowl ran right out in front of me and stopped in the middle of the road. I braked hard to keep from hitting them and felt and heard a loud thud from the trailer. When I looked in the rear view mirror, I saw the front wheels of the Rolls hanging off the front of the trailer. When I went back to see what happened, I found the car four feet forward on top of the wind dam, which had broken off, the front bumper of the Rolls on the bent winch handle and the front axle sitting on the battery case. Both rear straps had broken.



I have hauled cars all over the country with this trailer and straps and never had a problem. I never thought to replace the straps after eight years. Tires, yes! Lights, yes! Brakes, yes! Hitch, yes! But not the straps!

Thanks to good floor jacks and the front end loader on my John Deere, I was able to lift the front of the car, move it back on the trailer and roll it off. I was very lucky. No damage to the car. Another two inches and the trailer jack would have been through that beautiful Rolls Royce grill that is still in perfect condition since 1936. I now have four new industrial grade straps.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS



*For additional information call:
254-939-3011 or 979-846-8455*

April 13-15	Spring Tour in the Hill Country - Details on pages 1 and 2
June 9	Chicken Place, Marlin, TX
July 29-August 4	2012 SDC International Meet, South Bend, IN
August 11	Raymond's Southern Kitchen, Lorena, TX
October 13	34th Annual Picnic at the Hollands', College Station, TX
December 8	Christmas Party - location to be announced

THE HUBCAP

In *The Hubcap*, our goal is to inform club members about club activities, offer news about Studebakers and Studebaker people, along with ideas and comments concerning both. Contributions are welcome from all club members, although we reserve the right to edit and select on the basis of topicality and general interest. Submit material to "The Hubcap", 6224 Los Robles, College Station, TX 77845. We can be reached by telephone at 979/846-8455.

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TECH TIPS

Since you have added air conditioning, a sound system and other power eating accessories, your generator is not able to keep up with the load with only 35 amps output. So you have decided to install a Delco one wire alternator that puts out 60 amps. I use the original generator bracket that bolts to the exhaust manifold.

First, I heat the rear L part and straighten it out flat. Then I measure one inch back from the front mounting hole and center punch a mark for a new 5/16 inch hole. I measure back 3-9/16 inch and mark the rear hole location. After drilling those holes I cut some of the excess metal off at the rear and smooth it up. Then I make a 1-1/4 wide by 1-3/4 tall by 1/4 inch thick piece with a 3/8 inch hole 1-1/2 from the end. The front hole on the bracket also must be reamed to 3/8 inch. I like to bolt the piece and the alternator to the bracket and then tack weld it in place. Then I disassemble and finish welding it.



The pictures show the curve that you need to grind on the tab you welded on and the front part to allow the alternator to swing towards the valve cover for adjustment. This mount gives proper belt position and you usually can use the stock belt. I like to use a 14 gauge nine inch fuse link on the generator output wire to hook to the alternator to protect the wiring.

Please note that your wiring on the car needs to be in good condition as you now have up to 60 amps. It is rare that you will

ever see the full charging current but if your battery is way down and you start the engine up, it can charge hard enough to strain your system. You will need to do away with the voltage regulator by looking in your service manual wiring diagram as it varies. At the very least you must tape up the field wire that went to the generator. I have seen many different brackets to mount an alternator. Some are good, but this one gets it done right. Look at the picture so this all makes sense, I hope. I would hope this helps someone to upgrade their charging system.

Keep those Studebakers rolling!



DON COOPER 1935-2012

Don Cooper of Tyler, Texas, long time member of the Central Texas Chapter and the SDC, passed away on February 24, 2012, at the age of 76. He was born on December 12, 1935, in Henderson, Texas. He was a master mechanic and millwright and retired from Kelly Springfield in 1999. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Laverne Cooper; daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Euel Henry; daughter, Dedran Cooper Levy; one granddaughter, two grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler on February 27, 2012.



Ennis, Texas,
Saturday, April 21st,

2012 Bluebonnet Trails Festival Vintage Car Show

The Bluebonnet Trails Festival Board of Ennis has invited the North Texas Studebaker Drivers Club to help coordinate a car show of Antique American Independent Automobiles (AAIA) from days gone by, i.e. Packard, Kaiser, Nash, Willys, Hudson, Graham, Studebaker, etc. Public viewing is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm on North Main Street West, between Belknap and Baylor Streets in downtown Ennis. Cars may enter the display area between 9:00 and 10:00 AM by traveling along Belknap and turning south onto North Main Street West. Parking attendants will be on hand to assist in positioning cars for display. (consult Ennis map on back of flier).

To stimulate interest, festival visitors will be invited to participate in rating the cars for "People's Choice" awards. It would be nice for car owners to prepare a printed facts sheet about their cars, i.e. production number, accessories, retail price, weight, motor size and horsepower, etc. and display them on a car window or stand. Lunch will be a "Dutch treat" in the festival food court or at one of several downtown restaurants. (list provided in "goody bags along with maps)



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Following the car show, you are invited to participate in a guided tour of a beautiful Ellis County Bluebonnet Trail with photo opportunities along the way from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. This will be followed by a free Bluebonnet Trails Appreciation Dinner and awards presentation at 5:00 pm at the home of Vic and Sandy Pochobradsky, 900 E. Milam, Ennis, Texas 75119, (972) 875-2594.

We have obtained special room rates at Ennis Quality Inn at 107 Chamber of Commerce Drive, I-45 at Highway 34, in Ennis, for participants who would like to arrive on Friday night. Be sure and mention the Vintage Cars Display when calling (972) 875-9641 (before April 6th) for our special rate of \$59.00 + tax. A hospitality room will be available on Friday evening until 9:00 pm.



ANTIQUE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT AUTOMOBILES

Registration for Texas & Oklahoma Owners

Owner Name/s: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home or Cell No. _____

Email Address: _____

Car Club Affiliations: _____

<u>Cars:</u>	Model Yr,	Brand,	Series,	Style
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Please mail this form to: Dale Truitt, 2808 Rix Street, Commerce, TX 75428



