



The Hubcap

Central Texas Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc



NEXT MEETING SPRING TOUR APRIL 11-12-13, 2014

This is a driving tour from Bryan to Huntsville to Woodville to Jasper, Texas, deep in the lakes area of Texas with stops along the way. We have a fun packed trip planned, and it is not too late to join the twenty five people already signed up. Time is short so get your registration in or give us a call now to join in on this adventure. Look for the details and the registration form in this Hubcap. Did I mention we have one master mechanic and one shade tree mechanic (Me) on the tour to keep everybody rolling? We hope to see you soon.

Mark

46TH ANNUAL HISTORICAL PILGRIMAGE CALVERT, TEXAS SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

The Central Texas Chapter has been invited to bring our cars to Calvert's Virginia Park on Saturday, May 3, 2014, to take part in the 46th Annual Historical Pilgrimage. Calvert was founded in 1868 and has a 37 block historic district with many Victorian mansions, churches and businesses restored and still in use.

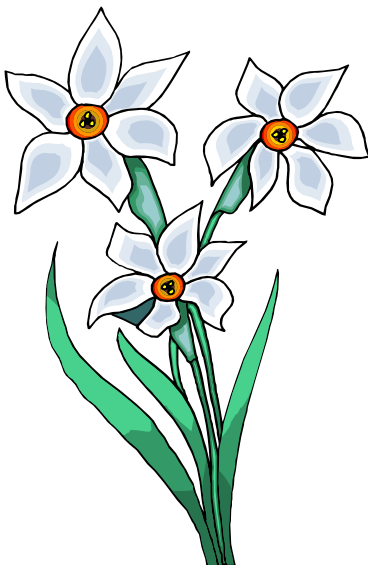
This event is hosted by the city of Calvert and the Calvert Historical Foundation. They will have a tour of 14 Victorian homes and other impressive buildings. There will be arts and crafts and street vendors as well as other activities going on all day. They are still planning this year's events as I write this, but it sounds like a fun way to spend a Saturday. We will get free admission to the tour and a van to take us around. Participants in the car show will be treated to a free lunch.

So put this on your calendar and join us in Calvert. If you think you might come, please let me know so we can give them a heads up on how many might come. Mark Brians 254-939-3011 or Imbrians@hughes.net There will be other car clubs invited to make it even more fun. Thanks!

Mark

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Mark Brians

It's looking a lot like spring here and that means it is almost time for our Central Texas SDC Spring Tour. We are getting ready and have 25 people signed up as of the middle of March. Member, Onnie Weaver in Jasper is planting his garden and he reports the flowers should be spectacular this year. A tour of his spectacular collection of cars is on our agenda for Sunday morning.

We are glad to see winter winding down as it has been a nasty one. It's time to get those Studebakers out of storage and get them ready for the spring tour and upcoming summer meetings and shows. I did not get half the things done I set out to do over the winter but I had fun just the same. We have some exciting meetings and shows coming up and the International Meet in Dover Delaware, though it is a long trip, looks to be a fun packed week. We have our registration in and the motel booked. All I need now is a car to drive, but I am working on that.

I hope to see many of you on the Spring Tour, but if not please make plans to come to the Calvert Historical Pilgrimage on May 3, 2014. We have at least four car clubs and some 40 cars signed up so far

The Central Texas Chapter has purchased ten of the raffle tickets for the silver coin set that the Studebaker National Foundation is selling to raise funds. The raffle tickets will be awarded as door prizes at the Spring Tour and the June meeting in Waco. The drawing is at the International Meet in Dover. Another reason to join us. See you soon.

Mark



FEBRUARY 8, 2014 MEETING

Thorndale, Texas

The February meeting of the Central Texas Chapter in Thorndale was attended by 21 members and guest from 11 cities or wide places in the road. It's always great to see attendance from such a wide area of Texas, especially when you consider the distance, the price of gas and the ages of the cars...and the people.

It was good to see Maxie Morgan of Cameron rejoin the club. We have also had a new member join by mail: Susan Greene of Huntsville. Welcome to both.

The 50/50 drawing of \$46.00 was won by Sheila Curl. Members and guests in attendance were: Mark & Lorraine Brians, Belton, 65 Commander; Terry Crain, Marquez, 51 Champion; Mick & Sheila Curl, Bellville; Ken & Estella Smith, Hempstead, 66 Commander; Ronny Bailey, Bryan; Cory Vickers, College Station; Marvin Winkler, Temple; Larry & Chris Dover, College Station; B.B. & Hazel Holland, College Station; Doyle Hopkins, Georgetown, Avanti; Maxie Morgan, Cameron, 55 President; Gary & Donna Lowe, Belton; Joe & Karen Clark, Cameron; Barry & Pam Hackney, Houston; and guest, Allen Hejl.



CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER SPRING TOUR TOURING EAST TEXAS APRIL 11-11-13, 2014

We are starting our tour on **Friday, April 11, 2014**, by meeting at C & J's BBQ, 1010 South Texas Avenue (Bus. Hwy 6) in Bryan at **11:30 am**. It is just south of the downtown area on the west side of Texas Avenue next to Advance Auto and a bingo hall on the other side. After a good lunch we will hand out goodie bags with tour information and maps. At **12:30 pm** we will leave for Huntsville on Highway 30. We will make a **Quick** pit stop in Roans Prairie on the way for gas and potty break, arriving in Huntsville before 2pm.



We will tour the H.E.A.R.T.S Veterans Museum at 463 Texas 75 N. at **2 pm**, with a Veteran as our tour guide. **Admission for seniors is \$5, Veterans \$4 and Students \$2** and we will pay individually at the door. This large museum has a nice collection of military memorabilia and celebrates our patriotic heritage and the sacrifices made to preserve our freedoms.



When we finish our tour, about 3:30 pm, we will go next door to the Texas Prison Museum for a look at the Texas prison systems 150 year plus history. Admission is Adults \$4, seniors \$3, and children \$2. We will leave the prison museum by 5:00 pm for a short drive to our motel.



We are staying at the Americas Best Value Inn located at 613 south I-45 exit 114 in Huntsville. We have a group rate of \$49.99 for a king and \$59.99 for two Queen Beds plus tax. The rooms are large and have flat screen TV, microwave and fridge. They have a continental breakfast with waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, coffee and rolls served in their breakfast room in the lobby. Friday evening's meal is on your own. There is a seafood/steak house next door, a DQ restaurant just on the other side of I-45, and we will have a big list of places to eat in your goody bag. Lorraine and I will have a hospitality room open in our room after we get back from eating. We are asking people to bring your favorite snack. We will have coffee, water, drinks and goodies.



Saturday

We will gather in the motel parking lot at **8:00 am** and leave for a quick look and picture taking stop at the 77 foot tall statue of the Texas General Sam Houston just a short drive from our motel. We leave the Sam Houston statue at **9:00 am** and head out of Huntsville heading east on Hwy 190. We will make a pit stop somewhere along the way as needed. We continue east about 78 miles taking in the beauty of east Texas in the spring time. We arrive at the Heritage Village at 157 private road 6000 which is about two miles west of Woodville. They have a complete village there from the 1860's to 1900 complete with furnishings. You will be able to slip back in time and experience what life was like before our modern era. Your registration fee of \$15 covers admission, lunch, tax and tip. We will have a Boarding House style lunch in our private room at the Pickett house Restaurant at **11:30 am**. They have a large spread of home cooked food with dessert and drinks all included in our package. After lunch we explore the village until about **3:00pm** and then leaving there about **3:15pm**.



We again head east through Woodville on to Jasper some 30 miles away. The Jasper Inn & Suites is on the right on Hwy 190 just before the intersection of Hwy 96. Our group rate at the Jasper Inn is \$60 plus tax for two beds. They have options to meet your needs so ask when you call in your reservation. Niru Patel is there to help at **409-384-9021**. We check in and rest before our meeting and banquet next door at the Bella Sera Italian restaurant at **6:30pm**. We will order off the menu. You may be eating light after that big lunch. After our meal and meeting, we will have a hospitality room open at the Jasper Inn.

Sunday

Breakfast is at the restaurant at the Jasper inn. They have good food, reasonably priced. About **9:00am** for those who want to visit Onnie and Virginia Weaver's private car collection of Studebakers, Nash, AMC and Chryslers, we will leave for a 27 mile drive up to Wiergate, Texas. After coffee we say our good byes and head out for home. I plan to drive back west on R255 across the Lake Sam Rayburn dam and dropping back into 190 at Woodville. For those who must head home early Sunday, we will see you at our next meeting. We think this will be a great tour and deep east Texas is so lush and green this time of year. The dogwoods are blooming and Woodville is called the dogwood capital of Texas. **Sign up and come join us April 11-12-13 2014.**

Goody bags will be given out at the start of the tour or when you join us and they will have the latest itinerary, maps and pamphlets.

Your tour team, Mark & Lorraine Brians



2014 CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS



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

April 11, 12, 13 Spring Tour to East Texas (Bryan to Jasper with stops in between.

May 3..... Calvert Historical Pilgrimage, Calvert, Texas

June 14 Saturday, 1 pm, Quaker Steak and Lube, 2805 W. Loop 340, Waco. Order from menu.

June 29-July 5 50th International SDC Meet, Dover, Delaware

August 9 1 pm, Texas Grill, Hwy 71 at Hwy 101 West, Bastrop, Cafeteria style

October 11 Hollands' at College Station

December 13 Christmas Party, Brians' at Belton



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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Central Texas Spring Tour Registration to East Texas April 11-12-13, 2014

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ zip _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Tour registration Fee: Single \$5.00 Family \$10.00 \$ _____

Heritage Village with Pickett boarding house lunch:

\$15 per person for adults and \$8 for kids 5 to 11, Adults # ____ X 15 \$ _____

Children # ____ X 8 \$ _____

Total Submitted \$ _____

Motel: Friday 4-11-14 Huntsville

Americas Best Value Inn. 6131, I-45 south Huntsville **Call 936-295-9151** Please be sure to mention that you are with the Studebaker Club for our group rate. Rooms are \$59.99 for two Queen beds or a king bed for \$49.99 for two people plus Tax. The cutoff date for our block of rooms is **March 28, 2014**, at this rate. 24 hour cancellation before 4 pm on 4-10-2014, in case something comes up.

Motel: Saturday 4-12-14 Jasper

Jasper inn and Suites hwy. 190 Jasper **Call 409-384-9021**. Please mention that you are with the Studebaker Club for our group rate. Rooms are \$60 for two persons plus tax. The cutoff date for our block of rooms is **April 1, 2014**, at this rate. Cancellation is by 6 pm 4-11-14, in case something comes up.

Banquet:

Bella Sera Italian Restaurant next to Jasper Inn. Individual checks.

***** Cut off for registration is April 4, 2014*****

Send form with check payable to Central Texas SDC to Lorraine Briens 7156 W FM 436, Belton Texas 76513 Phone 254-939-3011



TECH TIPS By Mark Brians

This time I have a few smaller tips. I went to take a tail light lens off and found that one screw was stripped out and was held in by dum dum putty no less. The original screw was an 8-32 fillister Phillips head. I tapped the hole out to a 10-32 screw okay, but a 10-32 fillister head screw is too big to go into the recess of the plastic lens and also too tall. These plastic lenses will crack if you try to do anything but ream the hole. What I did was take a 10-32 stainless screw the right length with a flat Phillips head that was way too big and make it into a fillister head small enough to fit the lens. I carefully chucked it into a drill and spun it against an electric grinder wheel slowly reducing its size and making it sides flat until it fit the lens. Because it was not too tall to start with, it fit into the lens perfectly and looks the same as the other screw.



I went on E-Bay Motors looking for replacement bulbs for car instrument lamps. I found that there is a very wide array of LED bulbs out there that I have not seen at any auto parts stores to replace incandescent bulbs. I have found some bulbs that fit the small two pin sockets like a 53 bulb that have a LED with a focusing lens that are super bright and have no heat and use very little power. I found they are perfect for turn indicators and high beam indicators on our old cars that have very small dots or arrows. They appear to be three times as bright as the old bulb, which sure helps to see them. They are 12 volts negative ground. They will work on 6 volts but not the 6 volts positive ground. I am still looking at other bulbs and will look at them in future tech tips. Keep those old cars driving.

Mark



