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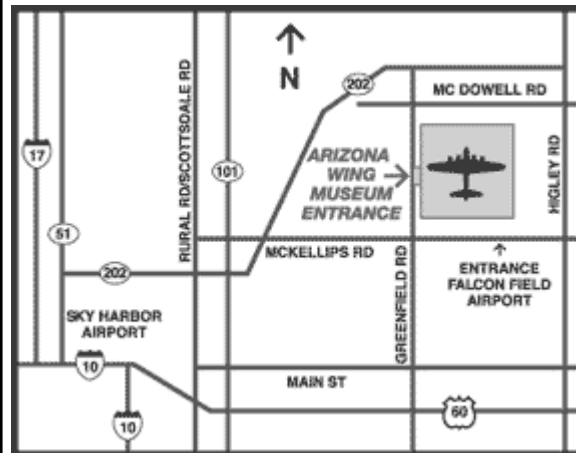


SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

at the
**Arizona Wing Museum of the
Commemorative Air Force**
Home of "Sentimental Journey"

at the intersection of Greenfield & McKellips Rds., Mesa, Arizona



- ◆ The entrance for Studebakers only is on Greenfield Rd. just north of McKellips Rd. at the west rolling gate.
- ◆ All Studebakers must be in the display area by 10:00 AM and stay until 2:00 PM. Awards will be presented at 1:00 PM.
- ◆ Parts can be vended in the display area from the trunk of your Studebaker or from the bed of a Studebaker truck.

◆ There is no registration fee;

however, to help the Wing maintain the Sentimental Journey and other historic aircraft, members and guests will be charged a \$5.00 admission fee to the Museum and grounds.

- ◆ Bring a picnic lunch or go across the street to several fast food restaurants. Canopies for shade and chairs will be provided.

*Fun Judging! Dash plaques! Raffle! Swap Meet!
All Studebakers and related makes welcome!*

Editorially Speaking

Many members collect Studebaker models and toys as another pursuit in the enjoyment of the hobby. Every once in a while, one will come across a toy at an antique store or garage sale that is not in the best of condition and the temptation is to restore it. But should an old toy be restored? Bruce Slifer attempts to answer that question in an article on page 8. If you are interested in collecting models and toys there's information on the same page about joining the Toy Studebaker Collectors Club. Beginner and serious collectors would enjoy Jim Geary's *Studebaker Toy Treasures*. The Chapter has the book available for \$39.95 and you can pick up a copy at our March event.

Larry has good news in his message about the Chapter's search for an International Meet venue. The next few years will be exciting ones for the Chapter as we prepare to welcome SDC members from around the world to our area. Hope you are thinking about how you can help in the endeavor.

Thanks to this month's contributors - Larry Vahe, Richard Dormois, Steve Fein, Steve Piper and Bruce Slifer. See you all at March Madness.

Chris

GCSC CALLING CREW

One of the following members may be calling you during the year about Chapter meetings and events. Dick Eichof, Paulette Fein, Bill Lynch and Dennis Lynde volunteered at the February meeting to serve as the Chapter's calling crew. A big thank you to each for agreeing to help out.

2007 Great Race

The 2007 Great Race route begins in Concord, North Carolina on June 30th and ends in Anaheim, California on July 14th. The schedule includes stops in Arizona, one being an overnight stay in Flagstaff on July 11th. It is not known at this time if any Studebakers will be entered in the race.

Information and entry details are available on the Great Race website <http://www.greatrace.com>.

Visit the Chapter website at
<http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com>

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President's Message

Well, February has come and gone and our club participated in a tour to Wickenburg, AZ and a fine dinner meeting at the Home Town Buffet. I can also attest to the fact 'winter' is almost over as the landscapers in Prescott are starting to plant annuals. They are not about to do any planting if they thought we were in for more cold, snowy weather so I can only go by what the Prescott landscapers do. So much for Punxsutawney Phil, we have Prescott Pete the Landscaper!

Since Dennis Lynde is now gainfully employed, Steve 'Honolulu' Fein graciously stepped in and acted as tour master for the Gold Rush Parade in Wickenburg. This year's turn out was slightly less than in prior years with just six Studebakers making the trip. It was also suggested we move the rendezvous point Cave Creek/Hwy 74 since it is more central for more members and only one member was at the McDonald's. From all accounts everyone had a good time and met for a picnic lunch afterwards.

The meeting at the Home Town Buffet was well attended with a number of members driving their Studebakers. Some that I remember were Chris and Chuck with their '66 Cruiser. Larry and Denny drove their respective '64 Avantis and Frank van Doorn from Lincoln, NE drove his '41 Commander. Now there's a drive just to have dinner! For those who attended the great meet in Omaha Frank was in charge of the concours and related parking. Unlike years past we did not have a guest speaker but a lively business meeting was held. The International Meet in South Bend was featured along with lots of hand-outs about the meet and South Bend. Also a topic of discussion was discussing our own efforts to secure a venue for us hosting the 2010 meet. Meetings have been held with the Phoenix Glendale Renaissance Hotel and a contract appears to be forthcoming. It would be a terrific site as the hotel is situated adjacent to the Cardinal's football stadium and Westgate/Cabelas. Under discussion would be holding the concours in the parking lot of the stadium. Also discussed was printing business cards for the chapter so members could pass them out to prospective members, etc. Chris will have some printed and they should be available at the next meet. Look and ask for them at the chapter table.

In terms of upcoming events, Denny Lockmon gave a preview of things to come, starting with the All-Arizona Studebaker Gathering (March Madness) at the Commemorative Air Force Wing Museum at Falcon Field. Richard Dormois and Larry Vahe will open the gates at 10 AM for all those who wish to drive their Studebakers in to the museum. Please see the upcoming events section for details as to time and place. The April meet will be at the house of George Gezelius so please look for details in upcoming events. It was also mentioned that a splendid site for the 35th Anniversary meeting of our club would be at the Renaissance Hotel this coming October. It would be good timing as the hotel is scheduled for completion in September, 2007. If everything goes as

CELEBRATE!



March Birthdays

6	Gary Smith	19	Tom Carter
8	Vicki Conley	20	Michael Holub
11	Marisa Carter	20	Pres Connolly
11	Linda Peck	21	Ruth Pike
11	Cheryl Ray	22	Dick LaTorre
15	Jane Wold	24	George Van Zee
16	Bob Brown	28	Mike Lynch
18	Kay LaTorre		

March Anniversaries

1	Lyle & Gale Piggott
3	Larry & Pat Swanson
4	Harold & Deanna Manley
16	Larry & Ruth Cushing
17	Bud & Kathy Becklund
18	Rob & Cheryl Ray
18	Terry & Carol Stines
23	Walter & Nicki Ready
31	Ronald & Vicki Conley

Congratulations for 40 years of SDC Membership

Jon Carter
Ken Michael
Bruce Wheeler

Are you a 40 year member? Contact the editor and you'll be recognized, too.

The Chapter wishes a speedy recovery to John Verrill who had shoulder surgery, **Barbara Robbin** who had back surgery and **Jan Lockmon** who was hospitalized for breathing problems.

2007 Chapter dues are due. Please send your check for your dues with the application on the last page of the newsletter to the address on the application.

All Chapter members must be members of SDC and if your SDC dues have lapsed please include \$27.50 with your Chapter dues. Thank you.

planned, we'll look to hold our anniversary meeting there. Thanks again to all who attended our February events and hope to see you all again on March 24 at Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ.

Larry Vahe

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC was called to order by President Larry Vahe at 6:00 PM, Saturday, February 17, 2007 at the Hometown Buffet, I-17 and Bell Road, Phoenix. Appreciation was shown for Hosts Paulette and Steve Fein. Denny Lockmon introduced special guests Liz and Frank Van Doorn, Omaha, Nebraska, who drove their 1941 Champion to the meeting.

Motion was made seconded and passed that the minutes of the January Chapter Meeting in Mesa be accepted as published in the *Echo*.

Chuck Collins reported that the chapter has assets of \$10,809.37.

Chris Collins welcomed new articles and advertising for the *Echo* and solicited changes in the roster to be published soon. She asked for volunteers for a calling staff. Bill Lynch, Dennis Lynde, Paulette Fein and Dick Eichof volunteered. There was a discussion of our business cards, recruiting post cards from '92, the Twenty One and Under Program and flyers were circulated on the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet and March Madness. A sign up roster was passed about for March Madness judging and awards.

Denny Lockmon discussed March Madness, raffle donations, awards and judging. April chapter meeting is at George Gezelius' home. May is a poker run in Sun City. Possibly something at the Pavilions, a July event in Payson with Ken Michael, Steamers and a dual event with the Hudson Club were discussed. Scott and Barbara Grainger will host November and the Krouliks will host the Holiday party in December. Denny also reported on the Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council meeting and attendant emissions legislation and the Sanderson Ford, Kiwanis and Westgate Car Shows.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$100.00 to the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet and \$105.00 to SDC for awards sponsorships.

Steve Fein reported that the Gold Rush Days parade in Wickenburg was a success with George Gezelius driving a Ford Country Squire, Pres Connolly a '57 Silver Hawk, Steve Fein a '66 Cruiser, Dick Eichof, his M5 pickup, Bill and Mary Cervini in their Avanti and John Verrill in his black GT Hawk. Some had a picnic later on the way home. He also talked about name badges for your car and the March 7 '07 Hagerty Insurance collector car show in Phoenix (Arizona Collector Car Appreciation Day) and thanking the governor for her support of old car legislation.

Larry Vahe and Richard Dormois reported to the membership that negotiations had been concluded with The Phoenix Glendale Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center and the 2010 meet committee will make a proposal to the SDC Board of Directors on February 28, 2007, to host the 2010 Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet in Glendale, Arizona, May 31 - June 5.

Chris Collins brought up buying a library subscription of *Turning Wheels* for a local library, possibly East Valley Institute of Technology and/or Metro Tech High

School.

Denny Lockmon circulated a proof of the attractive dash plaque designed for March Madness.

Frank Van Doorn won the Studebaker driver's prize and Michell Eastburn won \$36.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Mr. Vahe adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM.

Submitted by Richard Dormois

In attendance were: Eric, DeAnna & Robert Richardson, Bill Snider, Corlean & Dan Kuhl (1977 Avanti), Larry Vahe (1964 Avanti), Steve & Paulette Fein (1966 Cruiser), Bill & Dolores Lynch, Larry & Pat Swanson, Willard & Ruth Pike, Ron & Sherry Watson, Linda Saar & Dennis Lynde (1963 GT Hawk), Claudia Robinette, Richard Dormois, Al & Anna Riedel, Denny & Jan Lockmon (1964 Avanti), Gary & Sandie Keating, Frank & Elizabeth Van Doorn (1941 R2 Champion), Chris & Chuck Collins (1966 Cruiser), Brian & Aleta Millette, John & Fran Rebstock, Dick & Marybeth Eichof, Bill & Peggy Eastburn and granddaughters Domenica & Gwen (1964 Wagonaire), Michell Eastburn, Kolton & John Kroulik, Ron & Vicky Crowe.

Addition to January's meeting highlights - Don Robertson was the recipient of the Studebaker driver's prize and Mark Talbot, Dan Talbot's grandson, won \$103.00 in the 50/50 drawing. You may remember Dan brought his 1902 Runabout to the January car show. Congratulations to both.

Past Event Report

Wickenburg Parade

By Steve Fein

The weather was ideal when 7 chapter members with 6 cars attended the 2007 Gold Rush Parade in Wickenburg on February, 10th.

Attending with their cars were Steve Fein (1966 Cruiser), Dick Eichof (1947 M-5 Pickup), Bill & Mary Cervini (1964 Avanti R2), Pres Connolly (1957 Silver Hawk), John Verrill (1962 GT Hawk) and George V. Gezelius (1970 Ford Country Squire). George needed to leave his Bullet Nose home after it developed generator problems.

After the parade the following members met for a picnic at the rest stop south of Wickenburg - Dick Eichof, John Verrill, George Gezelius and Steve Fein.

Order your Chapter name badge by contacting Chris Collins at 602-995-311 or chuckstude@juno.com. The price of each badge is \$5.00 and the badge comes with a pin back.

You can also order a badge with the model of your Studebaker engraved on it which you can affix to your engine compartment or another place in your car for identification purposes. It will come without a pin back.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 5** ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL (AAHC) MEETING, 7:30 PM AT DON SANDERSON FORD, 5300 NW GRAND AVE, GLENDALE. INFO: GEORGE WOODS 480-473-0946. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.
- MARCH 7** ARIZONA COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY. SEE PAGE 7 FOR INFORMATION.
- MARCH 11** **BOARD MEETING 1:30 PM. LOCATION TBA. INFO: LARRY AT 480-694-3899**
- MARCH 17-18** PARTS EXCHANGE SPONSORED BY THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB AT GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SWAP SPACES \$35 EACH BOTH DAYS. CAR CORRAL \$10 BOTH DAYS. INFO: 623-934-6092
- MARCH 18** WINTER MEET 2007 HOSTED BY THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER AT THE PETERSEN MUSEUM, 6060 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES. NO PRE REGISTRATION. PAY \$15.00 AT THE GATE. \$15.00 PER SPACE FOR VENDORS. INCLUDES ONE FREE PASS TO MUSEUM. NO VEHICLES MAY ENTER SHOW FLOOR AFTER 10:00 AM. INFO: CONTACT ANDREA 'ENTHAL AT 818-889-9880 OR AENTHAL@YAHOO.COM
- MARCH 24** **ALL-ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING AT THE COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE WING MUSEUM AT FALCON FIELD, MCKELLIPS & GREENFIELD RDS IN MESA. MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THINK OF A FUN AWARD TO CREATE AND PRESENT FOR THE FUN JUDGING. DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE ARE WELCOME AND YOU CAN BRING YOURS THE DAY OF THE EVENT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT JUDGING AWARDS OR RAFFLE ITEMS CONTACT DENNY LOCKMON AT 623-974-5424 OR AT LOCKMON@COX.NET. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**
- MARCH 25** **ANNUAL VALLEY OF THE SUN KIWANIS BBQ & CAR SHOW AT PERA CLUB, 1 CONTINENTAL DR., TEMPE. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFO OR CALL CHRIS AT 602-995-5311.**
- APRIL 21** **CHAPTER MEETING AT GEORGE GEZEILIUS HOME IN MESA. POT LUCK SUPPER. INFO IN APRIL ECHO OR CONTACT EDITOR AT 602-995-5311.**
- MAY 27** 33RD ANNUAL LA PALMA STUDEBAKER SHOW HOSTED BY THE ORANGE EMPIRE CHAPTER AT LA PALMA PARK, ANAHEIM. \$25 ENTRY FEE FOR JUDGED CARS, \$20 FOR DISPLAY. INFO: GORDON BRICKEN 714-835-0249 OR GBRICKEN@AOL.COM
- JUNE 8-10** 4TH ANNUAL SHOW LOW DAYS "STILL CRUIZIN" CAR SHOW AT SHOW LOW CITY PARK. ENTRY FEE \$30 PRIOR TO MAY 1ST, \$40 AFTER MAY 1. MANY ACTIVITIES ALL 3 DAYS. SEE FEBRUARY ECHO ONLINE OR CONTACT MALCOLM STINSON AT 928-532-0942 OR STUDEBAKERSW@CYBERTRAILS.COM
- JUNE 18-23** **SDC 43RD INTERNATIONAL MEET IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. "WELCOME HOME" HOSTED BY THE STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM. ONLINE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION AT HTTP://WWW.STUDEBAKERDRIVERSCLUB.COM OR SEE RECENT TURNING WHEELS. IF THERE IS INTEREST IN CARAVANING TO SOUTH BEND CONTACT CHRIS COLLINS AT 602-995-5311 OR CHUCKSTUDE@JUNO.COM**
- JULY 14** **CHAPTER EVENT IN PAYSON AT MAZATAL CASINO HOSTED BY KEN MICHAEL. MORE INFO SOON OR CONTACT KEN AT 928-474-707.**
- SEPTEMBER 14-16** PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET HOSTED BY THE SAN JOAQUIM CHAPTER IN SELMA, CALIF. "STUDEBAKER HEAVEN IN 2007" AT HOLIDAY INN SWAN COURT. INFO: DEBBIE RAIMONDI AT 559-313-9107 OR DEBMED1959@MSN.COM

Take your Stude out to one of the Valley's cruise nights!

MARCH EVENTS

March 24 ALL-ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING

The Grand Canyon State Chapter hosts the annual March Madness event at the Commemorative Air Force Wing Museum at Falcon Field Municipal Airport from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturday, the 24th. The Museum is located at 2017 N. Greenfield Rd. in Mesa. There will be fun judging and awards, swap meet and a raffle. Members can vend parts out of the trunk of their Studebaker or bed of a Studebaker truck on display. Bring a picnic lunch or go across the street to several fast food restaurants. Falcon Field has a restaurant on site, as well. Canopies will be set up for shade so bring chairs.

The Wing personnel request we have all Studebakers in the display area by 10:00 AM and stay until 2:00 PM. The awards will be presented at 1:00.

The entrance for Studebakers only is on Greenfield Rd. just north of McKellips Rd at the west rolling gate. Other vehicles are to park in the Museum's public parking area and can enter at the PX and Gift Shop from Greenfield Rd., also just north of McKellips Rd.

There is no registration fee for this event; however, to help the Wing maintain the Sentimental Journey and other historic airplanes, members and guests will be charged a \$5.00 admission fee to the museum and grounds (simply say you are there for the Studebaker show).

For info contact Denny Lockmon at 623-974-5424 or at lockmon@cox.net.

March Madness Fun Judging Awards & Raffle Prizes

Several members have volunteered to sponsor fun judging awards and anyone else wanting to so still can. Just think of a fun or unusual judging category, make or buy something appropriate for the award, then look at all the Studebakers at the event and choose a winner for your award which you will present.

Prizes for the raffle are also welcome and if you have a nice white elephant, Studebaker part or a donation from a business please bring it to the event or drop it off with one of the board members.


March 25 KIWANIS BBQ & CAR SHOW

The Valley of the Sun Kiwanis hosts its annual BBQ and car show on Sunday, the 25th at the PERA Club from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. The car show entry fee is \$8.00 and, as is the tradition, Sid Rosen will provide tickets for the barbecue lunch to members who display their Studebaker.

The PERA Club is located at 1 E. Continental Dr., west of 68th St. between McKellips and McDowell Roads in Tempe. Plan to arrive around 9:30 and bring your chairs. The Chapter will provide a canopy for shade.

Contact Chris Collins at 602-995-5311 or chuckstude@juno.com to reserve your spot for the show if you did not receive a registration form in the mail. The Chapter will compete in the car club challenge so please plan to attend.

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311				1	2	3
4	5 AAHC Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
11 Board Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24 March Madness
25 Kiwanis BBQ & Car Show	26	27	28	29	30	31

SDC NEEDS YOU

By Richard Dormois

SDC needs you to donate automobiles, handcrafted items, luxury vacations, services, memorabilia, literature, parts, toys or anything of significant value to the SDC National Auction, Wednesday June 20, 2007 at the Century Center in South Bend, Indiana. Your donations will be tax deductible as proceeds are going to the Studebaker National Foundation, a 501 3.c non profit organization.

If you need help getting your donations to South Bend call Meet Chairman Phil Brown in Indiana at 574-674-0084, Foundation President Chester Bradfield in Virginia at 800-296-3731, Auctioneer Lanny McNabb in Tennessee at 423-886-2357 or Sale Manager Richard Dormois in Arizona at 480-827-8178.

Thank you for your support.

21 and Under Program

In last month's ECHO there was an article by Joe Roberts about SDC's new 21 and Under Program. The aim of the program is to recognize young people 21 and younger who drive a Studebaker to a national, regional or local event with a specially designed t-shirt.

The Chapter requested and received t-shirts for March Madness and will give a shirt to anyone in this age bracket who drives a Studebaker or related vehicle to the event. If you have a child, grandchild or neighbor who is qualified to drive and you feel would enjoy driving your Studebaker, please have him/her bring you to our gathering. We'll give the young person a t-shirt and our thanks for participating.



Studebaker in Print

Steve Piper spotted this news item in the Prescott Courier on February 14th. The Prescott Courier was established in 1882.

From their archives they print a section called: "Today in History". This is an entry for the 14th -

Feb 14, 1932...Charles G.Riebeling, Prescott Studebaker Dealer, today unloaded three new Studebaker Commanders, all of them sedans in French brown, and having a hundred and one horsepower each.

*Help Keep America Beautiful,
Drive a Studebaker!*

Arizona's Inaugural Collector Car Appreciation Day

On March 7, 2007, beginning at 11:30a.m, Hagerty Insurance hosts an collector car gathering at the Wesley Bolin Plaza near the State Capitol to celebrate great cars and enjoy the company of fellow hobbyists!

Governor Janet Napolitano has been asked to officially proclaim March 7 "Arizona Collector Car Appreciation Day" to celebrate Arizona's contribution to automotive heritage.

The governor and numerous state legislators have been invited to attend the celebration and enjoy some of Arizona's most beautiful collector vehicles. Lunch will be served and hobbyists will have the opportunity to bring the issues that are important to them directly to their representatives in state government.

Hagerty is dedicated to promoting favorable public policy for the collector vehicle hobby and want your legislators, the media, and enthusiasts across the country to know that you are, too.

Collector vehicles will be parked on sidewalks within the Wesley Bolin Plaza across from the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix. Space will be limited. RSVP to Rory Carroll 231-922-8805 or Rcarroll@hagerty.com and plan to arrive early. Cars will be on display in a setting similar to a car show or cruise in.

Please visit www.hagerty.com/advocacy for updates on Arizona Collector Car Appreciation Day.

SAC OFFICERS ELECTED

The Southern Arizona Chapter elected new officers at its annual January banquet on the 22nd. Congratulations to the following as they begin their two year term in office -

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Maggie Wheeler | President |
| Chris Lillie | Vice President & Tourmaster |
| Rosalie Torske | Secretary |
| Chuck Stanford | Treasurer |
| Louise Stanford | Membership Director |
| Bruce Sandburg | Historian |

Gail Ault continues as editor of the *Copper Starlight*.

INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.arizonawingcaf.com> Commemorative Air Force web site

<http://blogs.automobilemag.com/1011089/editors-soapbox/mercedes-benzs-connection-with-studebaker-packard/index.html> Studebaker/MB story

VALUE AND DESIREABILITY, WHO'S TO SAY

By Bruce Slifer

We are all familiar with the restoration of our favorite Studebaker car or truck. After all, you can't expect a 40, 50 or 60 year old vehicle to remain in pristine condition forever. Paint cracks, chips and fades. Upholstery wears. Mechanical components wear or fail. We think nothing of spending thousands of dollars to bring our "babies" back to, I might say, better than new. You wouldn't want to get laughed off the judging field, would you? You rationalize that eventually everything needs to be restored. Automobiles, trucks, antiques, furniture, etc because they need to be brought back to their original appearance in order to be appreciated.

Why is it then that to restore a toy is sacrilegious? My God, if a toy has been restored it certainly can't be worth very much. To restore a toy is to defile its very being. Toys are better left with chipped or worn paint, broken or missing parts and, in many cases, just plain dilapidated. Why is that? You wouldn't leave your 1931 President Roadster in that condition. Or your 1941 M-15. Or your 1958 Hawk. Why is it then a crime to properly/correctly restore a toy in need of loving attention. Ernie Loga, Marv Silverstein and dozens of other individuals have taken toy examples that many of us would have trashed and lovingly and painstakingly brought them back to a second, third or fourth useful life. They may not have always been restored back to their original configuration. But then again, aren't there those among us that "modify" their real Studebakers?

But, before I digress, let me say that as with all material things there are certain toys that should remain unrestored. There are those that because of age, rarity, fragility or are just plain too nice should not be restored or tampered with. As with all things, common sense is the determining factor.

Ok, let's get down to the different toy categories I have defined: Modern Diecast, Tin, Pressed Steel, Plastic and Plastic/Resin Kits, Other: wood, plaster, glass or ceramic, and Old Cast.

Modern Diecast (Shrock, Spec Cast, Johnny Lightning, Liberty Classics, Crown Premium, modern Matchbox and others): I am sure that as these toys get older restoration will be feasible. For now, these toys are plentiful enough and available to the point where even a 20 year old toy can be purchased new in the box (thanks to the collecting craze of the '80s and '90s). So why spend the time and money to restore one?

Tin (AMB, Yonezaw, USAGIYA, LineMar, Marx, S.S.S., Gescha, GW, MSK, Marusan and others): Plain bodies and chassis can be easily repainted and polished bumpers and trim can be carefully removed and repolished. Care must be taken when bending the chassis mounting tabs when removing and installing the body.

Friction mechanisms can even be repaired while apart and, if applicable, broken or missing windshield and rear glass can be fabricated and replaced. What is much

more difficult are the toys with lithographed or printed body graphics. Reproducing the original look and feel of these graphics can be very challenging.

Pressed Steel (Steelcraft, Toledo, Murray, Kingsbury, Structo, Marx, Triang and others): Restoration of pedal cars has become more accepted and easier to accomplish in recent years due to the professional painting of the bodies and the availability of original looking parts and decals being reproduced to make the finished product even more original looking. With this category of restoration though more sophisticated preparation tools and knowledge of metal working is required. Saving an original badly rusted body is not for the faint of heart.

Plastic and Plastic/Resin Kits (Johan, Nosco, Sterling, Marx, Constant, AMB/Marchesini, Miller, Flintstone, AMT, Premier, Monogram, Hawk and others): Plastic toys, depending on the type of plastic, can be buffed or polished or, if warped, submerged in hot water, reshaped and cooled with cold water to reset the shape. There are even newly reproduced replacement wheels, tires, axles, grilles, taillights and other items available from parts vendors to replace missing or broken original parts. Plastic and resin built models can even be restored, very similar to their large counterparts. After careful disassembly, chrome parts (bumpers, grilles, taillights and wheels) can be rechromed or replaced, tires can be cleaned or replaced, old glue can be removed as needed, painted parts cleaned or repainted and reassembled into an as new condition model.

Other: wood, plaster, glass or ceramic: All can be disassembled, cleaned, repaired, repainted and reassembled as needs dictate.

Old Cast - Zamac, zinc, aluminum and cast iron (Dinky, Solido, Corgi, Milton, Wittrock, Arcade, National Products, Hubley, A C Williams and others): This category is the most difficult to reconcile a toy for restoration. Until the general mindset changes more dramatically toward acceptance of toy restoration, this category is, more times than not, better left alone.

I still maintain that a properly/correctly restored toy is more valuable and desirable than a badly play worn example. However, the mainstream toy collecting community does not seem to accept that theory. To them, a mint in mint box toy is the *only* choice. A mint restored in mint box toy is nice but not worth their time or investment. I think that is wrong and, in time and as availability of old mint/mint in box toys diminishes, their thinking will change. Like Studebaker, I am ahead of the times.

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THE MUSICAL GCSC

By Larry Vahe

Quick, how many GCSC members play in the Studebaker Band? Three? Five? Six? Perhaps you're asking, "What Studebaker Band?" Going back to the 1920s Studebaker has had a band and its alive and well today. If you have ever been to an International Meet you have probably heard the band play or at least I hope you have.

Studebaker has had a couple of bands. Of the two bands the more well known was called the Studebaker Champions. It survived from 1929 to around 1942 under two conductors. First was Jean Goldkette who directed the band from 1929 to 1930. The second conductor was Richard Himber who directed from 1930 to 1942. This band was made up of professional musicians and played weekly via radio broadcasts. This is the band you see posed on the big '31 President Proving Ground Roadster featured in Richard Quinn's article in the August, 2004 *Turning Wheels*. The 'other' Studebaker band was comprised of employees and played from the early 1920s through sometime in the 1950s. Someone may know when this band played its final concert but it was sometime in the mid 1950s. This band played for special occasions and would travel from time to time to participate in out of town concerts but for the most part was a local South Bend feature.

The present day Studebaker band plays at international meets and is under the able direction of Glenn Shull. The band varies in size depending on the location of the meet but usually has around 20+ members. Since we can muster around five musicians to play in the band your local chapter comprises one fourth of the total band! Who are these well traveled big band musicians? Why do they travel hundreds of miles to play at these meets? Is it for the money? Fame? How did they get their start? The first part of this question is easy. In no particular order your GCSC musicians are: George Sanders (trombone), Deanna Manley (French horn), Larry Vahe (clarinet), Gary Keating (sax), Larry Swanson (percussion) and Dennis Lynde (bass guitar).

Most of us got our start coming up through the public school system. Deanna began playing in school bands but dropped out while in college. She bought a used horn in 1980 and has been playing in church orchestras and is also a member of the Scottsdale Concert Band. For her Christmas present a couple of years ago she got a Holton Model 279 Double Horn. And I thought I did good getting a Starbucks gift card! Additionally, as you may recall from our last zone meet, she also sings being a member, for a short time, of the "Hillholders".

Gary also came up through the school system, Phoenix Union to be exact. He started on clarinet, switched to saxophone when his music teacher determined he would not be the next Benny Goodman. He then played in a 'Glenn Miller sized' dance band as the lead tenor sax. He played at various school proms and

even got paid for it! Okay, I'm a little jealous here! He also plays a little flute/piccolo, owning a Gemeinhardt flute and wood piccolo.

I came up through the Long Beach Unified School District and was playing violin in the 4th grade. One year of that convinced my music teacher that string instruments were not for me! I switched to clarinet and picked up playing the bassoon in college. I briefly thought of a career in music but also decided I needed to eat so ended up with a minor in music. I played in a variety of bands/orchestras including a stint at Disneyland. Like the others I still play but not on a steady basis.

Perhaps our most famous musician is Dennis. Gary got his start in Phoenix; Dennis got his start in Tempe. He played bass guitar for Jay Bentley and the Jet Set, later forming the Poppies, which played at Mr. Lucky's in Phoenix. Working with him at that time was one Waylon Jennings. Dennis then played with a group called Junction. They played back-up for such groups as The Coasters, The Temptations and the 4 Tops. He then played for a couple of years in a resort in Palm Springs meeting such entertainers at Tony Curtis, Carol Channing, Sinatra, etc. He then joined the group called The Relatives. The female vocalist was Linda Carter (as in Wonder Woman of TV fame). Like me he decided he needed a real job and joined the rest of us working for a living. Not as much fun, granted, but it pays the bills!

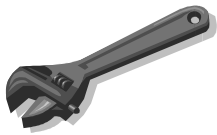
Larry Swanson plays in the Scottsdale Community Orchestra when he is in town and George Sanders got his start playing trombone on long, hot August nights to his cotton crops! He figured if cowboys can sing to their steers then, by golly, the cotton must grow better if he played to his cotton crop! It's said that on hot August nights people in Gilbert can still hear George's trombone echoing over where the cotton fields once grew.

Regardless of how we started we all still enjoy playing. A number of us will again be playing in South Bend so when you hear the Studebaker Band playing you'll know a number of the musicians call Arizona home!

If nothing else we could form our own little swing band and hit the road playing one night stands but then again common sense rears its head and we'll just stick to playing the big time events, like the international meet.

Editor's note: Another long time SDC band member was Hezzy Kappus pictured here with his instrument, the tuba.





Technical Information

Orient Your Nuts If Necessary!

In the early days, the nuts and bolts used to hold cars and trucks together were generally special. There really were not standards in the industry. When standards were adopted over the years, the nuts used with bolts were machined with one side flat and the other side chamfered. These nuts were called "washer faced" and had to be installed with the washer face toward the head of the bolt and against the part.

This meant that the person assembling the parts had to pick up the nut and look at it so that he could orient it and install it properly on the assembly. This took time.

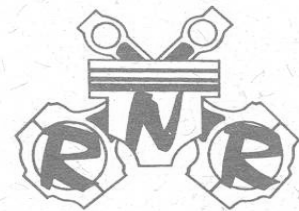
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Now, if you have the older cars that used the "washer faced" nuts be sure that you orient the nuts and install them properly if you want your car to look original.

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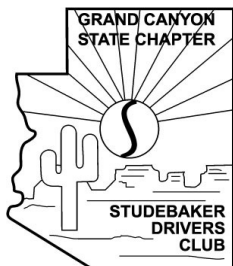
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