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2010 International Meet Update

By Larry Vahe

On behalf of the 2010 Committee and the Grand Canyon State Chapter I received official confirmation on March 27 at 2:14 PM that our club had been awarded the approval of the SDC board to host the 2010 International Meet in Glendale, AZ. Shortly thereafter, at 4:14 PM, I received an email from the president of the SDC, Mr. Ed Reynolds, congratulating our club in securing the International Meet for 2010. In turn, and on behalf of your 2010 Committee, I would like to congratulate the Grand Canyon State Chapter on being selected to host the 2010 meet!

The meet will be held from May 31 to June 4, 2010 and the host hotel will be the new Renaissance Phoenix Glendale currently under construction adjacent to the University of Phoenix Stadium aka Cardinal Stadium. Room rates have been set at \$103. When completed in September of 2007, the hotel will have 325 rooms, two ballrooms, meeting rooms and a 30,000 square foot Media Center. It is also adjacent to the new shopping area, Westgate, which will have some 26 restaurants and an AMC movie theater. Across Glendale Avenue at 95th Avenue is Cabela's, the huge outdoor retailer. Altogether a very desirable location to host the 2010 International Meet.

Your committee wishes to thank all of you who helped make this meet possible. It was neither easy nor quick with approximately 12 sites being inspected, stretching from Flagstaff to

Tucson with Yuma thrown in for good measure! It took a while but your patience paid off with the selection of the Renaissance. You can see from the accompanying photo that it is truly a fine hotel and we will, I'm sure, be having several chapter meetings at the hotel. To paraphrase a famous quote - now is the

time to "Ask not what your club can do for you but what can you do for your club". If a committee member contacts you about helping with the meet please give it serious consideration and be prepared to volunteer your help to make this a great meet! Now that we have been awarded the 2010 meet it's time to get excited!



Editorially Speaking

The ECHO is a bit late this month and will be late again next month due to travels. Chuck and I made a trip at the end of March to see family in the Bay area but didn't see any Studebakers in our travels. Perhaps I'll be luckier on my trip at the end of the month.

Larry elaborates in the cover story about the 2010 meet committee's success in procuring a site for the event. In addition to thanking the committee members for all their work, a special thanks needs to be conveyed to Richard Dormois who negotiated the contract with the hotel. As the chairman of the SDC International Meet Committee he has considerable experience with the fine points of working out the details for the meets.

If you attend the automobile design exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum be sure to drive your Studebaker. You can make the parking lot an extension of the exhibit by displaying your personal work of art.

See you on the 21st at George's for pot luck and our monthly membership meeting.

Studebakerly,
Chris



CELEBRATE!

April Birthdays



2	Ruth Cushing	14	Terry Connolly
5	Lorilee Kroulik	15	Shirley Seher
5	Karen Mensing	19	Jerry Kaiser
5	Louise Stanford	23	Bob Herceg
7	Barbara Karas	24	Barbara Grainger
10	Lynda Caviar	25	Chris Eastburn
11	Dale Sexton	27	Chester Bradfield
12	Deanna Manley		

April Anniversaries

8	Steve & Paulette Fein
12	Bill & Peggy Eastburn
15	Buzz & Renate Busbee
19	Kevin & Anita MacFadden
25	Pete & Karen Mensing
29	Jerry & Ginny Traeder
30	David & Terry Ker

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President's Message

Saturday, March 24 was quite a day as about 60 Studebakers wended their way to the All-Arizona Gathering, also known as March Madness, at the Commemorative Air Force located in Mesa at Falcon Field. The gates were thrown open early and the cars displayed in front of the main hanger by 10AM. This is the space that the Studebaker powered B17 usually occupies but it left earlier in the day and flew to Luke AFB for their 'Luke Celebration Days'. My day, however, started some three hours earlier. It was 47 degrees and raining when I left my house nestled on the edge of the Prescott National Forest. The rain was dripping down from the pines and the thick forest floor was unusually pungent with the rich smells of the pine needles and pine cones. The drive down to Mesa, AZ took me through rain squalls along I-17 and the clouds formed wispy patterns on the New River, Hieroglyphic and Vulture Mountains. Fog, out of its element in the high, dry mountains, was nonetheless present in pockets and patches in the McDowell Mountains along the Loop 101 which were resplendent in rich grays and browns patterned by the passing clouds. Between the highway and the gray rock strewn alluvial fans of the McDowell's, the Saguaros reached up their arms to the clouds surrounded by Desert Broom, Lavender, Hack and Wolfberry. The meet itself wasn't bad either! It was a pleasant 67 degrees and the air scented by the orange blossoms from the orchard across Greenfield Road. In no time we had four 'easy-ups' (how those tents got that name I'll never know) assembled and were soon passing out the colorful dash plaques. The turn out, as mentioned, was great and we had a wide variety of cars on display, from 1902 on up to the newer Avantis. Chris has a recap of the meet along with trophy winners located elsewhere in her award-winning *Echo*.

Don't forget to check out the upcoming events in the *Echo*. By now the Kiwanis BBQ & Car Show is over so if you attended please plan on telling us about this event at our next meeting. Speaking of the next meeting, this will be on April 21 at George Gezeilius' home in Mesa. It will be pot luck and more details will be in calendar section of this issue. There are more events and attractions coming up so please plan on attending as many as you can. The 43rd International Meet, "Welcome Home", will be in South Bend June 18-23. If you have not made reservations I have been told there were some 90 rooms left in greater South Bend as of this writing. If you wait much longer you may end up commuting from, say, nearby Chicago! It should be a fine meet and many in our club are planning on attending. Speaking of International Meets, our club has officially been awarded the 2010 meet! For some 2010 meet information please see the article in this issue.

After the March Madness meet I had another meeting to attend so it was dusk before I swung north onto the I-17 for Prescott. The sky was turning bone white in the west, made all the more stark by the purple-

Welcome New Members

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1950 Commander

Roster Update

New Telephone Number

Ken Michael 928-970-1562

Condolences

The Chapter extends its deepest sympathy to Pete and Karen Mensing and family on the passing of Pete's mother, Marion, on March 18.

black clouds forming over the White Tanks, Big Maria and Old Woman Mountains. As I left the city lights behind I rolled down the window, just enough to let the damp smells of the desert to blow in. The smell of the sage, quail and rabbit brush, mixed with the purple Texas Sage and yellow Palo Verde made for a heady perfume indeed! By the time I was west bound and rolling on Hwy 69 into Prescott, night was hard upon the land. It was 44 degrees and Granite Mountain was faintly silhouetted by the narrowest band of a dusty pink sunset. Arizona may have it's share of problems, no doubt, but on days like this, with the sights and smells of Arizona all around you, it makes you kinda glad you live where you do.

Larry Vahe

Register now for the SDC International Meet in South Bend at
<http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com>



March Madness - March 24

With nearly 50 Studebakers parked on the tarmac at the Arizona Wing Commemorative Air Force Museum at Falcon Field and several others in the parking lot throughout the day, one can call the annual All Arizona Studebaker Gathering an unqualified success. The weather certainly cooperated with the temps in the low 70s and a cloud cover all day.

Many members helped make this another great March Madness and thanks is extended to everyone who drove their Studebaker, donated raffle prizes and contributed Fun Judging awards. The winners of the various judging categories are listed below along with the member who awarded it.

Best Finish	awarded by Richard Dormois	to Ed & Sharon Stoffels, 1959 Silver Hawk
Just Cuz Its Neat	awarded by Denny Lockmon	to Stu & Sandy Peterson, 1940 President Rod
Horn in Most Need of Attention	awarded by Chuck Collins	to Gary Keating, 1952 2 1/2T Army truck
Best Wheels and Tires	awarded by Ron Crowe	to Chris & Rachel Eastburn, 1963 Lark
Oldest Studebaker	awarded by Steve Fein	to Dan Talbot, 1902 Electric
Best Pre-'53	awarded by Gary Keating	to Stu & Sandy Peterson, 1940 President
Cleanest Pedal	awarded by Claudia Robinette	to Deanna Manley, 1955 Speedster
Most Stuff Dumped in Back of Studebaker	awarded by Dennis Lynde	to Mikel Currier, 1955 Commander
Best Glove Box	awarded by Mary Powell-McConnell	to Stu & Sandy Peterson, 1940 President

Thanks, also, to the Arizona Avanti Owners Association for joining the Studebaker Drivers Club at March Madness. Below is a picture taken by Norma Sexton of the Avantis with a restored B25. Matt Dillon made the arrangements to have the B25 brought out of the hanger to be available for pictures with the cars.



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.

Check out the Chapter website

at <http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com> to view *The ECHO*. See the pictures in each issue and more pictures from events in color.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL 2** 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.
- APRIL 12-14** ANTIQUE STUDEBAKER CLUB SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. AT QUALITY INN, \$63.00 PER NIGHT; CALL 61-325-0772. MEET IS COMBINED WITH BAKERSFIELD SWAP MEET. INFO: RICK PETERSON AT STUDERTP@PACBELL.NET OR 626-448-1841
- APRIL 15** **BOARD MEETING** BOARD WILL MEET AT 12:30 PM FOR LUNCH AT GORDON BIRSCH BREWERY, 6915 N. 95TH AVE, GLENDALE. INFO: LARRY AT 480-694-3899
- APRIL 21** **CHAPTER MEETING** AT GEORGE GEZEILIUS HOME IN MESA. COME AROUND 3:00 PM FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK SUPPER AROUND 4:00 PM. SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS. FOR FURTHER DIRECTIONS CONTACT GEORGE AT 480-964-7989.
- MAY 19** **POKER RUN AND CHAPTER MEETING** HOSTED BY DENNY & JAN LOCKMON AND BRIAN & ALETA MILLETTE. POKER RUN WILL END AT TIVOLI GARDENS RESTAURANT FOR DINNER AND MEETING. STARTING POINT AND TIME FOR THE RUN WILL BE PRINTED IN THE MAY ECHO. INFO: DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET.
- MAY 27** 33RD ANNUAL LA PALMA STUDEBAKER CAR SHOW & PARTS EXCHANGE HOSTED BY THE ORANGE EMPIRE CHAPTER AT LA PALMA PARK, ANAHEIM. \$25 ENTRY FEE FOR JUDGED CARS, \$20 FOR DISPLAY, \$25 FOR SWAP SPACE. INFO: GORDON BRICKEN 714-835-0249 OR GBRICKEN@AOL.COM. SEE PAGE 34 OF APRIL *TURNING WHEELS* FOR REGISTRATION FORM.
- 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](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 MAZATZAL CASINO HOSTED BY KEN MICHAEL. MORE INFO SOON OR CONTACT KEN AT 928-970-1562.
- SEPTEMBER 14-16** PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET HOSTED BY THE SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER IN SELMA, CALIF. "STUDEBAKER HEAVEN IN 2007" AT HOLIDAY INN SWAN COURT. INFO: DEBBIE RAIMONDI AT 559-313-9107 OR DEBMED1959@MSN.COM REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS.
- SEPTEMBER** **CHAPTER MEETING** - PLEASE CALL A BOARD MEMBER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST.
- OCTOBER** **CHAPTER MEETING** - 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TBA.
- NOVEMBER** **CHAPTER MEETING** - SCOTT & BARBARA GRAINGER, HOSTS.

*Take your Stude out to one of the Valley's cruise nights!
Check here for one near you - <http://cruisinarizona.com/cruisenites.html>*

APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 15 - BOARD MEETING

The Chapter Board and officers will meet Sunday, the 15th at 12:30 pm at the Gordon Biersch Brewery, 6915 N. 95th Ave., Glendale for a lunch and meeting. The brewery is adjacent to the 2010 meet hotel, the Phoenix Glendale Renaissance.

APRIL 21 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING & POT LUCK

April's membership meeting will be hosted by George Gezelius at his home in Mesa at 1257 N. Barkley. You are invited to arrive around 3:00 pm for visiting and an early pot luck supper will be served at 4:00 pm. Members whose names begin with P-Z please bring a hot or cold main dish; G-O, a salad or side dish; A-F, a dessert. Beverages and table settings will be provided. George has an interesting collection of cars to view and will have pictures and memorabilia from his summer trip to Europe to share.

Directions to George's home are: from the west side take I-10 to the Loop 202, exit right at McKellips Rd., proceed east to Stapley Dr., go south on Stapley to Brown Rd. Turn east on Brown, go about 1/4 mile to Barkley and go north. His house is on the southeast corner of Barkley and Grandview at 1257. From the north, take Loop 101 to the 202 and follow the directions above. From US 60, exit at Stapley Dr., go north to Brown Rd., and follow the directions above. If you have any questions please contact George at 480-964-7989.

20th CENTURY AUTOMOBILE DESIGN EXHIBIT

The Phoenix Art Museum presents a first-of-its-kind 20th century automobile design exhibition April 1 through June 3. Entitled "Curves of Steel: Streamlined Automobile Design", the exhibit features many one of a kind cars. Twenty-two of the most streamlined cars are included in the exhibition including a Stout Scarab, an Auburn, a Talbot-Lago coupe, Chrysler Imperial Airflow, Delahaye and more. The years range from 1934 to 1994 and represent European and domestic vehicles.

The exhibit features cars from collectors from all over North America and it was organized by the Museum and an advisory group composed of a design historian, the former director of the Peterson Automobile Museum and one of the finest auto-mobile photographers among others.

The exhibit can be viewed during regular museum hours of 11:30 am-5:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday and 11:30 am-9:00 pm Tuesday. Admission to the automobile exhibit is \$14.00 adults, \$6.00 children ages 6-17, free for Museum members and children under age 6. Purchase tickets at the Museum, online at PhxArt.org or by phone at 602-307-2090 or 800-452-0314. Tickets are not for timed entry but can be purchased in advance.

You can preview the exhibit at the museum's web site - <http://www.phxart.org/exhibitions/curves.asp>

April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 AAHC Meeting	3	4	5	6	7
8 Happy Easter!	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Board Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21 Meeting
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30		Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311			

Kiwanis B-B-Q & Car Show

Eight Chapter members driving 7 Studebakers and one Ford attended the Valley of the Sun Kiwanis annual B-B-Q and Car Show at the PERA Club Sunday, March 25th. It was another great day, slightly warmer and no clouds, but very pleasant for an event on a blacktop parking lot.

As in past years, Sid Rosen very generously provided tickets for the barbecue lunch to members showing their vintage cars. Thanks, Sid!

Even with a smaller than normal turnout of Studes, the Chapter won the Club Participation Award; however, no judging awards were taken home by members.

Attending were Steve Fein, 1966 Cruiser; Dale & Norma Sexton, 1988 Avanti; Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, 1963 GT Hawk; Ken Michael, 1963 Cruiser; Sid Rosen, 1955 Speedster; Chuck & Chris Collins, 1966 Cruiser; George Gezelius, 1970 Ford Country Squire wagon.

Thank you to all for participating and keeping Studebaker in the public eye.



This * n That

Ron & Sherry Watson are now the proud owners of a 1960 Hawk. Congrats!

Representing the Chapter at recent car events were **Denny Lockmon** and **Frank Van Doorn** who showed their Studebakers at the AAHC "United We Drive" car show February 25th and **Steve Fein** who drove his Cruiser to the Arizona Car Appreciation Day on March 11th.

John Kroulik is getting his Hawk ready to take to South Bend and **Dan Kuhl** reports he will drive his Avanti so he can take a spin on the proving grounds track. Anyone else driving to South Bend?

A thank you was received from **SDC** for the Chapter's donation for awards at the International Meet in South Bend.

Sheryl Tuttle Powers was among the many people from the community who attended March Madness at Falcon Field. Sheryl is the daughter of Mr. Tuttle who was the owner of the Mesa Studebaker dealer, T & S Motors.

Many of you recently saw *My Classic Car* featuring the nice collection of Studebakers owned by **Scott Cawley** from Gilbert but for those who didn't the show will repeat in September.

Implementation of Emission Exemption a Month Away

Forwarded by Bill Gilmore

The Arizona Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program for Collectible Vehicle & Motorcycle Exemption was published in the Federal Register March 30, 2007. [Federal Register: March 30, 2007 (Volume 72, Number 61)] [Rules and Regulations] [Page 15046-15049] From the Federal Register Online via GPO Access [wais.access.gpo.gov] [DOCID:fr30mr07-7]

SUMMARY: EPA is approving two revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan submitted by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. These revisions consist of: changes to Arizona's Basic and Enhanced Vehicle Emissions Inspection Programs to exempt collectible vehicles in the Phoenix metropolitan area, and collectible vehicles and motorcycles in the Tucson metropolitan area, from emissions testing requirements; an updated performance standard evaluation for the vehicle emissions inspection program in the Phoenix area; and new contingency measures.

The EPA is approving these two state implementation plan revisions because they meet all applicable requirements of the Clean Air Act and EPA's regulations and because the exemptions will not interfere with attainment or maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards in the two affected areas. EPA is finalizing this action under the Clean Air Act obligation to take action on State submittals of revisions to state implementation plans. The intended effect is to exempt these vehicle categories from the emissions testing requirements of the State's vehicle emissions inspection programs as approved for the Phoenix and Tucson areas but also to provide a mechanism to reinstate the requirements in the event of a violation of the carbon monoxide national ambient air quality standard in the Phoenix or Tucson area.

This rule is effective on April 30, 2007.

INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZjjvyVDXvg>
Australian Mobil ad

<http://www.peachstspeedway.com/pickupguy.htm> A 1946 Stude pickup hot rod project.

<http://www.jetsetmodern.com/loewy.htm> A site on loewy boats.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNrOG4DNqUY> Death of the Studebaker Plant

http://pittsburghlive.com/x/blairsvilledispatch/s_376989.html An article about a teen and his Lark.

<http://www.adaohot.com.br/vendas.htm> Studebakers in Brazil

Going, going ...

Like sands through the egg timer, the clock was seriously running out on Studebaker in 1964. That didn't stop the company from coming up with a proposed new model, a flat-front compact pickup that would have squabbled for sales with the Ford Econoline, most prominently. Everybody assumed it had long since been junked.



Wrong-O, we're happy to report. Most Studebaker prototypes ended up being destroyed, as was often the case at the competing Big Three. The 1964 Truck Prototype was assumed to have suffered the same fate until it unexpectedly turned up in a barn at a family farm in Muskegon, Michigan. The prototype has since been restored and is in the collection of the Studebaker National Museum in South Bend, Indiana.

This was the final Studebaker designed and built in South Bend by styling chief Randy Faurot before production was consolidated in Ontario during Studebaker's final months. The pickup is similar to the ZIP vans that Studebaker built in great numbers for the U.S. Postal Service. The museum has recently relocated to a new climate-controlled building at 201 S. Chapin St. in South Bend.

For more information, call toll-free at 888-391-5600 or visit <http://www.studebakermuseum.org>

By Jim Donnelly from Hemmings e-weekly newsletter.

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Current Pending Federal Legislation

U.S. Car Hobby Needs To Support **S.587**
*"Model T Ford Automobile
 Commemorative Coin Act"*

U.S. Senate Bill 587, or the "Model T Ford Automobile Commemorative Coin Act" is currently being considered by the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (As of 3-23-07.) S.587 is being sponsored by Michigan Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Ford Model T in 2008.

If this proposed bill is passed, the U.S. Treasury will issue a 1.5-inch, one ounce (26.73 gram) silver coin worth \$10.00 that will be "emblematic of the Model T Ford and the assembly line." They'll be legal U.S. tender and sold at its \$10.00 face value plus a small surcharge collected by coin dealers. These surcharges won't be enriching our national coffers, but rather our national automobile heritage. S.587 states that "the first \$5,000,000 of the surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale of coins ... shall be paid by the Secretary... up to half to the

Automobile National Heritage Area Partnership Inc., for creating an endowment for supporting the celebration and preservation of the Model T story; and maintaining and expanding national Model T educational programs."

The other half of the surcharges collected will go to "the Edison Institute, otherwise known as 'The Henry Ford,' in Dearborn, Michigan, a National Historic Landmark, for creating an endowment for maintaining and expanding displays and developing educational programs associated with the Model T Ford Automobile."

You can help show your support for our beloved collectible vehicle hobby and its significant impact on our nation's economy and culture by contacting your U.S. Senators to let them know that you and your vehicle clubs support S.587.

Help America celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Model T Ford, the first vehicle to make motorcars affordable and accessible to the masses. The 1908 to 1927 Ford Model T became the best selling and most popular car in the world for years and years and was not surpassed in total sales until a half century later when it was eclipsed by the VW Beetle. The Model T literally put America on wheels.

The Ford Model T, through its concept, inception and evolution, influenced and developed our modern mass production techniques which made America the great industrial and automotive leader of the last century.

So please, let your U.S. Senator know that you and your club support S.587. If the Model T coin can become a popular reality, who knows what other American automotive and motorcycle icons could become U.S. coins. Just imagine, cool cars on cold cash. This could be the start of an American car-coin renaissance.

Remember, it's united we drive, and, if we're divided or apathetic, our American vehicle hobby will be relegated to the dustbin of history as unsafe gross polluters. Icons or scapegoats, the choice is ours, and actions speak louder than intentions. So please contact your U.S. Senator in support of S.587. It won't take much of your time, and the good deed you do today for our vehicle hobby will last many lifetimes if S.587 passes into law. And, you can take that to the bank.

Thanks for your help,
 Bill Gilmore

Member of the Society of Automotive Historians and various vehicle clubs.

* This nationwide automotive legislative alert was issued on 3-23-07 by Bill Gilmore at Automotive Research Services, a Phoenix Arizona based collectible vehicle research and appraisal service, call (602) 230-7111, or you can e-mail Bill at: AzCarCrazy@aol.com.

*Help Keep America Beautiful,
 Drive a Studebaker!*

Traveling in Europe and Beyond with George Gezelius

By Bea, Inland Northwest Chapter

George Gezelius knows how to talk cars - because that's what he did teaching Automobile Mechanics for his career. He got the teaching gene from his mom, a school teacher in Kettle Falls, Wash. She would chop wood in the morning to keep the kids warm, before she taught them to read. George got his technical bent from his dad, a dam engineer (no "n" on that!) who got recognition for engineering 20 million cubic yards of concrete in dams all over the west, including Grand Coulee, Glen Canyon and High Arrow Dams. George had a Studebaker before he was out of high school, a '50 Champion. He strayed but got back into Studebakers in 1995 when he went to a show and joined SDC and got a '51 Champion to boot. He also has a 1946 M5 pickup truck and 24 other old cars! That sounds like a lot of work - I'd go on vacation, too. So let's let George take us along on his two month journey this past summer, to see some wonders in Turkey, Sweden, Norway, Russia and the Greek island of Patmos and find out what those folks are driving.

George went to Turkey to visit his friend, a teacher. City driving was fast, streets were narrow, pedestrians were fair game and traffic lights were considered merely a suggestion. Classic '57-8 Chevys, Pontiacs and Mustangs were commonly seen as taxis, otherwise people mostly drive French cars (Renault, Peugeot, Citroen), then cars from east Asia (Kia, Toyota, Hyundai) and finally an assortment of European cars. Dealerships were small and had few cars but long waiting lists. Besides checking out the cars, George and his friend took a fascinating tour of ancient churches in Turkey and Greece.

The travelers then went to Norway where George's mother's family still lives. His grandfather was a carpenter that worked on the last sailing vessel built in Norway. The travelers were greatly interested in their visit at the Maritime Museum. Norway is a wealthy country - there were Rolls Royces in the streets and people didn't seem to mind paying the equivalent of \$9.00 a gallon for gas! There are every European and Japanese make of car, new American cars and pick-ups and classic Corvettes, Mustangs and Buicks. Our travelers rented a car and drove 150 miles to visit more family in Stavanger on the west side 150 miles north of the tip of the peninsula. Then they drove on to Sweden. The main highways were fast, but had toll gates costing equivalent to \$2-9 every 10-30 miles. George and his friend soon took to the back roads where the roads were narrow and the driving slow but very beautiful. It was a dream drive, working all six gears through the switchbacks, up fjords and over mountain passes in the rented Czech Skoda with its high rev racing motor.

In Dala Jarnal, Sweden they met George's father's family and visited the Gasala Farm where George's ancestors settled when they arrived from Russia in 1335 (!). Continuing on to Stockholm, the travelers took driving and harbor tours of that beautiful city built on bridges and

52 islands. The highlight was visiting the Viking Museum and seeing the Vasa, a 300 year old sailing warship sunk in the harbor on its maiden voyage and finally pulled out, perfectly preserved, in the 1960s. People mostly drove Saabs and Volvos in Sweden (who knew!) Gas was \$8 per gallon and in a European Common Market country it costs \$8000 to get a drivers license. Public transportation is a popular and efficient alternative. Even though our travelers didn't actually see any Studebakers there is a club there.

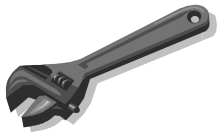
After visiting Sweden, George and his friend returned to Istanbul to regroup, then flew to Moscow, Russia for their last adventure before returning home. In Moscow, the political capital of Russia, our travelers took city tours that included Red Square, Lenin's Tomb and the Volga River. Sharp-eyed George not only spotted lots of Ladas but the conspicuous consumption of the latest American cars and luxury cars like a Bentley Sports Coupe and even President Putin's limousine. On a train ride to St. Petersburg, they watched the countryside, forests and logging and small towns roll by. For George, the best part of the train ride was making anew friend, a 2 star General and official of the Russian consulate. This gentleman shared his lunch (lovingly prepared by his aged mother) with George as they chatted away the many long miles on the train. St. Petersburg proved to be the cultural capitol of Russia and our travelers toured the canals, museums and beautiful buildings. George reminded some Russians that Studebakers helped them win their freedom - during WW II 400,000 Studebaker 2 1/2T trucks were shipped to Russia and were eventually copied by the Russian GAZ, Government Auto Works.

After a couple of days George returned to Moscow, then Istanbul, then a harrowing stop over in Phoenix and finally home. Like any good traveler, George is enjoying his trip three times. First, he had 6 months of planning, preparation and anticipation. Second, the trip - 2 months of travel. Third, a lifetime of happy memories and all those pictures, too. Thanks for sharing your trip with us, George! And here's a tip for next time: take a car from your fleet, drive to the east coast, ferry it across the Atlantic, drive to Moscow, then sell it for big American bucks! I'm sure it will pay for your trip - maybe for us to go, too?

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Editor's Note: George will share his photos and memorabilia from the trip with us at the meeting on April 21st. He noted the Raymond Loewy studio designed a Russian car. Do you know which one it is? Bring a correct answer to the meeting and you will receive a gift.





Technical Information

Twin Traction Axles Tip

To put the thrust blocks back in place when replacing an axle shaft or shafts start with a length of 5/16" or 3/8" steel fuel line slightly longer than an axle. Use some steel wire that is smaller in diameter than the little hole in the thrust block, pass the wire through the fuel line and through the thrust block. Put just enough of a bend in the end of the wire that the thrust block will stay on the end of the wire and not move. Hold the fuel line at the other end and pull back on the wire so that the thrust block is held against the end of the fuel line. You can then use this as a "handle" to insert the thrust block. When it is in place, hold it there with the fuel line and withdraw the wire and the thrust block is installed.

Submitted by Nate Nagel to alt.autos.studebaker newsgroup.

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By Matthew Litwin, from Hemmings e-Weekly newsletter.

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