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Long Beach to Reno in a Speedster

By Larry Vahe

It was a dark and stormy night when I left Long Beach for the 575 mile trip to Reno. Actually it was neither dark or stormy nor night when I made the trip but I've always wanted to start out a story using that sentence! It was really Friday, Dec 26, 1986, a bright and sunny day when I pulled out of Long Beach headed for Reno.



By way of background, I had been transferred to various posts of duty by the government agency that employed me. I started out in the downtown Los Angeles office in 1971, transferred to Bakersfield, then Bishop (CA), over to Kahului, Maui, to Santa Ana and then back to Bakersfield. This is where this story begins. After working for several years in Bakersfield I and my wife were transferred to Reno, NV in the summer of 1986. By the fall of '86 we were established in Reno with only one loose end to tie up: getting my Speedster up to Reno. Moving my '33 Model 56 was simple: I trailered it, problem solved. The Speedster, however, I was going to drive.

Christmas of 1986 seemed like a good time to get my Speedster as I had stored it at my parent's house in Long Beach. Plan A was simple: we would go to Long Beach and celebrate Christmas with friends and family and then I would drive the Studebaker back. That Friday my wife and son left, driving the family car. I left shortly thereafter on what I thought would be a nice run up Hwy 395 with a possible lay over at Bishop or Mammoth Lakes. The trip to Reno is one I had made, literally, a hundred times over the years. I'm sure many of you can close your eyes and relive certain routes you have repeatedly driven and such was the case with this particular route. As I set out little did I realize it would be a little like *Gilligan's Island* where the intrepid crew set out for a three hour cruise and ended up stranded on a deserted island. At least they had a nice warm island!

Friday, December 26, 1986. Following the all too familiar route, I swung up the 710 (Long Beach Freeway), through Los Angeles, then up Hwy 14 to Lancaster. With Lancaster in my rear view mirror I thought to myself how well the Speedster was driving. Cruising at 70 it seemed to purr along, seemingly anxious to get back on the road. One should never think how well things are going for no sooner than I thought this than I saw little greenish droplets on my windshield. Green rain from a cloudless sky? What the...Of course it was coolant oozing up from under the hood. In my Rap-ture of the Road I had missed a rather sudden spike in my temperature gauge. Pulling over I stopped, got out of the car and opened the hood and what did I see? Well, nothing at first. Then I noticed a sagging fan belt. *Continued on page 9*

Editorially Speaking

The Chapter is observing its 35th anniversary this year and there will be a celebration in October at the Glendale Renaissance where the Chapter is hosting the 2010 International Meet. The board is asking members to start gathering pictures and items for the party that reflect the history of the chapter. We will also remember our founding members, two of whom are still active in the chapter - Bill Eastburn and Ike Quigley.

Another of the Chapter's founding fathers, Chuck Naugle, was featured in a wonderful article in the May *Turning Wheels*. Hope everyone had a chance to read it and got to know him through the stories.

We would like to get to know all of you a bit better and will start featuring stories about our members and their Studebakers again. Our first story will be in the July issue and more member stories are welcome. You can submit a story about yourself or another member. Pictures to go with the story would be appreciated.

If you are planning to attend the International Meet in South Bend and do not have room reservations, Chuck and I have reservations at the downtown Holiday Inn we could pass on to you. We have made a reservation at another hotel and will cancel the Holiday

Inn one unless someone needs it. Please contact us by the 13th if you'd like to use one or more of the days we have reserved during the week of the meet.

While at the meet in South Bend we may be asked about the meet our Chapter is hosting May 31 - June 4, 2010. Of course, we will tell them we have a great hotel for the meet activities, all of which will take place at and around the facility. Although not everyone has had a chance to see the Glendale Renaissance hotel, be assured it is beautiful. The Glendale Convention Center is attached to it and many of our activities including the swap meet will be held there. The hotel is in the Westgate area with many restaurants, shopping and entertainment opportunities. The access to the hotel from the 101 freeway is excellent as is access to other venues in the valley. The weather, though warm during the day, is very nice at the end of May with low humidity and cool evenings. Just tell people to bring a hat and we'll provide water and some shaded areas for the outdoor activities. Let them know we are looking forward to seeing them.

Hope everyone going to South Bend has a great time. See you there.

Studebakerly, *Chris*

PS Thanks to all who contributed this month!

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President's Message

If you did not come out for Denny's Great Poker Run on May 19, you missed a grand time! Around ten Studebakers, plus some Brand Xes, showed up for the Poker Run, which went around Sun City. As the cars came into the finish line at Lou's Tivoli Garden, they were given a blue card to complete their poker hand. I'm sure this will be recapped elsewhere in *The Echo*, but as I recall Chuck Collins had the winning hand but Dennis Lynde walked away with two prizes, testifying to the great driving abilities of his '63 Hawk and a lucky draw to his poker hand. This was followed by a fine dinner at the Tivoli Garden restaurant and made nicer by a short business meeting. Due to some missed communications by yours truly, we did not have a 50-50 drawing. By now the 'Curves of Steel' exhibit is over. I know several members planned on attending so perhaps someone will write up a review of how that event took place. It was at the Phoenix Art Museum on Sunday, May 20 and looked like an interesting outing.

Your board has been doing such a tremendous job that they have the rest of the summer off. The next board meeting will be held just prior to the Pacific Southwest Zone meet in Selma. Thanks to Ron, Bill and Steve for all their help although Steve did not invite any of us (that I'm aware) on his Hawaiian holiday. Probably just an oversight on his part! I'll send out a reminder to those lucky board members prior to our next meeting!

We do not have any other chapter events scheduled between now and June 18 when the 43rd International Meet will be held in South Bend. A number of members plan on attending so look for some good reports in the following issue of *The Echo*. Beyond that, we have a chapter meeting in Payson on July 14 at the Mazzal Casino hosted by Ken Michael. This will be a good event for those members living in that area to attend. More about this later. Denny Lockmon and I held a meeting with our meet hotel, the Phoenix Glendale Renaissance Hotel on May 22. We will be holding out 35th Anniversary meeting at the hotel in October and arrangements are well underway. The hotel is right on schedule and set to open in September, 2007. It's a beautiful hotel set between Cardinal Stadium (U of P Stadium) and Westgate, a huge new shopping center. I hope everyone makes plan to attend our event at this hotel in October so you can all see for yourselves how nice the setting really is. As part of the meet we are working on our chapter being given a 'private' tour of the hotel and adjacent area.

That's about it for now. The 2010 committee will not hold an official meeting until after the meet in South Bend but if you have any questions about our meet or wish to volunteer for a committee, please contact one of the committee members: Deanna Manley, Denny Lockmon, Dennis Lynde, Chris Collins, Mike Barany or Larry Vahe.

Larry

Welcome New Member

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1964 GT Hawk

CELEBRATE!

June Birthdays



2	Lou Fencil	18	Jim Lawrence
4	Jon Carter	21	Richard Dormois
6	Lester Jackson	22	Eliza Avery
7	June Kaiser	23	Charlie Haverstick
8	Gary Wold	25	Terry Worster
11	Willard Pike	27	Sid Rosen
12	Bud Becklund	28	Ann Didier
12	Peggy Eastburn	29	Larry Swanson
12	Judy Horner	30	Judith Kocher
15	Judy Hall	8	Jim Provenzano

June Anniversaries

1	George & Carol Van Zee
3	Chester & Nancy Bradfield
3	Jerry & June Kaiser
3	Sam Powell & Lenka Hospodka
3	Al & Anna Riedel
5	Glen & Phyllis Brose
6	Mike & Mary Barany
7	Chuck & Chris Collins
8	Pres & Terry Connolly
16	Mike & Lisa Lynch
21	Denny & Jan Lockmon
23	Bill & Dolores Lynch
30	Sager & Gail Avery

Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.randmcnally.com/> An alternative to Expedia and Mapquest.

<http://home.alltel.net/anderm> If you have a Cruiser You can list it on a registry her.

<http://rides.webshots.com/photo/2300232750064371389oVjTEH> Check out the modified '55 with a T-Bird scoop.

MAY MEETING MINUTES

President Larry Vahe called the meeting to order at 5:48 PM, Saturday, May 19, 2007 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens, 15635 N. Del Webb Boulevard, Sun City, hosted by Jan and Denny Lockmon and Aleta and Brian Millette.

Brian Millette introduced guests Drew and Emma Healey, grandchildren, of Anthem, Arizona.

Ron Crowe moved and Ron Watson seconded that the April meeting minutes be approved as printed in the *May Echo*. Approved.

Treasurer Chuck Collins reported \$3016.74 in checking.

Chris Collins solicited articles for *The Echo* which will come a little later in June as she will be out of town. We have 141 member families. New membership rosters are available. She announced the Phoenix Art Museum Curves of Steel event Sunday where the Sinners and Porsche car clubs will join our chapter for a display outside and tour the exhibit and the twofer admission offer if you bring a classic car. Pastry and coffee at nine for exhibitors.

Denny Lockmon reported that he, Dick Eichof, John Kroulik, Dan Kuhl, Pres Connolly, Terry Stines and Ed Smith attended the Cruise Night for Studebakers at the Safeway Center in Peoria May 12 with five Studebakers. July 14, Chapter event in Payson hosted by Ken Michael and the Mazatzal Casino; September 22, Chapter Meeting and tour of the Scott Cawley collection in Chandler. He and Larry Vahe will meet with Glendale Renaissance staff to plan a 35th Anniversary celebration and tour of the hotel in October; Scott and Barbara Grainger will host the November chapter meeting in Mesa; John and Lorilee Kroulik will host the Holiday Gathering in Glendale in December.

The chapter thanked Denny and Jan and Aleta and Brian for hosting the meeting and The Sun City Lucky Poker Run. Top three poker hands received handsome plaques. Third place - Dennis Lynde, second place - Pres Connolly, first place - Chuck Collins. A stop watch, the Poker Run door prize, was won by Dennis Lynde. The Studebaker driver's prize, a Handy Dandy Studebaker key ring was won by Denny Lockmon.

There was no old business to discuss and there was no fifty-fifty drawing.

Mr. Vahe adjourned the meeting at 6:13 PM.

Richard Dormois, Secretary

Attending were Chris & Chuck Collins, 1966 Cruiser; Pres Connolly, 1957 Silver Hawk; Sherry & Ron Watson; George Gezelius; Ron & Vicky Crowe, 1964 GT Hawk; Bill & Peggy Eastburn, 1964 Wagonaire; Michell Eastburn; Larry Vahe; Dennis Lynde, 1963 GT Hawk; Brian & Aleta Millette and grandchildren Drew & Emma; John, Lorilee, Kolton and Makenna Kroulik; Claudia Robinette; Richard Dormois; Jan & Denny Lockmon, 1964 Convertible; Dan Kuhl, 1977 Avanti II; Ralph Robbin, 1948 Land Cruiser; Chris & Rachel Eastburn, 1963 Lark.

Thanks to the Lockmons and Millettes for hosting the Poker Run and meeting.

Curves of Steel

On Sunday, May 20th several members of the Chapter attended the Curves of Steel exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum and were treated to 22 beautiful examples of some of the most streamlined vehicles in the



1949 Tatra

world. The Phoenix Art Museum is the only place this collection will be shown. Although Raymond Loewy did not design any of the cars in the exhibition, it was

noted on a display board that he coined the phrase "MAYA stage" - "Most Advanced Yet Acceptable", certainly a phrase applicable to many of the examples at the museum, as well as Studebakers.

Proceeding the exhibit, the Museum hosted Curves on the Curb, where the Chapter and two other clubs, the Porsche Club and Sinners Car Club, had a chance to show off their vehicles to the public in a free viewing. Car club members were treated to muffins, bagels, scones, coffee and juice by the museum staff in appreciation for their participation and they also received two for one admission to the exhibit.

Displaying Studebakers were Ken Davenport and Debra Green (from Sahuarita), 1976 Avanti II; Richard Dormois & Claudia Robinette, 1960 Lark; Hugh McDowell, 1953 Champion; Ed & Linda Smith, 1951 Custom Pickup; Jerry Kaiser, 1953 Commander; Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, 1963 GT Hawk; Dan Kuhl, 1977 Avanti II; Bill, Peggy & Michell Eastburn, 1963 Wagonaire; Chuck & Chris Collins, 1966 Cruiser. Other members attending were George Gezelius who displayed his 1970 Thunderbird, Steve & Vicki Piper, Steve & Gail Ault, Fred Moore and Stephanie, David & Terry Ker, Jon & Marisa Carter and daughters and John Parker.

Thanks to all who participated. The weather was great and the exhibit was wonderful.



Larks and their drivers at the Phoenix Art Museum's Curves on the Curb car show.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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*.**
- JULY 11** GREAT AMERICAN RACE OVERNIGHT STOP IN FLAGSTAFF FESTIVITIES HOSTED BY MARINE LEAGUE CHARITIES. ENTERTAINMENT STARTS AT 4:45 PM WITH CAR SHOW, MUSIC AND DANCING ON ASPEN AVE. TO DISPLAY A VEHICLE YOU MUST REGISTER WITH A \$10.00 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT. SEE PAGE 15 OF EXPANDED ONLINE *ECHO* FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM OR CALL EDITOR TO HAVE ONE MAILED TO YOU. EVENT IS FREE TO PUBLIC. INFO: MERLE AT 928-779-0383.
- JULY 14** **CHAPTER EVENT IN PAYSON AT MAZATZAL CASINO HOSTED BY KEN MICHAEL. SPECIAL PARKING AREA WILL BE SET ASIDE TO DISPLAY STUDEBAKERS. ALSO, TOUR AROUND PAYSON. MORE INFO ON PAGE 6 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 FORM WILL BE IN NEXT *ECHO*.**
- SEPTEMBER 22** **CHAPTER MEETING - VISIT TO SCOTT CAWLEY COLLECTION IN CHANDLER. MORE INFO TO COME OR CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET.**
- SEPTEMBER 21-22** AMERICAN GRAFFITI CAR SHOW & FILM FESTIVAL IN SEDONA. FREDDIE: 928-567-7220
- SEPTEMBER 27-29** FALL FUN FEST STUDEBAKER CAR SHOW & MEET HOSTED BY ZION NATIONAL CHAPTER AT VIRGIN RIVER HOTEL & CASINO, MESQUITE, NEV. ROOM RATES \$29.99 THURS. & SUN, \$39.99 FRI. & SAT. CALL 800-346-7777 FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS. DASH PLAQUES, RAFFLE, PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS. SEE <http://home.beyondbb.com/sdc2/fff07info.html> FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM OR CONTACT GARY WALTERS AT 435-674-1674.
- SEPTEMBER 28-30** NORTH CENTRAL ZONE MEET, LA JUNTA, COLO. INFO: CHUCK AT 719-456-2468
- OCTOBER 20** **CHAPTER MEETING - 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT GLENDALE RENAISSANCE FROM 3:00-6:00 PM WITH DINNER AROUND 4:00. TOUR OF FACILITY TO FOLLOW. DISPLAYS & PICTURES OF CHAPTER EVENTS FROM THE PAST WELCOME. CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET WITH YOUR PARTY IDEAS.**
- NOVEMBER** **CHAPTER MEETING - SCOTT & BARBARA GRAINGER, HOSTS.**
- DECEMBER** **HOLIDAY PARTY - JOHN & LORILEE KROULIK, HOSTS.**

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Check here for one near you - <http://cruisinazizona.com/cruisenites.html>*



LOOKING AHEAD

JULY 14 CHAPTER EVENT IN PAYSON

Mark Saturday, July 14 on your calendar for a Chapter summer event hosted by Ken Michael in his hometown of Payson at the Mazatzal Casino. Plan to be at the casino by noon where the festivities will begin with a special cordoned off area in the Casino parking lot for Studebakers. Then we'll meet in the bingo hall in the casino for a short meeting and a drawing for two complimentary meal tickets (each worth \$49.95) donated by the Casino. Members will have the opportunity to visit and then go for lunch at one of the casino eating facilities.

After lunch a tour/parade around Payson is planned and will be guided by Ken and his friends. It will include a stop at Ken's 2,000 sq. foot shop to see some of his Studebaker projects in progress and beverages will be served there.

A caravan is being planned from the Fountain Hills area Saturday morning and details about the time and location will be in the July ECHO. Directions to the Casino will also be printed for those traveling from outside the Valley.

This will be a good opportunity to be in a cooler climate for a few hours with your Studebaker friends so it is hoped many of you will make plans to drive your Studebaker to Payson. Ken is advertising our gathering in the local papers and you'll have a chance to show off your beauty to local residents.

This 'n That

Congratulations to **Steve Piper** on the success of his automotive news magazine in Prescott, the *Tri-City Motor News*. This is the fifth year Steve has published the magazine and it has grown to a 20 page compendium of auto hobbyist happenings. It is available at several automotive related businesses in the Prescott area.

Your editor noticed in the *Starlite S'coupe*, newsletter of the San Diego County Chapter, that **Colin Fort** reported his son **Garrett** is number one in his diesel mechanic class at Arizona Automotive Institute in Avondale. Garrett and his parents, Colin and Suzanne, are all members of the Chapter. Congrats, Garrett.

It was good to see the Christopher Creek home of **Mike and Mary Barany** was spared from the fire in that area in May. They were interviewed in a segment about the fire on Channel 12.

Updated rosters are available from the editor either in print form or as a pdf file. Contact Chris at 602-995-5311 or chuckstude@juno.com to get your copy via snail mail or e-mail.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311		1	2
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10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
43rd SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET, SOUTH BEND, IND						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

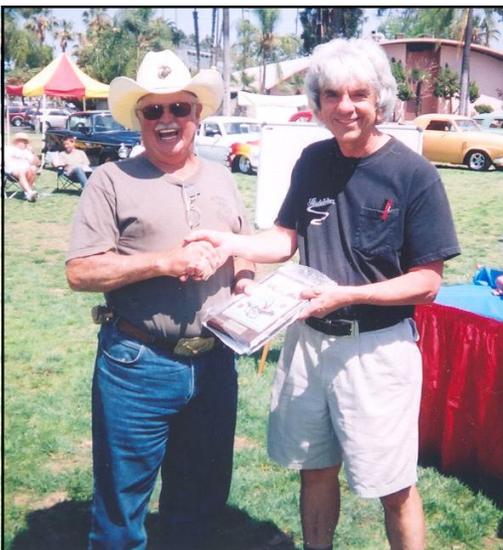
LA PALMA STUDEBAKER CAR SHOW AND PARTS EXCHANGE

By Richard Dornois

Sunday, May 27, I had the pleasure of celebrating my eighth anniversary with SDC and the Grand Canyon State Chapter at the 33rd Annual Studebaker Car Show and Parts Exchange in Anaheim, California with many of the same people and cars I enjoyed eight years ago. The weather was about the same as May 30, 1999, low overcast early and by ten bright sunshine for the day. The numbers were down a bit with sixty two examples on the field at La Palma Park and near a hundred in 1999. Gordon Bricken of the Orange Empire Chapter who introduced me to SDC and the Grand Canyon State Chapter was on hand accomplishing some of the same duties as eight years ago. He had welcomed me to my first Studebaker outing and introduced me to Steve Fein, Will and Chris Eastburn, Marvin Wyrick and John Kroulik who invited me into the Chapter. I am glad I turned around on my way to Disneyland that Sunday morning and followed those Studebakers to La Palma Park. I have been truly blessed with so many great friends and experiences.

The Grand Canyon State Chapter was well represented by Dana Kocher, Colin Fort with his new 1956 Commander four door sedan and Malcolm Stinson who earned Best Of Division honors with his Avanti powered, burgundy, Champ pick up. SDC President Ed Reynolds, a founding father of the meet, was on hand as a vendor and presented the awards. Ed has attended without interruption for thirty three years. The 1959 cream Silver Hawk shown by Stan Haveriland of Los Angeles earned Best of Show.

My three day adventure was rounded out with a visit to Studebaker Parts and Service in Long Beach, California where Rick Barrett announced his retirement; a wonderful sightseeing odyssey north on the Pacific Coast Highway and a most interesting tour of the recently opened Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo, all courtesy of Ed Reynolds.



Ed Reynolds, SDC president, presents Malcolm Stinson with Best of Division Award at La Palma Park.

Technical Information



Seal Installation Tips

Since the hole (and the seal) are not perfectly round, they each have a few high spots on them. That's why when you go to put a seal in a bore it rocks a bit and doesn't sit comfortably every time. The trick to a good seal installation is preparation.

- a) Clean the old stuff out of the bore. It is a sealant the seal guys put on the case to help stop leakage around the OD of the case. It builds up and can cause problems on installation.
- b) Use an install tool. Even if you have to make one, it will help keep the seal lined up to the bore and compress the OD of the case in a uniform manner. Beating them in with a hammer, hitting it every hour around the clock is asking for trouble. (Note: I make a lot of seal tools out of heavy wall PVC pipe and glue a cap on one end. Then you can reach over things like output shafts, and a rubber mallet makes them go in a lot easier).
- c) Check the inner lip of the seal. If it has a spring retainer (garter spring), then you might want to pack it with grease, so that the jarring of installation doesn't knock the garter spring off the lip and into the transmission or differential. That happens a lot and can cause a ton of grief.
- d) Clock the seal in the bore when you go to put it in. Seals have a sweet spot where the case will set on several points on the bore and it will feel stable and not rock. Just take the seal in your hand and hold it up to the bore and feel for the rock. Then rotate the seal a little and feel for the rock again. You may go halfway around, but there will be a spot where it feels nice and stable. That's the sweet spot. Take your tool and put it up against the seal and start driving it into the bore. Your first hit with the hammer should be a firm contact, enough to start the seal case into the bore. You don't want to crush it with a gorilla swing, but no lil' tap-tap-tap either. Line it up and hit it. If you've done the alignment step properly, it'll start fine. And when you drive the seal in. Only go until it is even with the outer case, or where the case just bottoms out. There's nothing good going to come from giving it one more smack for good luck. You'll just bend something, or hurt yourself.
- e) Take your time inspecting, and prepping your yoke, or stub shaft, or spindle. Make sure it is clean, and has no knicks in it. No sense doing it all over again...
- f) If your shaft is grooved, check out a Speedi-Sleeve (SKF), or a Redi-Sleeve (Nat'l).. They may well save you a shaft, and they work with most seals. (Tip: The last three numbers are the size of the shaft on a Speedi-Sleeve... The first three numbers are the size of the shaft on an SKF grease seal)...Hope the info helps.

Jeff...an old seal and bearing guy
Reprinted from the SDC Forum

SDC RESPONSIBILITIES, COSTS AND REVENUE FROM AN SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET

It is the Studebaker Drivers Club's policy that they will:

- ◆ Be the primary resource for the host chapter for the planning and implementation of the meet.
- ◆ Provide a meet book titled "How to Conduct a Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet" to the host chapter covering most aspects of the event.
- ◆ Work with the host chapter in selecting the meet hotel and will negotiate all contracts with the hotel for room nights, meeting rooms, comp rooms, food and all other issues involving the hotel the duration of the meet. All contracts will be signed by the SDC President and the IMC Chairman.
- ◆ Work with the host chapter in selecting a tour company and will negotiate the contract with the tour company which will be signed by the SDC President and the IMC Chairman.
- ◆ Direct the IMC treasurer to submit a tentative budget to the IMC and SDC Board of Directors one year prior to the meet and another six months prior to the meet.
- ◆ Solicit chapters, members and Studebaker related businesses for trophy sponsorships.
- ◆ Compile material submitted by the host chapter for the pre-meet booklet and have it printed.
- ◆ Select and work with a company to handle meet registrations.
- ◆ Work with the Antique Studebaker Club, the Avanti Owners Association International and any other organizations who have been approved by the IMC to have the SDC International Meet as their official national meet.
- ◆ Compile information for a pocket agenda and have it printed.
- ◆ Set vendor registration fees for the swap meet, concours, banquet, meet handbook ads and trophy sponsorships.
- ◆ Work with the host chapter to compile and submit *Turning Wheels* ads.
- ◆ Work with the host chapter to provide security for display and concours vehicles, swap meet areas and the memorabilia room.
- ◆ Provide lunch for the SDC National Directors at their meeting.
- ◆ Plan and conduct Welcome Night. (optional)
- ◆ Plan and conduct the National Auction.
- ◆ Provide judges and conduct concours judging.
- ◆ Provide judges with breakfast, lunch and beverages throughout judging day and will provide identifying hats or ribbons.
- ◆ Design and provide dash plaques.
- ◆ Design and provide all awards plaques or trophies.
- ◆ Provide a meet photographer.
- ◆ Provide a stenographer for the SDC Board of Directors meeting.
- ◆ Provide liability insurance covering all SDC and host chapter activities.

It is the SDC policy that their costs include but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ The cost of the registration company.
- ◆ The cost of producing and printing 1,000 copies of the pre-meet booklet.
- ◆ \$250 of the cost to print the optional meet booklet or master schedule.
- ◆ The cost of compiling and printing the pocket agenda.
- ◆ The cost of compiling *Turning Wheels* ads.
- ◆ The cost of the Board of Directors luncheon.
- ◆ The cost of room or space rental for all activities that are the responsibility of the SDC and not provided by the meet hotel.
- ◆ 1/2 the cost of providing security for the parking lot, concours area and swap meet throughout the meet.
- ◆ The cost related to Welcome Night.
- ◆ The cost related to the National Auction.
- ◆ The cost of providing food or beverages for the concours judges and identifying hats or ribbons.
- ◆ The cost of designing and making dash plaques.
- ◆ The cost of designing and providing awards plaques or trophies.
- ◆ The cost of the awards banquet.
- ◆ The cost of the meet photographer and the cost of rental of any special equipment need for the banquet presentation not provided by the meet photographer.

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LA to Reno in a Speedster Continued from page 1.

Following it to the generator I found the source of my problem: the entire pulley section of the generator had simply disappeared, never to be seen again! Never before and never since had I seen this happen but happen it did just a scant five miles from the charming desert community of Mojave, CA. What to do? I let the engine cool, topped off the radiator and drove the remaining five miles to Mojave. Being winter it was still cool and I made it without overheating. Remember, this was 1986, the Dark Ages before computers, cell phones and self-serve gas stations. But one good thing about the Dark Ages was gas stations were still *service* stations, complete with mechanics and service bays. Remember those days? I had some tools with me but when the generator disintegrated it torqued in the bracket and I could not get it loose. The Chevron station was not too busy and the mechanic said he could get the old unit off and if I walked up a couple of blocks I could get a 'new' generator. Another good thing about the Good Old Days: you could walk into an auto parts store and find generators and voltage regulators for 6 volt systems! How I miss those days! Armed with my new generator I brought it back and the mechanic said he could have it ready pretty soon. After a couple of cups of coffee at the White Motel I came back and sure enough, the Speedster was ready to go.

The miles and towns slipped by: Cal City, Ridgecrest, Olancho, Independence and Lone Pine. By the time Big Pine hove into sight I began to notice the amp gauge pulsing and heard a strange noise from under the hood. What to do? Being a sturdy Studebaker I knew it could make the 25 miles to Bishop and so it did. By now it was late afternoon as I pulled over, got out and opened the hood. And what did I see? The front bolt holding the generator bracket had sheared off, hence the noise! Another Chevron station was open and in no time the bolt was tapped and another installed. Ever have one of those Defining Moments in your life, one you look back on and say, "Why did I do that?" Well, this was one of those moments. Late afternoon in Bishop, elevation 4,000 feet, December and getting colder by the minute. I try to rationalize my decision to push on by virtue of the fact I used to work out of the Bishop office and was very familiar with the roads and towns. So, instead of staying in a nice cozy room at the Vagabond Inn and having a nice hot meal at the adjoining HoJos', I headed out thinking I would see how things were going by the time I got to Mammoth Lakes. For those familiar with Inyo and Mono counties, you know Bishop is at 4,000 feet and Mammoth sits at 7,000 feet. Between the two towns is the Sherman Grade, straight up for 3,000 feet. No big deal, I've driven it many times. It's now getting to be a dark, cold and stormy night with little old me chugging up the grade. Part way up I noticed the lights grow dim and the heat turn to a rather wimpy temperature. Sure enough the amp gauge shows a steady

discharge! Well, it's a Studebaker so I drove on to Mammoth Lakes arriving around 5:30 on a Friday night. What to do? I know Mammoth pretty well and found a garage still open! That was the good news. The bad news was the heater in the garage was broken and it was, literally, freezing in there. The mechanic was working on a Jeep but said he would take a look at the Speedster. As I'm sure you have guessed, the generator was burned out and so was I. There was a motel nearby so after making arrangements to see the mechanic in the morning I called it a day.

Saturday, December 27, 1986. The only thing I had going for me was it had been a cold winter but very little snow so I did not have to contend with all the problems that go along with snow and slush. Numerous calls turned up no generator in the surrounding counties but one could be shipped up from Los Angeles, arriving by Pony Express on the following Tuesday. What to do? First things first, as it was getting late I spent another night in Mammoth.

For those of you who have not been to Mammoth Lakes, it's a beautiful ski resort in the High Sierras; however, I was in no mood to ski even if there had been snow!

Sunday, December 28, 1986. With the prospect of spending two more days in this High Sierra paradise, I decided to start knocking on doors. Finally I found someone who said he had an old Ford tractor out back and I was welcome to the generator. Okay, I know what you're thinking and I thought it too but necessity begets desperation so off came the generator. Yep, it was too big for the bracket on the Speedster! By now it was late afternoon and I had learned my lesson: once again I lay over!

Monday, December 29, 1986. I finally jury-rigged another bracket on the Speedster, got the generator in and decided I could make Reno as it was now about noon. Okay, I know what you're thinking and so was I! The miles and towns dropped by: June Lake, Lee Vining, Mono Lake, Bridgeport, Coleville, Lake Topaz. I was making good time until I got to Carson City, a scant 36 miles from Reno and my new home when I noticed a decided discharge condition in the amp gauge! What to do? Well, it's a Studebaker so I pushed on arriving at dusk with virtually no reserve in the battery. My Speedster coasted to a stop outside the house, getting me once again safely, if not expeditiously, home again! Like the crew of the *Minnow* I had started out for a 3 hour cruise...

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I know I have a hundred more stories like this in 38 years of driving Studebakers, which you, dear reader, must also. Why not relate your stories right here in The Echo? I'm sure we would all enjoy hearing about your adventures and Chris would enjoy having something to include in *The Echo*, a win-win situation. I look forward to reading some of your exciting adventures in upcoming issues.

Editor's note: You can send your story to the editor via e-mail as a Word or Works document or in the body of the e-mail. Snail mail submissions are welcome, also.

Costs to SDC for International Meet continued

- ◆ The cost of the stenographer for the SDC Board of Directors meeting.
- ◆ The cost of providing liability insurance for the meet.

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- ◆ Donations from trophy sponsors.

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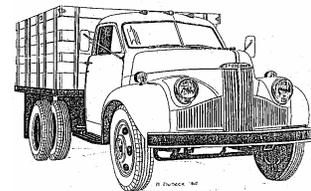
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MISC. FOR SALE

Cleaning out library. Lots of long time collected literature for sale, approximately 100 items. I will forward you an inventory list. Also **about 50 antique and classic model cars** that I wish to sell - many are from the Franklin Mint plus others. Willard Pike 480-895-8908 or elgin32@msn.com (2)

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Visiting while waiting for the
Poker Run to begin.

That's Dan Kuhl and his 1977
Avanti in the background.



Bill & Peggy taking
off on the Run.



Dennis Lynde gets
another card for his
poker hand from
Jan Lockmon.



Dinner at Lou's
Tivoli Gardens
with the Millettes
and their grand-
children in the
foreground.

Pictured below is
the Kroulik family.



Rachel, Peggy and Michell Eastburn....

Curves on the Curb Car Show at the Phoenix Art Museum

May 20, 2007



Looking Back

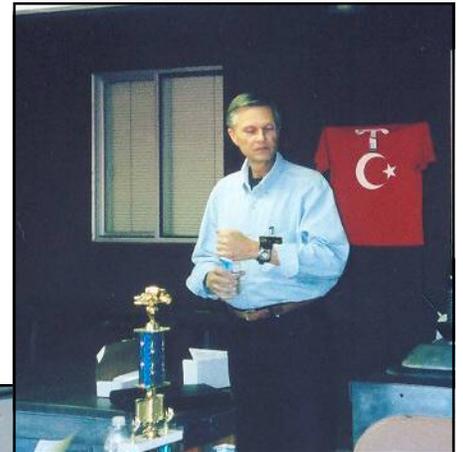
Chapter Pot Luck and Meeting at the George Gezelius home, April 21, 2007



George told the members about his trip to Europe last summer. He hung flags and other memorabilia from the trip around his patio.

Right: Larry Vahe conducts the membership meeting.

Below: Vice president Denny Lockmon updates the members about upcoming events



Dennis Lynde drove his 1953 pickup.





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