

# The ECHO

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Grand Canyon State Chapter  
Studebaker Drivers Club

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*Studebaker*



A C-Cab to drool over.



Only one of this car  
was ever built.

An unusual custom.



**43rd Annual  
International SDC Meet  
South Bend, Ind.  
June 17-23, 2007**

**WARNING  
Look Both Ways Before  
Crossing the Streets -  
This Town is Full of  
STUDEBAKERS**



**This M5 was driven from  
Wisconsin.**

All photos by Chris Collins.

## Editorially Speaking

Chuck and I certainly had a good time in South Bend at this year's International Meet. The meets are an occasion for us to meet customers we may only know as a voice on the phone or a name in an e-mail. It is always good to put a face to a name and each year gives us the opportunity to do that.

A highlight of the meet for many members was visiting the new Studebaker National Museum for the first time and I'm quite sure all found it to be just wonderful. It can't be adequately described but I can say it has many great interpretive displays and the Studebakers are either the most beautiful or are unique in some way. If you ever have the chance while traveling in that part of the country, make a visit to the museum a priority.

While there we noticed the donor wall had some additions and saw that our Chapter had been credited for specific donations to the Museum (accomplished with the \$10,000 we donated over a several year period). One item for which we were credited was the post office mural which is not currently displayed (Chuck and I did see it when we visited the Museum in May, 2006). The other item for which we received credit is a terra cotta wheel and not the 1964 mural we requested. I have asked for

information about which wheel that might be and have not received a reply but will let you know what I learn.

As this issue is packed with meet reports and pictures the feature about a member is postponed until September. Please consider sending in your Studebaker story and/or a picture for inclusion in a future issue.

Larry makes an interesting observation in his message about driving our old vehicles on today's roads. Based on the number of trailers at the fairgrounds at South Bend there are fewer members driving their Studebakers to meets, especially from some distance. A new requirement by the International Meet Committee that the host chapter sponsor two driving tours during an International Meet will hopefully help to get people behind the wheel of their Studes for even a short time and allow us to be true to our name as a Drivers Club. In the meantime, drive your Stude as much as you can, perhaps to cruise nights, so our marque is seen by the public and not forgotten. Don't forget our caravan to Payson and the tour around town on the 14th hosted by Ken Michael. We can put smiles on the faces of the Payson residents just as was done in South Bend as the Studebakers paraded through the streets after the concours.

Studebakerly, *Chris*

PS Thanks to all who contributed this month!

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## President's Message

By now the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Meet is in the history books and a good time was had by all of us that attended. Our thanks go out to the committee members who helped put on this great event and to the staff of the Studebaker National Museum; I know they worked very hard and are to be commended for doing such a good job! Like many of you, I spent a lot of time at the new Studebaker museum. I looked at the cars displayed on all three levels and went through the Club Room located on the second floor. While I did not see anyone looking over the few remaining buildings that comprised the old plant I did stop by and looked at the administration building and five story assembly building. There was plenty of activity at SASCO located in the old engineering building on Sample Street and many of us spent time looking at the inventory located on the upper floors. Jon Carter found enough NOS interior parts to complete a 1963 Lark but by and large the majority of the NOS interior panels have succumbed to 43 years of the elements.

While this meet will be covered by other gifted writers in the news letter I'll just mention one more item and that was the drive around Studebaker's old test track. While I did not count the number of Studebaker's going around the track I would guess it was around 100. The first lap went rather sedately at 30 mph but each lap saw some people leaving the track. As the field thinned I got my '64 Avanti up to 50 mph for a short time on the second lap and on the third lap my top speed was 60 mph. This was not a sustained speed but until the field closed up it was fun while it lasted!

I believe John Kroulik and I were the only two members who drove back to South Bend in our respective Studebakers. John and I ended up taking different routes but I put some 4,200 miles on my '64 Avanti. In the 'For What It's Worth' category I noted a couple of things from driving my Studebaker that many miles. One thing becomes noticeable and that is the Interstate Highways are a harsh environment for older cars. My speed was around 75 to 80 mph and while that's a good speed for keeping up I was still passed by numerous trucks going, I'm guessing, close to 90 mph. If you're not the lead Husky then the view never changes and I found myself following many trucks going around 80 mph. I also expected to see some Studebakers on the road. Going to the meet I did not see one Studebaker until I got to South Bend. On the way home I passed a '53 so the sum total of Studebakers I saw in 4,200 miles was one. And the point of all of this is? I know we are supposed to be the Studebaker Drivers Club but with each passing year it becomes harder to drive the interstates. I would guess that within, say, five years or less the vast majority of the cars going to meets outside of your normal commuting area will be trailered as driving just becomes to abusive on the cars and the speeds more daunting. In addition to hitting a gazillion bugs I drove in a lot in the rain. From South Bend to Oklahoma City it either drizzled or I was

driving through torrential downpours.

On the upside of driving I found that when I stopped for gas (a frequent experience in a '64 Avanti) people either absolutely knew about Studebakers or didn't have a clue. The age cutoff for this was about 45: those over knew about Studebakers and those under were clueless. Some of the younger set did clear up a nagging issue for me and that was Studebakers were made in Youngstown, Ohio. This being the case, I wondered what I was doing in South Bend and why the SNM was not located in Youngstown! This, to me, just drives home the point that unless you actually drive your cars and talk with other people then fewer and fewer people will know about Studebakers. The conundrum is, of course, driving becomes more difficult so fewer of us drive and more people will think Youngstown is the home of Studebaker! I guess I should leave the editorial part to the editor but this problem becomes crystal clear when you drive long distance in a Studebaker.

Okay, stepping down from my soap box, the next event scheduled for our chapter is July 14 at the Mazatzal Casino in lovely Payson. This is another fine opportunity for you to get your Studebaker out and on the road especially for those of us who live in the great northern reaches of Arizona. More information is located in this news letter so I hope to see many of you at this chapter event. This will be our last chapter function until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September when we get to visit Scott Cawley's collection. Thanks again to all of you who attended the international meet and to Chris who continues to publish a fine news letter.

*Larry*

### SDC DUES REMINDER

For insurance purposes all Chapter members must be members of SDC. If your SDC dues have lapsed please send \$27.50 to the SDC membership secretary or to the Chapter treasurer who will submit them for you. (See either the back of a recent *Turning Wheels* or an *ECHO* for a membership form.)

It was brought to our attention at the recent meet that SDC's insurance carrier, J.C. Taylor, will require chapters to verify that all their members are SDC members if a chapter wishes to have indemnity insurance for its officers and board members. This requirement is also one that the International Meet Committee will enforce for chapters hosting international meets.

Yours truly, as membership chairman, will need to submit the SDC membership numbers to the insurance company so please be sure to provide that number on the membership form when you pay your chapter dues for 2008. Your membership number can be found on the address label of your *Turning Wheels* or on your membership card.

Thank you in advance for your help. *Chris*

## Welcome New Members

Robert & Sharon Mitchell  
11431 N. Century Lane  
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No Studebaker now but owned a  
1954 Champion HT in 1956

Steve & Kay Schmidt  
4916 Comanche Dr.  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326  
928-646-6104  
Looking for a Studebaker

Bruce & Kimberly Warren  
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Gilbert, AZ 85298  
480-588-8603  
studebaker@cox.net  
1960 Lark VIII Wagon

## INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com/sdcforum.asp>  
Go to the Studebaker Forum, click on South Bend Forum for pictures of the concours, drag races and proving grounds from the 43rd Annual SDC Meet in South Bend.

<http://www.aoai.org> A gallery for every day of the meet plus a video of a twin supercharged Avanti at the drag strip.

<http://studetrucks.tripod.com/photoind.htm> Click on Photo Albums at the bottom and then click on 2007 Studebaker International Meet.

[http://youtube.com/watch?v=gNrOG4DNqUY&mode=related&search=Death of the Studebaker Plant](http://youtube.com/watch?v=gNrOG4DNqUY&mode=related&search=Death+of+the+Studebaker+Plant) from 2006

<http://family.webshots.com/album/559626047KyLYQT>  
Pictures of SASCO.

<http://www.intuh.net/barnfinds/index.htm> Barn full of cars in Portugal. See this website with more information - <http://www.jasononcars.com/review/more-information-on-the-portuguese-barn-find/>

Order your Chapter name badge by contacting Chris Collins at 602-995-311 or [chuckstude@juno.com](mailto: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.

## CELEBRATE!



### July Birthdays

|    |                       |    |                   |
|----|-----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 3  | Gail Avery            | 17 | Sharon Ware       |
| 3  | Ruth Kappus           | 18 | Wayde McCoy       |
| 3  | Rob Ray               | 19 | Lionel Stone      |
| 7  | Al Karas              | 23 | Phillip Smith     |
| 8  | Ken Michael           | 25 | Dwain Grindinger  |
| 10 | Curtis Lee            | 25 | Ron Watson        |
| 11 | Julie Sackett         | 26 | Byron Elliott     |
| 11 | Terry Stines          | 27 | Garrett Fort      |
| 13 | Mary Powell-McConnell | 28 | David Miller      |
| 14 | Richard Rampt         | 28 | Claudia Robinette |

### August Birthdays

|    |                 |    |                     |
|----|-----------------|----|---------------------|
| 5  | Don Didier      | 19 | Malcolm Stinson, Jr |
| 6  | Kathy Herceg    | 20 | Steve Piper         |
| 9  | Chris Collins   | 22 | Frank Henry         |
| 9  | Kimberly Warren | 23 | Pete Hupper         |
| 11 | Paul Grainger   | 25 | Ginny Traeder       |
| 12 | Walt Jazwinski  | 26 | Edith Brown         |
| 13 | Fred Gooch      | 26 | Joanna Worster      |
| 13 | Lisa Trenter    | 27 | Carmen Curtis       |
| 15 | Dolores Lynch   | 27 | Fred Moore          |
| 15 | Vicki Piper     | 29 | Gary Horner         |
| 16 | Suzanne Smith   | 29 | Darrel Seher        |
| 19 | Kathy Trenter   | 2  | Jan Stanton         |

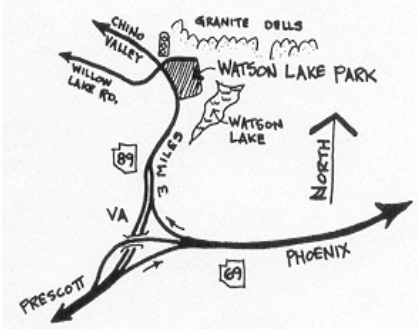
### July Anniversaries

|    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 1  | Don & Ann Didier         |
| 2  | Bill & Barbara Brooks    |
| 4  | Will & Maryanne Eastburn |
| 4  | Bruce & Kimberly Warren  |
| 5  | Dana & Judith Kocher     |
| 6  | Curtis & Carol Lee       |
| 11 | Walt & Kitty Jazwinski   |
| 16 | Dick & Mary Beth Eichof  |
| 16 | Ike & Virginia Quigley   |
| 22 | David & Virginia Miller  |
| 26 | Robert & Edith Brown     |

### August Anniversaries

|    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Willard & Ruth Pike   |
| 7  | Ron & Vickie Crowe    |
| 7  | Jim & Eileen Ten Eyck |
| 17 | Steve & Vicki Piper   |
| 22 | Bob & Kathy Herceg    |
| 26 | Bill & Mary Cervini   |
| 31 | Gary & Sandie Keating |
| 31 | Dick & Kay LaTorre    |
| 31 | Dale & Norma Sexton   |

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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. EVENT IS FREE TO PUBLIC. INFO: MERLE AT 928-779-0383. (LUNCH ON THURSDAY, THE 12TH WILL BE IN KINGMAN AT LOCOMOTIVE PARK. THAT NIGHT'S STOP IS LAUGHLIN AT THE COLORADO BELLE.) WATCH FOR THE TWO STUDEBAKERS ENTERED - A 1955 PRESIDENT AND A 1957 SILVER HAWK.
- JULY 14** **CHAPTER EVENT IN PAYSON AT MAZATZAL CASINO HOSTED BY KEN MICHAEL. CARAVAN FROM FOUNTAIN HILLS AT 9:00 AM. 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.**
- AUGUST 4 & 5** 33RD ANNUAL CAR EXHIBIT, PARTS EXCHANGE & OLD ENGINE FIRE UP HOSTED BY THE PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB AT WATSON LAKE IN PRESCOTT. GENERAL PARKING: \$4 DONATION. SHOW CAR ENTRY FOR 1982 AND OLDER ONLY: \$15 SATURDAY, \$10 SUNDAY. DASH PLAQUES & GOODIE BAGS FOR FIRST 200 VEHICLES. PARTICIPANT'S & PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS. VENDOR SPACES: \$50 FOR THE WEEKEND. GATES OPEN AT 5:30 AM. INFO: JIM AT 928-778-5386 OR WARE@CABLEONE.NET
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- 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 ON PAGE 8.**
- 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 EVENT - 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET WITH YOUR PARTY IDEAS. PLEASE START GATHERING PICTURES AND ITEMS THAT REFLECT THE HISTORY OF THE CHAPTER.**
- NOVEMBER** **CHAPTER MEETING - SCOTT & BARBARA GRAINGER, HOSTS.**
- DECEMBER** **HOLIDAY PARTY - JOHN & LORILEE KROULIK, HOSTS.**

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



## JULY EVENT

### JULY 14 CHAPTER EVENT IN PAYSON

Saturday, July 14 is the day for the Chapter's summer event at the Mazatzal Casino hosted by Ken Michael in his hometown of Payson. 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 a room set aside for us 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.

Valley members meet at the Wendy's in Fountain Hills at 17218 E. Shea Blvd. just west of the Bee Line

Highway at 9:00 AM for a caravan to the casino. Brand xes and other antique vehicles are welcome to join the caravan. If you cannot join the caravan, take SR 87 (Bee Line Highway) 90 miles to Payson. The casino is at mile marker 251. Contact Chris at 602-995-5311 or chuckstude@juno.com if you have any questions about the caravan.

If you are coming from the north, take SR 87 south about 90 miles through Payson to the casino. From the east, take SR 260 to its intersection with SR 87; turn south through town to the casino.

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 says he has been getting quite a bit of interest so there may be a good crowd to view our Studebakers. If you have any questions, contact Ken at 928-970-1562 or kenmike@excite.com.

You can learn more about the casino operated by the Tonto Apache Tribe at <http://www.777play.com/>



Larry Vahe, our intrepid president, poses with Dan and Corlean Kuhl in a South Bend restaurant parking lot. This picture was taken after the four lap go around on the Bosch proving grounds track. Larry drove his 1964 Avanti 4200 miles during his trip to and from South Bend for the International SDC Meet. In addition to all the fun he had driving his Studebaker, he was awarded a first in concours judging which proves a driver can also be a show car. Congratulations, Larry.

During the last lap around the Bosch proving grounds track on Saturday, a Lark had mechanical problems and was picked up by one of the sweep vehicles, a diesel owned by former Chapter member Jim Maxey. That's Chuck Collins with the truck while the Lark is being loaded on the trailer. Chuck and Chris were thrilled to ride with Jim for the four laps around the track. About 150 cars and trucks made it on the track after touring from the South Bend Wal-Mart where the Studebakers met for an early morning car show.



## 43rd International SDC Meet

The meet was by most accounts one of the best because we were back "home" in South Bend, Ind. The Studebaker National Museum was the host of the 43rd annual meet and they did a great job of organizing and planning a very full and busy week for the members of the Studebaker Drivers Club, the Antique Studebaker Club and the Avanti Owners Association. The Packard Club also met during the week and participated in the concours at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds.

The swap meet and concours were both held at the fairgrounds. The membership meeting, auction and banquet took place at the downtown Century Center. Registration, the board and other meetings were at the Studebaker National Museum or Center for History. A bit of running around, for sure, but everyone got to know the streets of South Bend very well during the week.

The SDC board met Monday and among the business conducted was election of officers. All the officers were re-elected with no competition for any of the offices. The board approved a new membership option - \$10.00 dues with voting privileges but no *Turning Wheels* for those who want to be a member of a chapter for social reasons.

The swap meet began officially Monday morning and ran all week. Vendors were set up in three buildings and outside at the fairgrounds. Parts, parts, parts everywhere. No one should have gone home empty handed.

Many meetings were held Tuesday beginning with the editors meeting where there was discussion about different ways to distribute and publish chapter newsletters and about copyright laws. Winners of the newsletter competition were announced and Gail Ault editor of the Southern Arizona Chapter's *Copper Starlight* placed third in the senior bi-monthly category. Congratulations to Gail.

The International Meet Committee met next and went over plans for meets through 2011 and discussed potential sites for the 2012 meet.

At the Presidents, Regional Managers and Zone Coordinators meeting, SDC president Ed Reynolds led the group in a discussion of ways to retain membership and how to encourage younger people to become members of the SDC.

Later, at the Foundation board meeting, the board approved assisting a Denver automotive museum with a Studebaker project. Two scholarships were awarded just prior to the meet to students at McPherson College and the Wyoming Technical Institute. The board also decided to sell a Champ pickup donated to the Foundation on eBay.

Wednesday afternoon the Membership Meeting was held, followed in the evening by the National Auction which earned \$8,000 for the Studebaker National Foundation. Between the meeting and the auction, the Studebaker band entertained with a variety of music, all done very well. Five Chapter members participated in the band - Larry Swanson, Bill Cervini, Gary Keating, Deanna Manley and Larry Vahe.

Concours day was a very pleasant day with hundreds of Studebakers on the show field. Because of the number of vehicles, judging ran very late into the afternoon. Friday, at the awards banquet we learned the results of all the hard work. Several Arizona SDC members were winners with firsts earned in their classes by Chester & Nancy Bradfield, 1932 Dictator Roadster; John Agee, 1929 Commander 6 Cabriolet; Dan & Jeri Talbot, 1957 Golden Hawk; Harold & Deanna Manley, 1955 Speedster; Larry Vahe, 1964 Avanti; Dale & Norma Sexton, 1988 Avanti; Ronald Ratz, Avanti. Earning seconds were Dick & Kay LaTorre, 1964 GT Hawk and Bill & Mary Cervini, 1964 R2 Avanti. Dan & Geri Talbot with their 1902 Electric received a third place. Also, at the banquet, we learned Kolton Kroulik received a second place in the model competition. Congratulations to all who received awards.

The Manley's Speedster received an outstanding 399 points but, interestingly, another Speedster got 400 points. (Two vehicles earned 400 points at this meet.) The Manleys were taking their car on to Newton, Iowa where Deanna's dad, George Van Zee, was driving it in Newton's Fourth of July parade.

The week concluded with a car show on Saturday morning followed by a drive to the Bosch Proving Grounds (the former Studebaker test track) with a four lap go around the track. What a wonderful way to end a great week.

If you wish to experience an SDC International Meet before our Chapter hosts one in 2010 you might consider attending the 2008 meet in Lancaster, PA September 14-20 or the 2009 meet in Cedar Rapids, Iowa July 12-18. The meets offer many activities including tours of the area, meetings, swap meet and the concours. Try it, you'll like it.

### A Family Affair

Along with judging full size Studebakers, the SDC sponsors model judging during the International Meet. This year, Kolton Kroulik entered his Pinewood Derby racers in the junior scratch built model class and earned a second place award. Kolton and his dad, John Kroulik, built these racers for the Pinewood Derby, a fun event sponsored by the Cub Scouts. Kolton has done very well racing his Studebaker racers, winning at the local and state level. The blue racer on the right is modeled after the 1932 Studebaker Indy racer and the red one on the left after the 1962 STP car.

Congratulations to Kolton on his award and for entering the competition. Thanks to the Kroulik family for consistently making the Studebaker hobby a family affair.



**“Studebaker Heaven in 2007”, Pacific Southwest Zone Meet  
September 14,15,&16,2007, Hosted by the San Joaquin Valley Chapter  
The club has many exciting things planned for this weekend, starting  
with a welcome BBQ on Friday evening, Sept. 14. @ 6pm. This party is in  
your honor, and is compliments of your host chapter members.**

### Host Hotel

**Holiday Inn Swan Court, Selma CA. Rates are \$91.00 + tax for up to 4  
persons per room. The entire resort has been booked for this meet. You  
MUST state you are with SDC. Call 559-891-8000 to book your  
reservations. This hotel is located on Highway 99 just minutes for  
Fresno. The address is 2910 Pea Soup Drive Selma, Ca. 93662**

#### CONCOURSE JUDGING CLASSES

|                                  |  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>A - PREWAR STUDEBAKER</b>     | <b>F - AVANTI 1963,64</b>              | <b>K - PLEASURE CLASS</b>       |
| <b>B - POST WAR 1947-58</b>      | <b>G - AVANTI II, 1965 &amp; NEWER</b> | <b>BEST OF SHOW</b>             |
| <b>C - C&amp;K COUPE 1953-61</b> | <b>H - STUDEBAKER TRUCK</b>            | <b>FARTHEST DISTANCE DRIVEN</b> |
| <b>D - LARK 1959-66</b>          | <b>I - COMMERCIAL</b>                  | <b>HARD LUCK</b>                |
| <b>E - GT HAWK 1962-64</b>       | <b>J - CUSTOM/MODIFIED</b>             | <b>LAST CHANCE</b>              |

#### GENERAL REGISTRATION

**EARLY (BEFORE AUG.1, 2007) \$ 30.00-----PER FAMILY THIS PRICE INCLUDES 2 BBQ  
LATE ( AFTER AUG. 1, 2007) \$ 35.00-----PER FAMILY TICKETS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT  
SWAP MEET- OUTSIDE 15X15 \$ 20.00-----  
INSIDE 10X10 \$ 30.00----- SATURDAY AWARDS BANQUET \_\_\_\_\_X\$25.50  
CONCOURS PER CAR (JUDGING) \$ 20.00-----CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_ BEEF \_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
(DISPLAY) \$ 10.00-----RAFFLE TICKETS@ \$1.00EA \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.00  
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FRIDAY NIGHT BBQ. HOW MANY----- ( NO CHARGE WITH PAID FAMILY REGISTRATION)**

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## AMERICAN TRUCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NATIONAL MEET

By Richard Dormois

Grand Canyon State Chapter members were immersed in the vintage truck scene as Colorado Springs, Colorado hosted the American Truck Historical Society National Meet at the World Arena. Scott Grainger, Don Robertson, Richard Dormois, Kevin MacFadden and dad enjoyed three days walking the many rows of big rigs dating from the early 1900s to 2008 in varying weather conditions not unusual for June at the base of Pikes Peak. It was eighty Thursday morning and snow fell on the show field Thursday evening.

The boys got their fill of vintage Republics, Hayes, Nash, Oldsmobile, Corbett, International, Autocar, White, Kliber, Packard, Plymouth, Fargo, Dodge, Federal, Peterbilt, Kenworth, Eagle, and many more. It was hard to pick a star of the event, but most attention was gained by Don Robertson's "Other Woman" International tractor and fifty three foot flatbed trailer carrying the International Tractor and vintage gasoline tanker converted into a condominium where Don and friends reside when on the road.

Heavy snow and high winds cancelled the truckers run up Pikes Peak which was very disappointing. The membership meeting at the Doubletree Inn brought two hundred and twenty and Ritchie Brothers held a benefit auction of vintage trucks on Saturday with less than stellar results.

Now rumors abound that Studebaker and the Grand Canyon State Chapter may be well represented at the 2008 AHS Meet in Hutchinson, Kansas as Toto may return home for a visit.

### Many Arizona Chapter Members Attend Meet

Members from the two Arizona Chapters attending the 43rd International Meet in South Bend were the Kroulik family ( who drove their '63 GT), Larry Vahe (also driving his Studebaker), Dan & Geri Talbot, Harold & Deanna Manley, Dan & Corlean Kuhl, Bruce & Maggie Wheeler; Steve & Paulette Fein, Bruce Sandburg & Delores Shurtz, Denny & Jan Lockmon, Brian & Aleta Millette, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Lew Dandurand, Keith Muske, Jerry Kaiser, Will & Maryanne Eastburn and girls, Al & Ann Riedel, Stuart Tritt, Bill & Cheryl Simmons, David & Virginia Miller, Fred & Nora Gooch, Chester & Nancy Bradfield, Dale & Norma Sexton, Jon Carter, Glen & Rosalie Torske, Willard & Ruth Pike, Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, Mike & Mary Barany, Paul Horvath, Ron & Vicky Crowe, Gary & Sandie Keating, Bill & Mary Cervini, Chris & Rachel Eastburn, John Verrill, Malcolm Stinson, Ruth Kappus, Sid Rosen, Larry & Pat Swanson, Curtis & Carol Lee, Colin Fort, Chuck & Chris Collins, Robert & Shirlee Daidone, Ronald Ratz, John Agee, Dick & Kay LaTorre, Ed Smith, Dwain Grindinger and Chuck Naugle (who was happily autographing copies of the *May Turning Wheels* for his many fans). Sorry if anyone was missed.

### Harry Barnes and Minnie Barnes Award Winners Announced

Chapter member Richard Dormois was presented with the Harry Barnes Award for his outstanding service to the Studebaker Drivers Club during the awards banquet at the SDC International Meet in South Bend. As many of you know, Richard has been very active in the SDC as well as our chapter. He serves as the SDC vice-president, is chairman of the International Meet Committee and is on the Studebaker National Foundation board. He has been our chapter president and currently serves as secretary. In addition, he frequently contributes to *Turning Wheels* and *The ECHO*. Richard is truly deserving of this award and the Chapter extends its hearty congratulations.

The Minnie Barnes award for outstanding charitable work by a chapter was presented to the Rock River Valley Chapter. Over the past 8 years, they have hosted an annual car show with 100% of proceeds going to a children's home. This year they hope to exceed a cumulative \$100,000.

In the way of history, Harry Barnes was the founder of the Studebaker Drivers Club and had established an award in honor of his mother, Minnie. It was intended to recognize a chapter that performed charitable works and public service during the year. Over time, the award was also awarded to deserving members but it had not been given since 1995. In 2006, the board revived the Minnie Barnes award to its original purpose of recognizing a deserving chapter. To honor outstanding SDC members, the Harry Barnes award was created.

Nominations for both awards are submitted to a committee appointed by the board. All members are invited to nominate deserving chapters and members for the respective awards. Watch for an announcement for nominations as the next International SDC Meet in September, 2008 approaches.

### Check out the Chapter website

at <http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com> to view *The ECHO*. See the pictures in this issue in color.

**Your pictures and stories about the International Meet** in South Bend or other events you have attended are welcome. Please e - or snail mail your submissions to the editor at her address on page 2. Thank you.



## SEDAN SALES

I just got back from the big international Studebaker meet in South Bend, Indiana, home of Studebaker Automobiles, and was blown away by the incredible selection of well-restored Studebakers in attendance. Most interesting was the extensive car corral, where there were several really good deals to be had. Apart from the usual club car corral, several area residents, many of whom were former Studebaker employees or had family members who worked on the nearby assembly line, brought their Studebakers to the show to sell with very reasonable prices tagged to the windows.

A very clean, low-mileage 1956 President was a great buy at only \$10,500; it came equipped with the famously durable Studebaker 289-cu.in. V-8, overdrive transmission, and power everything. Behind it was a '62 Lark, which I almost took home with me. As an original South Carolina car, it had little rust and the paint appeared to be mostly original. Its straight-six ran smooth and the A/C blew "ice cold." Its owner was asking a mere \$2,900 for this unpolished gem, which came complete with a new interior.

So keep club conventions in mind when shopping for your next collector car; you just might be able to find your dream car for a price that you thought no longer existed.

By Richard Lentinello from June 28, 2007 edition of *Hemmings e-Weekly Newsletter*.

### Technical Information



#### Voltage Regulator Option for Prestolite Alternators

By Chuck Collins

If your car has a Prestolite alternator and you are in need of a voltage regulator, you will find the original Prestolite #VBV6221A three coil regulator hard to find. With slight changes you can use a Chrysler product unit, 1961-1968 after market #VR706 that can be found at most all auto parts stores.

First, disconnect the battery. The old regulator will have four terminals and the replacement will have

only two, one spade type and one screw type. The screw terminal is the field wire (normally white with a black tracer), connect as normal. The other terminal wire will need a spade connector attached to it, ( from the "I" terminal, normally yellow with black tracer). Connect to the spade terminal of the regulator.

You will have two wires left from the "A" and "B" terminals of the old regulator. (these would have voltage if the battery were connected!) Solder these two wires together and tape for insulation, (normally these wires are white with red and a solid black).

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**1962 GT Hawk w/4spd.** Needs work. \$5500. Cerine Joy, Cottonwood 928-451-2072 (3)

**Lloyd Watts collection for sale - 1930 Commander FD 8 4 dr Brougham, 1930 President Brougham, rare 1924 Big Six Coupe.** Contact Millie at 520-378-0726 or [imwatts@theriver.com](mailto:imwatts@theriver.com) (1)

**1957 Golden Hawk.** Ready for restoration. Purchased from restoration manager of Harrah's in 1986 & stored inside since. Will sell outright or trade for 1953 or '54 coupe. Bruce Bille 623-266-9576 (0)

**1954 3/4 ton Pickup,** long bed, 6 cyl, 3 spd. Requires bonded title to register or can be used for parts. It is in poor condition, not running, has some rust mostly surface type except in the bed and the door corners and it has a few dents. Make offer. Richard 602-954-0082 (0)

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**1963 289 full flow engine w/.060 pistons, competition cam, hard valves & seats.** \$34.00. John Kemper 623-546-8434 (3)

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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](mailto:elgin32@msn.com) (1)



**Split Bench Seat** Blue Grey cloth upholstery in excellent shape. Removed from '60 Lark however this is not a Studebaker seat. \$50.00 Russ Ware 480-988-0153 (0)

**Book-"Studebaker, the Post War Years",** by Richard M. Langworth, very good condition, 195 pages, \$14. **Book--"Automobile Quarterly", Studebaker's 115 Years,** 335 pages, 281 pages devoted to Studebaker, most other pages are about Bugatti, new book, excellent condition, \$14. **Book-"American Cars"** by Leon Mandel, 448 pages, new condition, a book for lovers of all old American cars, Studebaker, also, size 10" X 12", a heavy book, about 5 lbs., \$15. **Studebaker dealers' show room pictures,** one of aerial view of Proving Ground. Another is of factories in South Bend and other assembly plants in USA and Canada. These are originals from a former Studebaker dealer in Bemidji, Minn. They measure 29 1/2" X 39". Good condition. \$75.00 Each. Buyer is to pay shipping costs. Contact: Glen Torske 520-495-4166 or [rtorske@cox.net](mailto:rtorske@cox.net), or 6031 S. Galiuro Dr., Tucson, AZ 85706-4778. (1)

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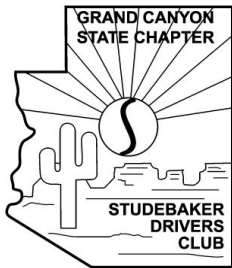
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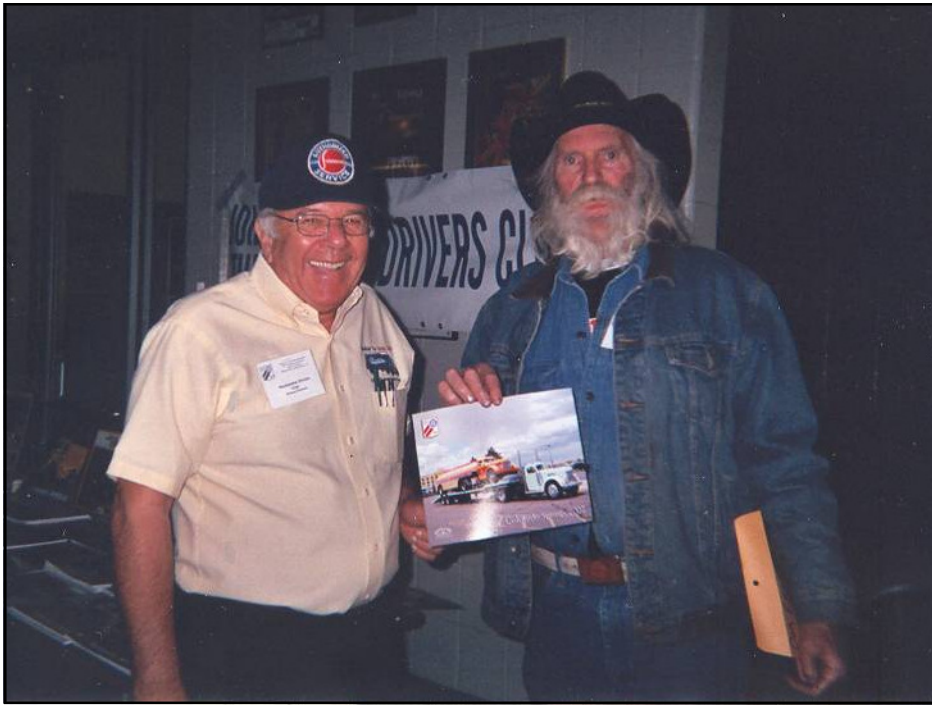
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Chapter members Don Robertson and Richard Dormois at the SDC booth at the American Truck Historic Society National Meet in Colorado Springs, June 8, 2007.

The picture Don is holding shows his "Other Woman" International tractor carrying a vintage gasoline tanker converted into a condominium where Don resides while on the road.



Memorabilia displays at the 43rd International Meet. There were models, scratch builds, dioramas and lots of other types of memorabilia.



Chapter members Larry Swanson, Rosalie Torske and Richard Dormois with Linda Sinclair at the SDC Publications Committee meeting June 19th at the Holiday Inn, South Bend. (Photo by Claudia Robinette.)



View from the back window of Jim Maxey's diesel of Studebakers on the Bosch Proving Grounds track, June 23rd during a lull while a Hawk with mechanical problems was loaded on the other sweep vehicle, "Captain Hook".



The Packard Club held their national meet during the same week as SDC. Pictured are some of the Packard beauties on the show field during the concours Thursday.