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The Bradfield Studebaker Story

Submitted by Nancy Bradfield

After World War II, Nancy's father was a mechanic for a Studebaker dealership, Gordon's Garage, in Timberville, VA. When she was in high school they had a 1950 black Champion Sedan which she learned to drive and got her permit. They always had an older car worth about \$200 with no liability insurance on the car because her dad said he would have to fix it up anyway - needless to say she tried to be careful. She remembers many trips her dad made to South Bend for training and driving new cars back for the dealership to sell.

Chester's family acquired their first Studebaker, a 1951 Champion 4-door Sedan in deep turquoise in Altoona, PA, followed by a 1954 Conestoga Station Wagon, a 1956 President and a 1956 Packard Clipper all bought in Mississippi. Chester got his permit in a 1956 Studebaker.

Chester and Nancy met in History class at Madison College in Harrisonburg, VA. Chester had a 2-tone baby blue and white 1958 Bel Air Chevy which he took all the girls rides in. We were married in 1961 and after Nancy finished her last year we went to Alexandria, VA for two years. Chester worked for Price Waterhouse CPA firm and Nancy taught business in high school. Our first son, Jeff, who is now an antique dealer, was born there.

We returned to our roots in the Shenandoah Valley and Chester began his printing career. We had a daughter, Cindy, and another son, Kevin. Nancy became a full time mom and chauffeur.

Chester bought a 1935 Commander Coupe at an auction in 1978 and a 1951 black Commander Convertible in 1978. These were just fun to enjoy with the children. We learned about the SDC in 1979 at a Keystone event while visiting Nancy's sister in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. We attended our first International Meet in Gettysburg the following year and met some great people. We have attended all the International Meets since 1980 usually with Nancy's father. It was also the family vacation for our children. Chester started printing *Turning Wheels* in 1981.

It was the late eighties before we acquired more Studebakers like the M-Series pickup and the 1964 Avanti. At the South Bend meet in 1988 we acquired a 1 ton 1940 K-10 unrestored truck with 15,000 miles and a grain bed in excellent condition in southern Michigan for Good Printers. They usually use it for parades and promotion. It has even delivered *Turning Wheels* in mailbags to the post office. This truck led to Chester's interest in trucks and his joining the Antique Truck Club. (He worked for a trucking firm in high school.) He then became acquainted with a few truck nuts like Chuck Naugle, Richard Dormois, Jim Maxey, Frank Drumheller and Asa Hall.



The Bradfield's 1940 K-10

Photo courtesy of the Studebaker Truck Forum

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Editorially Speaking

This month's newsletter contains a feast of material from several of our Chapter members. The cover story by Nancy Bradfield is the first of many stories, I hope, by and about our members. The club is not just about preserving Studebakers but is mainly about the people who own and drive the cars. I invite each of you to think about your Studebaker experiences and take a minute to jot one of them down, whether it is about your first Studebaker, your favorite Studebaker, how you got into Studebakers or how the Studebaker hobby enriches your life. You can submit a complete story as Nancy has done or just send me your notes that I can use to compose a story. Pictures are welcome and can be the story itself. Hope to hear from you soon.

The second jewel in this issue is Gary Keating's submission, part of which he wrote and the bulk penned by a young French man who attended the meet in South Bend with the Keatings. It is an enthusiastic and candid account of an outsider's view of our annual gathering and should make us realize that we can gain new fans for the marque by exposing them to a large gathering of a variety of Studebakers.

There are also reports from Larry Vahe, Deanna

Manley, Larry Swanson, Ray Fichthorn, Rich La Torre and Richard Dormois. Chuck Collins submitted a report on our treasury and Denny Lockmon is responsible for sending me much of the information about upcoming events. Putting out a newsletter is truly a group effort and I thank everyone who contributed.

In the last issue, I reported on the items noted as our donations at the Studebaker National Museum. One of our sponsorships is the post office mural, the other a terra cotta wheel. I have learned, thanks to Dennis Lynde from our chapter and Peggy Soderberg from the museum, that the wheel we have sponsored is the one on the main floor just below the body drop and is used as the centerpiece of the SDC, AOAI, ASC display. Pictures of both are printed on one of the extra pages you'll find in the online version of the newsletter.

Our chapter activity this month is a visit to the Studebaker collection of a well-known local collector, Scott Cawley. Hope you take the opportunity to see the many interesting Studebakers he has acquired and will join us for dinner afterwards at Joe's Real Barbecue in downtown Gilbert.

Studebakerly, *Chris*

PS Contact me to receive an up-to-date roster as a pdf file via e-mail.

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President's Message

The July meeting, by all accounts, was a great success! Ken Michael hosted the meet at the Mazatzal Casino in lovely Payson, AZ, which was attended by some 20+ Studebakers. Many members enjoyed walking around the cars and casino grounds. Even more enjoyed the food court and restaurant located in the casino. A short meeting was held at 1 o'clock, which was started by our very own Chris Collins. This, due in no small part, to the fact both the president and vice president were just a hair late getting to the meeting area. Your club officers were engaged in profound matters, which unfortunately caused a small delay in arriving at the meeting at the appointed time. (Ok, we were eating lunch if you must know but profound thoughts were thought). Most of the meeting was devoted to reminiscing about the South Bend meet. Overall, everyone enjoyed the 43rd International Meet with the parade after judging being a real hit along with the drive around the old proving ground track. Some time was devoted to going over the theme/logo of our meet and everyone seems to like the 'sheriff' theme. We will be working with the Southern Arizona Chapter to see if we can get the '26 Sheriff located in Tucson up to the meet in 2010. Ken Michael then took the floor, thanking everyone for coming to the meet and holding a raffle in which Sara McFadden acted as selectee for the drawing. To her credit, she did not select her father's ticket! After the drawing Ken hosted a driving tour around Payson after which everyone returned home. Thank you very much Ken for hosting the July meeting, we all had a great time!

My trip over to Payson was interesting in that Phoenix-type flatlanders may not know of the traffic generated on the weekends in the High Country. My route took me up Hwy 69 to Interstate 17. I followed General Crook Road to Hwy 260 following it along the rim to Hwy 87 and then down to Payson. While traffic was not too bad going to Payson, the traffic coming the other way consisted of a bicycle road 'race', more motorcycles than you could count and a number of car clubs out for a day's

romp along the rim country. This may not be bad on a divided road but the country roads are two lanes and were reduced to a crawl with all the traffic and bicycle riders. In some small way it almost reminds one of commuting traffic on the I-17!

I know you all will be looking at the Upcoming Events but I want to mention the next two in particular. The first is the zone meet in Selma (Fresno), CA on September 14-16. I'm not sure how many plan on attending this event but I plan on driving and participating in the meet (yep, I'm a slow learner!). I spent many years in the Bakersfield/Fresno area and still have friends in the area that I plan on visiting. I will probably drive my Avanti and will be setting up a Gas Fund Account at B of A in case anyone wishes to donate to a worthy cause! One good thing about touring in a '64 Avanti is you get to see the countryside, often it turns out since you are always stopping for gas! Anyway, I hope many of you can make plans to attend this meet. The other upcoming event will be the next chapter function, September 22 at Scott Cawley's collection in Chandler. I've seen many of his cars on different occasions and I think you will find it most interesting. The next board meeting will be held in early September so if you have anything you wish the board to consider (or even want to attend the meeting!) please let us know and we can put it, or you, on the agenda.

Finally, with my tenure in office rapidly drawing to a close I have begun to feel the pressure of defining a goal for this administration. Other administrations have achieved lofty goals such as adding new members and cars. I have finally decided, with the board's approval, to transcend all these past achievements and do something unheard of; we will dispose of the entire stock of T/polo shirts left over from the '04 zone meet! That's right, you read it here. Start your Studebaker in the garage; get a shirt. Come to a meet; get a shirt. Wake up in the morning, call a board member to let them know you're alive; get a shirt. By liquidating the back inventory of shirts this administration will be talked about for, dare I say, decades to come! This will also be a big weight lifted from the incoming president: literally! See you in Selma.

Larry

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2008

Nominations

It's time to think about nominations for all Chapter board and officer positions for 2008. Scott Grainger, the immediate past president, is chair of the nominating committee and will be happy to hear from any member who has an interest in one of the positions. He can be contacted at 480-924-0826 or scott@grangerconsulting.com. You can also contact any of the current officers or board members if you would like to have your name on the ballot.

As a member of the board you have a wonderful opportunity to help the chapter and to meet many of the members. Hope you will consider running for an office.

Member News

The Chapter sends Get Well Wishes to **Bill Lynch** and **Dick La Torre**. Hope you are both feeling better soon.

A couple more winners at the International SDC Meet in South Bend were **Fred and Nora Gooch** who received two first place awards in the watch competition and **Ed Smith** who took a second place in his class with his stake-bed pickup. Congratulations.

Dan Kuhl has sold his tangerine 1977 Avanti and is now looking for a 1963 or '64 Avanti. If you know of one for sale you can give him a call at 602-973-5517.

Welcome New Members

Jim Clever
6149 W Beatrice St
Phoenix, AZ 85043
602-272-3462
1950 Champion
2dr sedan

Harvey & Darlene Pierman
1111 S Elkrigde Dr
Payson, AZ 85541
928-468-0125
harv_pierman@hotmail.com
1957 Golden Hawk

Wm D Powers
119 E Pine St
Payson, AZ 85441
928-474-4000
Looking for a
Studebaker

Richard & Joan Hahn
2608 N 26th St
Phoenix, AZ 85008
602-954-0082
rchahn@q.com
1954 3/4T Pickup, long bed

Current membership is 147.

SDC Board Meeting

By Larry Swanson

The full minutes of the SDC Board Meeting will be published in *Turning Wheels*, so I will just report on some of the highlights.

- ◆ All of the National Officers were reelected for one year without opposition.
- ◆ The SDC printer position was contested through competitive bidding. Our present printer, Good Printers, was reappointed by the Board.
- ◆ The Board authorized seven more issues of *Turning Wheels* with color inserts over the next year.
- ◆ A new *Roster* was printed and a new edition of the *Glovebox Guide*.
- ◆ SDC will provide free liability insurance for chapters (only available in the USA) beginning July 1, 2007. Chapters must register to be included.
- ◆ A new \$10 national membership without a subscription to *Turning Wheels* was created for persons who wish to be social members of chapters so the chapter will qualify for liability insurance as the insurance company requires that all chapter members must be national members for insurance purposes.
- ◆ The introductory membership of \$19.95 will be continued.
- ◆ The *Policy Manual* was discussed and many items finalized. When it is complete it will be printed in a new edition of *Inside Facts, the SDC Handbook*.
- ◆ A new judging manual has been printed and released at this meet.
- ◆ The Board authorized the release of some of the money in the trust funds for the Museum for purchase of a new enclosed trailer, a laptop computer and new tires and tubes for some of the displayed vehicles.

Reprinted from August, 2007 issue of *The Hawkeye Headliner*, Robert Ray, editor. Larry is the Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Director and submitted this report to the chapters in his zone.

CELEBRATE!



September Birthdays

1	Sager Avery	19	Paul Horvath
3	Michael Sparkman	19	John Wiley
6	Steve Fein	21	Barbara Brooks
7	Annie Kemper	22	Chuck Stanford
9	Chuck Collins	25	Wm D. Powers
9	Harry Dersh	26	Carmen Curtis
11	Gary Keating	26	Jim Strang
16	David Ker	29	Glen Brose
17	Ike Quigley	30	Mary Cervini

September Anniversaries

5	John & Evelyn Verrill
7	Scott & Barbara Grainger
9	Chuck & Louise Stanford
11	Darrel & Shirley Seher
15	Wayne & Michalene Graham
20	Jon & Marisa Carter
24	Gary & Jane Wold

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In 1999 Chester acquired a 1934 Studebaker Commander which was cosmetically and mechanically enhanced as an anniversary gift for Nancy. (She likes to ride in cool comfort.)

Bob Burke invited Chester to Arizona in 2000 to drive one of his cars on the VMCCA Glidden Tour - this led to our interest in touring with old cars. We purchased an original 1935 President to use for touring while visiting Denny and Jan Lockmon in Omaha. Then we restored a 1938 Red Coupe Express which has also been on the Glidden Tour.

We have enjoyed hosting the Greater Virginia Studebaker Chapter fall meet in October at our farm for the past 15 years. This has grown to include many clubs and individuals from the US and abroad with an interest in classic cars.

It has been very rewarding to meet so many fine people who have been willing to share their knowledge and help during our Studebaker travels. We have been blessed with many fine friends and memories which we cherish daily. Presently Chester is enjoying working with the Studebaker National Foundation in preserving the Studebaker Legacy.

For the past six years we have enjoyed coming to Arizona and participating in different club events. The Welcome Mat is always out in Virginia. We would love to have you come and visit.



GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 8** **BOARD MEETING.** CHAPTER BOARD AND OFFICERS WILL MEET 1:00 PM AT CARAMBA'S FRESH MEXICAN FOOD, 2340 W. BELL RD. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. QUESTIONS: LARRY AT 480-694-3899OR 58PKHAWK@CABLEONE.NET
- SEPTEMBER 10** AAHC MEETING, 7:30 PM AT SANDERSON FORD TRUCK DEALERSHIP, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE. TOUR OF THE SANDERSON FORD PRIVATE CAR MUSEUM, MEETING, REFRESHMENTS, 50/50 RAFFLE. ANY CHAPTER MEMBER CAN ATTEND AND ENJOY AN EVENING WITH OTHER AUTO HOBBYISTS. INFO: CALL GEORGE WOODS, 480-473-0946
- 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 22 OF THE SEPTEMBER TURNING WHEELS OR LAST ECHO. THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER.**
- SEPTEMBER 22** **CHAPTER MEETING.** VISIT SCOTT CAWLEY'S STUDEBAKER COLLECTION AT HIS HOME AT 2808 W. ALBA WAY, CHANDLER . MEET THERE AT 2:00 PM. THEN WE'LL CARAVAN TO STEEL DREAMZ COLLECTOR CAR SALES AT 335 N. GILBERT RD., GILBERT TO SEE MORE CARS. ABOUT 4:00 WE WILL MEET FOR DINNER AND MEETING AT JOE'S REAL BBQ, 301 N. GILBERT. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS OR CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET.
- SEPTEMBER 22** AMERICAN GRAFFITI CAR SHOW IN SEDONA. MEET THE STARS FROM THE MOVIE. FREDDIE: 928-567-7220 OR VISIT WWW.HOTRODSEDONA.COM
- 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 19** ANNUAL ARIZONA THUNDERBIRD BIRTHDAY CAR SHOW AT 19644 N 7TH AVE (1 BL. SOUTH OF LOOP 101 & 7TH AVE) FREE FOR ALL MAKES/MODELS CARS & SPECTATORS. CARNIVAL, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, BEVERAGES ON SITE. INFO: LEIGH AT 623-582-3746
- OCTOBER 20** **CHAPTER EVENT.** 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT, 702 W. DEER VALLEY RD. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET WITH YOUR PARTY IDEAS. PLEASE GATHER PICTURES AND ITEMS THAT REFLECT THE HISTORY OF THE CHAPTER.
- OCTOBER 21** VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB'S ANNUAL PARTS EXCHANGE AT GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 6000 W. OLIVE. 7 AM-4 PM. CAR CORRAL, \$10. SWAP SPACE 20X20, \$35. INFO: DICK AT 602-618-0577.
- 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>*

SEPTEMBER EVENT

SEPTEMBER 22 CHAPTER MEETING & TOUR

Meet at 2:00 pm at Scott Cawley's home at 2808 W. El Alba Way in Chandler. Our host, Scott Cawley, is an avid collector of Studebaker automobiles of all types. He was recently featured on Dennis Gage's TV show *My Classic Car*. His collection is large and includes some rare models. After looking at the various cars in his collection there, we will caravan to Steel Dreamz Collector Car Sales, 335 N. Gilbert Road, Gilbert to view more Studebakers. It is approximately 7 miles between locations.

Then, we will go across the street about 4:00 pm to eat at Joe's Real Barbecue, 301 N. Gilbert Rd. A meeting will follow. Members are welcome to come for dinner if they are not able to visit Scott's collection. Any questions call Denny Lockmon at 623-974-5424 or 602-531-6852 cell or lockmon@cox.net.

Directions to Scott's home at 2808 W. El Alba Way, Chandler: From the west take the Loop 202 to the Loop 101 and go south; exit at Warner Rd and go east about 1/4 mile to 90th Place and go north for .1 mile and turn west onto W. El Alba Way. Go to 2808. Those in the far north and northwest can take the Loop 101 the entire way to the Warner Rd. exit. From the south and east take the best route to Warner Rd. and follow the directions above. Steel Dreamz at 335 N. Gilbert Rd. is north of Elliot Rd. in downtown Gilbert.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday October 20, 2007

**Deer Valley Airport Restaurant
702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix
Meet at 2:30 for the program and eat at 4:00**

- ◆ Members will have a choice of prime rib, roast chicken or fish.
- ◆ The chapter will subsidize the cost of the meal for members of GCSC. The cost to members will be \$10.00 per adult. The cost to guests of members will be \$17.50 per adult.
- ◆ A special menu of chicken fingers or spaghetti is available for children and prices for the childrens' meals will be published next month.
- ◆ Make reservations to Chris at 602-995-5311 or chuckstude@juno.com or to Denny at 623-974-5424 by October 17.
- ◆ Special program! Watch for more details in the October *ECHO*.

Watch *My Classic Car* on Speed TV at 7:00 am, September 16th or at 6:00 am, September 21st for segment with Dennis Gage and Scott Cawley.

September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311			
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 Board Meeting 1:00 pm
9	10	11	12	13	14 Zone Meet	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Meeting
23 Autumn 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

PAYSON SUMMER EVENT

Twenty plus Studebakers graced the parking lot of the Mazatzal Casino in Payson on Saturday, July 14th. The event was hosted by Ken Michael who has a restoration and repair shop specializing in Studebakers in Payson. Several members toured up from Fountain Hills in Studebakers and brand xes while others joined in the festivities from Tucson, Payson and other communities in the north country. A special area in the parking lot of the casino was set aside for the Studebakers and many local residents roamed the lot admiring the beauties ranging from a 1946 Commander to a 1984 Avanti. Both cars and trucks were represented in the display.

A get together of participants took place in the bingo hall inside the casino about noon and Ken awarded complimentary meal vouchers from the casino to a couple of lucky people whose winning tickets were drawn by Sara MacFadden. After the drawing and several reports about the International SDC Meet in South Bend most went for lunch and at 2:00 we toured through Payson and then drove to Ken's shop where we had beverages and saw several Stude projects in progress.

Those who drove and showed Studebakers were Dennis Lynch & Linda Saar, 1963 GT Hawk; Dan & Geri Talbot, 1956 Golden Hawk; Chuck & Chris Collins, 1966 Cruiser; Harvey Pierman, 1957 Golden Hawk; Ralph & Marji Perry, 1956 Flight Hawk; Ed & Linda Smith, 1951 Stakebed pickup; Malcolm J Stinson, 1963 Champ; Willard & Ruth Pike, 1956 President; Arthur Deikey, 1958 Commander; Lennart Andersson, 1984 Avanti; Bob & Mimi Halgren, 1955 Wagon; Denny Lockmon, 1953 Champion Starliner; Pres Connolly, 1957 Silver Hawk; Guillermo Acedo, 1946 Commander; Paul Hill, 1932 Dictator street rod; Ken Michael, Champ pickup; Bob Fraiser, 1963 Avanti; Larry Vahe, 1964 Avanti plus more who didn't sign in.

Others attending were Mike & Mary Barany, John & Fran Rebstock, Jim Ten Eyck, Scott & Barbara Grainger, Kevin, Anita & Sara MacFadden, Glen & Phyllis Brose, Gary & Sandie Keating, Chuck & Louise Stanford, Bob Hall, Bruce & Maggie Wheeler, Ron & Sherry Watson, Wm. D. Powers, Bill & Cheryl Simmons, Brian Millette, Al Karas, John & Sherry Pfingstag, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette. (Sorry if anyone was missed on either list.)

The Chapter extends a big thank you to Ken Michael for hosting and planning this fun event.

Picture courtesy of Dennis Lynde.

More pictures online on page 13.



" WANTED "

Submitted by Deanna Manley

No, we're not looking for Desperados, and Bank Robbers, Horse Thieves or Bandits. The 2010 SDC International Meet Posse is looking for chapter members to fill committee chair positions and serve on committees for our upcoming meet. Even though it is over two years away we must plan every aspect of the meet now and right up until May 2010. Some positions have been filled, but many are still available.

Here is a list of committee chairs and volunteers that are in place and all the opportunities that still exist.

Meet Co-Chairs	Larry Vahe and Deanna Manley
Concours & Parking	Chair - Scott Grainger
Committee Members	- Kevin Mc Fadden, Bill Lynch
Vending	Chair - Denny Lockmon
Publicity	Chair - Richard Dormois
Tours	Chair - Dennis Lynde
Registration	Chair - Chris Collins
Memorabilia Room	Chair - Brian Millette
Banquet	Chair - Lorilee Kroulik
Committee Member	- Lisa Lynch

The Chairs of these committees are in place and busy already, but they need a number of chapter members to help serve in addition to the ones listed.

Now to the committees that need chairs to lead and support staff to help.

- ◆ Tech Seminars - choose subjects and find experts to teach the seminar for men and women. Need to be car related and for men and women with options for the ladies which are non-car related.
- ◆ Security - work with individuals hired by SDC to patrol and secure all areas of the meet 24 hours a day.
- ◆ Merchandise - to store, organize and inventory all meet related items being sold by the chapter. Will work with the meet treasurer when purchases are necessary.
- ◆ Fun Night - organize activities, entertainment and food for the Thursday Fun Night at the Meet Hotel.
- ◆ Auction - collect, store, display and secure all items for the SDC Auction. Will work with the SDC Vice President to get donations.
- ◆ Goodie Bags - collect, store and organize items to put in the bags. Assemble the bags and supply them to the registration desk when needed.
- ◆ Signage - work with all committee chairs to determine needs and order all signs. Distribute to the proper locations at the meet and monitor.

So you see although we have some chapter members who have already stepped up to serve we still need many more and we need them soon. Choose what you do best and get involved. Call us or come to the September meeting and sign up. Don't miss out. Consider yourself WANTED!!!

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2008 INTERNATIONAL MEET LODGING

By Richard Dormois

Thank you to all of you who have taken our advice and registered early for the 2008 SDC International Meet in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 14 - 20, 2008. There are still some hotel rooms left in Lancaster, but as you receive this newsletter, you will likely find that the Lancaster Host Conference Center, our host hotel, has no more rooms available. After due consideration, co- chairs Denny Foust and Nancy Pfahler and I feel the need to reserve additional rooms for you, near the Lancaster Host. Remember all meet events will take place at the Lancaster Host. The additional room blocks we have reserved for SDC, AOAI and ASC members are in the neighborhood and all have breakfast as part of the \$99.00 room rate for each member of your party.

The Quality Inn
2250 Lincoln Hwy East
Lancaster, PA 17602
717-393-5499
Walking path to the host hotel
\$99.00 + Breakfast

The Country Inn and Suite
2260 Lincoln Hwy East
Lancaster, PA 17602
717-299-4460
Walking path to the host hotel
\$99.00 + Breakfast

Holiday Inn Express
24 S Willowdale Dr
Lancaster, PA 17602
717-293-9500
Rockdale Outlet Mall
1/2 mile east of host hotel
\$99.00 + Breakfast

The Continental Inn
2285 Lincoln Hwy East
Lancaster, PA 17602
717-299-4460
Directly across Lincoln Hwy
From the host hotel
\$99.00 + Breakfast

Be sure to say you are with the Studebaker group.

INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2588-s8HZps> Weasel video

<http://www.myclassiccar.com/MCCTV/2007Season/12004/index.shtml> Photos from *My Classic Car* episode featuring Scott Cawley's Studebakers.

<http://www.joesrealbbq.com/menu.asp> View menu of Chapter meeting place on September

"That's Studebaker People for Ya'."

The Chapter sends best wishes to Dick La Torre as he recovers from a heart attack suffered after returning home from the International SDC Meet. His son Rich wrote the following note on the SDC forum about his father and their trip. (Editor's note: The story below is an edited version of Rich's account which can be viewed on the forum.)

We went to South Bend this year to have a good time, just me and my dad. To make a long story short we both had health issues while there. Mine cleared up but dad wound up having a heart attack when we got him home. But that is not the story I want to tell.

I want to thank the judges of the South Bend meet (the finless Hawk folks). I arrived just at the time limit of the show Thursday. I parked and then talked to the judges. I had just put my sick (very) dad on a plane for home. I needed to have the car judged and then leave for home for a long drive all night to get back to Schenectady, NY. Dad asked to have the car judged. He never asks for anything.

God bless the judges because they did me first and then went to the front of the line of cars, a long line of cars. I then went back to the hotel and packed up our things and hooked up the trailer. Dad had asked for me to visit one vendor and get him a shirt. Got that done and loaded up and headed east.

After a long, quiet ride home alone, I dropped off the car at my father's house. He looked unhealthy but was really pleased that I stayed long enough to get the car judged. Four days later he had a heart attack. I gave him his new shirt to wear home from the hospital. It gave him a smile when he needed one. While resting I told him about the favor the judges did for me. His reply....That's Studebaker people for ya'.

Grand Canyon State Chapter Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Chuck Collins

Checking Account

Ending Balance as of 3/31/07 \$2663.40

Receipts

National Dues	\$ 87.35	
Local Dues	\$ 612.05	
50/50 - April	\$ 33.00	
Toy Book	\$ 40.00	
March Madness Raffle	\$ 235.00	
T-Shirt	\$ 5.00	
Name Badges	\$ 10.00	
		<u>\$1022.40</u>
		\$3685.80

Disbursements

National Dues	\$ 107.30	
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$ 464.17	
Other Printing & Postage	\$ 112.99	
Business Cards	\$ 50.00	
Plaques - Poker Run	\$ 22.25	
		<u>\$ 756.71</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/07		\$2929.09

How to Hook the Next Generation of Studebaker Lovers

Submitted by Gary Keating

This summer Sandie and I had the pleasure of hosting our daughter's boyfriend, Thomas, at our home during June. Our daughter had commitments at the University of Texas-Austin, and was not able to be with us. Since Thomas lives in Lille, France he did not learn to drive. It is not necessary for young folks there to learn to drive. Good public transportation is always available. But Thomas has lived in the United States the past four years, working on his Phd at LSU. So this summer I coached Thomas as he practiced driving and he learned to drive in one month. When it came time to go to South Bend, Indiana for the International, we asked Thomas if he wanted to go with us, knowing that he could accrue highway driving miles. Thomas agreed to go. Who in their right mind would turn down a paid vacation? Thomas did not know much about Studebakers other than I owned several. But he is a real camera nut and likes taking quality pictures wherever he goes. When he got to the Fairgrounds Concours at South Bend he went on a picture taking rampage. In the process he also 'fell in love' with Studebakers. Here is his story...

I was expecting the summer of 2007 to be restful, as it was the first break I could enjoy without having to worry about where I would go to school next term. I finally enrolled as a full-time graduate student in Louisiana State University in August 2006, after I experienced Hurricanes Katrina and Rita first hand, while registered as an exchange student from France. Mid-May, I made my way to Gilbert, Arizona, where Gary and Sandie Keating generously offered to host me while I would conduct some field research on the local Native languages, the subject of my future dissertation. They had told me that they would be headed to South Bend, IN, to attend the Studebaker International Meet sometime at the end of June, during which time I would have to fend for myself, which did not seem like too much trouble. Meanwhile, Arizona State University's Sun Devils were quietly finishing off a brilliant season, defeating Ole Miss and U of A, qualifying for a Championship berth. Gary and Sandie being faithful ASU baseball fans quickly figured out that the College World Series stadium was conveniently located somewhere between Arizona and Indiana and decided to make it a part of their journey. However, it would require them to leave for an extended period of time, and as they felt bad about leaving a young Frenchman in the desert heat for nearly two weeks, they invited me to join in. Upon much debating (I was not too keen on adding weight and general inconvenience to what was supposed to be their holiday), I was officially going on a road trip.

I had figured out the basics of baseball after a few weeks of watching spring training games, but car meets were a totally foreign world to me. Though my father has some interest in cars, I cannot recall any good occasion to attend a classic car show. The Studebaker brand only

rang a distant bell to me, besides Sandie's Daytona convertible and Gary's hunts for pieces to complete the next jewels of his collection. Mainly, I had in mind J.G. Ballard's *Empire of the Sun*, in which members of the British aristocracy in Shanghai are said to drive Studebakers and Packards, described by the main character (an eleven-year-old) as gigantic and wonderful American cars, on par with Cadillacs which are much better known in Europe as the prototypical American luxury vehicle. The cars were only a detail in the story, but they conjured a lot of images in my mind. None of them could prepare me for the pieces I saw over the three days we spent at the conference. What amazed me at first was to see the cars being driven around town as we arrived in the city. It was nearly magical to see these shiny jewels of all shapes and colors, sharing the road with today's very formatted SUVs and sedans. Besides the incredible stylistic aura they generated, I had to constantly remind myself that these were pieces of history rolling before my eyes. Of course, they look so different, they come unmistakably from another era of car-making; but they are not the ones I saw in my childhood... neither do they look like what my parents were driving... can they be so remote from my time? It is hard to believe that these purring V8s really were made sixty or seventy years ago. I was especially fascinated by the black 1937 Dictator displayed in the basement of the Studebaker museum. To me, it was the most striking model around: both imposing and smooth, it is a perfect demonstration of the aggressive design of Studebakers as well as its fine details and appealing lines. Of course, seeing the cars in a museum (however well arranged and interpreted it was) was nothing compared to seeing the cars in the concours, hearing the engines running, and watching their owners polishing up the last angles of their steering wheels.

It felt somewhat unfair that some of the cars on the lawn would not receive any prize at the end, though some owners seemed to forget that they were showcasing their car, and behaved rudely to anyone encroaching on their virtual 3-foot security perimeter. Nevertheless, it was sometimes hard to figure out what shined the most that day: the sun, the paint jobs, or the eyes of the thousands of onlookers marveling at the vehicles. Thank you to all the car owners present in South Bend for the fantastic sights, I am looking forward to attending another meeting one day, and who knows, maybe I will even be part of the displaying crowd!

You can tell from Thomas' account that he had a great time and might have become like us---you know---this unbelievable urge to buy any Studebaker in our sight. We have talked in our meetings about recruiting young people to our hobby. I think I have discovered how to accomplish this. Each year each of us should pay the way to Internationals of one young person who knows not Studebaker. We need to provide them with plenty of opportunity to get well acquainted with all years and models on concours display. The cars seem to do the rest with their mesmerizing powers.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Retractable Seat Belt Installation

By Ray Fichthorn

Here is a photo of the installation of mid 1980s to present Mazda 626/929 rear retractable seatbelts. These are installed in a 1962 GT Hawk, but I have installed them into several other Studebakers without any trouble. The retractable unit is entirely encased in a plastic box and measures about 4"x 4" x 2" tall. They mount with 2 bolts through nice mounting flanges on the sides. This allows for a large "footprint" on the floorboard making them very strong. Gluing matching carpet to the outside of the box makes them virtually disappear into the floor. There are several different latch mechanisms used by Mazda.

I usually try to find the latches out of a bucket seat car as they are usually longer for better fit into the taller Studebaker seat positions. They are either mounted by a plastic-encased belt or a cable, both of which can be painted or dyed to match your interior. There isn't a huge selection of colors available, but usually a complimentary color can be found.



2008 Meeting Hosts

Meeting hosts for 2008 are needed. If you would like to volunteer to host a meeting or event please let a board member or officer know. A meeting can be held in a house, garage, back yard, restaurant, park, club room or any other place that will accept a group of 30-50 people. In keeping with our alternate club name, Studebaker Diners Club, food is usually involved whether as a pot luck or served by someone else.

Program ideas for our meetings and events during the year are encouraged and welcome. Again, talk with an officer or board member if you wish to make a suggestion.

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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 (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, or 6031 S. Galiuro Dr., Tucson, AZ 85706-4778. (1)

Car Shade Frames Four - 20' long, 10' wide, 10' tall, steel pipe shade frames. I purchased these from Costco over the last 5 years. The original plastic coverings lasted about 1 1/2 years. The Harbor Freight blue tarp replacements would last about 9 months. The frames are pinned together and will disassemble easily. I pinned some to the ground and bolted others to the driveway. \$50 each or all four for \$150. **Garage Door** One 16' x 7' overhead sectional garage door, white, no windows, insulated with electric opener & tracks. Door is in good shape. I installed it about 5 years ago. Being replaced due to change in door opening size. Scott Grainger, 602-793-8587 (3)

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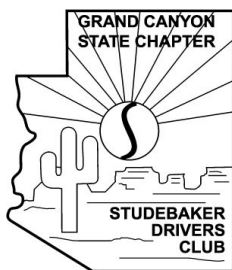
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