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The Arizona Sheriff

There are 14 counties in Arizona - glorious with scenic grandeur - thrilling with the romance of mountains and desert, of great rivers and prehistoric ruins. Indian pueblos contrast with modern cities. Vast ranches surround rich mines.

Arizona is notable, also, for the small number of its peace officers and for universal safety of life and property. Many an Arizona sheriff has jurisdiction over an area larger than some eastern states, but in every corner of Arizona laws are rigidly enforced.

For this, of course, the character of men who hold the office of sheriff in Arizona is primarily responsible. But even the most fearless, aggressive, resourceful sheriff would be almost helpless without an automobile - and roads.

During the past eight years \$45,000,000 has been spent to give Arizona 2000 miles of state highways and 7000 miles of improved county highways. Thus gasoline enables a sheriff and two or three deputies to maintain the peace over vast areas which could not otherwise be controlled. Much of an Arizona sheriff's life is spent in his auto. It is as important to him as his right arm.

Twelve of the 14 Arizona counties have supplied an automobile for the use of the sheriff. Every one of the twelve has bought a Studebaker.

In honor of the Arizona sheriffs who have made the Studebaker a vibrant symbol of law and order from the Grand Canyon to Old Mexico, the 5-passenger Big 6 Duplex-Phaeton has been named "The Sheriff".

Reprinted from a Studebaker Corporation advertisement in the November 7, 1925 edition of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

Shown is Richard Dormois posing with a Sheriff owned by Frank Wenzel of Palm Springs, Calif.

"The Sheriff" has been chosen to be incorporated into the theme for the 2010 International SDC Meet.

Photo by Sherry Watson.



Editorially Speaking

When Studebaker learned 12 of Arizona's 14 sheriffs had bought the Big Six Duplex-Phaeton the company commissioned Major Grover F. Sexton to visit the sheriffs and learn how they were using the cars in their work. What resulted was a collection of stories about Arizona sheriffs published by the Studebaker Corporation in a booklet entitled "The Arizona Sheriff". The booklet could be mailed by request or was available free from dealers. Over the next two years many of the stories from this booklet will be featured in the *ECHO*. Hope you enjoy learning more about "The Sheriff" and its unique place in Arizona history.

Ron Crowe is the chapter's new webmaster and he welcomes your suggestions and contributions. If you take pictures at an event, send some along to Ron. His contact information is below.

Thanks to all of our contributors this month - Steve Piper, Rich La Torre, Bill Simmons, Denny Lockmon, Larry Vahe, Sherry Watson, Karen Mensing and Richard Dormois. There was a wealth of material and many additional pictures are shown on the online edition. Please take a look.

Chris

Nominations

Contact Scott Grainger, chairman of the nominating committee, if you wish to run for a Chapter office or to serve on the board. All positions are open and are not difficult to do. It's a great way to meet other members and help your chapter, too. You can reach Scott at 480-924-0826 or scott@graingerconsulting.com

Nominations for Pacific Southwest Zone Director and Zone Coordinator for two year terms are also being taken. Contact Richard Dormois at 480-827-78178 or 1938studeman@earthlink.net to place your name or another's into the race.

A new SDC dues option of \$10.00 per year is available for anyone who wishes to be a member of the local chapter for social reasons or for families with multiple memberships. This membership does not include a subscription to *Turning Wheels* but the member does have voting privileges.

All Chapter members must be members of SDC for insurance purposes. If you have let your SDC membership lapse, please take a minute and renew now.

The *ECHO* is the official newsletter of the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC and is published 11 times per year. Contributions are welcome and encouraged. Please submit articles, tech tips, etc. by the 20th of the month preceding publication. Other newsletters are welcome to use any material with proper credit given.

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President's Message

Thank you to all who attended the September meeting at Scott Cawley's. Thanks, too, to Scott for inviting us over to view his collection and tour his business. He has a wonderful collection and everyone enjoyed the tour and looking over his show room. Afterwards we all adjourned to nearby Joe's BBQ for dinner and the monthly meeting. The food was certainly good and all seemed to have a good time eating and visiting. The only problem with meeting in open rooms is the noise level, which was noticeable at this meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and we moved on to some new business, namely should the club purchase a portable sound system. Richard Dormois solved this question by saying we could use his portable sound system and it was approved to do just this. We may not need it for the October meeting but it might come in handy for the November meeting. Thanks to Ron Crowe for looking into the different systems and his report at the meeting!

I'll just comment on two other topics that came up, one being the 2010 update given by Deanna Manley. Most of the committee chairs have been filled but we are still looking for members to help serve on those committees. The 2010 Committee has been meeting about every six weeks or so and is currently wrestling with how the logo should look. We have located a 1926 'Sheriff' and it will be used for art layout as well as being featured at the meet by being displayed in the hotel lobby. We are also thinking about having a committee chair meeting in February so everyone can be updated and see what our expectations/mile posts should be. The only other item of note is your club is liquidating its supply of zone meet T-shirts, some of which date back to 1998! They will be given (that's right, this is not a typo) away at the October meet and are sure to turn into instant valuable collectors items. These may be limited to one T-shirt per zone meet per member so be sure to attend October's 35th anniversary meeting to ensure you get everything you deserve!

Not much was said about the recent zone meet unless a recap appears elsewhere in the *Echo*. I was planning on attending but last minute business kept me in Prescott. I'm not sure who all attended from our club but I heard it was a good meet with about 60 cars being present. Our January meet is being planned and will be held at its usual location: Arizona Golf Resort. One change is we will have dash plaques available so please plan on attending.

Denny Lockmon arranged for many interesting tours this year and he is to be thanked for all his hard work, so thank you Denny. The next tour will be in November, hosted by Scott Grainger. More information on this tour will be in the *Echo* so please start thinking about attending. Scott is also charged with getting nominations for the slate of officers for next year so if you want to nominate someone or wish to run for office/board please let Scott (or any current officer) know. This will be on the agenda for the October meet. That's about it. Please take time to read through your award winning *Echo* and

send in your articles. Remember, if you don't you'll have to suffer through another episode of 'Life on the Road in a Studebaker' by yours truly!! See you at the October meet.

Larry

Member News

My Dad

By Rich La Torre

I regret to inform all of SDC of the passing of Dick La Torre. Dad loved cars and Studebakers most, many over the years.

Dick was a charter board member of the Saratoga Car Museum and donated a very nice '56 Mark II to help them get started. He donated to the Jet Thrust Registry because he loved JT cars. On his passing he had a 1964 GT R1 four speed car that he loved to drive and drive fast. He has had another '64 R2 package car in rehab for some time but never got to finish.

Dick was always a loving and devoted husband and father. He made braces for the handicapped all his life, was a teacher at UCLA and at many seminars for the field. Dad was a member of the SDC and chapters in New York and Arizona, the Sedona Car Club and a Silver Arrow member of the Saratoga Car Museum.

There are so many things he did I could not write them all. He will be missed by his wife, Kay, his 4 kids and all who knew him. I would like to thank all of the Studebaker community for the years of fun that he had. I was blessed to be able to share much of that with him.

The Chapter sends heartfelt condolences to Kay, Rich and the entire La Torre family. A donation to the Studebaker National Museum has been made in Dick's memory. He will be missed by the Studebaker family.

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Sincere condolences are sent to Chuck and Ruth Naugle on the loss of their daughter Sharon in September.

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Please keep Bill Lynch in your thoughts and prayers as he deals with health issues.

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Condolences to Bill and Mary Cervini on the recent passing of Bill's mother.

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Larry Swanson sent a note that a SDC member from Ohio is in a nursing home in Gilbert. His name is Orville Richer and he is at the Schweicker Adult Care Home at 3230 East Fruit Vale. If you are in the area, you might stop by and say hello.

— *Builder of Champions* —

October Meeting Minutes

After a delightful visit with Pam and Scott Cawley and an exciting tour of their classic car collection of three hundred and forty, in Chandler and Gilbert, Arizona, we settled at Joe's Barbeque in Gilbert for supper and business.

At 4:40 PM, Saturday, September 22, 2007, President Larry Vahe called the meeting to order.

Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar introduced grand children Samantha and Matthew Leonard. New members Joen and Tim Painter of Yuma, Arizona, were introduced.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve previous meeting minutes as published in the *Echo*.

Treasurer Charles Collins reported that the chapter checking account has \$1622.52. \$1000.00 has been granted to the 2010 International Meet Fund.

Discussion of the Chapter purchasing a public address system for future events was led by Ron Crowe who shared his research into various types, quality and prices. Several shared opinions and recommendations. Ron Crowe moved and Steve Fein seconded that we would continue our investigation into the purchase and Richard Dormois would demonstrate his portable system at the next meeting. Motion passed.

Vice President Denny Lockmon outlined plans for the 35th Anniversary program at Deer Valley Airport. Prime rib, chicken or fish at ten dollars for members and \$17.50 for guests and special parking for a Studebaker display, commencing at 2:30 PM, Saturday, October 20. November, Scott and Barbara Grainger will host pancake breakfast at their home in Mesa at 8:00 AM and head to Tonto State Park for a Studebaker gathering. Park fee is \$2.60. December 1 is the Holiday Party and benefit live auction hosted by John and Lorilee Kroulik at their home in Glendale. January 19, 2008 is our Arizona Winter Studebaker Celebration at the Arizona Golf Resort and Conference Center in Mesa. Swap Meet, People's Choice Judging, Tech Seminar, Lady's Faire, Awards, Foundation Board Meeting, dash plaques and awards luncheon.

Denny suggested we might wish to attend the CCV Church Car Show on Happy Valley Road, October 13 and 14 and Glendale Glitters, 11-3 to 12-1.

Membership and *Echo* report was made by Chris Collins. Richard La Tore passed away in New York, Ruth and Chuck Naugle lost their daughter and Bill Lynch can use our support with his health concerns. Chris solicited family Studebaker stories such as the Nancy and Chester Bradfield offering in the September issue.

Deanna Manley updated the membership on the progress of the "Arizona Posse" 2010 International Meet Committee and identified committee chairs. Bill and Cheryl Simmons have volunteered to chair the Seminar Committee and Cheryl will head up the goody bag effort. Plans are being formulated to have a 1926 Studebaker Big Six Phaeton "Arizona Sheriff" as a part of our theme. Frank Wenzel of Palm Springs recently acquired such a car and has graciously volunteered it to be used for 2010

International Meet promotions and advertising. Deanna mentioned that Richard would be going to Palm Springs Sunday to inspect the car and photograph it for publicity. She suggested gas money donations might be appropriate and raised 67.00 which was appreciated. Richard invited members to accompany him and Ron and Sherry Watson and Claudia Robinette did.

Larry Vahe shared that the chapter would like to divest itself of the 2004 zone meet shirts and they would be given to worthy members in the near future.

Scott Grainger is the nominating committee chair and is receiving nominations for officer and board positions for 2008. Contact him with your nominations for all positions.

Pam and Scott Cawley received strong expression of appreciation for hosting a fine event and a formal thank you was sent to them.

Lennart Andersson won the 50/50 drawing of \$36.00 and Denny Lockmon won the Studebaker driver award.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM.

Attending the tour and meeting were Walter & Nicki Ready, Bill & Cheryl Simmons (1964 Daytona), Chris & Rachel Eastburn (1963 Lark), William Eastburn (1957 Scotsman), Michell Eastburn, Bill & Peggy Eastburn, Steve Fein, Denny & Jan Lockmon (1964 Daytona convertible), Lennart Andersson, Chris & Chuck Collins (1966 Cruiser), Byron Elliott, Gary & Sandie Keating (1964 Daytona convertible), Willard & Ruth Pike (1956 President), Sam Hurt & Jan, Pres Connolly (1957 Silver Hawk), Russ & Sharon Ware, Claudia Robinette, Richard Dormois, David & Terry Ker, Ron & Sherry Watson, Harold & Deanna Manley, Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar and grandchildren (1963 GT Hawk), Tim & Joen Painter, Corlean & Dan Kuhl, Ron & Vicky Crowe (1964 GT Hawk), Larry Vahe.

Also spotted during the afternoon at the Cawley home and Steel Dreamz were Lew Dandurand, Jerry Kaiser (1953 Commander), Lou Fencl (1956 Transtar), Ralph Robbin (1948 Land Cruiser), Malcolm Stinson, Dick Eichof (1947 M Pickup), Mike Lynch, John & Kolton Kroulik, Ed Caviar, the MacFadden family, Brian Millette, Fred Moore (1956 Hawk), Ruth & Larry Cushing, Dale Sexton and many members' friends. Sorry if anyone was missed.

See page 10 for a picture of just a few of the members at Steel Dreamz in Gilbert.

Welcome New Members

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Current membership is 148.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 1** AAHC MEETING, 7:30 PM AT SANDERSON FORD TRUCK DEALERSHIP, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE. INFO: CALL GEORGE WOODS, 480-473-0946
- OCTOBER 13** **NORTHWEST VALLEY OVERDRIVE CAR SHOW** AT CHRIST'S CHURCH OF THE VALLEY, 7007 W. HAPPY VALLEY RD, PEORIA. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFO OR CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET.
- OCTOBER 13** **BOARD MEETING**. CHAPTER BOARD AND OFFICERS WILL MEET DURING THE SHOW AT CCV. CONTACT LARRY AT 480-694-3899 OR 58PKHAWK@CABLEONE.NET
- 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. CONTACT CHRIS AT 602-995-5311 OR CHUCKSTUDE@JUNO.COM TO RESERVE A SPACE. PARKING IS LIMITED AND THE NUMBER PARTICIPATING WILL NEED TO BE CALLED IN BY OCTOBER 10.
- 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.
- OCTOBER 21** 17TH ANNUAL ORPHAN CAR SHOW HOSTED BY VMCCA, ROADRUNNERS CHAPTER AT LOS OLIVOS PAR, 28TH ST & DEVONSHIRE (1 BLOCK NORTH OF INDIAN SCHOOL RD), 9:00 - 2:00. DASH PLAQUE, FUN AWARDS, DOOR PRIZES. \$10 PRIOR TO OCT. 15, \$15 DAY OF SHOW. SEND REGISTRATION TO DOROTHY WEINLAND, 10410 INDIAN WELLS, SUN CITY, AZ 85373. INFO: JANE AT 602-978-5622
- NOVEMBER 17** **CHAPTER EVENT & MEETING**. THE DAY STARTS AT THE HOME OF HOSTS SCOTT & BARBARA GRAINGER WITH A PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT 8:00 AM. THEN THERE'LL BE A DRIVE UP THE BEE LINE HWY FOR A PICNIC LUNCH, SLOW DRAGS, MEETING AND AWARDS AT THE TONTO NATURAL BRIDGE STATE PARK, 10 MILES NORTH OF PAYSON ON HWY 87. RSVP FOR BREAKFAST AT 480-924-0826. MORE INFO IN THE NOVEMBER ECHO OR CALL SCOTT.
- DECEMBER 1** **HOLIDAY PARTY**. JOHN & LORILEE KROULIK, HOSTS. DINNER AT 1:00 PM AT 5218 W. TIERRA BUENA, GLENDALE (2 BLOCKS NORTH OF GREENWAY RD. OFF 51ST AVE.) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AS TABLE HOSTESSES TO DECORATE AND SET A TABLE. CHAPTER WILL PROVIDE MEAT AND MEMBERS BRING A SIDE DISH OR SALAD. INFO: CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON.NET
- JANUARY 19** **2008 ARIZONA WINTER STUDEBAKER CELEBRATION** AT THE ARIZONA GOLF RESORT, 425 S. POWER RD, MESA. 10:00 AM. CAR SHOW W/PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING, SWAP MEET, DASH PLAQUES, LADIES FAIRE, TECH SESSION, LUNCH AND AWARDS. INFO: RICHARD DORMOIS AT 480-827-8178 OR 1938STUDEMAN@EARTHLINK.NET

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

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



OCTOBER EVENTS

OCTOBER 13 NORTHWEST VALLEY OVERDRIVE CAR SHOW

On the 13th and 14th, the Christ's Church of the Valley at 7007 W. Happy Valley Rd. is hosting the Northwest Valley Car Show and the chapter will participate on Saturday, the 13th. October 1st was the deadline for pre-registration, but there may be room for a few last minute entries so please contact Denny Lockmon at 623-974-5424 or lockmon@cox.net ASAP. There is no entry fee. All participants will receive dinner passes and, if among the first 300 pre-registered, a goody bag. The show is from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. All cars will be displayed in the west parking lot of Building 1000, the worship center.

To reach the church take the 101 to 67th Ave. and go north to Happy Valley Rd. and turn west to 7007.

OCTOBER 19 THUNDERBIRD BIRTHDAY PARTY CAR SHOW

The Vintage Thunderbird Club is hosting a Thunderbird birthday party car show on Friday, the 19th in the evening from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 19644 N. 7th Ave. (1 block south of Loop 101). It's free for cars and spectators and there is a carnival, live entertainment, food and beverages on site. Parking is limited so anyone who wishes to participate should contact Chris Collins at 602-995-5311 or chuckstude@juno.com by October 10th to reserve a space. She'll call in the reservation for the group.

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

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Members will have a choice of prime rib, roast chicken or cod.
- ◆ A children's menu of chicken fingers or spaghetti is available at a cost of \$5.00 for children of members, \$7.00 for children of non-members.
- ◆ Special parking for Studebakers.
- ◆ Place your reservations with Chris at 602-995-5311 or chuckstude@juno.com or with Denny at 623-974-5424 or lockmon@cox.net by October 17.
- ◆ The Deer Valley Airport can be reached from I-17, exit Deer Valley Dr and go east or from the 101, exit 7th Ave and go east.

Make plans today to celebrate the Chapter's anniversary.

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AAHC Meeting	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Car Show
14	15	16	17	18	19 Car Show	20 Anniversary Party
21 Orphan Show	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween			Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311

Pacific Southwest Zone Meet

The raisin capital of the world, Selma, Calif. was the site of the "Studebaker Heaven in 2007" Pacific Southwest Zone Meet. The members of the San Joaquin Chapter were wonderful hosts to the 159 attendees who brought nearly 60 cars and trucks for judging and display. The staff at the Holiday Inn Swan Court, the host hotel, was equally hospitable and everyone made us feel welcome.

The meet started out Friday evening with a delicious barbecue supper hosted by the Chapter and a good band played far into the evening. Enjoying the festivities along with the meet attendees were a group of tourists from England who were delighted to be in the midst of "Studebaker Heaven".

Saturday found the allotted parking spaces filled with Studebakers, most getting last minute touchups in preparation for the concours judging. Tables full of raffle items tempted folks to pull out wads of dollars to buy tickets for chances to win one of the neat prizes. Eight vendors had wares set up near the car display and in meeting rooms inside the hotel's adjacent restaurant. There was plenty to keep everyone occupied the entire day.

That evening the banquet was held with many attendees receiving beautiful crystal plates or vases as concours judging awards. Chapter member Malcolm Stinson received first place in the truck class with his pretty Champ pickup, shown in the photo below. Another member receiving an award was Ken Michael for driving the longest distance in a Studebaker, his 1963 Cruiser. Congratulations to both.

Other GCS Chapter members attending the 2007 zone meet were Pete and Karen Mensing, Lionel and Elaine Stone, Ron and Sherry Watson, Chuck and Chris Collins, Dana Kocher and Terry and Joanna Worster.

The 2008 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet will be held in Milpitas, Calif. October 9, 10 and 11. Hope to see many of you there.



Photo courtesy of Karen Mensing.

More zone meet pictures can be seen at the on line version of the ECHO or go to this site <http://s122.photobucket.com/albums/o269/nw3anne/Pacific%20SouthWest%20Zone%20Meet%202007/>

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER 17 MEETING AT THE BRIDGE

Hosted by Scott and Barbara Grainger. Below is the schedule for the day. More information will be printed in the November ECHO.

- 8:00 AM Pancake breakfast at the Grainger home, 4135 E. Fairview Circle, Mesa. Call 480-924-0826 to RSVP.
- 9:00 AM Leave Grainger's for the Bee Line Hwy and the trip to the Tonto Natural Bridge State Park.
- 11:00 AM Arrive at the park.
- Noon Picnic Lunch
- 1:00 PM Slow drags in the parking lot.
- 2:00 PM Meeting and awards.
- 3:00 PM Head home.

CELEBRATE!



October Birthdays

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| 1 | Suzanne Fort | 20 | Larry Cushing |
| 1 | Al Riedel | 20 | Betsy Provenzano |
| 3 | John Kroulik | 21 | Bill Cervini |
| 4 | Geri Talbot | 22 | Wayne Graham |
| 4 | Stuart Tritt | 23 | John Kemper |
| 6 | Lennart Andersson | 23 | Larry Vahe |
| 9 | DeAnna Richardson | 27 | Walter Ready |
| 13 | Lola Horvath | 29 | Ed Caviar |
| 15 | Steve Mills | 29 | Paulette Fein |
| 16 | Norma Sexton | 29 | Cheryl Simmons |
| 18 | Colin Fort | | |
| 18 | Terry Ker | | |

October Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------------|
| 27 | Robert & Sharon Mitchell |
| 29 | Glen & Rosalie Torske |
| 30 | John & Annie Kemper |



44th Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet
hosted by the Keystone Region Chapter

September 14 - 20, 2008

Studebaker and Salt "Mm-Mm Good"

By Steve Piper for Studebaker Drivers

I am not talking food here. I'm talking Studebakers and Speed Week on the Bonneville Salt Flats. Until August 2007, I had never been to the Salt Flats. As the editor of a local automotive magazine, I find myself in the middle of all possible motorized activities and through this very process, an opportunity presented itself. A local car builder who had been featured in the magazine was taking a new car to Bonneville. Being the professional spectator that I am, I made arrangements to tag along.

From Prescott, Arizona it is about an eleven hour drive through Nevada, even a brief stretch on the Extra Terrestrial Highway. After reaching Wendover, Utah, Thursday evening, I met up with the group from Prescott, Friday morning. The drive from Interstate 80 to the jumping off point on the Salt Flats is about six miles. It's a raised blacktop road to the middle of nowhere and about another six miles following orange cones to a point on the Salt Flats that the powers that be determine is the best location for the high speed runs. The Pits and Tech were set up early in the week and since there are no runs until Saturday morning, people were setting up their pop ups and getting out the chairs. Tarps are required under all the vehicles to catch any drips of anything that might contaminate the salt. Streamliners were off, and people were bent over the inner workings of these one of a kind machines. The variety of vehicles found at Bonneville is like no other. I am a kid in a candy store, from one camp to the next-what have you got, what have you got. A Studebaker! Another Studebaker! I have been a Studebaker fan since I could see over a steering wheel. Here in the middle of a vast waste land of salt and sun are lots Studebakers. I had to take this opportunity to share my wonderful time with Studebakers at Bonneville with you. There is a website for Bonneville results at scta-bni.org, you can navigate the site and find loads of information on the event. For a photo of a specific Studebaker you may contact me at tricitymotornews@cablone.net. Please mention Studebakers at Bonneville.



Grandpa Dillon and his Silver Hawk

Jim Ten Eyck sent along this picture of his step-father's dad with one of his Studebakers attached to a fishing boat ready for a fun filled weekend.

Bargain: Something that would cost a lot more if you had any use for it.

Thirty Five Years Ago

At a picnic meeting on April 16, 1972 at Randolph Park in Tucson, nearly 70 Studebaker enthusiasts were in attendance bringing with them automobiles ranging in years from 1925 to 1964 in various models including coupes, sedans, Hawks, Larks and Avantis. Officers were elected and an editor for *The Grand Canyon State Chapter Newsletter* was chosen.

A questionnaire was also circulated and the results showed the average age of those attending was 34, the eldest being 57 and the youngest 19. The total number of Studebakers owned was 249. The preference for meeting time was Sunday afternoon, the preference for yearly dues was \$4.00 and the preference for types of meeting in the following order was picnics, swap meets for parts and information, technical, tune-up and repair work sessions, road rallies and economy runs, parties, business only.

The first newsletter of the fledgling chapter reported all the information printed above and listed the names of the newly elected officers and newsletter editor, noted that the by-laws had been written and a application for a charter from the Studebaker Drivers Club had been submitted. The next meeting was scheduled for May 21 at the Casa Grand Ruins National Monument near Coolidge and would be a picnic. The editor solicited ads and articles about members and technical subjects.

Shown below are a number of the Studebakers driven to the first chapter gathering and the pavilion welcoming the Studebaker enthusiasts.

Pictures by Curt Davis. Newsletter material by Tom Pfeiffer.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

RUST REMOVAL SYSTEM: \$3.00

By John Poulos and condensed by Bill Simmons

This is a great way to derust old parts and is rewritten here to save space. The complete article can be read in the June, 2005 *Turning Wheels*.

First, get a non-metallic container big enough to hold your part, from a 5 gallon plastic bucket to a small wading pool.

Second, you'll need a battery charger, 10-amp or larger, preferably with an ammeter to see if you are getting a good connection.

Third, find a flat piece of iron or steel (the larger the surface area the more efficient).

Fourth, buy a box of Arm and Hammer "WASHING SODA" (not Baking Soda).

Fifth, add about 1 tablespoon Of washing soda per gallon of water to your container. You now have an electrolyte solution. The solution should be deep enough to cover your parts.

Sixth, remove everything that is not steel or iron from the part. Clean it to remove any dirt, oil and grease that might retard the electrolysis.

Put your cleaned but rusty part in the solution with the negative lead of the battery charger attached to the

part. Clip the positive lead to your piece of iron you are using as an anode. Try to keep the leads out of the solution and have a clear path with about 2 inches between the parts. Set the charger to highest setting and turn it on. You will see bubbles start to rise which means everything is working, if not check your connections. It is hard to get a good connection on a really rusty part (this is where the ammeter comes in handy). Let it go for a day or so, a crud will form and float to the top of the solution, this is normal. Check your part, it may need to be repositioned and you might have to clean the anode off occasionally to keep things working. Once the rust has turned dark gray or black you are finished. Clean the part off with a stiff brush or Brita pad and dry it off. Now it is ready to paint. You can keep the solution or pour it on your grass; the iron rich water will not hurt it.

I have used this system for a few times now and it works great.

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