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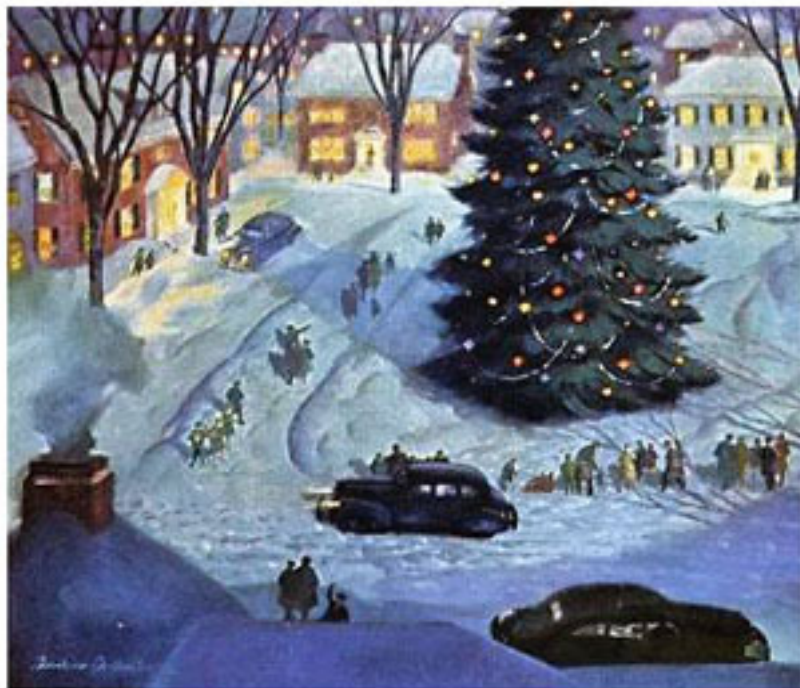
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Peace on Earth



A Christmas to remember...

This year, the beautiful old Yuletide sentiment—"peace on earth"—means something far more real to most of us than it did at any previous Christmas . . . In this ever-memorable year of 1945, peace is a dearly won and precious acquisition we know we must treasure vigilantly . . . And so, as the lights of this inspiring Christmas twinkle at our hearthsides, as carolers sing their roundelays, and community trees gleam with friendliness, our nation hopefully, confidently, and resolutely faces the opportunity to shape its destiny.

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Builder of cars worthy of America's homes.

Editorially Speaking

Thanks to all who contributed to this month's newsletter and thank you to everyone who has sent information, pictures and articles during the year.

With the holidays around the corner many of us are making goodies for our celebrations and I'd like to share a quick and yummy recipe that will be great for a party.

Candied Walnuts

- 1/4 c butter or margarine
- 1 c brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 1/2 - 2 cups walnuts (or another favorite nut)

Melt the butter over medium heat in a medium non-stick skillet. When the butter is melted add the brown sugar and stir. Then add the cinnamon and salt and keep stirring until blended. This mixture will get hot and will burn if it spatters. Add the nuts and stir carefully on medium heat for about 5 minutes to combine the candy mixture and nuts. Pour candied nuts on parchment paper lined cookie sheet making sure you scatter the nuts so they don't clump. Let cool and eat or store in airtight jar or zip-top bag. Enjoy!

Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season.
Chris

Studebaker in Print

Tim Painter, Chapter member from Yuma, made this comment about a book he found: "Just purchased, for \$9.98 at Barnes & Noble, a very interesting historical perspective book. Title is "Designing America's Cars-The 50's-From Drawing Board to Driveway." Author listed as the Auto Editors of *Consumer Guide* with Jeffrey Godshall. Many pictures of clay models, mock-ups and finished products. Hardcover with 320 pages and 13 devoted to our beloved Studebakers. I bought as a Christmas present, to myself." *Reprinted from the SDC Forum.*

The February, 2008 issue of *Collectible Automobile* magazine is now out with the article titled "Bob Marcks - A Life in Design". It's ten pages with 28 photos starting on page 66. As many of you may remember, Bob worked with Bob Bourke on the 1953 model and later his design firm was hired by Studebaker to work on the 1966 model. He was the speaker at a Chapter meeting in 2006.

The problem with doing nothing is not knowing when you're finished. ~ Ben Franklin

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President's Message

I understand everyone had a great time at the Tonto Bridge Tour hosted by Barbara and Scott Grainger. I am sure this tour will be recapped elsewhere in the *Echo* but it seems 14 showed up for breakfast and then toured out to the Tonto Bridge. It seems everyone enjoyed good food, good weather and fun slow-drag racing. Thanks to Barbara and Scott for hosting this wonderful driving tour. Our goal is, of course, to have more driving tours, at least two per year. To this end our VP has done a masterful job. If you wish to host an event next year please see Denny Lockmon at the Christmas dinner. I know Denny has filled up a number of dates, mostly early in the year, but there are still some choice months that still need to be filled.

More than likely you will either be reading *The Echo* at the Christmas dinner or shortly thereafter. So far we have had some 76 reservations made for the dinner and look forward to seeing you at the Kroulik's on 12/01. I would like to thank them in advance for once again hosting the annual Christmas dinner along with all of you who hosted tables. In case you were wondering there will only be a short business meeting with Richard hosting the auction.

Be sure you look at the upcoming events section in the *Echo* for chapter events. Thanks for all your support in 2007 and we all look forward to a prosperous year in 2008. For those of you following the progress of the 2010 International meet, we are just now finishing with filling the various chairs and looking for volunteers to help on those committees. We are tentatively planning a meeting of all committee chairs next February and hope to have a final rendering of the 1926 Sheriff, suitable for printing, by that time. If you have any questions about the upcoming meet please contact me or any committee 'posse' member.

Larry



From the Chapter Officers and Board

Post Card Contest

Your editor is once again sponsoring a post card contest. You are invited to send Chris a standard 4 x 6 post card with your name and phone number. All post cards received before the January meeting on the 19th will be entered in the drawing. A card will be drawn at the meeting and the winner will receive a surprise gift.

Please mail your card to 2410 W. Freeway Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85021. One postcard per family, please. Good luck to all!

CELEBRATE!



December Birthdays

1	Jill Parker	17	Linda Saar
2	Pat Swanson	17	Bob Trenter
3	Bill Eastburn	19	Bob Lorenz
3	Dan McDonald	21	Larry Hall
5	Dennis Lynde	22	Sharon Mitchell
7	Bill McGuire	25	Keith Muske
8	Helen Andersson	28	Russ Ware
12	Maryanne Eastburn	29	Jan Lockmon
15	Phyllis Brose	31	Carol Stines
		4	Rosalie Torske

December Anniversaries

2	Richard & Joan Hahn
5	Bruce & Linda Cook
17	Gary & Suzanne Smith
19	Terry & Joanna Worster
27	Russ & Sharon Ware

2008 Dues are Due

Your Chapter dues for 2008 are due January 1st. Please send your dues for \$18.00 with a completed application and return to the address on the form. Please include your SDC membership number. Those of you have paid already and did not provide that number please contact Chris (see page 2). Also, to keep our roster accurate, be sure your information is up to date including the Studebakers you own.

Rosters are available via e-mail in pdf format. Contact Chris to receive yours.

This 'n That

Best wishes to **Jan Lockmon** who is healing from surgery on her shoulder.

Dr. Robert Cade, long time Studebaker enthusiast and father of Studebaker parts vendor Stephen Allen, passed away November 27th. Dr. Cade was well known for inventing Gatorade.



PAST EVENT REPORTS

Pancake Breakfast and Tonto Bridge

By Scott Grainger

The morning started early with flapjacks on the barb-y. Fourteen of us gathered round the barbeque for pancakes as the sun rose over the walls of Scott's new shop. All agreed that the flapjacks definitely taste better when cooked on cast-iron on the barb-y. After we had all filled our tanks most of us headed off for the Bridge. Three of the folks at breakfast couldn't make it to the Bridge but wished us well. The rest of us caravanned out of town. We picked up Ron & Vicky Crowe in Fountain Hills. The caravan had two Studes at that point, Chris & Rachel's beauty of a Lark and Ron & Vicky's sharp green Hawk. Steve Fein whizzed by us as we approached Payson.

Weather was perfect all day at the Tonto Natural Bridge State Park. Our Studes occupied the highest parking lot at the park, reserved for us by the Park rangers which positioned us very well for the slow drags.

A few of us, the more adventurous ones, went hiking and were able to negotiate the treacherous "path" through the bridge to emerge on the south end to a very pleasant and welcome shower from the water falling off of the precipice above the opening of the bridge. Ron & Vicky Crowe, Dennis Lynde and I wondered at times if we had lost all of our good sense as we slipped down milky smooth rock surfaces grabbing for hand holds where we could and jumping from stone to stone as we crossed the creek. We discovered, though, that the most difficult part was yet to come, the steep climb out of the canyon. I took a few photos during our trek. My favorite is of Will and his family. I took it across the canyon using a telephoto lens.

Back to the slow drags. There were four contestants with two classes, automatic and manual transmission. The course was a 4% grade up from one parking lot via a short piece of park road to the upper lot, 88 yards long as professionally measured by me and my feet.

Don Robertson; '63 Commander, automatic; Time: 0:49.4
Steve Fein; '66 Cruiser, automatic; Time: 1:03.0 Prize winner!

Will Eastburn; '57 Scotsman; manual; Time 1:40.4 Prize winner!

Chris Eastburn; '63 Lark; manual; Time: 1:14.1

The course was not without its problems. Steve was in the process of inching his way across the park road as a van load of picnickers came to a stop to allow him to continue. They weren't sure why he seemed to be moving so slow but were patient as he passed by. Will had a similar experience and of course in his fast blue '57 with the fancy wheels I am sure that the family waiting for him to crawl by were even more confused. Chris crossed the finish line as his Lark decided it didn't really care for this slow stuff and started to buck. Chris hung on and made it across the line before he had to depress the clutch to cool his bucking bronco! We caught Don cranking down his idle speed screw on the starting line. See the photos either in the printed or on-line version of the *Echo*.

Twenty one of us had a very nice picnic lunch and enjoyed a piece or two, or more in the case of Steve Fein, of the Thanksgiving cake that Barbara brought for the group. Malcolm Stinson of Show Low had a good idea for an overnight Show Low tour next year.

Great flapjacks, pleasant drive, good hiking, wonderful camaraderie, sunny cool skies, great stories and fun racing all came together to make another fun day with our Studes.

BIG TIME THANK YOU

By Richard Dormois

Thank you Scott and Barbara Grainger for, once again, planning and hosting one of the finest outings for the Chapter this year, November 17. It took a lot to surpass the Camp Verde run last year, but you may have. The pancake breakfast at eight Saturday was tasty and attended by about twenty, several of whom could not make the trip north but enjoyed the food and fellowship at the Grainger manse followed by the tour of the shops under construction. The group took off at nine for Tonto Natural Bridge State Park and picked up two more Studebakers and twelve Ferraris on the way. Weather was perfect and the ride up the Beeline Highway was beautiful. Upon arrival we joined seven more members and three more Studebakers. You really had to be there to appreciate the rugged mountain beauty, the natural bridge, the trails and waterways. Most took advantage of the hiking trails while some realized how out of shape they are and others found great photo opportunities.

After all had enjoyed their picnic lunch and the beautiful Thanksgiving cake Barbara brought, it was time for the s l o w drags. Steve Fein in a '66 Cruiser, automatic, covered the ground in 1:3.9 seconds. Don Robertson, '65 Commander, automatic, 49.4 seconds. Will and Domenica Eastburn, '57 Scotsman, manual, came in at 1:40.4 seconds and Chris Eastburn, '63 Lark R1, manual took 1:14.1 seconds. Scott handed out handsome awards to the winners.

Steve Fein forwarded a motion for the chapter to spend seventy five dollars to sponsor three awards at the Arizona Winter Studebaker Celebration in January '08. The motion was seconded and it passed.

Our sincere appreciation is well deserved for Scott and Barbara, who put together a great meet, fed us and picked up our admission to the park.

Those enjoying all or some of the day's festivities are: Marlene and Scott Benson, '56 Golden Hawk; Willard Pike, '56 President Classic; Ron and Vicky Crowe, '64 GT Hawk; Don Robertson and Robin Lutz, '65 Commander; Malcolm and Buffy Stinson, '63 T Cab; Domenica, Gwen, Maryanne and Will Eastburn, '57 Scotsman; Michell, Rachel and Chris Eastburn, '63 R1 Lark, Steve Fein, '66 Cruiser; and Jim Ten Eyck, Paul Holland, Claudia Robinette, Ron and Sherry Watson, Scott and Barbara Grainger, Richard Dormois, Linda Saar and Dennis Lynde. Those in the Ferraris were not identified as they went by pretty fast.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.) CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON.NET
- DECEMBER 2** 23rd ANNUAL TOYZ FOR TOTZ CRUISE TO WICKENBURG AND CAR SHOW HOSTED BY REMEMBER WHEN CRUISE ASSOC. AND COPS WHO CARE. MEET AT HONEYWELL PARKING LOT AT NE CORNER OF I-17 & UNION HILLS DR. AT 9:00 AM FOR COFFE & DONUTS. BRING AT LEAST ONE UNWRAPPED TOY. INFO: BOB AT 602-943-3532.
- DECEMBER 3** AAHC MEETING, 7:30 PM AT SANDERSON FORD TRUCK DEALERSHIP, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE. GUEST SPEAKER JOHN COOK FROM BARRETT-JACKSON. INFO: CALL GEORGE WOODS, 480-473-0946 OR VISIT <http://www.azautohobbyist.com/>
- JANUARY 12, 2008** 10TH ANNUAL MOTORSPORTS DAY AT ARIZONA COMMUNITY CHURCH, 9325 S RURAL RD AT KNOX (BETWEEN WARNER & RAY), TEMPE FROM 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. NO ENTRY FEE. PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE EVENT GIFT, 2 FREE LUNCH TICKETS. REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.AZCC.ORG. PLEASE LET DEANNA MANLEY KNOW AT 480-981-8886 OR HPDLMANLEY@MSN.COM BY JANUARY 6 IF YOU ARE ATTENDING SO ENOUGH SPACES CAN BE RESERVED FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS TO PARK TOGETHER.
- 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**
- JANUARY 20** SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL MEETING & AUCTION AT TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH. ARRIVE AROUND 11:00, SIT DOWN FOR DINNER PROMPTLY AT 11:30 \$18.00 PER PERSON. BRING STUDEBAKER ITEMS FOR AUCTION. TO RESERVE OR FOR INFO: CHRIS LILLIE AT 520-294-9106 OR MAIL CHECK FOR DINNER (AND DUES) TO CHUCK STANFORD, 830 E HALCYON RD, TUCSON AZ 85719
- MARCH 16** **ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING - MARCH MADNESS - HOSTED BY THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER AT BRANDI FENDTON MEMORIAL PARK, 3700 E RIVER RD. (ALVERNON & RIVER RD.) FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. FUN JUDGING, SWAP MEET, RAFFLES, GOODIE BAGS & MORE. A COUNTRY FAIR WILL BE GOING IN THE PARK WITH ARTS & CRAFTS, ANTIQUES, FOOD VENDORS. MORE INFO IN FUTURE ISSUES OR CALL CHRIS LILLIE AT 520-294-9106.**



Chapter Web Site

By Ron Crowe

Please visit our recently revised website at <http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com>. We'd like to have your pictures from any of our events to add to the site. If you have any ideas of other things you'd like on the site, let us know that, too.

You can e-mail pictures (please limit the size of each image to under 500KB if it's convenient) or your ideas to ron.croweaz@gmail.com.

We'll also be looking into having it possible for you to upload your own photos if you're interested in doing that.

Editor's Note: Pictures from the tour to the Tonto Natural Bridge Park are on the web site in the "Photo Galleries" area. More event pictures can be viewed in the extra pages of the online version of the December *ECHO*.

LOOKING AHEAD

SEMINARS HIGHLIGHT JANUARY MEETING

By Richard Dormois

Heart Disease Among Women will be the program presented by Deb Ricketts RN, Clinical Manager at Banner Baywood Heart Hospital, at 1:30 PM at the January 19, 2008 Chapter gathering at the Arizona Golf Resort in Mesa. Ladies may wish to plan now to attend this informative program after the awards luncheon in the Pavilions Dining Room. Also at 1:30 PM, John Kemper, renowned engine builder and chapter member will conduct a class on "Boosting Your 259" outside in the car show area. It is expected each of these presentations will last about an hour.

Expressions of interest in our meet have come from the east coast to California as well as Canada and awards sponsorships have been strong, so it looks like we will have another successful meeting to kick off 2008. Mark it on your calendar now, so you don't accidentally say yes to something else that day. Any questions, contact Richard at 1938studeman@earthlink.net or 480-827-8178.



1949 Studebaker 2R5 Pickup

Thank You, 2007 Meeting Hosts

The Chapter wishes the 2007 meeting and event hosts a very heartfelt thank you. Their generosity is appreciated.

January	Richard Dormois
February	Steve & Paulette Fein
March	Chapter
April	George Gezelius
May	Denny & Jan Lockmon and Brian & Aleta Millette
July	Ken Michael
September	Scott & Pam Cawley
October	Chapter Board
November	Scott & Barbara Grainger
December	John & Lorilee Kroulik

2008 Meeting Hosts Needed

If you would like to host a meeting in your home, garage, a restaurant, park or other interesting place, please contact one of the officers or board members (listed on page 2). All months other than January are available. The chapter doesn't normally meet in the summer months but members are welcome to host an event either in a cooler area of the state or around a pool.

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions?	Call Chris at 602-995-5311					I Holiday Party
2	3 AAHC Meeting	4	5 Hanukkah Begins	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Winter Solstice
23 30	24 31	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29

Thank You!

Thank you, dear friends, for the generous donation made to the Studebaker National Museum in my husband's name, Richard La Torre.

The entire family joins me in thanking you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Kathryn La Torre



Dear Grand Canyon State Chapter Members,

It is with deep thanks and gratitude that we write this letter. As most of you know, our youngest child, Sharon Naugle Miller of Vallejo, CA passed on August 23, 2007 after battling stage 4 breast cancer for more than 16 years (she was diagnosed in February, 1991). Sharon participated in 4 clinical trials, one resulting in the FDA approval of Herceptin. She endured more chemotherapy, radiation, an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant and an ocean full of medication, more than any of us can imagine. Sharon did all of this to help find a cure for this disease. Sharon believed God chose her for this journey because she was young (36 years at time of diagnosis), strong and outspoken. She told her story to anyone that would listen, she counseled many scared cancer patients, giving each hope that cancer is not a death sentence. Sharon lived every date to the fullest, a valiant, courageous woman. We will miss her always, and we will always treasure all of your thoughts and prayers.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Sincerely,
Ruth and Chuck Naugle



The chapter received letters from the Studebaker National Museum in recognition of the Chapter's donations to the museum in memory of members Richard La Torre and Bill Lynch. The contributions were designated for the Save the Treasures grant which will help the museum restore the eight special vehicles in its collection.

Holiday Gifts

Still need a gift or two to put under the tree? Check out the November and Decembers issues of *Turning Wheels* for the answer to your gift giving needs. Both the SDC Club Store and Studebaker National Museum offer nice selections of Stude items for a family member or friend. Several Studebaker vendors advertise a large variety of great gift items, as well. And don't forget the gift memberships mentioned in the adjoining article.

2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Submitted by Deanna Manley

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Auction	Cheryl Simmons
Goodie Bags	Cheryl Simmons, Mary Powell-McConnell
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Two other important committees still need chairpersons. They are security and Fun Night. To volunteer to chair either committee or to serve on any of the committees please contact Deanna at 480-981-8886 or hpdlmanley@msn.com or Larry Vaheat 480-694-3899 or 58pkhawk@cableone.net.

Interesting Web Sites

<http://s81.photobucket.com/albums/j209/mbstude/Daytona%20Rod%20Run%202007/> Studes at Daytona Rod Run. (Thanks to Mike Barany for the link.)

<http://good-times.webshots.com/album/552048172ECAscY> Lots of Weasel pictures.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkJvCXuN6mM> Video of Reedsville meet.

<http://www.tcpglobal.com/autocolibrary/> You can view auto paint chip sheets here.

First time SDC and gift memberships are just \$19.95. Gift a friend, family member or new owner with SDC membership. Membership for those 22 years and younger are \$19.95/yr as are subscriptions to *Turning Wheels* for libraries, schools, etc.

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 renew now.

A FATHER'S DAY TO REMEMBER

By Larry Vahe

The wind started as a low pressure system, spinning in the Gulf of Alaska. It slowly worked its way down the Pacific Coast coming on-shore at Santa Barbara in the middle of the night. Rustling palm fronds and bougainvillea, it passed as on cat's paws waking but a few of the sleeping residents. As it passed over the low brown Coastal Range the wind blew some leaves off the scrub Oak and bent the sickle shaped gamma grass. It wended its way to the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley. The wind whipped around the southern fringes of the Tehachapi's and was scattered by the speeding traffic on Interstate 5 just below the fabled entrance to the Grapevine at Wheeler Ridge. The waning wind blew some light dust over the shoes of two men standing beside the Interstate, scanning the onrushing traffic. The wind then died down as it passed through the artillery wheels and under the running boards of the 1933 Studebaker Model 56 parked behind the two men. The wind finally died out, coming to rest against the Eucalyptus trees and oleanders that lined the interstate behind the Studebaker. One of the men standing on the side of the interstate that Father's Day, 1985, was me; the other man was my father-in-law, Jack. This was not how that long-ago Father's Day was planned!

Two weeks prior to that my in-laws had come to our house in Bakersfield for a short visit. I suspect that many of you, faced with the same prospect, wonder what on earth you are going to do with visiting family for a period of two plus weeks! We had the same problem but we thought we had at least a partial answer: drive over from Bakersfield, where we were living at the time, to Santa Barbara and spend a day shopping and dining out in one the restaurants located on the pier. Such a plan! But like the *Back to the Future* movies, we have to go back to the future as how Jack and I ended up with dust being blown over our shoes by the side of Interstate 5.

Fast forward to Long Beach, 1979. By now I've had my Speedster for ten years and it's been reduced from daily driver to being mostly garaged. My everyday car is now a '64 Hawk. (I've owned three '64 Hawks and they remain one of my favorite Studebakers, but I digress). While looking through the *Long Beach Press Telegram*, and being acutely aware of the fact one can never own enough Studebakers, I came across an ad for an all original 1933 Studebaker for the low, low price of \$600. Well, come on, you have to at least take a look! What harm can there be in that! It truly was original but the interior looked like it had been used for target practice by field mice. The outside was straight but the original Sea Green paint was fading away. But it did have dual side mounts, artillery wheels, a cigar lighter and Free Wheeling. What's a mother to do? Yep, I bought it and drove it back to my parent's house. Let's just say they were not as happy as I!

By the spring of '85 the '33 was almost completely re-

stored. Some mechanical and body work was done by someone I knew in Santa Barbara and I was driving the car around Bakersfield to make sure there were no mechanical problems. Two ever so slight problems did come to my attention, namely an irritating habit of vapor locking and an equally troubling problem of overheating. The first problem was of my own doing. As originally assembled the gas line ran on the *inside* of the frame, very close to the muffler. I wondered why the gas line was routed on the outside of the frame but found that out the hard way. On hot summer days, and being close to the muffler, the gasoline became too hot thereby causing the vapor lock. The gas line was then put back on the outside of the frame, problem solved. Ah, but how about the overheating? For you mechanics out there, follow along as I attempted to solve this and see if you can figure out what I overlooked. What I overlooked led to that delightful trip to Santa Barbara! At first I thought of the radiator. It was old so I thought, ah-hah, this must be the trouble! So off came the radiator for recoring. But, alas, that did not help. Okay, a new thermostat! Out with the old and in with the new 160 degree thermostat! No dice. I had the engine overhauled but may be, just may be, the block needed to be flushed? After back flushing the heating problem was still there, imagine that! What to do? Well, the in-laws were here so I thought the car would make it over to Santa Barbara (I know, I know!) and I would leave it with the mechanic who worked on the car in the first place. It also needed some other work, two birds and all like that. Ah, the best laid plans. So, have you all concluded what the problem was on the over heating? I'm sure many have figured it out and the answer is at end of the story!

Father's Day, 1985, Bakersfield, CA. The plan is simple: Jack and I will drive over in the '33 and my wife, her mother and our son will follow in the Brand X in the highly unlikely case we break down. Remember, this is before cell phones, etc. A beautiful plan, I'd say. Jack and I left a little early but we knew they would catch up before we went very far. "Very far" turned out to be around 50 miles or right at the foot of the Grapevine at Wheeler Ridge. As the dust blew over our shoes and under my car, we were scanning the traffic looking for our wives to come to our rescue! Sure enough, we spotted them in the middle lane. They were in the middle lane when they passed us and remained in the middle lane until out of sight! Not much help there I'd say. By now the car had cooled down so we drove it to one of the service stations at Wheeler Ridge. I topped off the radiator and told Jack I was getting some coffee and we would be on our way. "Okay", says Jack. When I get back to the car I find a number of people gathered around it and a lady sitting behind the wheel. What the...? Seems Jack was trying to sell the car and these people were interested in buying it! First our wives drive by leaving us even dustier than we were and now Jack is trying to sell my car; do you notice a pattern here? After dispatching the crowd, we took off once more. I finally caught a break and the car purred right along.

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The *Erskine ECHO* is the weekly newspaper of Erskine, Minnesota which is located seven miles west of McIntosh, Minnesota where Glen Torske was born and lived until he joined the Air Force and served for twenty one years. Glen has one brother that is living on the home place. The farm is two and a half miles north of McIntosh.

There is actually a person that lives in or near Erskine who now owns an Erskine automobile. I am sure that you know that the Studebaker Corporation built Erskine automobiles and Mr. A.R. Erskine was president of the Studebaker Corporation.

So wrote Glen Torske in a note to your editor. Glen continued "I am a member of the Grand Canyon Chapter and the Southern Arizona Chapter which is located in Tucson where we live. We are also members of the national S.D.C. I now own one Studebaker which is a 1963 Avanti R-1, which I bought in Hemet, California. My wife Rosalie is one of the newsletter judges and also the secretary for our local chapter."

Glen made mention of the small world we live in where a Studebaker chapter has a newsletter with the same name as a small town newspaper and, on top of that, the town name has a Studebaker connection. *The Erskine ECHO* appears to have been around longer than our Chapter newsletter based on the volume noted in the masthead. The newspaper is issued weekly on Thursday and publishes news about Erskine residents as well as news from the surrounding area. The *Erskine ECHO* editor printed a poem many of you may relate to and I have reprinted it here for your entertainment. Your editor added the Erskine information.

Cleaning Poem

I asked the Lord to tell me
Why my house is such a mess.
He asked if I'd been 'computering'.
And I had to answer "yes".

He told me to get off my fanny
And tidy up the house.
And so I started cleaning up...
The smudges off my mouse.

I wiped and shined the topside.
That really did the trick...
I was just admiring my work...
I didn't mean to 'click'.
But click I did and, OOPS, I found
A real absorbing site
That I got SO way into...
I was into it all night. <<Sigh>>

Nothing's changed except my
mouse.
It's very, very shiny.
I guess my house will stay a
mess....
While I sit here on my hiney.

Albert Russell Erskine

1871-1933

Joins the Studebaker Corporation in 1911
and rises to first vice president by 1913.
He is made president in July, 1915.

Unable to avoid the effects of the great depression,
Studebaker goes into receivership March 21, 1933.
Erskine, despondent, commits suicide on July 1, 1933.

Erskine Automobile was made by Studebaker 1927-1930.

For more information about the Erskine family or
automobile, see these sites.

http://members.tripod.com/~erskine_registry/erskine.html
<http://www.erskinclan.com/car.html>



Rare Erskine panel truck.

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About 10 miles outside of Santa Barbara we saw our wives driving back, presumably, to look for us! They saw us this time and followed us back to town. Seems they were having a good time talking and did not see us the first time. Anyway, that's their story and they are sticking to it! After dropping the car off we all had a good time exploring Santa Barbara.

Okay, so what obvious thing did I overlook with the overheating problem? The water pump! The impeller blades were shot so a 'new' water pump had to be made for the '33. At the end of my last article I implored you all to write about your favorite Studebaker. You do not have to restrict your story to mechanical mishaps, any old thing will do. It's just a coincidence that all my articles are about motoring mishaps. Or I think they are anyway. I still have a ton of these true stories and if you do not start sending in the cards and letters my next article will begin thusly: "It happened on a dark night when two dark men got together for a dark purpose," It that doesn't scare you into writing an article for the *Echo* then you deserve what I write!!

Storing and Retrieving Studebaker Parts Books

by Ernie Loga

For years I fought with my parts books. Where do I put them to keep them safe and yet available when I want to use them? Most Studebaker models use two books - a chassis book and a body book. Then there are shop manuals and service bulletins. For me keeping them on a shelf by themselves didn't work because when I would take one out the others would fall into the space evacuated by the one I was using. I wanted to keep all the related books, manuals and service bulletins together and handy.

I solved the problem by using standard magazine shelf files purchased at most book and stationery supply stores. I use one shelf file to keep all the related books in for each model. If the volume is too great for one shelf file I use more as needed.

Edited from the November, 2007 issue of the Badger Bullet-N, Ernie Loga, editor.

Member Recommended Service

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FOR SALE - STUDEBAKER CARS, TRUCKS AND PARTS - WANTED

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STUDEBAKERS FOR SALE

1963 Avanti. Excellent condition. Rebuilt Power Train R1; auto, TT, Factory AC, PS, PDB, New interior. Drive anywhere. \$21,800. Walt Jazwinski 623-934-3371 or wjazwin@hotmail.com (3)

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1950 Commander 4 dr. Custom paint. 59th Ave & Cactus \$6000. Carrie 602-741-3864 (1)

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1925 ER Roadster, restorable. Many extra parts \$5000. **1940 President** parts car. No motor. \$1000. Ed Hope Flagstaff 928-527-9171 (0)

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 (0)

STUDEBAKER PARTS FOR SALE

1963 289 full flow engine w/.060 pistons, competition cam, hard valves & seats. \$3400. John Kemper 623-546-8434 (3)

Parts from a 1953 C-cab pickup and a bullet nose Stude of unknown year. Pickup at my house in Green Valley only. There are three boxes of misc. parts carb, distributor, starter, generator, brackets, brake and clutch pedals, linkage, bellhousing etc. A crankshaft, cyl. head and a camshaft. All in various condition. Engine parts are all 6cyl. Anybody wants them come get them. Phillip Smith 520-419-0346 (0)

MISC. FOR SALE

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 rtrske@cox.net, or 6031 S. Galiuro Dr., Tucson, AZ 85706-4778. (3)

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 (0)

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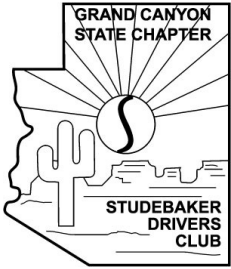
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**Tonto Natural Bridge State Park Outing
hosted by Scott & Barbara Grainger
November 17, 2007**



Photo Courtesy of Scott Grainger.

Will, Domenica, Gwen and Maryanne Eastburn.



Photo courtesy of Dennis Lynde.

**Vicky and Ron Crowe hike with
the event host, Scott Grainger.**



Photo courtesy of Scott Grainger.

The Tonto Natural Bridge Falls at the mouth.

Studes at Tonto Natural Bridge November 17, 2007



1964 GT Hawk, Ron & Vicky Crow

1966 Cruiser, Steve Fein

1963 Champ, Malcolm Stinson

1965 Commander, Don Robertson

1963 Lark R1, Chris & Rachel Eastburn

1957 Scotsman, Will & Maryanne Eastburn

Photo courtesy of Scott Grainger.

**Don Robertson takes a turn in the
slow drags while Steve Fein and
Will Eastburn wait their turns.**



Photo courtesy of Dennis Lynde.



**Visitor Center
at the
Tonto Natural Bridge
State Park**

Photo courtesy of Dennis Lynde.