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Grand Canyon State Chapter
Studebaker Drivers Club

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2008 Arizona Winter Studebaker Celebration

Saturday, January 19th

at the

Arizona Golf Resort

425 S. Power Rd., Mesa

*10:00 am - Car Show with Dash Plaques and
People's Choice Judging, Swap Meet*

12:00 pm - Awards Luncheon and Program

1:30 pm - Tech Session

"Boosting your 259 Engine"

Ladies Seminar

"Women's Heart Health Issues"

2:00 pm - Studebaker National Foundation

Board Meeting

*Studebakers, Pierce-Arrows, Packards, Avantis
and related vehicles welcome.*

Host: Richard Dormois

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Editorially Speaking

Your editor is once again sponsoring a **post card contest**. You are invited to send me 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. It is not necessary to be present to win.

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

Thank you to this month's contributors - Larry Vahe, Dennis Lynde, Richard Dormois and the editors of other newsletters and publications. I'm hoping some of you made a resolution to send your Studebaker story to the editor for inclusion in a future edition.

Best wishes for a healthy new year.

Chris



A view of the Krouliks garage during the holiday party, December 1st. You can see more party photos taken by Dennis Lynde and Denny Lockmon at the chapter web site - <http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com> - in the Photo Galleries area.

The reward of a thing well done is often to have done it.

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President's Message

Our Christmas dinner was held this past December 1 at the home of Lorilee & John Kroulik. We had around 80 in attendance and all enjoyed a veritable feast of very good food. The dessert table alone was worth the trip! As usual there are many to thank not only for hosting the Christmas dinner but those who helped out throughout the year. The real danger of thanking people is you always forget/overlook someone so it is with some trepidation that I begin.

First is Lorilee and John for opening their home, er workshop, for our dinner. Dining among Studebaker and related parts makes just that more special! Thanks also to our table hosts. All the tables were beautifully decorated and they are to be thanked for making the dinner just that more festive.

We should all thank the club officers and board members for helping to make 2007 such a great year. Your VP, Denny Lockmon, works very hard to help plan and carry out the interesting tours we attend during the year. Thanks, also, to all of you who hosted tours for '07 and perhaps you'll consider hosting another tour in '08. Denny is lining up the '08 tours so if you would like to host one please contact Denny. Our treasurer, Chuck Collins, pared down the treasurer's report to 45 seconds this year. For '08 he is trying to reduce that to 30 seconds. Good luck with that, Chuck! The secretary, Richard Dormois, continues to take fantastic minutes of our meetings. They actually reflect what was discussed, imagine that! The board is helping guide our decisions although board member Steve Fein has been guiding us from afar as he has taken a number of trips this year. Ron Crowe has undertaken the club web site and if you haven't you should visit it at www.grandcanyonsdc.com. Bill Lynch was an active member of our club, serving from vendor coordinator at the 2004 Zone Meet to serving on the board and will be sorely missed. His wife, Dolores, was presented a plaque from the club by Lorilee Kroulik along with recognizing Lisa and Mike Lynch.

A short meeting was held during the dinner with the presentation of newly elected officers being presented by Sherry Watson. The 'new' officers/board looks alarmingly similar to the old slate with the addition of Dennis Lynde to the board. A recount of the ballots for President was called for by the current president but it was determined only one person voted for him, and since they declined to change their vote, he was reelected! And thanks to our very own Chris Collins for publishing the award winning *Echo* and thanks to all the club members who helped make this 35th anniversary year a special one. And congratulations to our MOY (Member of the Year), Ken Michael of Payson.

Lastly, don't forget about some of our upcoming events. To start off the year we have the annual Winter Celebration at the Arizona Golf Resort starting at 10 AM on January 19. This is hosted by none other than our own Richard Dormois and is always a well attended

CELEBRATE!



January Birthdays

1 Delores Shurtz	12 Hugh McDowell
2 Anna Riedel	17 Bill Brooks
3 Willie Shearhart	18 Eileen Ten Eyck
4 Don Robertson	24 Michalene Graham
5 Nora Gooch	28 Bill Simmons
6 Lenka Hospodka	29 Frieda Vindedahl
7 Frank van Doorn	30 Evelyn Verrill
9 Carol Lee	31 Sherry Watson

January Anniversaries

5 Tim & Joen Painter
9 Gary & Bea Graham
9 Bob & Lisa Trenter
19 Ed & Linda Smith
25 Fred & Nora Gooch
31 Chris & Rachel Eastburn

Welcome New Members

Keith & Marie Ambs 6850 Bobcat Ridge Trail Tucson, AZ 85743 520-297-6489 marieambs@aol.com 1962 GT Hawk	Mike & Ana Estes 10288 Winter Yuma, AZ 86365 928-503-3033 felixcat@theriver.com 1947 Champion Sedan
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Frank & Elizabeth van Doorn Winter Address Jan.-March 9501W Hidden Valley Circle Sun City, AZ 85351 402-657-5318 frankvandoorn@cox.net 1962 GT Hawk, 1963 Daytona Convertible, 1940 Champion	Gary L Walters 675 Escalante Dr St George, UT 84790 435-674-1674 zionsdc@beyondbb.com 1962 GT Hawk, 1990 Avanti 4 dr touring
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event. In March, March Madness will be hosted by the Southern Arizona Chapter this year at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park in Tucson from 9 to 3 on March 16 so we hope many of you will be able to attend. The last event held in Tucson we caravanned and probably will do the same this year so stay tuned for a meeting place.

Larry

SPIRITS NOT DAMPENED

By Richard Dormois

Rainstorms so great as to please an Iowa corn farmer did not dampen the spirits of the many members and guests at the Grand Canyon State Chapter Holiday Party hosted by Makenna, Kolton, Lorilee and John Kroulik in Glendale, December 1, 2007. The Bill Lynch family was honored for Bill's dedication to the Chapter as a board member and strong supporter for many years. Ken Michael received the Member of the Year Award for 2007 for continued outstanding dedication to the furtherance of our enjoyment of the Studebaker marque. Thank you to all who prepared the wonderful dishes that made up the sumptuous buffet and special thanks to Michell Eastburn for, once again, acting as beverage hostess. The auction went well and garnered \$955.00 to defray the cost of the dinner entrees and future chapter endeavors. President Larry Vahe conducted a brief business meeting and Denny and Richard brought the membership up to date on future events and 2010 International Meet progress. A big thank you to the Krouliks for making our Holiday Season very special.

Attending were Chuck & Chris Collins, Willard Pike, Ike & Virginia Quigley, Al & Anna Riedel, Bill & Cheryl Simmons, Anita, Kevin & Sara MacFadden, Brian & Aleta Millette, Denny & Jan Lockmon, Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, George Gezelius, Mike & Mary Barany, Judy & Charley Haverstick, John & Annie Kemper and Annie's mother, Betty, Jim Clever, Scott & Marlene Benson, Ron & Sherry Watson, Chris & Rachel Eastburn, Larry Vahe, Larry & Ruth Cushing, Bruce, Pat & Lori Slifer (visitors from Penn.) Bryan Giesler, Ken Michael (1963 Cruiser), Mike, Lisa, Josh & Ben Lynch, Walt & Kitty Jazwinski, Richard Dormois, Steve & Vicki Piper, Ron & Vicky Crowe, Dolores Lynch, Claudia Robinette, Pete & Karen Mensing (1962 pickup), Pat & Larry Swanson, Dan & Corlean Kuhl, Bill & Peggy Eastburn, Michell Eastburn, Will, Maryanne, Domenica & Gwen Eastburn, John, Lorilee, Kolton & Makenna Kroulik.

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## 2008 Officers and Board

Elect ed as officers and to the board for 2008 were Larry Vahe, president; Denny Lockmon, vice-president; Richard Dormois, secretary; Chuck Collins, treasurer; Ron Crowe, Steve Fein and Dennis Lynde, board members. Thanks to Sherry Watson for serving as the election judge. She reported a very good return of ballots and a close race for secretary. Thanks, also, to Karen Mensing for making the election more exciting by running for the secretary position.



## Member of the Year



Photo courtesy of Dennis Lynde.

The Chapter honored Ken Michael as its Member of the Year at the annual holiday party, December 1. As a remembrance of the honor, Ken was presented with a 2008 commemorative silver Studebaker coin.

In keeping with the spirit of the Studebaker Drivers Club, Ken's only mode of transportation is a Studebaker. The model we see him in most often is his 1963 Cruiser which he drove to both the international meet in South Bend and the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet in Selma.

Ken is an active member of the chapter, attending most meetings and events despite living outside the valley in Payson. This past July, he hosted a well attended summer event at the Matazal Casino in his hometown.

In addition, Ken gives back to the hobby by making and supplying specialized parts to enthusiasts and running a repair shop for Studebakers and other collector automobiles.

Congratulations to Ken on the well deserved honor.

**Get well wishes** are extended to **Lloyd Prather**, the Pacific Southwest Zone Coordinator. Lloyd suffered a stroke just before Christmas and is on his way to recovery. Recently, he felt well enough to take his wife, Cindy, out for an anniversary celebration according to Richard and Claudia who visited with them while in California for the holiday.

Please keep Lloyd in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his recovery.

## Roster Updates

New address:

Pres and Terry Connolly  
4677 Brookstone Ct.

Brunswick Hills, OH 44212-5712

(Sorry to see you move away. We'll miss you and your pretty Hawk at Chapter events.)

New e-mail address:

Malcolm Stinson [studebakersw@frontiernet.net](mailto:studebakersw@frontiernet.net)

Order your Chapter name badge by contacting Chris Collins at 602-995-311 or [chuckstude@juno.com](mailto:chuckstude@juno.com). The price is \$5.00 each.

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY 7** AAHC MEETING, 7:00 PM AT SANDERSON FORD TRUCK DEALERSHIP, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE. GUEST SPEAKER: BOB LABINE, WINNER OF THE 2007 GREAT RACE. INFO: CALL GEORGE WOODS, 480-473-0946 OR VISIT <http://www.azautohobbyist.com/>
- JANUARY 12** **CHAPTER EVENT: 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 hpdلمانley@msn.com BY JANUARY 6 IF YOU ARE ATTENDING SO ENOUGH SPACES CAN BE RESERVED FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS TO PARK TOGETHER.**
- JANUARY 13** **BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM AT THE DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT. INFO: LARRY AT 480-694-3899. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**
- JANUARY 19** **2008 ARIZONA WINTER STUDEBAKER CELEBRATION AT THE ARIZONA GOLF RESORT, SE CORNER OF BROADWAY AND POWER RDS, MESA. ENTER FROM BROADWAY. 10:00 AM. CAR SHOW W/PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING, SWAP MEET (BRING YOUR EXCESS PARTS TO SELL), DASH PLAQUES, LADIES FAIRE, TECH SESSION, LUNCH AND AWARDS. INFO: RICHARD DORMOIS AT 480-827-8178. ALSO SHOWER FOR EASTBURN BABY IN GRASS NEAR CAR SHOW. SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS.**
- JANUARY 20** SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL MEETING & AUCTION AT TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH. EXIT SPEEDWAY FROM I-10, GO EAST TO END. ARRIVE AROUND 11:00, SIT DOWN FOR DINNER 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 OF \$15.00) TO CHUCK STANFORD, 830 E HALCYON RD, TUCSON AZ 85719
- FEBRUARY 9** **CHAPTER EVENT. 2008 WICKENBURG GOLD RUSH DAYS PARADE. DETAILS ABOUT A CARAVAN TO WICKENBURG AND MEET UP PLACE WILL BE IN THE FEBRUARY ECHO. INFO: DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR lockmon@cox.net**
- FEBRUARY 10** **2010 MEET COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS WILL MEET AT MIKE BARANY'S HOME IN PEORIA AT NOON. MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH OR CALL DEANNA AT 480-981-8886.**
- FEBRUARY 16** **CHAPTER EVENT/MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE PENSKE RACING MUSEUM IN SCOTTSDALE. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS OR CONTACT lockmon@cox.net**
- FEBRUARY 24** AAHC "UNITED WE DRIVE" CAR SHOW AT SANDERSON FORD, 5300 NW GRAND AVE. TRUCK DEALERSHIP LOT, 53RD & GRAND AVES. 10:00AM - 3:00PM. DASH PLAQUES, T-SHIRTS, TROPHIES. ENTRY FEE \$15.00 PRIOR TO 2/9/08. SEE PRINTABLE ENTRY FORM AT <http://www.azautohobbyist.com/events.htm> OR CONTACT AL AT 623-937-7278.
- 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 ON IN THE PARK WITH ARTS & CRAFTS, ANTIQUES, FOOD VENDORS. MORE INFO IN FUTURE ISSUES OR CALL CHRIS LILLIE AT 520-294-9106. CHAPTER WILL CARAVAN WITH DENNIS LYNDE, TOURMASTER. CONTACT HIM AT 480-898-3425 OR [dlynde012@aol.com](mailto:dlynde012@aol.com)**
- APRIL** **CHAPTER MEETING HOSTED BY JOHN & ANNIE KEMPER. MORE INFO TO COME.**

**ARIZONA WINTER STUDEBAKER CELEBRATION SEMINAR REMINDER**

By Richard Dormois

On January 19th, 2008, in addition to the swap meet, car show and awards banquet, don't forget to plan for the "Boosting your 259" seminar by John Kemper and the "Women's Heart Health Issues" seminar presented by Deb Ricketts, RN, from Banner Baywood Heart Hospital at 1:30 PM. Both seminars will be at the Arizona Golf Resort immediately after the luncheon and awards. They are sponsored by the Chapter and open to the public so if you have friends who could benefit don't hesitate to invite them.

Any questions, contact Richard at [1938studeman@earthlink.net](mailto:1938studeman@earthlink.net) or 480-827-8178.

**Baby Shower**

You are invited to celebrate the impending arrival of a future Studebaker driver at a baby shower in honor of Rachel and Chris Eastburn to be held during the car show at the Arizona Golf Resort on Saturday, January 19th. Plan to gather around 10:30 in a grassy area near the cars and please bring a chair.

The shower hostess is Lorilee Kroulik and if you have any questions or need guidance please call her at 602-375-8627.

**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. Generally the meetings involve food whether as a pot luck or served by someone else. April has been spoken for by the Kempers and Ken Michael will host a function in July but all other months are open.

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

**2008 Dues are Due**

Your Chapter dues for 2008 were due January 1st. Please send your dues for \$18.00 with a completed application to the address on the form. Thank you to everyone who included his/her SDC membership number; if you 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.

**January 2008**

| Sun                                                                                 |                   | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu        | Fri                        | Sat |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|----------------------------|-----|
|  |                   |     | 1   | 2   | 3          | 4                          | 5   |
| 6                                                                                   | 7<br>AAHC Meeting | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11         | 12<br>Motorsports Day      |     |
| 13<br>Board Meeting                                                                 | 14                | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18         | 19<br>Winter Celebration   |     |
| 20<br>SAC Annual Banquet                                                            | 21                | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25         | 26                         |     |
| 27                                                                                  | 28                | 29  | 30  | 31  | Questions? | Call Chris at 602-995-5311 |     |

## Pacific Southwest Zone Elections

The zone coordinator and zone director positions in the Pacific Southwest Zone are contested this year and you have the opportunity to meet the candidates on page 22 of the January *Turning Wheels*. Two of our Chapter members are candidates for each of these positions. Jon Carter is running for zone coordinator and Colin Fort is challenging Carl Thomason for director. You can read brief bios about them and the other candidates in the magazine.

The official ballot for the election is on page 23 of the January *Turning Wheels* and is to be mailed to Richard Dormois. Please vote.

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Cell Phone Directory

Your membership chairman, Chris Collins, is compiling a cell phone number directory for use by members while participating in Chapter tours and caravans for communication in case of an emergency or for directions. This directory will be separate from the roster but your cell phone number can be included in the roster if you indicate so.

Please e-mail or call with your cell phone information to Chris at chuckstude@juno.com or 602-995-5311.

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## Childrens' Birthday Corner

Several Chapter members have children under 18 years of age and your editor would like to acknowledge their birthdays in a new column in *The ECHO*, a birthday corner for our members' children. If you would like to have your child(s)' birthday included in this column, please send the name, month and day of the birthday(s) to Chris at 602-995-5311 or [chuckstude@juno.com](mailto:chuckstude@juno.com).

The editor welcomes any contributions to the newsletter such as word searches, puzzles or pictures to color that would appeal to our future Studebaker drivers and owners. Although not a requirement, it would be appropriate if they had a Studebaker theme. I know there are many talented people in our membership who could help out with this.



## ~ Studebaker History ~ January

|    |      |                                                                                         |
|----|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | 1962 | Studebaker workforce on strike for 38 days.                                             |
| 2  | 1964 | First Canadian built Studebaker destined for U.S. sales rolls off the line in Hamilton. |
| 4  | 1995 | <u>Brooks Stevens</u> dies.                                                             |
| 7  | 1927 | Erskine automobile introduced.                                                          |
| 8  | 1956 | Packard "Predictor" show car debuts at Chicago auto show.                               |
| 15 | 1904 | Studebaker begins paying employees with checks.                                         |
| 17 | 1962 | Sherwood Egbert arrested for picket line altercation.                                   |
| 23 | 1964 | Studebaker acquires Guelph Stove Co.                                                    |
| 24 | 1871 | Albert R. Erskine born.                                                                 |
| 31 | 1942 | Last Studebaker built before turning to war production.                                 |

Information for Studebaker History is from the Madd Doodler Publishing 2008 calendar. You can get a copy of the calendar by sending \$10.00 + \$1.75 (US) to the company at 1049 N. Main St, Russell PA 16345. Each month of the calendar features a different Studebaker model.

If you would like your Studebaker featured in an upcoming calendar, send a 8X10 or 8X12 photo with a clear view of the vehicle to the address above.

## Brooks Stevens

- ◆ Born June 7, 1911, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- ◆ He was struck with polio at age eight but learned to walk, swim and ride a bicycle.
- ◆ Developed a life long love of automotive design as a child attending auto shows with his father.
- ◆ Opened his first design office on July 1, 1935 after working for his father's industrial design company.
- ◆ His early accomplishments included the first electric clothes dryer with a glass window, the first motor home and the first electric steam iron.
- ◆ As an automobile designer, Stevens was responsible for the Studebaker products (except the Avanti) from the 1962 model year until Studebaker ceased automobile production in 1966. While with Studebaker, Stevens created the GT Hawk and Wagonaire
- ◆ Designed the Weinermobile, the Jeepster, the Jeep Wagoneer and Cherokee and the original classic Harley Davidson motorcycle. Founded, ran and designed for the Excalibur Motor Co.
- ◆ Died January 4, 1995. His son continues to run Brooks Stevens Design Associates.

Information compiled from the Brooks Stevens entry on Wikipedia.com and [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org).

## Automotive Tidbits from Hemmings e-Weekly Newsletter

### Hand Drill Creates 26 Inches of Work Space

Working under a car may not be the most comfortable thing for some people, especially when you can only achieve 16 inches of ground clearance with ordinary jack stands. First, you lift one side, then the other, each time wedging the jack handle into a wall stud or freshly painted drywall. Before haphazardly landing on the creeper, you give the 3,000-4,000 pound car a shake to make sure that the stands will hold before rolling underneath the chassis. It's your only option if garage space limits your ability to install a full lift.

EBM Design, Inc. has a solution in the form of EZ Car Lift. Powered by an electric hand drill, the low-rise, low-profile lift can raise a 4,400-pound car a full 26 inches off the ground to give any amateur mechanic or weekend racer plenty of comfortable work space.



The lift consists of two lifting ramps and two cross bars that can be assembled with a box wrench or a socket and driver. The cross bars are available in different lengths to accommodate anything from a compact Triumph TR2 to a bulky Chevy Astro. Available in steel and aluminum, the lift has a total weight of less than 164 pounds, with the heaviest section weighing in at only 61 pounds.

Unlike other low-rise lifts, the EZ Car Lift is designed to rise vertically rather than in an arc motion so it can be operated safely in the garage, on a driveway or at the race track. The specially designed legs occupy less space than four common jack stands. If you're working in a single car garage or other particularly tight space and can't roll the lift into position under the car, place the lift on the floor and drive the car slowly over the flexible, low-profile cross bars. Optional casters can be attached to the lift so the car can be moved while its wheels are off the ground. This makes the EZ Car Lift perfect for long-term projects, seasonal storage or for leaving the car raised but moved out of the way while you wait for parts or the spare time. When lowered, it sits four inches off the ground and can be stored against a wall, beneath your car or in separate sections and tucked between the wall studs.

The EZ Car Lift costs \$2,295. For more information, visit [www.ezcarlift.com](http://www.ezcarlift.com) or call 800-392-2754.

### Get your plates on

California's A.B. No. 462, proposed to extend the range of cars eligible to use California's desirable year-correct black plates and Governor Schwarzenegger signed an amended version into law on October 11.

As chaptered, Section 5004.1 of the Vehicle Code

is amended to authorize correct model year/date of year plates for a "vehicle that is a 1969 or older model-year or the owner of a commercial vehicle or pickup truck that is a 1972 or older model year. The bill would also increase the amount of the application fee to \$45."

There are other fees for transferring a black plate, and an additional regular and expired renewal fee. You were expecting something for nothing? The act takes effect on July 1, 2009.

- By David Traver Adolphus

### The Callan Bill

The Callan Bill was described by *The New York Times* as "probably the most logical and scientific motor vehicle law which has yet been put on the statute books of any State." It was signed into law by New York Governor Hughes on Tuesday, May 31, 1910.

Mr. Charles Thaddeus Terry, General Counsel of the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers, helped compose the legislation, and his diligent efforts to shepherd it through both houses of the Legislature were rewarded with a statute that closely adhered to his recommendations.

Among the many issues addressed in the bill are:

- The lifting of antiquated miles-per-hour regulations to reflect the improving capacities of the nation's motor-cars;
- The abolishment of all State taxes upon automobiles;
- Harsher penalties for "joy riding," which Mr. Terry says will immediately end the practice;
- Vastly improved licensing requirements for chauffeurs;
- A requirement for annual registrations;
- Official adoption of ALAM horsepower ratings;
- A blanket prohibition on all local ordinances relating to automobiles, with minor exceptions; and
- The abolition of cumulative penalties for speeding, so every offense will henceforth be considered a "first offense," with a maximum penalty not to exceed \$100

- By David Traver Adolphus

### Studebaker in Print

The February, 2008 issue of *Hemmings Muscle Machines* has the second installment of "Original Owners: Muscle Cars that Never Left Home" which includes George Krem and the Plain Brown Wrapper.

Another Hemmings publication, *Hemmings Classic Car*, has a Studebaker article in the February issue. It is entitled "Studebaker's Missed Opportunities" and the author suggests that Studebaker had "three blind spots" with its production-planning department which ultimately led to its demise.



## Modified Vehicles: Good or Bad?

By Ernie Loga

It seems like just yesterday when I was only 12 years old that I started to become interested in antique cars. My first car was found in the pasture of my cousins farm south of Osseo, WI. It was a 1924 Model T Ford four door that had been made over into a pick up truck. It was cute and tempting to restore it as it was. But, I had been taught that when you restore an old car you always bring it back to its original condition as it left the factory. So, a modified car or truck had a social stigma that you might not be able to explain to your peers who were already died-in-the-wool purists. Absolutely no one I knew had a modified vehicle.

Today the tide has turned. Even some of the old purists have changed the song they sang about modified cars. Today young enthusiasts would rather have a modified car than an old original that you can't drive at highway speeds. They want the old look but when it comes to going down the road they want performance. It has become common today to see a number of antique automobiles at shows with modern engines. The common buzz phrase is "it is a crate 350 with 400 automatic and 9" rear end". You also see modern interiors and steering columns, stereos, air conditioning, cruise control, special lighting and the list goes on.

When it comes to body modifications the most common change you see is a chopped top, shaved chrome, painted bumpers, custom interior, modified headlights, tail lights, shortened bodies, extended bodies, different grills and wheels. Some look like they could have been made by the factory or they should have. Others are so radical that you have to wonder what the owner was thinking.

Some of the modifications were made because the base car was so far deteriorated or missing so many key parts that only a modification could economically bring it back from the dead. When this happens and the car looks good, you have to admire what has transformed. You have to compliment the owner for putting it back on the road.

But sometimes people take a very nice original car or restored car and modify it. You just have to shake your head and wonder why they did such a thing. A few years ago I was in a junk yard that had quite a few old cars. I was talking to the owner when he asked me if I was interested in looking at some nice original Stutz Bearcat parts. He had beautiful wood wheels, engine, rear end, etc. He said that someone bought an old Stutz from a museum and decided to make a street rod out of it. He brought the mechanical parts to the junk yard and sold them for scrap.

The danger of making a modified car is that the general public doesn't know the difference. They see an old car or truck and just assume it is an original factory-made vehicle. With every modification that is made we lose what the original looked like when it came from the

factory. If all the original cars become modified we will no longer have an example to follow for our restoration projects. When a question arises about whether the fender welt between the body and fender was painted or left black we will not have an original car available to answer the question. This really becomes an issue when the people who grew up with the car die off. We will no longer have an expert alive who knows.

However serious we think this may become we still have to ask the question, "Does anyone other than us really care?" My answer is, I don't think so. Most young people today are not interested in original things. They want performance and fancy electronic gadgets. They want looks, big sound and comfort. They want to go to NAPA or Bumper to Bumper and get parts off the shelf to fix it. They don't want to stay up with the traffic, they want to be ahead of it. You can't do that in most old factory original cars.

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Editor's note: Do you agree with Ernie? Totally? Somewhat? Not at all? Are young people concerned only with comfort and performance? What do you think about the number of custom and modified vehicles showing up at the international meets? Have original Studebakers been relegated to being trailer queens or museum stock? Your comments are welcome.



A 1954 coupe modified for the Panamericana La Carrera race. Good or bad?

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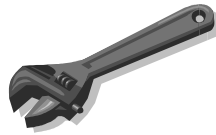
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## TECHNICAL INFORMATION



### Crankcase Ventilation

By Joe Burch

Without proper ventilation of the crankcase, condensation will not vaporize and will cause dilution of the oil, create sludge and result in damage to the engine parts. Excessive loss or consumption of oil can be caused by improper ventilation of the crankcase.

The V-8 engines crankcase is ventilated by air entering the oil filler pipe and passing through the crankcase to a hole at the rear of the valve lifter chamber. The air then travels forward through the valve lifter chamber and enters a hole in the valve lifter cover baffle plate. It then passes to the rear of the valve lifter cover and out through the crankcase breather tube. Both the oil filler pipe cap and the breather tube contain filter elements.

The filter element in the oil filler pipe cap is not replaceable. To service, wash the cap in solvent, drain thoroughly, and coat element with clean engine oil.

The breather tube filter element is replaceable and can be serviced or replaced by removing the retaining cotter pin and withdrawing the filter element from the breather tube. To service, wash in solvent, drain thoroughly and coat with clean engine oil, insert the filter element tube and install the cotter pin.

A new method of positive crankcase ventilation or PCV was introduced in 1961 to California cars and in 1962 to all cars nationwide. This consisted of a small valve located at the rear of the carburetor, this valve replaced the breather tube. The valve should be inspected periodically and either cleaned or replaced. Keeping the ventilation system clean will result in a better and longer running engine.

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