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By Dennis Lynde

A small but enthusiastic group of Studebakers took part in this year's Wickenburg Gold Rush Days Parade on Saturday, February 9th. There were 3 Studebakers that joined Tourmaster Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar in their 1963 GT Hawk. The weather was absolutely gorgeous with the temperature in the low 70s and barely a cloud in the sky.

After meeting up at the McDonald's in Wickenburg our little group braved the incoming traffic and made our way to the rally point for the start of the parade. The 10:00 AM start quickly stretched to 10:30 but once the parade started it went off without a hitch and took about 45 minutes to complete. The only concern during the parade was dodging the "horse apples" left by previous parade entrants. It is a western themed parade, after all.

We decided to go separate ways after the parade because of trying to dodge the heavy traffic in Wickenburg, but Linda and I stopped to eat a sandwich at the rest stop a few miles south of Wickenburg. When we pulled in there was a Ford Model A in the parking lot so we pulled in next to it and proceeded to have lunch. After a few minutes in pulled a slightly newer vintage car, a Ferrari Berlinetta, bright red, which parked next to my Hawk. The owner was driving it from Florida to Las Vegas. Where else would you find a Ford Model A, a Stude Hawk and a Ferrari all parked next to each other on a sunny day in February, enjoying a picnic lunch. I think you would be hard pressed anywhere but Arizona.

Joining us in the parade this year was Ken Michael traveling from Payson in a 1953 Commander, Ed and Linda Smith from Goodyear in their 1951 2R stake bed pickup, and John Verrill from Prescott in his 1962 GT Hawk. A good time was had by all.



Dennis took this photo along the parade route of John Verrill in the Hawk, Ken Michael driving the 1953 and Ed and Linda Smith in their pickup.

Editorially Speaking

There are still some who have not renewed their chapter dues for 2008 and a reminder and application are attached to this newsletter for you to complete and send in with your dues. A roster will be available at the April meeting and if anyone has updates for any of your information, please be sure I have them by mid April.

Just a reminder, too, that you must be a member of SDC to be a member of the chapter and if your SDC dues are not current, please pay them right away. All new and renewing members should send me their SDC membership number for the chapter records

The spring and early summer months are prime for car shows in the valley and elsewhere in the state. These shows present a wonderful opportunity to show off your Studebaker and to talk to the public about your favorite marque. Business cards and post cards are available for you to give other Studebaker owners or anyone interested in Studebakers; just pick some up at the next meeting. Your editor has extra newsletters you can carry with you to give to perspective members.

See you at March Madness!

Chris



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 the event 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 so indicate.

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

Order your Chapter name badge with a pin back by contacting Chris Collins at 602-995-311 or chuckstude@juno.com. The price is \$5.00 each. You can also order a badge with the model of your Studebaker engraved on it which you can affix to your engine compartment or another place in your car for identification purposes. It will come without a pin back.

If you wish to have to have a magnet back on your badge, the price is \$6.00 each.

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

By Larry Vahe

Greetings from the Mile-Hi city of Prescott, AZ. I bet you thought the Mile High city was Denver but Arizona has a Mile-Hi city and that's lovely Prescott! We have had a fairly snowy winter but I only needed to shovel out the drive once so that's not too bad. It's starting to warm up a little and soon all the landscapers will be out putting out the spring bedding plants. The lowest temperature that I saw for our little town was one morning when I went to work and it was 8 degrees. Granted I leave for work at 5:15 AM but 8 degrees is still cold!

Enough of the central Arizona weather report: it was reported a good time was had by all at the February 23 meeting at the Penske Racing Museum. Since I could not make this meeting our capable V.P., Denny Lockmon, presided over the meeting. Thank you, Denny. I'll be at the March Madness gathering in Tucson and will be driving my Avanti (I hope). The AAOA will be attending this meet so there should be a good turn-out of Avantis. We are planning to meet somewhere along I-10 to caravan to Tucson so please look under 'Upcoming Events' to see where to meet. The meet will be at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park at Alvernon & River Rd and as I remember we need to be there early. For those of us in the far northern reaches of the empire it will mean an early departure, for sure!

The 2010 Committee (The Posse) continues to meet about every six weeks. The last meeting was graciously hosted by Mike Barany and included all of the committee chairs. It looks as though the only 'open' chair left is for the Fun Night event so if you are so inclined please let a Posse member know and we'll sign you up!

I hope to see many of you out for the joint March Madness meet on March 16.

Congratulations to Larry on his appointment as SDC's Chief Judge. He will serve a four year stint as Chief Judge beginning with the meet in Cedar Rapids in 2009. Carl Thoms will finish his four year term as Chief Judge at the meet in Lancaster this fall where Larry will work with Carl for a smooth transition.

Champ Pickup on e-Bay

Watch e-Bay this week for the auction of a Champ pickup donated to the Studebaker National Foundation by John and Marilyn Cornfoot of Texas. Brian Millette is listing the pickup and there will be pictures and a full and accurate description of the vehicle. Brian will include John's number in the auction write-up if you are interested and have a question.

Proceeds from the auction will help the Foundation with its educational goals.

CELEBRATE!



March Birthdays

6	Gary Smith	16	Bob Brown
8	Vicki Conley	17	Linda Cook
8	Doris Giesler	18	Kay La Torre
9	Joan Hahn	19	Tom Carter
11	Marisa Carter	20	Pres Connolly
11	Robert Mitchell	20	Michael Holub
11	Joan Painter	21	Ruth Pike
11	Linda Peck	23	Betty Williams
11	Cheryl Ray	24	George Van Zee
12	Ton Pfahler	28	Mike Lynch
15	Jane Wold		

March Anniversaries

3	Larry & Pat Swanson
4	Harold & Deanna Manley
16	Larry & Ruth Cushing
17	Bud & Kathy Becklund
17	Bryan & Doris Giesler
18	Rob & Cheryl Ray
18	Terry & Carol Stines
23	Walter & Nicki Ready
28	Joe & Betty Von Behren
31	Ron & Vicki Conley

Welcome to the Chapter's newest member

Aubrey Lyn Eastburn
who was born February 5th.

Congratulations to parents Rachel and Chris,
grandparents Peggy and Bill,
aunts and uncles Maryanne, Will, Michell and Patrick
and cousins Domenica and Gwen.

Children's Birthday Corner

Sara MacFadden
celebrated her
birthday February 7th.

If you would like to have your child's birthday included in this column, please send the name, month and day of the birthday to Chris at 602-995-5311 or chuckstude@juno.com.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Richard Dormois

At 2:10 PM, Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Penske Racing Museum, 7125 East Chauncey Lane, Phoenix, Chapter Vice President Denny Lockmon called the meeting to order.

Special guest Ron Will gave a short dissertation on his career with General Motors and Subaru of America.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the reading of the January Chapter Meeting Minutes be waived and accepted as published in the February *Echo*.

Chapter Treasurer Chuck Collins provided financial details indicating the Chapter is solvent.

Richard Dormois gave an update on 2008 and 2010 International Meet plans and lodging and meal choices for Lancaster and a few details of the GCSC Board Meeting.

Brian Millette shared details of the donation to the Studebaker National Foundation, of a 1964 Studebaker Champ pick up to be auctioned on eBay next week. John and Marilyn Cornfoot of Kerrville, Texas, are the donors.

Denny Lockmon announced the candidates for Zone Coordinator, Lloyd Prather, Jon Carter, Mike Cazier and Director, Carl Thomason and Colin Fort for the Pacific Southwest Zone and encouraged the members to vote.

Denny Lockmon briefed the membership on the upcoming chapter events. February 24, Hobbyist Council Car Show at Sanderson Ford; March 16, March Madness. Meet at Cracker Barrel, Chandler Road and I-10 to leave promptly at seven am; March 22 Chapter Meeting at the Hometown Buffet, I-17 and Bell, Steve Fein, your host. Hagerty Insurance Staff to make a presentation; March 30, Valley of the Sun Kiwanis Car Show at the PERA Club; April 19, Chapter Meeting in Surprise, John and Annie Kemper hosting; May 3,4, Gold King Mine Antique Truck Show, Don Robertson, host; May 17 program to be announced. George Gezelius advised Bailey's Machine Shop in Mesa has invited the chapter for a tour. September 14-20, 44th International Meet at Lancaster.

Steve Piper invited the chapter to Hot Rod Fever, September 13 in Prescott Valley, Live Music, Seminars, T Shirts, Open Car Show, Lunch, Security, 50/50, free registration hosted by Tim's Toyota and the Tri-City Motor News.

Chris Collins announced our newest member Aubrey Lyn Eastburn of Surprise. The cell phone directory was discussed. Children's birthday corner was announced. She asked for more newsletter articles and thanked the membership for the generous donation to the Studebaker National Foundation of which she is the treasurer. Eric Richardson won the fifty fifty drawing of \$33.00 and Ron Crowe won the Studebaker drivers prize.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that we adjourn the meeting at 2:41 PM.

A thank you note was sent to Penske Racing Museum Manager, Pat Hozza, for their hospitality.

Attending were Sherry and Ron Watson, James Clever, Eric, DeAnna and Robert Richardson, Bill Snider, Steve Fein (1966 Cruiser), Brian and Aleta Millette, Denny and Jan Lockmon, Larry Swanson, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Scott and Marlene Benson (1956 Golden Hawk), George Gezelius, Dick Eichof, Bill Cervini, Frank and Elizabeth van Doorn (1962 GT Hawk), Bill & Cheryl Simmons (1964 Daytona), Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar (1963 GT Hawk), Al and Anna Riedel, Gary and Sandie Keating (1964 Daytona), Steve and Vicki Piper, Will, Maryanne, Gwen and Domenica Eastburn, Bill and Peggy Eastburn (1964 Wagonaire), Kevin, Anita and Sara MacFadden.

OPEN LETTER TO THE GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER

Dear Grand Canyon State Chapter Members,

Your 2010 Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet in Glendale, Arizona May 31 to June 4, 2010, is in good hands!

Last Saturday, I attended the 2010 "Posse" meeting of the directors and committee chairs for the SDC International Meet at the home of Mike and Mary Barany in Peoria. That organization is, indeed, impressive. I have the opportunity to attend planning sessions across the country for international meets and we have some great ones coming up, but the high quality innovations for 2010 are without peer. While it may be premature to let the cat out of the bag on some of these things, suffice to say, you will see things in Glendale you have never seen at an international meet and they will be done with class!

Larry and Deanna and their staff are to be commended for their hard work, organizational skills and foresight.

Best Wishes for a great meet in 2010.

Richard Dormois, Chairman
Studebaker Drivers Club
International Meet Committee

MEAL CHOICES AT LANCASTER

If you have registered for the 2008 SDC International Meet in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 14-20, there were no meal choices on your registration form. You do have choices!

Send a post card to Nancy Pfahler, 17 Cherry Hill Road, Paradise, PA 17562 or email her at pfahler473@msn.com with your choice of chicken, beef or vegetarian.

Thank you, Richard

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 3** AAHC MEETING, 7:30 PM AT SANDERSON FORD TRUCK DEALERSHIP, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE. GUEST SPEAKER FROM DISCOUNT TIRE. INFO: CALL GEORGE WOODS, 480-473-0946 OR VISIT <http://www.azautohobbyist.com/>
- MARCH 16** **ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING - MARCH MADNESS - HOSTED BY THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER AT BRANDI FENTON 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. INFO: CHRIS LILLIE AT 520-294-9106. CHAPTER WILL CARAVAN FROM CRACKER BARREL AT CHANDLER BLVD AND I-10 PROMPTLY AT 7:00 AM. SEE DRIVING DIRECTIONS ON PAGE 6.**
- MARCH 22** **CHAPTER MEETING AT HOMETOWN BUFFET, 12730 W. BELL RD. (NORTHWEST CORNER OF I-17 & BELL RD.) HOSTED BY STEVE & PAULETTE FEIN. PLAN TO ARRIVE AT 5:00 PM TO EAT. ASK FOR 10% DISCOUNT. AT 6:00, PEGGY GILLER, A HAGERTY INSURANCE AGENT, WILL SPEAK ABOUT COLLECTOR CAR INSURANCE AND WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. INFO: STEVE AT 602-993-7920 OR STUDIE66@COX.NET**
- MARCH 30** VALLEY OF THE SUN KIWANIS CLUB'S ANNUAL CHARITY CAR SHOW. REGISTRATION: 9:00-10:00AM, JUDGING 10:30AM-1:30PM, AWARDS, 1:30PM - 2:00PM. AT PERA CLUB, 1 E. CONTINENTAL DR, TEMPE. ENTRY FEE & BARBECUE TICKET - \$20.00. FOR INFO CONTACT CARSHOW@VOSKIWANIS.ORG.
- APRIL 4** **BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM AT DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT. INFO: LARRY VAHE AT 480-694-3899. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**
- APRIL 19** **CHAPTER MEETING HOSTED BY JOHN & ANNIE KEMPER. 1:00 PM POTLUCK LUNCH WITH BURGERS SERVED BY THE HOSTS. LOCATION IS A PARK IN SURPRISE NEAR THE KEMPER HOME, ADDRESS IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER. 623-546-8434.**
- MAY 3-4** ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW AT GOLD KING MINE IN JEROME HOSTED BY DON ROBERTSON. INFO: DON AT 928-634-0053.
- MAY 25** ANNUAL LA PALMA CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET AT LA PALMA PARK IN ANAHEIM. HOSTED BY THE ORANGE EMPIRE CHAPTER. INFO: STAN AT 213-296-6690.
- JULY** **GATHERING IN PAYSON HOSTED BY KEN MICHAEL. 928-970-1562.**
- SEPTEMBER 13** HOT ROD FEVER AT PRESCOTT VALLEY CONVENTION CENTER SPONSORED BY TRI-CITY MOTOR NEWS AND TIM'S TOYOTA. CAR SHOW, VENDORS, SEMINARS, BAND, FOOD COURT. FREE ENTRY FOR DISPLAY IN CAR CLUB AREA. \$30 ENTRY FEE FOR JUDGED SHOW. INFO: STEVE PIPER AT 928-778-9513.
- SEPTEMBER 14-20** **44TH SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET IN LANCASTER, PENN. INFO IN *TURNING WHEELS*. OR CHECK [HTTP://WWW.STUDEBAKERDRIVERSCLUB.COM](http://www.studebakerdriersclub.com) FOR REGISTRATION. FORM AND UPDATES ON HOTEL AVAILABILITY.**
- SEPTEMBER 25-27** FALL FUN FEST HOSTED BY THE ZION CHAPTER IN MESQUITE, NEVADA. INFO: GARY WALTERS AT 435-674-1674 OR ZIONSDC@BEYONDBB.COM
- OCTOBER 10-12** PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET AT CROWN PLAZA HOTEL, MILPITAS, CALIF. HOSTED BY THE SEQUOIA CHAPTER. INFO: anitasam415@aol.com

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

Find out about more Valley car shows at <http://cruisinarizona.com>

MARCH EVENTS

March 16 All Arizona Studebaker Gathering

Sunday, March 16th the Southern Arizona Chapter hosts the annual All Arizona Studebaker Gathering - March Madness - at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park in Tucson at River and Alvernon from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. March Madness features a car show, fun judging, a swap meet and raffles. The event is being held in conjunction with a Country Fair and there will be a plant sale, flea market, arts and crafts show going on. Food vendors will be set up, too, but you are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch. You can bring Studebaker items to sell from your trunk or pickup bed.

Chapter members can join in a caravan leaving at 7:00 am sharp from the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at Chandler Blvd and I-10 (take Exit 160 from I-10 and turn right). If you driving on your own, here are the directions to March Madness.

Entering Tucson on I-10, take the Ina Road Exit east to Oracle Road. Turn south on Oracle Road to River Road. Take River Road east to Alvernon. Turn right at the traffic light to go into Brandi Fenton Memorial Park. The address is 3700 E. River Road.

If coming in on Highway 77, it becomes Oracle Road. Then take the same directions.

For more information contact Rosalie Torske at 520-495-4166 or rtorske@cox.net

March 22 Chapter Meeting

Meet your Studebaker friends for a bite to eat at the Hometown Buffet, 2730 W. Bell Road (in the Bell Canyon Pavilion center). Plan to arrive around 5:00 pm to eat; ask for a 10% discount when you pay. Then at 6:00, a representative from Hagerty Insurance will speak about collector car insurance and answer any questions you may have about this type of coverage. There will be a short meeting and the 50/50 raffle.

Our hosts are Steve and Paulette Fein and if you have any questions you can contact them at 602-993-7920 or studie66@cox.net.

Meeting hosts needed for May, September, October and November. Contact Denny Lockmon at 623-974-5424 if you can help. Denny has programs lined up for the monthly meetings and needs locations to hold them or suggest your own program.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Questions?	Call Chris at 602-995-5311		1
2	3 AAHC Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 March Madness	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day Of Spring	21	22 Chapter Meeting
23 Easter Car Show 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

How I Came to Like Studebakers

by Ron Crowe

My mother was a Studebaker. Yeah, not really a car. It's doubtless one of the reasons why I like Studebaker automobiles. I'm sure there are a number of us around (that is, sons or daughters of a Studebaker or someone with that ancestry and lovers of the Studebaker automobile). Let me review how this came to be and how I'm related to the car company Studebakers.

The Studebaker Family in America started (per my review of one of the books by that name) with three brothers coming to America from Germany in 1736. These brothers were Clement, Peter and Heinrich. The descendants of Clement were the founders of the car company. My family are descendants of Peter.

All the original Studebakers arriving in America settled in Pennsylvania initially. And, of course, all of the families started moving westward. My ancestors got to Miami County (Tipp City area) in Ohio about 1813. Great Great Grandpa Samuel Steele Studebaker was born there in 1820. Great Grandpa Samuel F. was born in 1859. Grandpa Roy was born in 1883. My family lived on his farm for a while, which was just across the fields from Great Grandpa Samuel F's house. This is all about 5 miles from the headquarters of the Studebaker Family National Association (SFNA), founded by my Mother's second cousin, David Emmert Studebaker. The SFNA was present at the last International Meet, displaying a 10 or so foot family tree. They sponsor a reunion of Studebaker descendants every five years right now. I attended last in 2001 where there were about 500 in attendance. And, the meet in Lancaster PA is submitting articles to the SFNA newsletter to try to get the family interested in the national meet.

Of course, just to make the family relationship a little more interesting, my Grandpa Roy married Orpha Werking, who is also descended from the Peter Studebaker lineage. She and Grandfather were third cousins. He and two first cousins went back to Pennsylvania to get their wives, as the story goes, and in fact they selected three first cousins to marry.

One other influence on my liking of Studebaker cars was that my first cousins who lived about 3 miles away when I was young had a sharp 1953 Starliner. They were four years older than me, and so got to the car driving stage sooner than I did. It was black with red stripes on the roof. I thought it was awesome I don't remember anything else about it. I was only 12 and not too knowledgeable about autos at the time.

When I got to the age of having my own car, there was a used sixty something Hawk in some mellow color for sale at the Studebaker dealer in Pleasant Ridge, Ohio. For whatever reason I didn't get it, and ended up with a 1958 Chevy. Oh, maybe the price was the issue, since the Hawk was likely significantly more expensive since it was newer. In fact, I was kind of looking for a 1953 Starliner like my cousins when I got my 1964 GT Hawk in 2005. I decided in the end I liked the looks of a '64 better. Hmmm. If I ever get my '48 drivable, maybe I can add a '53 Starliner.

Time is Now for a Car Museum

By Bill Gilmore

After reading how seven Arizona collector auctions had almost \$200 million in car sales over just two winter weekends, I think it's time the five C's of Arizona's economy - copper, cattle, cotton, citrus and climate - added two more for "collector cars." Equally impressive is that almost 300,000 spectators paid big bucks to see these cars in person.

Last summer, the Phoenix Art Museum had several thousand people every day braving the heat and paying extra just to walk through a display of 22 collector cars.

And don't forget the thousands who attend the Valley's NASCAR races.

There are over 500 car clubs statewide. Phoenix has grown from cow town to car town with a year-round demand for vehicle-related activities. The demographics clearly show that Phoenix can now support a car museum.

A coalition of dedicated car folks is all that is needed to get this idea rolling into reality. Let's form one.

The writer is senior analyst at Automotive Research Services. He can be contacted at Azcarcrazy@aol.com.

This 'n That

Best wishes to **Dennis Lynde** for his continued good recovery from a stroke in late February, to **Steve Fein** and **Jan Lockmon** as they undergo surgery this month and for continued recovery from their recent surgeries to **Maryanne Eastburn** and **Eric Richardson**.

Woodson "Woody" Allen, long time Tucson Studebaker enthusiast and Southern Arizona Chapter member, passed away February 21st. He was 86 years old.

Congratulations to **Fred and Nora Gooch** for being honored as the Southern Arizona Chapter's Members of the Year at their annual banquet. Receiving recognition for his auctioneering assistance was **Richard Dormois**. Several GCSC members received prizes and **Chris and Rachel Eastburn** won \$85.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Roster updates include a new address for **Charley Haverstick** - 16439 E. Morning Vista Lane, Scottsdale 85262 and new e-mail address for **Dale and Norma Sexton** - normdales@cox.net.

~ Studebaker History ~

March

1	1961	Studebaker-Packard acquires Chemical Compounds, Inc., name later changed to STP.
2	1895	Henry Studebaker dies.
3	1960	Studebaker-Packard acquires Gravelly Tractors, Inc.
4	1966	Announcement of Canada plant closing.
5	1962	Studebaker-Packard acquires Schafer, Inc.
9	1935	Studebaker out of receivership.
12	1831	<u>Clement Studebaker</u> born.
16	1917	John M. Studebaker dies.
16	1962	Studebaker-Packard acquires Paxon Products, Inc.
17	1966	Last Studebaker built in Canada.
19	1931	Knute Rockne named manager of sales promotion for Studebaker.
20	1980	Leo Newman dies.
21	1933	Studebaker goes into receivership.
26	1868	H&C Studebaker renamed Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company.
30	1962	Studebaker receives \$19.5 million contract for military trucks.
31	1931	Knute Rockne dies in plane crash.

Clement Studebaker and the Lincoln Carriage

The carriage that took Abraham Lincoln to Ford's Theater the night he was assassinated was procured by Clement Studebaker in 1889 and displayed for many years at the Studebaker Carriage Repository in Chicago. It was later moved to South Bend and displayed at the Studebaker Corp. headquarters and was part of a collection of Studebaker owned vehicles given to the city in 1969.

The carriage, made in 1864 by Wood Brothers of New York, underwent a year long restoration at a Pennsylvania company specializing in the conservation of historic artifacts. It arrived at the workshop in poor condition with deteriorating wood, leather and fabric. Discovered during the restoration of the elegant carriage was an elaborate cursive presidential monogram - A.L. - on the door which had been painted over some time in the past. The restored carriage, which is now part of the Studebaker National Museum's collection, was just returned to the Museum and is featured in a special exhibit on Lincoln from February 8th through March 9th.

It is fortunate that Clement Studebaker had the foresight to purchase this priceless piece along with other historic vehicles for the Studebaker Corporation as this is an exceptionally valuable addition to the Studebaker National Museum's collection.

Information from the *South Bend Tribune*.

Jet Thrust News Reactivates

Hello and a good Studebaker day! My name is Joe Bacon, you may know me by my screen name jbwhttail. My wife and I own a 1956 Golden Hawk in two tone green, known as Ellenore. This past October we purchased a second Studebaker, a 1963 Daytona R2 4 speed from Freddie Freeman of Jackson, Mississippi. Bob Palma contacted me and asked if I would be interested in publishing the *Jet Thrust News* as it has value to the owners of these cars and other interested individuals. Long story short, my wife Nancy and I agreed. Ron Ellerbe will continue to maintain the roster for Jet Thrust cars and we will produce a newsletter twice a year by electronic transfer or by mail.

We expect the newsletter to be sent in April and September each year, this works well for both upcoming Studebaker events as well as winter projects - yes, some of us live in the snow regions. Also, from September thru May you will find me with a bow or gun in hand hunting some critter.

We have set up a web site for Jet Thrust News and the owners or those interested in these unique automobiles.

<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/S6364JTN/>

This link will take you to the site, once there you may choose to become a member and post pictures comments or questions. The "Join Now" is just left of the picture on the front page - the Stude Tomato on the track! It is our hope that you become a member of this site and contribute often, the sharing of knowledge is needed to keep this rare automobile visible to the public, be it on the track or at a "Friday Night Cruise In".

To produce a newsletter I need information! I need pictures, cross references of parts, cars for sale, parts for sale and, of course, pictures and stories of your car(s)! All of us have a story and a tip to share. I need all information by March 21, 2008 for my first attempt at a newsletter.

I have large shoes to fill: Ron Ellerbe, George Krem, Bob Palma and others. With your help we can again breathe life into a newsletter for JT cars. Tell your Studebaker friends.

Email newsletters will be free, mailed copies will be \$5.00 per year. Articles and information for the newsletter can be posted as a file on the site or emailed to me at this email address. We look forward to seeing you at a race track, cruise in or a Studebaker meet this year.

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Firsthand Look at New Studebaker Archives

By Bill Pressler

My job has taken me to work at a client in Benton Harbor, MI, which is only 30 miles from South Bend. A couple of weeks back I decided to swing by the new Studebaker National Museum to see the muscle car display (including brand x's) that is there temporarily. What a treat.

I had heard that the new Studebaker Museum Archives building was open, directly across the street from the museum. After touring the museum, I swung by there and was greeted by a friendly young man. He gave me the complete tour of the entire archives building and what a vast improvement over the old location on the south side of town! The place looks like a university library now, with moving shelves, hundreds upon hundreds of Studebaker and Packard blueprints and much more. I was "wowed" with the large metal cabinet the size of a freezer that had the faint chalk marking "Packard" on it, upstairs. It had come from Detroit to South Bend after Packard's closure in 1956 and had been full of paperwork.

As Richard Quinn noted in December's *Turning Wheels*, it is the goal of the Museum to make the Archives a profit center. As such, in-person research is free for the first 30 minutes and \$25 an hour afterwards, and research services are \$25 an hour. If you wish to do in-person research, it is strongly recommended that you come knowing what you want to look at, as the tour guide told me it is not practical to allow free access throughout for "browsing" since, unlike a public library, so much of the Archives is truly one-of-a-kind items. There is a modern, comfortable work area in the front of the building to review items brought to you at your request by help there.

Some things they have that I think would be of a

general interest to our membership, besides production orders from 1960 and later, are shipping certificates. These have much of the same information as the production order for a given car (less body number and key numbers) but include shipping weight and name and street address of the selling dealer (not just the city and state as on the production order). The archives also have dealer cards by state and city, which list all Studebaker dealers in a given town over the years, and also dealer cards by dealer name with dealership location, dates of service, as well as management names listed.

For new car sales in September, 1963 and after, they also have Retail Sales Record for Studebakers sold. With the serial number it is possible to determine the name of the original purchaser of your car, what he did for a living and what he traded in. My own experience was that for 1965 records from my local dealer seemed incomplete, but for before and after that seemed quite complete. This was very interesting to me.

I am not aware of set prices for any of the above items but contacting the Archives, as noted by Richard Quinn in the December, 2007 *Turning Wheels*, should provide the answers. The Archives are another unique feature of the Studebaker National Museum that other car museums just don't offer. We are lucky to have such things available for an orphan make. One last thing...if you can, please support the Museum by becoming a member or by donation. We helped get it open; let's keep it open and thriving!

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What's New: The Studebaker Toy Chest

By Bruce Slifer

RC2/Ertl, USA recently released the latest version of the 1/64th scale 1963 Avanti, in Avanti Gray, along with the '60s Sizzle Series. Release 6, car number 4, is in clam shell package with an assembled "Carbox" packaged above the car in the clam shell. There are two different wheel/tire combinations. Product number for all versions is 50188 (53924F). Now, the only unissued color in this series is Avanti Gold. Let's hope they correct that. Watch your local retailers and hobby shops or e-Bay.

Spec Cast, USA has issued a 1937 Coupe Express with McCormick-Deering logos on both doors in 1/24th scale, product number ZJD1550, list number 37-334. Body colors are orange and black with wide white wall tires on black wheels with chrome hub caps. It is a bank. I have not seen any on e-Bay yet; perhaps M-D dealers will carry this truck. It should be priced in the \$30.00 range.

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Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.jalopyjournal.com/?p=1836> Has videos of a mid 50s car show in California. Thanks to Mary McConnell for sharing this.

<http://machinedesign.com/ContentItem/72102/FlatOut.aspx> or <http://tiny.cc/FvAzU> Really fast Studebaker. Thanks to Denny Lockmon for sending this one along.

http://www.rustyrestorations.org/gallery2/main.php?g2_itemId=61 or <http://tiny.cc/BQ70J> A chronicle of a Speedster project.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UymKx2zxJSs> Hoosier musician Harry Lee Summer drives a Studebaker.

http://www.swabwagon.com/pages/home/home_history.html# or <http://tiny.cc/Craml> Look for Studebaker content.

<http://www.danheller.com/cuba-cars.html> Cool cars.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Electric Windshield Wipers

By Jon Stalnaker



I love my old truck but those vacuum operated windshield wipers are all but useless. The nice thing about having a modified old car is that you don't have to put up with out of date technology. While I was surfing e-Bay for Studebaker stuff, I happened across an electric windshield wiper motor that was supposed to be manufactured to bolt right up to my truck with the greatest of ease. It was selling for the "buy it now" price of \$205 with free shipping. I purchased it and figured I'd have my mechanic install it when it arrived.

If you don't already know, I'm fairly mechanically inept. I get excited when I can accomplish the simplest of tasks. Usually, when I try to do something myself, I end up paying my mechanic to fix it anyway. I got the wiper motor and reviewed the instructions and figured I'd try to do it myself.

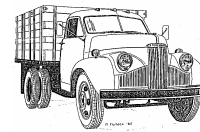
Other than having some difficulty with one nut, the

replacement was indeed quite simple. The new wiper motor even works! How bout that! It only took a couple of hours and now I can't wait for the rain to try them out.

If you are interested in getting a unit for yourself, the outfit is New Port Engineering in Washington, MO. Their phone number is 636-239-1698. I'm sure they would be most delighted to make another sale. If I can do the installation, anyone can.

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Editor's note: For putting electric wipers on a M series truck see <https://www.studebakerparts.com/studebakerparts/store/s/agora.cgi?page=m-elec-wipers.html>



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*.

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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1921 Special Six. \$10,000. David Hardin 520-818-3200 (3)

Fifty (50) Studebakers to sell from Arless Lewis collection. All need to be restored. Terry Lewis 520-982-9771 or tman0950@yahoo.com (3)

1934 Commander, Year Ahead Model. 5 wheel. Straight 8. Lots of upgrades - skirts, crank and more. Mostly original. Excellent condition. \$53,000 Negotiable. Beth Bennett 623-937-9820 (2)

1962 Convertible Pace Car (clone?) 3spd w/od. Needs paint & top. Mesa \$8900 OBO. Joe 480-620-8333 (2)

1949 Custom Pickup w/Nova sub frame, 383 stroker, 350 tranny. \$27,000. Will 480-650-2199 (2)

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 (2)

1964 2dr Daytona HT. 289 w/Auto. Buckets. **1965 Dayton 2dr.** 283 w/ auto, air, buckets. Both need restoration. \$2500 each. Walt Jazwinski 623-934-3371 (2)

1963 T-cab Champ ¾ ton long bed, 289 V-8, drive anywhere. New: chrome, radials, seat covers, carpet. Rebuilt engine, 5-spd man OD, pwr brakes, full analog gauges, AM, two 14-gal aux fuel tanks, hitch, manuals, extra parts, amateur paint. \$4500 OBO. In Calif. John, 925-639-5864 or studie23@comcast.net (2)

1941 M Pickup. Complete body & frame. Has tail gate. No drive train. Has all glass. \$2000. Richard 480-206-0983 (0)

1966 Cruiser. 4 dr. V-8 w/ auto 700R-4 Trans. 44K original miles. Factory AC, radio & power steering. Turner front disc brakes. New tires. Gold metallic paint. Original gold brocade interior. No rust! \$12,500 OBO See pictures at <http://tinyurl.com/2wwsen> Chuck Collins 602-995-5311 or cstude1@cox.net (1)

STUDEBAKER PARTS FOR SALE

Front bench seat from 1954 coupe. Left GT bucket seat (needs work). Fred Moore 480-895-4804 (3)

6 cylinder engine from '62 Champ pickup. Overhauled 10 yrs ago but found it has cracked head. Took head in for repair, guy left town and I never got it back. Make offer if you can use it. Charley 602-717-1778 (3)

1963 Lark Frame. W/TT, power steering. \$400. Walt Jazwinski 623-934-3371 (2)

1963 289 full flow engine w/.060 pistons, competition cam, hard valves & seats. \$3400. John Kemper 623-546-8434 (1)

1956-57 automatic transmission, rebuilt w/new torque converter, \$650.00. **289 1962 engine,** not full flow, turns over, condition unknown. Good for rebuilding, \$350. **4 spd transmission** from a 1962 car w/bell housing. Has original Stude shifter, weak second gear. All parts included to repair it, \$600. Chuck Collins 602-995-5311 or cstude1@cox.net

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8X10 Black & White photo of 1955 Studebaker military type 4wd prototype truck. \$6.00 Fred Gooch 520-883-7418 (2)

Book-"Studebaker, the Post War Years", by Richard M. Langworth, very good condition, 195 pages, \$14. Book--"**Automobile Quarterly**", **Studebaker's 115 Years**, , \$14. Book-"**American Cars**" by Leon Mandel, 448 pages, \$15. **Studebaker dealers' show room pictures,** 29 1/2" X 39". Good condition. \$75.00 Each. Buyer is to pay shipping costs. Contact: Glen 520-495-4166 or rtorske@cox.net (0)

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Pair of GT Hawk front bucket seats & center console. Condition of upholstery not important. Jon Carter 480-951-2838 or 480-577-5764 (3)

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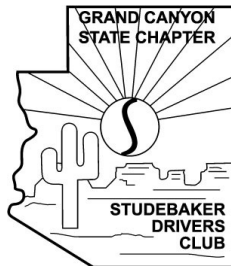


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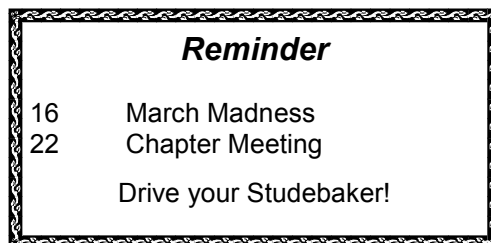
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