

# The ECHO

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Studebaker Drivers Club

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## March Madness 2008

By John Smith

We thought we'd share some of our reflections from the March Madness Studebaker gathering in Tucson, hosted by the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club.

Having never participated in such an event, we were extremely impressed with the warm welcome we were given and with how smoothly things ran, even in light of the bad weather (wind, cold, sprinkles, cold, quick glimpse of the sun, more cold, clouds, rain, hail...).

There were probably around 30 cars present, and the drivers and supporters stuck it out through the bitter cold.

Many different years and models of Studebakers were represented, with definitely something for everyone to enjoy. Many of our friends and family stopped by to get a firsthand look at the truck. One comment we heard quite a bit was how different the truck looks in person (most people have only seen pictures from the blog).

The club held a 50/50 raffle, as well as other fun drawings for various prizes. We were thrilled to win a small collection of children's books, as well as two passes to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Anyone who knows our family will tell you what perfect prizes these are for us! We can't wait to go to the Desert Museum before it gets too hot (hard to believe that's even possible after a day like today!).

One of the highlights of the day was the pride we took in **NOT** winning the awards given out for distinctions such as having The Dirtiest Tires, The Ugliest Steering Wheel, and the Best Hard Luck Trip Story. While we may not have won The People's Choice Award, nothing matches the pride we have in our truck! The two best vehicles out there, our '55 and GD's '53! (All right, so we're a little biased, but who isn't?)

We were so excited to see other trucks at the gathering (Thayer's favorites were the orange truck and...Daddy's, of course). Even with the weather being as tricky as it was, the day was a blast! We really enjoyed seeing all the Studebakers and meeting a lot of great people. Thanks again to the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club!

<http://1955studebaker.blogspot.com>

Reprinted (and edited) from John and Stacy Smith's blog.

The first truck is John and Stacy's and next to it is Phillip Smith's (GD).



## Editorially Speaking

April's weather is perfect for car shows and Studebaker drivers are challenged to take their pride and joy to as many shows (and cruises) as they can to keep the Studebaker name in the minds of the public. Many people who are the average age of SDC members remember Studebaker but younger folks (40 and younger) have little or no knowledge of the marque. In this day and age of similar looking cars, Studebakers are unique, often more unique than other cars of the era. We all have experienced the looks and thumbs up when we drive our Studebakers. We can help ensure another generation will have the same thrill. Check out the Upcoming Events page for show dates and a link to learn of others. Also, take note of talk of an International Drive Your Studebaker Day. What a fun idea for letting the public know about our cars and trucks.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this and recent newsletters. Your help is appreciated. If you attend other car shows, please let the editor know you went and then send pictures to Ron Crowe for posting on the web site.

Chris



**Order your Chapter name badge** with a pin back by contacting Chris Collins at 602-995-311 or [chuckstude@juno.com](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:chuckstude@juno.com) or 602-995-5311.

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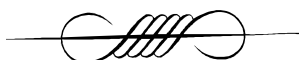
## President's Message

March was a very busy month for our club starting with the All Arizona Studebaker Gathering, also known as March Madness in Tucson. While I had the best of intentions of attending, ADOT and Mother Nature had other plans. With snow falling and the fact ADOT was planning to restrict traffic to one lane at I-17 and the Carefree Highway I decided to forego the meeting. All reports indicate a good time was had by all even though some inclement weather also plagued the meet. Next up was the chapter meeting at the Home Town Buffet hosted by Steven Fein. This meeting featured a guest speaker, Peggy Giller who is a Hagerty Insurance Agent. Last, but not least, was the Valley of the Sun Kiwanis Club's Annual Charity Car Show, which was held at the PERA Club. While I had been in the general area I have never been to the PERA Club, which is nestled in the Papago Mountains off 68<sup>th</sup> Street. We had several members bring out their cars, such as Dennis Lynde ('63 Hawk), Sid Rosen ('55 Speedster), Denny Lockmon ('53 Starliner) along with some members from the Avanti Club (Dale Sexton, Bill Cervini and Al Reidel).

The Upcoming Events section of last month's ECHO indicates the club board will meet on April 4: Not so! The meeting is planned for April 6, Sunday, at the Deer Valley Airport starting at 1 PM so all are invited to attend. The Posse (your 2010 International Committee) did hold a meeting in conjunction with the Kiwanis car show. This meeting was to be held indoors at the Conference Center but it turns out the room was locked. Option #2 was to hold the meeting *alfresco* under a large canopy. The wind was blowing and the air thick with cottonwood seeds, among other things. After an hour or so Richard finally took off his hat and poor Chris could hardly see to take notes so it'll be interesting to see what she wrote down! Ah, welcome allergy season! Our club is pushing forward with a logo and is gearing up for a display at the upcoming La Palma show, which is May 25. We are planning on using this as a dry run for the International Meet to be held in Lancaster, PA later this year. We hope to have the logo completed, T-shirts made along with the usual brochures, banners, etc for the Lancaster meet. We also need to know if anyone is planning on attending the La Palma meet. If so please let us know as we may need some help transporting the 2010 display items. The same holds true for Lancaster; if you plan on attending please let us know if you can take some of the literature with you.

I realize this is a lot of information but appreciate all you do for your club. Let's keep turning out for the upcoming events. The next chapter meeting will be hosted by Annie and John Kemper on April 19 so please plan on attending.

Larry



## CELEBRATE!



### April Birthdays

2	Ruth Cushing	15	Steve Schmidt
5	Lorilee Kroulik	16	Tim Painter
5	Karen Mensing	19	Robert Brown
5	Louise Stanford	19	Jerry Kaiser
7	Barbara Karas	23	Bob Herceg
10	Lynda Caviar	24	Barbara Grainger
11	Dale Sexton	25	Chris Eastbrun
12	Deanna Manley	27	Marie Amb
14	Shirley Seher	27	Chester Bradfield

### April Anniversaries

8	Steve & Paulette Fein
12	Bill & Peggy Eastburn
19	Kevin & Anita MacFadden
25	Pete & Karen Mensing
29	Jerry & Ginny Traeder
30	David & Terry Ker

### Last Call for Roster Updates

Please let Chris know of any changes, additions or deletions to your information at 6021-995-5311 or [chuckstude@juno.com](mailto:chuckstude@juno.com) by April 15th. Rosters will be distributed at the April meeting or ask to have one mailed or e-mailed as a pdf file.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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 1952 Champion

### 2008 Meeting Hosts

Meeting hosts are needed for September and November. If you would like to volunteer to host a meeting or event please let Denny Lockmon know at [lockmon@cox.net](mailto:lockmon@cox.net) or 623-974-5424.



## MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**G**rand Canyon State Chapter members met for dinner at the Hometown Buffet, 5:00 pm Saturday, March 22nd. At 6:10 Denny Lockmon called the meeting to order and introduced Peggy Giller from Hagerty Insurance. She spoke about Hagerty's program, general aspects of insurance and about the importance of liability insurance. She also answered several good questions from the members.

Introductions of new members and guests were made which included the Smith family, Mike Anderson, Doris Giesler and Dennis Lynde's sister, Carol. Mike commented that he and his 13 year old son bought a 1952 Champion from Craig's List for \$351.00 as a father-son project.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the *ECHO* and the treasurer made a report.

Denny reviewed upcoming events - March 30, Kiwanis Show; April 19th, pot luck at Kemper's, May in Mesa; and October, Pioneer Village outing hosted by the Simmons.

George Gezelius announced members can tour Bailey's Machine Shop on Country Club north of University on Saturday, April 12th. Plan to be there at 9:30 am.

Elizabeth van Doorn received \$20 from the 50/50 raffle and Frank van Doorn was the recipient of the Studebaker drivers prize.

Thanks to Steve Fein for arranging the use of the meeting room at the Hometown Buffet although, because of knee surgery, he was not able to attend. Best wishes to Steve for a speedy recovery.

Attending were Chris & Chuck Collins, Michael Anderson, Claudia Robinette, Al & Annie Riedel, Denny & Jan Lockmon (1964 Avanti), Bryan & Doris Giesler (1963 GT Hawk), Brian & Aleta Millette, Frank and Elizabeth van Doorn (1962 GT Hawk), Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar (1963 GT Hawk), Bill & Cheryl Simmons (1964 Daytona), Mike Barany (1979 Avanti), Ron & Sherry Watson, James Clever, George Gezelius, Eric & DeAnna Richardson, Bill Snider, John, Tracy, Jillian and Thayer Smith.

### What's New: The Studebaker Toy Chest

**Mattel** Has released a new variation of the 1953 At-A-Tude casting, in the "Web Trading Car" series. Colors are maroon body with white and orange flames. Available now at Wal-Mart and other retailers or eBay.

**Racing Champions** Has released another variant of the Champ pickup truck, a '61 in 1/64th scale, with black body and John Deere logos on both side doors.

**Brooklin** Will release in April a 1/43rd scale 1935 Dictator and in November, a 1959 Lark Deluxe 2door.

Reported by Bruce Slifer in the First Quarter, 2008 issue of *The Toy Studebaker Collectors Club Newsletter*. To subscribe, send \$10 to Gary Sanders, 216 N. 36th St, Nixa, MO 65714

## This 'n That

A note came with dues sent in by Chapter member **Jim Lawrence**. Here's what he wrote.

I want to take a minute to tell you about my Champ pickup.

I bought it on eBay about 2 years ago. Slowly I've been making it a driver again. It sat for about 20 years in a farmer's barn in the Northwest.

I have an old Mercedes diesel sedan and asked the garage about a reasonable place to get it painted. Believe it or not, they told me about a MAACO shop in Tempe, yes, a MAACO place.

Long story short, it came out looking very nice again.

Chris and Chuck Collins must be thanked for helping with advice and getting many parts - many delivered to the paint shop. The new tinted windshield is perfect. The door latch parts, contacts for other parts and even advice to align doors were priceless.

For an engine oil leak, Chuck said contact Russ Ware and I just took the truck there today.

I hope in a few weeks to take it to the Saturday show at the Scottsdale Pavilions.

We all hope to see your newly painted and running Champ soon, Jim.

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Watch for news about the International Drive your Studebaker Day project headed up by a young SDCer from Georgia, **Matthew Burdette**. It is hoped there will be one day, possibly yet this fall or during the spring of 2009, where people in all corners of the world will drive their Studebakers. Watch for more information as details are worked out.

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Your editor noticed familiar names while reading the *Buckeye Bullet-Tin*. **Pres and Terry Connolly**, owners and drivers of a beautiful Silver Hawk and former GCSC members, are now active members of the Ohio Region Chapter and recently attended a tour of the Reeves Victorian Home and Museum in Dover, Ohio.

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**Denny Lockmon** attended the Jennabear Foundation Charity Car Show, March 30 in his 1953 Champion.

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Two members are retiring this month - **Karen Mensing** and **Harold Manley**. Best wishes to them for a happy and enjoyable respite from the work world.

Send member news to the editor at  
[chuckstude@juno.com](mailto:chuckstude@juno.com).

*Help Keep America Beautiful. Drive a Studebaker!*

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL 6**            **BOARD MEETING 1:00 PM AT DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT. INFO: LARRY VAHE AT 480-694-3899. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**
- APRIL 7**            AAHC MEETING, 7:30 PM AT SANDERSON FORD TRUCK DEALERSHIP, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE. GUEST SPEAKER, REFRESHMENTS. INFO: CALL GEORGE WOODS, 480-473-0946 OR VISIT <http://www.azautohobbyist.com/>
- APRIL 12**           **TOUR OF BAILEY'S MACHINE SHOP, 727 N. COUNTRY CLUB DR, MESA HOSTED BY GEORGE GEZELIUS. MEET AT 9:30 AM. COFFE AND DOUGHNUTS. SEE HOW A MACHINE SHOP OPERATES AND ASK QUESTIONS. INFO: GEORGE AT 480-964-7989.**
- APRIL 9-12**        ASC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. MEET HOTEL IS TRAVEL LODGE, 1011 OAK ST, 661-325-0772. \$63 + TAX. INFO: RICK AT 626-448-1841.
- APRIL 13**           **2010 POSSE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEET AT 1:30 PM AT THE CERVINI HOME IN CAVE CREEK. INFO: DEANNA AT 480-981-8886.**
- APRIL 19**           **CHAPTER MEETING HOSTED BY JOHN & ANNIE KEMPER. 4:00 PM POTLUCK SUPPER WITH BBQ SERVED BY THE HOSTS AT THEIR HOME IN SURPRISE. SEE PAGE 6 FOR ALL THE DETAILS AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE KEMPER. INFO: 623-546-8434.**
- MAY 3-4**            ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW AT GOLD KING MINE IN JEROME HOSTED BY DON ROBERTSON. STUDEBAKERS WELCOME SO PLAN TO ATTEND. 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. 8 - 3 PM. CAR DISPLAY, \$20. JUDGING W/ AWARDS \$25. SWAP MEET, \$20. FOOD COURT. INFO: STAN AT 213-296-6690 OR SEE PAGE 41 OF APRIL *TURNING WHEELS* FOR REGISTRATION FORM.
- JUNE 6-8**           SHOW LOW DAYS STILL CRUIZIN CAR SHOW PRESENT BY SHOW LOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT SHOW LOW CITY PARK (HWY 260 & HWY 60). LIMITED TO 250 VEHICLES. \$40 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES T-SHIRT, DASH PLAQUE 1 POKER WALK HAND, BURGER BURN, ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND MORE. INFO: JULES AT 928-537-2326.
- JUNE 7**            19TH ANNUAL PRESCOTT AUTO ENTHUSIASTS COMP AND CRUISE AT COURT HOUSE SQUARE. PRE REGISTRATION, \$25. DAY OF SHOW REG, \$30. HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRESCOTT TERRITORIAL DAYS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW. INFO: LARRY AT 928-277-5910.
- JULY**                **OUTING TO PAYSON IS CANCELLED. WATCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ANOTHER DRIVING EVENT IN THE NORTH COUNTRY THIS SUMMER**
- 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](mailto:ZIONSDC@BEYONDBB.COM)

## APRIL EVENTS

### APRIL 12 TOUR OF BAILEY'S MACHINE SHOP

George Gezelius has arranged a tour of Bailey's Machine Shop, 727 N. Country Club Drive (north of University) in Mesa for all who would like to see what goes on in this type of business. You will see how various machines in the shop operate and you can ask questions.

Plan to arrive around 9:30 am. Doughnuts and coffee will be served. For further information you can contact George at 480-964-7989.

### APRIL 19 CHAPTER MEETING

The April Chapter meeting and gathering will be hosted by John and Annie Kemper in the garage of their home in Surprise. The Kempers will serve barbecue beef sandwiches and members will provide side dishes and dessert. If your name begins with A-K please bring a salad, beans or other side dish; L-P, bring chips, pickles or veggies; Q-W, bring a dessert. Plan to arrive around 4:00 pm for visiting and tire kicking; supper will be served about 5:00 pm. The chapter will provide table settings and drinks. Please bring chairs.

After we eat, Bill Gilmore will speak to the group about appraisals and a possible auto museum in the Valley. Then, there will be a short meeting.

The Kempers address is 16327 W. Central St. in Surprise. Annie challenges members on the east side to

attend along with the west siders. Surprise is easily accessed from I-10. Below are three different ways to the Kemper home.

1) Coming on Bell Rd. go west past Grand Ave. then go 1 mile past Reems Rd. to Sarival and make a left (you can't go right). Go about 2/3 mile to Paradise, make a left and then an immediate right. Go to Rimrock and turn left, go to Central and turn right. The road curves around to 16327 W. Central St. We're on the right side of the road.

2) Coming on Grand Ave. go to Greenway Rd. and head west approximately 5 miles until you hit Northwest Ranch Parkway and turn right. Go 1 blk to Marconi and make a right then an immediate left. Go two blocks and turn right and then right on Central to 16327 W. Central St.

3) Coming on I-10 go west to the 303, go north to Greenway Rd. and turn right. Go 1/4 mile and turn left into Northwest Ranch Parkway. Make your first right onto Marconi then immediate left. Go 2 blocks to 164th Dr. make right and another right onto Central. Go to 16327 W Central St.

The Kempers phone number is 623-546-8434.

There is a neighborhood park down the street from the Kempers with a playground and ball field if anyone wishes to come early for some play time.

*The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.*

# April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Board Meeting	7 AAHC Meeting	8	9	10	11	12 Tour of Bailey's Shop
13 2010 Chair Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19 Chapter Meeting
20 Passover Begins	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30		Questions?	Call Chris at 602-995-5311

## PAST CAR SHOWS

### AAHC United We Drive Car Show

Frank van Doorn and Denny Lockmon represented the Grand Canyon State Chapter at The AAHC United We Drive Car Show on February 24. Frank showed his 1962 GT Hawk and Denny had his 1964 Daytona convertible. This is an annual event held as a fund raiser for the Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council. These funds are used to help prevent legislation that can harm the old car hobby. 179 cars were registered and over 50 car clubs represented. Frank won the "Dealers Choice" award. This was the first time in the history of the show that a non Ford product won this award. He received a very large trophy presented by Sanderson Ford. Congratulations to Frank.

The AAHC has posted pictures from the show and Franks' car is included. See it at

<http://www.azautohobbyist.com/photogallery.htm>

Reported by Denny Lockmon

### Midnight at the Oasis

On March 8 several SDC folks attended the "Midnight At The Oasis" show in Yuma, AZ. The show was attended by Frank & Elizabeth van Doorn, Denny & Jan Lockmon, Al Riedel, and Tim Painter. None of us had cars there but enjoyed the show. 900 plus cars were there for this three day show. We saw four Studebakers but none were from the Phoenix area. It is quite an event.

Frank & Denny have entry blanks for 2009. Entries are not accepted before May 2. This show sells out in less than a week. Most of the clubs gather everyone's entry blank and checks and then sends them in one envelope the day before via overnight mail. If any GCS Chapter members are interested let Denny know at [lockmon@cox.net](mailto:lockmon@cox.net). We need to become more active in all make shows to expose Studebaker to the masses.



Al Riedel, Frank van Doorn, Denny Lockmon and Tim Painter enjoy the Midnight at the Oasis car show in Yuma.

Reported by Denny Lockmon. Photo courtesy of Denny.

### Kiwanis Car Show

The weather was beautiful for the annual Valley of the Sun Kiwanis Car Show and Barbecue held at the PERA Club Sunday, March 30th. About 150 cars and truck were spread throughout the spacious parking lots on the club grounds. The Chapter was represented by Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar displaying their 1963 GT Hawk; Denny Lockmon and guest Larry Drake driving the 1953 Champion street rod; Bill & Mary Cervini and their turquoise 1964 Avanti; Dale and Norma Sexton with their 1988 Avanti; George Gezeluis with three automobiles and driving help from Richard Dormois and Claudia Robinette. George's cars were a 1951 Champion, a 1970 Country Squire station wagon and a 1972 Thunderbird. Sid Rosen drove his 1955 Speedster, Chris Collins brought a 1966 Cruiser and displaying with the Chapter were John Drake with a 2006 Avanti and Richard and Thelma Bond from Casa Grande with a nice Avanti II. Other Chapter members who came out to enjoy barbecue, the weather and do some tire kicking were Al Riedel and Brian Millette who brought with him a visitor from Minnesota, Keith Rust. Harold and Deanna Manley and Larry Vahe all had a chance to check out the show before the 2010 Posse met under the PERA Club's big tent.

This year judging was participants choice in the 18 classes and winning awards in their classes were Denny Lockmon, a first; Sid Rosen, a second; and Dale Sexton, also a second. Congratulations to all.

Thank you to Sid Rosen for once again supplying complimentary barbecue tickets to Chapter members; everyone enjoyed the barbecue chicken and beef with the fixings.

### Legislation - The beginning

Early motoring laws were largely at the whim of a given municipality, where power resided in groups who often had conflicting desires. As a result, it was impossible for a motorist to predict what might be legal, and at the beginning of the second decade of the twentieth century, a number of legislators made efforts to rationalize the nation's laws.

New York's Governor Hughes was one of those. In February of 1910, he told the State Assembly he planned on convening a meeting of all interested parties, with the idea of drafting a new code which would be acceptable to all interested parties.

The status of the automobile in the era was most clearly indicated by the weight carried by the recommendation of an association of chauffeurs, which opposed stricter licensing standards. The idea of speed limits was also vigorously discussed in the Assembly. In the end, a measure based on the Massachusetts statutes was adopted, which set speed limits at 30 mph in rural areas while giving local authorities the power to establish their own local ordinance, provided they kept their limits over a minimum of 10 mph.

- By David Traver Adolphus

Reprinted from March 27, 2008 *Hemmings e-Weekly*.

## ~ Studebaker History ~

### April

1	1836	Peter Studebaker born.
2	1887	Rebecca Mohler Studebaker dies.
5	1991	Designer Bob Andrews dies.
9	1963	Super Larks and Hawks introduced.
14	1982	Gravely Tractors, Inc. Division sold by McGraw-Edison.
19	1950	Ray Cole, Studebaker designer dies.
19	1976	Nate Altman dies.
25	1962	Avanti sets new world production car record - 2 1/4 miles in 60.8 seconds. Top speed 171.10 mph.
26	1962	Packard name dropped from title of Studebaker Corporation. Avanti introduced to the public.
27	1974	Frost & French, Inc. of Los Angeles closes (last Studebaker dealership).
28	1986	Michael Kelly assumes ownership of Avanti.



Visit the Gravely Tractor Club site at <http://www.gravelytractorclub.org/> to learn more about the Gravely company and its history with Studebaker.

### Grand Canyon State Chapter Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Chuck Collins

#### Checking Account

Ending Balance as of 12/31/07 \$1806.22

#### Receipts

National Dues	\$ 259.90
Local Dues	\$1455.00
50/50 Jan, Feb, March	\$ 194.00
Name Badges	\$ 50.00
	\$1963.90
	\$3770.12

#### Disbursements

National Dues	\$ 259.90
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$ 489.63
Donation - Studebaker National Foundation	\$1000.00
Arizona Golf Resort - Meeting	\$ 200.00
Room Rental	
AAHC Dues	\$ 40.00
Name Badges	\$ 47.60
Banner Health Foundation -	\$ 50.00
Donation of Appreciation	
	\$2087.13
Ending Balance 03/31/08	\$1682.99

### LANCASTER INTERNATIONAL MEET UPDATE

By Richard Dormois, International Meet Committee

Although the Avanti Owners Association International, the Antique Studebaker Club and the Studebaker Drivers Club have each selected the Lancaster Host as their Meet Headquarters and their events will emanate from there, the Studebaker room block has been sold out so if you haven't got a place to stay, there are three other nice places in the neighborhood that still had room as of March, 2008. They all have free breakfast for everyone staying in your room and are \$99.00 a night. Say you are with the Studebaker Drivers Club.

The Holiday Inn Express, 24 S Willowdale Drive, Lancaster, 800 524 3817. This is just a half mile down Highway 30 and they have a shuttle service to the Lancaster Host Hotel for us. 75 rooms left.

The Quality Inn, 2250 Lincoln Highway, Lancaster, 717 393 5499, short walking path to the Lancaster Host. You don't have to drive. Fifty rooms left.

The Continental Inn, 2285 Lincoln Highway, Lancaster, 717 299 0421, directly across the Lincoln Highway from the Lancaster Host. 15 rooms left.

If you have already registered for the meet, there were no meal choices for the Friday night Awards Banquet on your registration form. You do have meal choices. Send a post card to Nancy Pfahler, 17 Cherry Hill Rd, Paradise, PA 17562 telling her you want vegetarian, beef or chicken or send an email to [pfahler473@msn.com](mailto:pfahler473@msn.com) with the information. Thanks for your patience with this.

Trophy donations from your or the Chapter go to James Bell, International Meet Committee, 3951 Wynn Road, Bellingham, WA 98225. They are in increments of \$35.00 and multiple sponsorships are welcome.

Be sure and be with us at Welcome Night, Monday night at 7:00 PM in the Showroom at the Lancaster Host for a great evening of exciting entertainment and great food, compliments of your Studebaker Drivers Club Board of Directors.



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

September 14 - 20, 2008



## VALENTINES, EASTER BASKETS, MOM'S DAY

By Linda Sinclair

Studebaker National Foundation Vice President

It's the season for giving from the heart. So many times we ask ourselves what can we give. What's the perfect gift? The most wonderful gift of all would be one that leaves a legacy for our loved ones. As the years pass and life goes on, God makes the decision to call to his side someone special to us. The memory of our loss, whether a parent, child or life long friend, will stay with us forever. But sometimes we want to do something to perpetuate their memory. The Studebaker National Foundation can offer an opportunity to you to do this. Our loved ones made a difference in our lives and now they can make a difference in others.

Each year the SNF strives to further the legacy of the Studebaker. Contributing to the education of our future restoration mechanics and supporting the acquisition of specialized technical tools for advanced automotive institutes are just a few of the Foundation's goals. How grand it would be to have a scholarship named in the honor of your loved one, an historical building door or window donated in their memory, or a gift of a state of the art tool bearing their name.

It's so easy to get started. Simply mail a letter of intent with an initial donation to the Studebaker National Foundation president, Chester Bradfield, who will establish your fund. Please indicate your dollar amount goal at which point the Foundation may begin disbursing your funds. You can choose a large amount, such as a full year tuition scholarship, or choose to make several smaller disbursements, such as a partial scholarship and tools, or allow the Foundation to select a worthy cause. The SNF

will continue to accept funding in the memory of your loved one for up to one year, at which point the monies will be disbursed as you so direct.

Just as today you and I are fulfilling the dreams the Brothers Studebaker had for their namesake, generations to come will carry on through your tax deductible funding in your loved ones name.

You can mail your contribution made out to the Studebaker National Foundation to Chester Bradfield at 213 Dry River Road, Bridgewater VA 22812. Please indicate the use of your gift - Education, Scholarship, Memorial (include name) or Other. Your gift to SNF is tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations. All donations through September 1, 2008, except those made when paying your SDC dues, will be matched through the generosity of the Chester and Nancy Bradfield Family Fund.

A scholarship has been established in memory of Hezzy Kappus, a member of the Grand Canyon State Chapter who passed away in 2006. You can add to this scholarship fund to assist a student enrolled in an automotive program; please indicate your wish to do this when you make your contribution.

### Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

The Studebaker National Foundation will be awarding scholarships again this year and if you are aware of someone who has chosen a career in the automotive industry and will be attending college or a technical institute, please request an application from Chester Bradfield at the address above.

Applications will be accepted any time but to be considered for a scholarship this year, an application must be requested by May 15, 2008.

## Studebaker in Print

### *Studebaker: The Complete History*

by Patrick Foster, Motorbooks, 2008

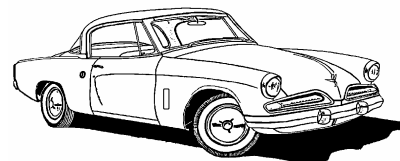
Notes from the publisher:

"This insightfully written and thorough history of Studebaker will take readers on one of the most interesting corporate journeys in American history; from its birth as a covered wagon builder in 1852, to its achievement as the number four automaker in the world in 1921 to its declaration of bankruptcy in 1932... this was only the beginning of the Studebaker roller coaster ride.

Rife with triumph and tragedy, brilliant moves and boneheaded decisions, *Studebaker: The Complete History* provides insight into the history of the company and is the first Studebaker history to feature color photos, vintage factory press photos, advertising photos and photos taken by the Studebaker Drivers Club, the largest car club devoted to an independent car brand.

But, above all, the story features cars that, for countless Americans, truly defined driving: not just the Champion, which rocketed the company back to the top in 1939, or the 1950s Raymond Lowey-designed Starliner, deemed a "work of art" by the Museum of Modern Art, but also the Hawks and Larks that so many drivers loved. As the book traces Studebaker's fortunes from success to crisis to merger and back, it also dwells with loving photographic attention on the vehicles, from the first electric car to the last Avanti."

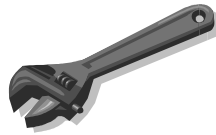
Editor's note: The book will be available June 15, 2008 at your local book seller or at Amazon.com.



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### Rear Axle End Play

By Jerry Kurtz



In the last issue (Editor's note: our February issue) we discussed how to check rear axle end play. If your inspection shows more play than the specified .001 to .005, shims must be removed to obtain proper clearance. Start by removing both brake backing plates. Unfortunately, you must also remove the brake lines. Behind each backing plate you will find a series of shims. If your end play is .001 you will need to remove approximately .005 to .008 in shims. The shim package behind each backing plate must also be within .005 of each other, so don't just remove shims from one side. One car that I checked had all the shims behind one backing plate.

When you reassemble the backing plates everything must be perfectly clean. One small piece of dirt or road grime will throw your setting off and negate all your work. While everything is apart check your backing plate seals. They are easy to replace when you have them off.

When you have everything reassembled check the end play again before installing the brake drums and if it is still not correct make the necessary adjustments. It sure is much easier to adjust the end play in your garage compared to having your car towed home. While the drums are off pump grease in the axle bearings until you can see grease pushing through the bearing.

While this repair sounds difficult it is something that most of us can perform. If you don't have a micrometer you can purchase an inexpensive one at many flea markets for five or ten dollars and is well worth the cost.

Reprinted from the April, 2008 issue of the *Keystone Keynotes*, newsletter of the Keystone Region Chapter, Sidney Kertzel, editor.

### Arizona Introduced Legislation

**Arizona HB 2837:** Amends the street-racing law by raising the fine for a first offense to no less than \$500 and the fine for any subsequent violation to no less than \$1,000. Also extends the time period to 60 months in which individuals cannot receive another street-racing conviction or be found guilty of a felony and have their license revoked.

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**1957 Transtar Deluxe.** Show truck. I have over \$40,000 into it. Make me an offer, need money. My loss, your deal. Call 520-744-2519 (3)

**1964 GT Hawk, 41000 miles.** 289, 4 bbl, black paint w/red vinyl interior. Runs good, needs work. Selling for Woody Allen. \$11,000 OBO Call Fred Gooch at 520-883-7418 for details & pics. (2)

**1948 Land Cruiser. Top of line.** 3 spd w/od. 65,000 miles. Never any rust. Has original heater, radio & signal lights. New seat covers, exhaust, radial tires (1000 miles) & electric fuel pump. Repainted original color. Drives excellent, very dependable. \$8900. Ralph Robbin 623-362-1474 or [ralphrobbin@cox.net](mailto:ralphrobbin@cox.net) (2)

**1921 Special Six.** \$10,000. David Hardin 520-818-3200 (2)

**Fifty (50) Studebakers to sell** from Arless Lewis collection. All need to be restored. Terry Lewis 520-982-9771 or [tman0950@yahoo.com](mailto:tman0950@yahoo.com) (2)

**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 (1)

**1962 Convertible Pace Car** (clone?) 3spd w/od. Needs paint & top. Mesa \$8900 OBO. Joe 480-620-8333 (1)

**1949 Custom Pickup** w/Nova sub frame, 383 stroker, 350 tranny. \$27,000. Will 480-650-2199 (1)

**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](mailto:wjazwin@hotmail.com) (1)

**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 (1)

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**STUDEBAKER PARTS FOR SALE**

**Front bench seat from 1954 coupe.** Left GT bucket seat (needs work). Fred Moore 480-895-4804 (2)

**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. Free if you can use it. Charley 602-717-1778 (2)

**1963 Lark Frame.** W/TT, power steering. \$400. Walt Jazwinski 623-934-3371 (1)



**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](mailto:cstude1@cox.net)

**STUDEBAKER CARS/PARTS WANTED**

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**Studebaker Golden Hawk(s)** '56, '57 and/or '58. Buyer wants all original Studebaker car and can be in fair, good and excellent condition. Buyer is serious and knowledgeable as to the authenticity of vehicles and will pay promptly upon seeing vehicle. Contact Rob at [GreenBus08@aol.com](mailto:GreenBus08@aol.com) or call 480-773-1780. (2)

**MISC. FOR SALE**

**1903 Studebaker Buckboard.** Springboard seat, covered wagon with original bows (hickory), new wheels (Amish). Shaves for one horse and T-Bar for Team. Perfect condition, \$2400. Also, single set of leather harness is available for \$175. This wagon has been used in trail rides. It's fun and you can sleep in it in comfort. Location: Hays County, Texas. Contact: [sale-625313959@craigslist.org](mailto:sale-625313959@craigslist.org)

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12	Tour of Bailey's Machine Shop
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Membership in the Studebaker Drivers Club is compulsory in order to be a member of the Grand Canyon State Chapter of SDC, Inc. If you are not a member of SDC, add \$27.50 (\$19.95 for new members, 1st year only) to your Chapter dues, which the treasurer will remit for you. Any questions can be directed to the address below or to Chris Collins at 602-995-5311. Please make check payable to the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC and send with this form to: GCSC Treasurer, P. O. Box 37464 Phoenix, AZ 85069-7464

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