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By Bill Beilharz

I guess I didn't learn my lesson last year (Note: Bill ran the 2007 La Carrera Panamericana race) so I ran another Mexican road race: the Chihuahua Express. My crew member, Kent, and I left Phoenix Sunday night (April 6) and crossed at Santa Teresa just north of



El Paso. My navigator, Jorge Ceballos, arrived from Mexico City and seemed very experienced and competitive. Wednesday and Thursday we spent pre-running the first two days speed sections. We learned a few things but, now that it's all over, I think I prefer using the "route book" rankings for corners rather than my own corner calls. I found that, at speed, my rankings were more erratic than what I'm used to seeing the route book. Maybe it was because we were sometimes behind slow traffic while making our notes or I was including some "pucker factor" for corners that end a high speed straight.

Day One - Everything went pretty well but the shifter became very stiff due to lack of lubrication. I'd guess it took around 40 lbs force on the shift knob to change gears. I drove the first two speed sections in 3rd and 4th gear. We stopped at a Lubricante shop and bought some WD-40. I slipped the nozzle down between the shift lever/boot and emptied 4 ounces onto the shift mechanism. It cured the problem but I was a little bothered by the mess I was making. (Little did I know). Once I could use 2nd, we easily outpaced the other Panam cars. We had a problem crop up in the afternoon heat - vapor lock. At the start of each speed section, the car would start well and then quit running for approx. 5 seconds. I was advised on how to avoid this problem months ago but I didn't listen. Another item on next year's list. We finished the day 2nd to Doug Mockett/Angie Fuentes due to the time we lost with the problems.

Day Two - We/I forgot to put a new battery in the intercom. The one from the day before only lasted halfway through the first speed section. *Continued on page 8.*

Editorially Speaking

At the last board meeting, the officers and board members had a discussion about the electronic distribution of the *ECHO* and the following recommendations were made.

- Start sending the newsletter electronically to all members with e-mail beginning with the May issue. They will receive a link to the Chapter web site and use the link to view the newsletter in pdf format. This is in addition to receiving the newsletter through the mail.
- Members will be informed about the electronic version in the May newsletter and will be asked to assess the convenience and ease of receiving the *ECHO* by this method. Then, when they renew for 2009 they will have a choice of checking whether they want a paper or electronic newsletter. For those who choose the paper version, dues will continue to be \$18.00 per year. For those who choose the electronic version, dues will be \$15.00 per year.

We hope the editor's job will be a bit easier in the future if there is less folding, stapling and stamping. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please feel free to write or call.
Chris

Condolences from the Chapter to the family of Gary Walters who passed away May 1st in St. George, Utah. Gary joined the GCS Chapter in January, is a member of the Southern Nevada Chapter and founded the Zion Chapter based in St. George. Last fall the new chapter hosted its first Fall Fest meet in Mesquite and Gary was in the midst of planning a second meet for this fall.

Gary will be missed by his many Studebaker friends and for his accomplishments on behalf of the Studebaker Drivers Club.

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.

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President's Message

Some days seem longer than others and Saturday April 19 was one of those days. The sun was just rising over what's left of Bull Whacker Hill in Prescott when my Baby Blues (ok, I have brown eyes) popped open and the day began. First was a 10:00 AM meeting with the 2010 committee at the Renaissance Hotel in Glendale. The property is truly amazing as it is nestled among Jobbing.Com Arena, Cardinal Stadium and the ever expanding West Gate complex of shops, restaurants, etc. Several more hotels are being planned and should be open by 2010 making this area a true destination hub in and of itself! After bidding the committee and the Renaissance adieu it was off for some errands in Scottsdale and then back to the Kemper's house in Surprise at 4:00 for the chapter meeting.

The chapter meeting was well attended and we certainly thank Annie and John Kemper for inviting us to their house for our meeting. Having by this time lost what little voice I had I turned the meeting over to our capable VP, Denny Lockmon, who ran the meeting. Fortunately, it was a short meeting centered mostly on sending checks to the International Committee and Milpitas Zone Meet Committee to buy plaques. Denny also talked up the La Palma meet and at last count we had at least four members attending. Richard took off after the meeting in a blaze of glory, forgetting to take the chapter banner that I so lovingly transported down from Prescott. I last saw the banner being man-handled by our very own Chuck Collins so I hope it ends up in La Palma! Thanks again to all who attended the meeting and to the Kempers for having us over. The last chapter meeting, that I recall being hosted by the Kempers, was at their old house on Coral Gables. Now they have moved west to Surprise so by the next meeting they may be living beyond the White Tanks! Maybe not.

What I mostly remember about this spring has been the wind. It seems we always have a low coming in from the north, which brushes up against our dominate high thusly creating a nice pressure gradient (also known as WIND). That Saturday was no exception; the wind was blowing and the sun was setting into a dusky orange ball as I headed back to Prescott. I checked with John and confirmed I could take the 303 north to Lake Pleasant and then cut over to I-17. As usual, I-17 was shut down that night at Happy Valley for bridge work so I gladly set off on my northward trek. With the sun setting behind the White Tanks and Vulture Mountains I began my journey. The two-lane stretched on into the twilight with car headlights coming on and the lights of what I hoped was Anthem twinkling in the foothills to the east. Turning east onto Lake Pleasant Road I saw the full moon rising above the New River Mountains, which made for a postcard like picture. Keeping the New River Mountains and the full moon on my right I drove up I-17 to the Prescott turnoff and headed for home in the gathering gloom of night. Ah, another trip under my belt!

There are many more fine outings planned by

CELEBRATE!



May Birthdays

2	John Rebstock	14	Aleta Millette
3	Ron Conley	17	Lew Dandurand
4	Carol Van Zee	18	Bob Williams
5	Sam Hurt	19	Sue Loveridge
5	Harlow Vindedahl	20	Virginia Quigley
6	Jerry Traeder	20	John Verrill
7	Joe Von Behren	23	John Mitchell
9	Elaine Stone	29	John Smith
11	Bruce Sandburg	29	Bruce Warren
12	Bruce Cook	30	Lisa Lynch
13	Mary Beth Eichof		

May Anniversaries

4	Paul & Lola Horvath
4	Bill & Cheryl Simmons
5	Larry & Judy Hall
13	John & Fran Rebstock
14	Harlow & Frieda Vindedahl
18	Linda Peck & Bill McGuire
20	Al & Barbara Karas
21	John & Lorilee Kroulik
29	Ron & Sherry Watson

WELCOME BACK!

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1960 Lark 2dr Sedan
 1952 Commander

Denny so please see page 6 of the award-winning *Echo* for future tours. Thank you for continuing to turn out at the meets and hope to see you at the next gathering.

Larry



Thank you to all who contributed to this month's newsletter.

MAY MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Richard Dormois

At 5:40 PM, Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 16327 West Central, Surprise, Arizona, the home of John and Annie Kemper, Vice President Denny Lockmon called the meeting to order, in for President Larry Vahe who was present but ailing. The garage and driveway of the Kemper home was filled with members including Aubrey Lyn Eastburn in her inaugural visit.

A motion was made and seconded that the March Meeting Highlights as published in the April *Echo* be approved as written. They were.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report. It passed.

Denny outlined the entertainment book fund raising program which will be managed by Steve Fein later this year.

The membership approved the donation of three trophies for the 2008 International Meet for \$105.00 and three trophies for the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet at \$75.00.

Denny congratulated Jon Carter on being elected SDC Pacific Southwest Zone Coordinator.

Chris Collins explained the outing July 18, 19, 20 hosted by Malcolm Stinson in and around Show Low and "The Old Man and His Car" Father's Day event sponsored by Hemmings Motor News. She explained the option of receiving the *Echo* via email as opposed to regular mail and cost difference.

Richard Dormois briefed the membership on the Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club and introduced officers Jon Carter, Vice President, Sherry Watson, Secretary, Ron Watson, Treasurer, Richard Dormois, Editor. Malcolm Stinson is the President.

Bill Gilmore gave a talk about his life as a lobbyist, an automobile appraiser, long time member of the hobbyist council and promoter of a venture in the valley called Classic Car City which may include an old car museum. He enlightened us about the purchase of Jaguar and Rover from Ford by Tata, a firm from India and The Cerverus Group buying Daimler Chrysler.

Jan Lockmon won \$30.00 in the fifty fifty drawing and Ken Michael was the recipient of the Studebaker drivers prize.

The meeting concluded at 6:26 PM.

The Chapter thanks John and Annie for their hospitality and the delicious barbecue beef sandwiches. Thank you to all who brought yummy sides and desserts to share.

Thanks also to Bill Gilmore and Chris Eastburn for donating items to the raffle. Bill announced that Chapter members can receive a \$50.00 discount on an appraisal. You can contact Bill at 602-230-7111 or at azcarcrazy@aol.com.

Attending were Al & Anna Riedel, Jan & Denny Lockmon

(1953 Champion), Bryan & Doris Giesler (1963 GT Hawk), Bill & Cheryl Simmons, Chris & Chuck Collins (1966 Cruiser), the Kroulik family, Will, Maryanne, Domenica & Gwen Eastburn (1957 Scotsman), Chris, Rachel and Aubrey Eastburn (1963 Champ), Bill & Peggy Eastburn (1965 Wagonaire), Michell Eastburn, Ken Michael & Chico (1953 Starliner), Richard & Joan Hahn, Claudia Robinette, Richard Dormois, George Gezelius, Jon Carter, Ron & Sherry Watson, Bill Gilmore, John & Annie Kemper (1956 Hawk).

This * n That

Congratulations to **Michell Eastburn** on her graduation from ASU with a BS in Civil Engineering. Way to go!

Several members joined **George Gezelius** for a look around at Bailey's Machine Shop in Mesa on April 12th. They included Richard Hahn, Harold & Deanna Manley, Chris, Will and Bill Eastburn, Byron Elliott, David & Terry Ker, Dennis Lynde and others whose names were not recorded.

George Gezelius was the winner of a fun judging prize at March Madness in Tucson. His prize was a roll of duct tape for his '51 Champion having the "Shabbiest Interior". **Jerry Kaiser** won the only serious prize of the day, the People's Choice Award with his 1953 Commander coupe.

Send member news to the editor at ccollinsaz@cox.net.

Pacific Southwest Zone Election Results

Congratulations to Jon Carter, elected Zone Coordinator, and Colin Fort, elected Zone Director, in the recent PSW Zone elections. Both are GSC Chapter members.

Thank you to Lloyd Prather, the outgoing coordinator, and Carl Thomason, the outgoing director, for their many years of outstanding service to the members of the PSW Zone. We appreciate all you have done.

The following note was received from Colin.

I wanted to thank you all for electing me as your new National Director from the Pacific Southwest Zone. I enjoyed serving as the Director several years ago.

I need to keep in touch with the members and I think the best way to do that is through the Chapter Publications.

I am pleased that Jon Carter was elected the Zone Coordinator.

Please address any thoughts you may have on how we can assist you to your Regional Manager, Zone Coordinator or myself. In turn, we will keep you posted in periodic messages of anything going on at the national level.

Sincerely, Colin Fort

(See page 2 for Colin's and Jon's contact information.)

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 5** AAHC MEETING, 6:00 PM AT MEL MARTIN'S PRIVATE MUSEUM, 2140 W. GREEKNAY RD., PHOENIX. REFRESHMENTS. INFO: CALL GEORGE WOODS, 480-473-0946 OR VISIT <http://www.azautohobbyist.com/>
- MAY 10** **CHAPTER MEETING AT SALEM BOYS, 1025 W. WARNER RD., TEMPE, 1:00 PM. FOR MORE DETAILS SEE PAGE 6 OR CALL DENNY AT 623-974-5424.**
- 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 HOSTED 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.
- JUNE 14** **CELEBRATION OF THE OLD MAN AND HIS OLD CAR HOSTED BY THE CHAPTER AND SPONSORED BY HEMMINGS MOTOR NEWS. WE'LL MEET FOR A MINI CAR SHOW AND TO EAT. DASH PLAQUES, DOOR PRIZES. LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED. INFO: CHRIS AT 602-995-5311 OR CCOLLINSAZ@COX.NET.**
- JULY 18-20** **SUMMER STUDEBAKER GATHERING AT MALCOLM STINSON'S STUDEBAKER RANCH AND TOUR FROM SHOW LOW TO ALPINE AND BACK. MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 6 OR CONTACT MALCOLM AT 928-537-2571 OR STUDEBAKERSW@CYBERTRAILS.COM**
- 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.
- OCTOBER 10-12** **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET AT CROWN PLAZA HOTEL, MILPITAS, CALIF. HOSTED BY THE SEQUOIA CHAPTER. INFO: STUDEBAKER@IX.NETCOM.NET SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE DETAILS.**
- JULY 12-18 2009** 45TH SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET HOSTED BY THE HAWKEYE CHAPTER AT HAWKEYE DOWNS SPEEDWAY AND CLARION HOTEL, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. INFO: ALAN MEEKER AT 319-266-8671.

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

MAY EVENT

MAY 10 CHAPTER MEETING

Salem Boys Auto, 1025 West Warner Tempe 1:00 PM

Mark Salem of Salem Boys Auto will talk to us about maintaining our Studebakers and give timely tips. Mark has a call in radio program on KTAR radio every Saturday morning from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. He gives callers tips on repairing their cars and good advice. He also has a website <http://www.salemboysauto.com> or <http://www.marksalem.com> that has a world of information regarding automobile repairs. I'm am confident you will be entertained.

Directions: From I-10 or the Loop 101, exit Warner Rd. Salem Boys is located between Priest and Kyrene Rds.

Afterwards, you can get together for a bite to eat at a nearby restaurant or head on over the Scottsdale Pavilions at Pima and Indian Bend Rds. to show your Studebakers at the Saturday night cruise.

If you have any questions contact Denny at 623-974-5424 or lockmon@cox.net.



LOOKING AHEAD

SUMMER STUDEBAKER GATHERING AND TOUR

Malcolm Stinson has invited the Arizona Studebaker and Avanti clubs to a Studebaker gathering on the weekend of July 18th, 19th and 20th with supper Friday night at the Studebaker Ranch (Malcolm's home in Show Low) and a tour on Saturday. Plan to meet Saturday morning at 9:00 am at D & D Furniture in the center of Show Low and leave by 9:30 for a tour on Route 260 through Pine Top, Lakeside, McNary and Eager. Along this route you'll want to watch for elk and antelope on both sides of the road. Then the tour will continue on to Nutrioso and Alpine where there will be a stop for lunch. After lunch, the tour will continue on Route 60 to Show Low and on to the Studebaker Ranch for a burger burn with all the trimmings.


You will enjoy the cool weather of the high country while driving through green country with tall pines and mountains on very good roads.

Directions to the ranch are: Take Arizona 260 toward Show Low and at Burton Road go north four miles to Turkey Lake Rd. Take a left on Turkey Lake half a mile to the ranch at 1794.

A list of motels and campgrounds and more details will be printed in an upcoming newsletter.

If you have questions or to RSVP, contact Malcolm at 928-537-2571 or 928-368-7442 or at studebakersw@cybertrails.com.

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Questions?	Call Chris at 602-995-5311		1	2	3
4	5 AAHC Meeting	6	7	8	9	10 Chapter Meeting
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 La Palma Meet	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

Get Ready for the 2010 Meet

Submitted by Deanna Manley

On April 13 the 2010 SDC International Meet Committee met to continue planning our show and it occurred to me that if our chapter members each entered a car for display or judging we could have 300 plus cars just from Arizona. Our Chapter membership is approaching 150 now and many members have multiple cars in their possession. You do the math and it becomes clear that we could have a terrific display of cars and you won't find an International show closer to home.

You have two years to finish your project or dust off the car that hasn't been out in a while. How about it? We need your car in the show and we need your help on a committee to make the show a success. Oh I know, you're thinking you have plenty of time to decide what to do but life has a tendency to get busy and then we run out of time. Don't wait, volunteer now and begin working with your committee chair to spread the work around so we can keep the momentum building for the next two years. We also need special items to auction and items for the Goodie Bags. Consider donating or solicit donations from businesses or friends who would like to support the meet.

If you have questions or want to volunteer please talk to a Posse member. The members are Larry Vahe, Chris Collins, Denny Lockmon, Dennis Lynde or Deanna Manley. E-mail, phone or talk to us at the next meeting just do it!! Start on that Stude now to get it ready for 2010 and attend the 2008 and 2009 International Meets to see how much fun you can have. Saddle Up!

Rim Country Car Show

Submitted by Bob Halgren

Mimi and I drove over to Payson, AZ on Friday, April 25 for the Rim Country Car Show. We have been to the last three and they are always a treat. This year we met up with Gary & Sandie Keating (pictured here) and Ken Michael who was one of the organizers of the event. They block off Main Street and line up the cars along both sides. There were about 400 cars this year. Everything from Model Ts to muscle cars were present, many different makes represented, including our favorites, the Studies.



Ken brought a 1953 Commander Starliner and his brother-in-law, Dr. Bob, had his '63 Avanti on display. This is Bill Mills old car, fully restored and painted

metallic red. It is for sale if anyone is interested. We had our '37 Dictator Coupe there and the Keatings brought their '68 Ford Falcon. It is a beautiful car that once belonged to Sandie's mom! There was also a smashing '57 Golden Hawk, a custom '40 Club Coupe, a '58 Commander hardtop and M-series and R-series pickups.

The show included a burger burn on Friday night with a parade through town to the Casino. Saturday we had a steak dinner and there was a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all.

If you are interested in attending next year their web site is <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/rccac/> Hope to see you there next year.

Pacific South West Zone Meet

Oct 10th- 12th 2008

Hosted by the Sequoia Chapter, SDC

Held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
777 Bellew Drive, Milpitas, CA

For Hotel reservations call 408-321-9500 or 1-800-2CROWNE, mention "STUDEBAKER" to get our \$79 per night special rate.
Free Shuttle to and from San Jose Airport

Friday: Swap Meet and Tour to San Jose Historical Museum
Friday Evening: Free Ice Cream Social for registered attendees
Saturday: Concours Judging, Swap Meet, Raffles, Awards Banquet

Swap Meet spaces are \$20 (20'X20')
Indoor Vendor spaces \$30 (space is limited).

Registration form will be in the August *Turning Wheels* or register early by downloading the registration form at <http://www.Sequoia-SDC.com>

Registration questions: Diane Glew
email: Studebaker@ix.netcom.com or call 408-265-1224

Can You Help?

Dennis Miller, a student at Western Michigan University, is conducting research for his master's thesis on the advertising program of the Studebaker Corporation during the years 1947-1953. He would like a list of dealers for any sales region. If you can help, you can contact Dennis at 574-255-9976 or dmiller@post.com.

*Help Keep America Beautiful.
Drive a Studebaker!*

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Jorge did a pretty good job yelling and giving hand signals but it wasn't as good as an intercom. We made it to the service stop and bought another "new" 9 volt battery at a nearby store. It went dead before we started the next speed section. More yelling and hand gestures. The route had a lunch stop at a hotel overlooking part of Copper Canyon. The speed section crossed train tracks several times on the way up. I took the last crossing too fast and bottomed the car hard on the dip. It broke the front under tray loose and seemed to be the start of our oil problems. I wired the tray back up during the lunch stop and thought we were good for the rest of the day. On the first speed section back down the oil pressure warning light started flickering. I reduced my shift points to 4000 RPM and would coast when the oil light was on. We were doing 80 MPH on straights we had driven at a 170 earlier that day. We lost a lot of time but made the service stop. We added more oil but it didn't do any good. Over the next 40 miles we added a total of six quarts of oil. I finally pulled over when the oil pressure gauge showed less than 10 psi. Fortunately, one of the other teams service vehicles was able to trailer us back to Chihuahua. I haven't looked yet, but I think we cracked the oil pan on the bump.

A surprising number of cars crashed the 2nd day and a couple burned. Two competitors required medical attention, a broken leg and some burns. The medical crews responded well, arriving in less than two minutes on one instance. Kent took pictures of some of the damage. (See page 13 online for pictures.)

Overall, I'm OK with the event. We came away safe and the car is in one piece. I think I have discovered all the car's "teething problems". Also, I was able to gain a comfort level with Jorge as a navigator. We should be set to do well in this year's La Carrera.

Editor's Note: Bill is a Phoenix resident who has participated in many motorsports events. You can read more about the race here: <http://www.chihuahuaexpress.com/>



One of the Studebakers in the race took an off-road excursion.



A hole in the oil pan.

Arizona State Chapter of The Antique Studebaker Club

On March 20th, the Arizona State Chapter of The Antique Studebaker Club received its charter from the ASC and became the third ASC chapter in the U.S. With two meetings already under its belt, the chapter has 22 members, by-laws, elected officers, collected dues and is planning driving tours. Malcolm Stinson spearheaded the effort to start the chapter and has been actively recruiting members and planning activities.

To become a member of the Arizona State Chapter one must be a member of The Antique Studebaker Club. Dues for the chapter are \$15.00 and ASC dues are \$25.00. Dues can be paid to ASC/ASC and sent to the treasurer, Ron Watson at 19972 E. Antelope Rd., Mayer AZ 86333.

Other officers are Malcolm, president; Jon Carter, vice president; Sherry Watson, secretary; Curtis Lee, Fred Gooch and Bruce Wheeler, board members. Richard Dormois is the editor of the chapter's quarterly publication, *The Saguaro Sage*.

Anyone with a 1946 or older Studebaker car, a 1948 or older truck or an interest in older Studebakers is invited to join. For more information you can contact Malcolm at 928-537-2571 or studebakersw@cybertrails.com.

Web Sites of Interest

<http://thefiftiesandsixties.com/CarsWeDrove.htm> Cars of the 50s and 60s. Thanks to Tim Painter for the link.

<http://www.studebaker-info.org/JTN/JTNEWS/jtn26.html> The newest issue of the *Jet Thrust News* is here.

<http://yeli.us/Flash/Fire.html> Video of Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" includes a 1950 Champion.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAM8Xeq7YYo&NR=1> A ride in a 1941 Champion.

New Studebaker Stamp Coming out in the Fall

The U.S. Postal Service pays tribute to America's love affair with the automobile by issuing the "America on the Move: '50s Fins and Chrome" stamps this fall.



A 10 ft. image of the stamps - a 1957 Chrysler 300C, 1957 Lincoln Premiere, 1957 Pontiac Safari, 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk and a 1959 Cadillac Eldorado - will be previewed to the nation for the first time during a special ceremony. The first-day-of-issue stamp dedication ceremony will take place Oct. 3 during the Fall Carlisle Collector Car Swap Meet & Corral.

All of the stamps can be viewed here: <http://www.usps.com/communications/room/2008stamps/downloadcenter.htm> <http://tinyurl.com/6nhk68>

MEMORIES OF THE PAST A STORY OF TWO TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

Have you ever been told that somewhere in the world you have a double? Do you believe it or is it an old wives tale? This article is about two transportation companies whose history parallels each other. One still exists today and one is a memory that still lives on.

The Strasburg Railroad located in Strasburg, Lancaster, PA was incorporated on June 9, 1832 by a special act of the Pennsylvania Legislature. The sole purpose of the railroad was to haul freight between two of the major railroads in the state. At about this same time and not too far away in York (now Adams) County, PA near the town of East Berlin, John Studebaker was beginning to contemplate a move of his family from the area. One may ask why was he planning or thinking of this move. Simply stated, he wanted a better life for his family that included 5 boys who were destined for a bright future. He also recognized that his blacksmith shop was too far off of the Philadelphia to Pittsburgh Turnpike to take advantage of the booming business being conducted along this major East-West route.

The earliest documented use of the rails of the Strasburg Railroad is December of 1851 but it is believed that the trackage was in use before that. In 1851 in South Bend, IN, the Studebaker Brothers were in the process of opening a wagon shop to complement the flourishing blacksmith shop that they had opened a year or so earlier.

By 1861, the wagon shop was beginning to grow especially after an infusion of cash by brother John (known as Wheelbarrow John) upon his return from California. It was also in the process of obtaining its first government contract for the production of wagons for the war department. Also, in 1861 the Strasburg Railroad hosted for a brief four (4) minute stop the newly elected President of the US, Abraham Lincoln, on his way to Washington DC. This stop drew over 5,000 people.

Over the next one hundred years both companies prospered. Although during the latter part of this 100-year period the Studebaker Corporation was forced into bankruptcy but was able to survive and for brief periods prosper. By 1957 both companies were struggling. Studebaker had merged with Packard and was producing cars in both Detroit and South Bend. The Strasburg Railroad, on the other hand, was considering filing certificates of abandonment for its rail line that had been destroyed by a series of storms. The owners did not have the capital necessary to repair the destroyed roadbed. Does this sound familiar? It should as Studebaker was in the same situation just two years earlier. Just like in Studebaker's case an industrialist from nearby Lancaster, PA stepped forward and saved the Strasburg Railway.

After acquiring the railroad and repairing the roadbed, Henry K. Long and his associates that included Donald E.L. Hallock began to purchase and accumulate an inventory of historic locomotives and passenger cars. This ambitious group of "Rail Barons" used this equipment to open a railroad for visitors which today draws over 100,000 riders annually. The same cannot be said about the Studebaker Corporation which, as we all know, stopped producing vehicles in South Bend in December of 1963 and totally in March of 1966. However, the memories of the company and the many fine automobiles it produced lives on in our lives and our hearts.

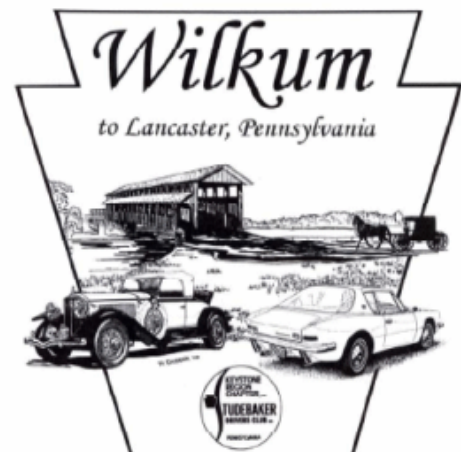
Come join the Keystone Region Chapter of the SDC and its members as we bring you the 44th Annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet in Lancaster, PA. The meet will begin on Sunday September 14 and concludes on Saturday September 20, 2008. Come bring your Studebakers and ride the rails of the Strasburg Railroad, a company with a history very similar to that of the Studebaker Corporation. The railroad is located only about five miles from the center of all of our activities at Host Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, PA.

See you in the future as I write about our past.

Don Jones,
Publicity Chairman
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YOU DO HAVE MEAL CHOICES

If you have already registered for the meet, there are no meal choices for the Friday night awards banquet on your registration. You have a choice of vegetarian, beef or chicken. Please contact Nancy Pfahler with your choice at 17 Cherry Hill Rd., Paradise, PA 17562 or by e-mail at pfahler473@msn.com.



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TECHNICAL INFORMATION



Air Cleaner Maintenance

By Joe Burch, Retired Studebaker Mechanic

The air cleaner provides important protection from the air borne dust particles, which are highly abrasive when they enter the engine's internal components. Studebaker over the years used two types of air cleaners.

- ◆ The oil bath type. Used in most territories where dust conditions were considered severe.
- ◆ The dry type. Used in low level dust areas and almost exclusively in the later model years.

Servicing the Oil Bath Air Cleaner -

Wash the element in some type of solvent and drain thoroughly. Clean out the oil reservoir and refill to the mark stamped on the inside of the lower housing. Its capacity is one pint of generally the same oil you are using in the engine.

Servicing the Dry Type Air Cleaner -

Remove the filtering element and shake off the accumulated dust by jarring it slightly against a solid object.

Caution - Do not use compressed air or any type of solvent cleaners on the element.

Do not operate any engine for any length of time without an air cleaner as another one of its functions is that it acts as a flame arrestor preventing backfires coming from the carburetor throat.

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A Tip for Finding Studebakers on Craigs List

Type studebaker site:craigslist.org into Google and it will bring up Studebaker listings from all Craigs lists in the country. The search can be modified for other searches as well such as antique toys.

Ladies - A Tip For You

Cheryl Simmons discovered a new shop at the Outlet Mall in Anthem called Western What Not. They sell used hats and boots along with western decorations. The lady she talked with said their stock varies with what they can obtain. They had about 15-20 pair of boots and 6 hats at the time she was there. Cheryl picked up a pair of western boots for \$15.00 to wear to the 2010 Meet. Sounds like a good place to check for the western wear you may want for the meet, too.

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1953 Studebaker Truck. My husband was restoring this truck but passed away recently. Most of the paint is off (had been painted tan but original was a turquoise). The interior is ready to put back together. It is a project. \$2500. Sharon Dougherty Prescott Valley 928-830-8107 cell (3)
See picture on pg 13 of online version.

1946 Champion Skyway 2 dr Sports Sedan. 100% complete. Robert McLeod 602-769-2202 or 623-972-8558 (2)

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 (2)

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 & pictures. (1)

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. \$6900. Ralph Robbin 623-362-1474 or ralphrobbin@cox.net (1)

1921 Special Six. \$10,000. David Hardin 520-818-3200 (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 (0)

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 (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 (2)

STUDEBAKER PARTS FOR SALE

Whole set of '52 2dr fenders/ quarters & hood. Rust free (if you don't count surface rust) and have only minor dents/dings. Rear fenders will work on '50/51 2drs, coupes and '52 hardtops. \$100 each fender, \$50 for the hood. White/tan complete upholstery kit for a 2dr sedan; paid \$375, will take half. Also have many rubber seals for '52. John Pflugstag 602-943-9563 (3)

Front bench seat from 1954 coupe. Left GT bucket seat (needs work). Fred Moore 480-895-4804 (1)

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 (1)

1963 Lark Frame. W/TT, power steering. \$400. Walt Jazwinski 623-934-3371 (0)

1963 289 full flow engine w/.060 pistons, competition cam, hard valves & seats. \$3400. John Kemper 623-546-8434 (0)

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. Chuck Collins 602-995-5311 or cstude1@cox.net (3)

STUDEBAKER CARS/PARTS WANTED

1965-66 Studebaker 2 Dr #3 or 4 condition V-8, Auto. Will consider 6 cylinder. Contact Larry Cushing at 623-376-7054. (3)

Need pair of tail light housings for 1953 coupe. Pat Tingle 602-694-2950 (3)

Looking to purchase Model "A" Ford. Contact Willard Pike elgin32@msn.com 480-895-8908 (3)

Pair of GT Hawk front bucket seats & center console. Condition of upholstery not important. Jon Carter 480-951-2838 or 480-577-5764 (1)

MISC. FOR SALE

Framed b & w photo of Laurel and Hardy standing next to circa 1932 Studebaker. 18"x12" in excellent condition. Make offer. Would also be interested in purchasing a Studebaker. Joe Martina 623-236-9925 (3)



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More Photos from The Chihuahua Express Race

April 11, 12, 13 2008

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