

# The ECHO

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FOR THE BEST FORECASTS  
OF THE  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

**S**cientific straw votes, wide-spread popular polls, have made the forecasting for election results a matter of skill.

To each of the five most skillful forecasters Studebaker will present a new 1937 President Sedan - 115 horsepower - 125 inch wheelbase - one of the finest cars ever built by any manufacturer at any price.

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Science forecasts the weather. Science forecasts eclipses and the arrival of comets.

Use your pencil and your brains and forecast the popular vote for President of the United States and

**WIN A  
PRESIDENT**

**R**ules for the Studebaker Presidential Sweepstakes asked entrants to fill in on a post card their forecast of the popular vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt and for Alf M. Landon along with their name and address. A free card was available at Studebaker dealerships. The post cards were to be mailed to South Bend and postmarked no later than October 15, 1936. Paul G. Hoffman, President of The Studebaker Corporation was to be the sole and final judge of the contest and would award a Studebaker President to the five contestants who make the five best forecasts.

According to Richard Quinn in *The Antique Studebaker Review*, Vol. 38 No. 2, the five winners were Houston Glasgow, Los Angeles, CA; L. Silverman, St. Joe, MO; Charles M. Stewart, Monroe, LA; Perry L. Wilburn, Clinton, SC; R.E. McGee, South Langhorne, PA.

*Thanks to Pete Mensing for sharing this interesting piece of American history.*

## Editorially Speaking

Several months ago Pete Mensing gave me a piece of Studebaker memorabilia that is fitting for this election year. It was the brochure whose cover is featured on the front page of this month's *ECHO*. When I received it I decided to use it as we got closer to the presidential election. Imagine my surprise when I saw that Richard Quinn had the same thought for the latest issue of the *Antique Studebaker Review*. His article not only tells the story of Studebaker's promotion to tie the election to the top of the line President model, but also mentions a contest wherein the ASC member who guesses the exact popular vote in the upcoming election will become the proud owner of a 1937 Cruising Sedan offered by Kent Haberle, the ASC Club Store manager. What are the chances we'll hear someone actually made the correct guess? Not good, I imagine. Thanks, Pete, for this bit of Studebaker and American history.

On page 10 are the ads of five members who support the newsletter by advertising their businesses. I'd like to invite each one to tell a little about his or her business. In this issue, you'll find out more about the products and services Ken Michael offers. If you are an advertiser, please send a note or e-mail about your

business to the editor.

Have you checked out the "My Cool Car" feature in the Sunday *Arizona Republic* cars section? If so, have you noticed, as I have, that there have been no Studebakers featured? Our chapter members have many cool Studebakers and it would be great to see one or more showcased. You can send your information including name, city, cool car, what makes it cool, how long you've had it and what it says about you plus a photo with you in it to [mycoolcar@arizonarepublic.com](mailto:mycoolcar@arizonarepublic.com).

Please note that the membership form has been updated to include the two dues options mentioned in a recent *ECHO*. When you renew during the next few months please use the form and indicate how you would like to receive the newsletter in 2009. If you choose to receive the newsletter electronically you receive the newsletter a day or two sooner and you can save a few dollars. We'll happily mail a newsletter to those who chose that option.

If you are attending the international meet in Lancaster I hope to see you at the 2010 meet table. You can help tell SDC members from around the country about our wonderful state and the beautiful venue.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter.

Drive your Stude! *Chris*

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

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing summer and are now ready to enjoy the remaining club events, which will end with the Christmas dinner scheduled for December 6. On a bit of a personal note, I just got back from West Virginia where my daughter is finishing her degree in equestrian studies. After she found an apartment in WVA she and I (along with her five saddles, etc.) drove back to get her established in time for classes to begin September 1. I'm sure it sounds old but spending two weeks with her was, of course, priceless.

Getting down to business, your board met on August 23 and resolved many loose ends, such as establishing some dates and locations for the remainder of the year, including the new location for our big January meet which will be held at the Gold Canyon Resort on January 17. More to come from Richard Dormois on this.

The board is also asking you, the general membership, if anyone is interested in running for a club office. 'Tis the time of year so if you are interested please contact Deanna Manley (480-981-8886) as she is compiling the slate of officers. This must be done by November and the results will be announced at the Christmas dinner.

March Madness; it's our turn to host this annual event and the board is looking to hold the event on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the Commemorative Air Force at Falcon Field. This is not cast in concrete so if someone has a suggestion as to a different venue please let a board member know.

Also discussed was different ways we could hold fund raisers. While we are still in good financial shape we would welcome the opportunity to look into different ideas for fund raising. Different possibilities were discussed and we'll look into this some more at the next chapter event, which will be at the Pioneer Village on October 18 so look for details in the event section of the ECHO. We will discuss these issues in more detail and look forward to some input from the members so please plan on attending.

Thank you to the many who help out the club every day but I would like to specifically like to mention Ron Crowe our very capable web master (please take time to visit our club web site, I think you will be very pleased at what you find), Chris Collins for putting out edition after edition of our club letter and to Denny Lockmon who does yeoman duty putting together your club events. Hope to see you and your Studebakers at the Pioneer Village on 10.18!

Larry

Order your Chapter name badge with a pin back by contacting Chris Collins at 602-995-5311 or [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto:ccollinsaz@cox.net). The price is \$5.00 each. If you wish to have to have a magnet back on your badge, the price is \$6.00 each.

## Welcome New Members

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Club Sedan  
1960 Lark 2dr 6 cyl.

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1953 1/2T Pickup

## CELEBRATE!



### September Birthdays

1 Sager Avery	19 Paul Horvath
3 Michael Sparkman	19 John Wiley
6 Steve Fein	22 Chuck Stanford
7 Annie Kemper	25 Darlene Pierman
9 Chuck Collins	25 Wm D. Powers
9 Harry Dersh	26 Carmen Curtis
11 Gary Keating	28 Mike Shearhart
16 David Ker	29 Glen Brose
17 Ike Quigley	30 Mary Cervini

### September Anniversaries

5 Don & Kathy Parkey
5 John & Evelyn Verrill
7 Scott & Barbara Grainger
9 Chuck & Louise Stanford
11 Darrel & Shirley Seher
20 Jon & Marisa Carter
24 Gary & Jane Wold

## Children's Birthday Corner

### Happy Birthday to



September 10	Kolton Kroulik
September 15	Thayer Smith
September 18	Andrea Carter



## Summer Studebaker Gathering

July 18, 19, 20

By Dennis Lynde

We arrived at Malcolm Stinson's in Show Low about 2:30 Friday afternoon. We could not bring the Hawk and were towing our trusty little trailer but this worked out well, since the dog occupied the back seat. We got all set up at a little campsite provided by Malcolm. I was quite impressed with his shop area, 40 acre ranch, his well preserved Studes and some not so well preserved in his "boneyard". It is a beautiful place and well set up.

Once most had arrived, we all drove over to see an excellent collection of John Deere tractors and more. We then returned to Malcolm's for pizza, chips and home made clam chowder. The next morning, the entire group met at a large parking lot in front of a furniture store and we proceeded to go for a "short drive" of approximately 200 mile round trip which took us through some beautiful country, a great lunch at the Bear Wallow Café and a great look out spot where you could see all the way to New Mexico. We had some light showers along the way but nothing significant. The only casualty I know of was Willard Pike having brake problems, but he nursed it back to Malcolm's and it was put on a hoist and repaired. After another rain shower, Malcolm introduced his new grill and we had a delightful Burger Burn. Good food. There was then a short meeting of the Antique Studebaker Club chapter where several cruises were discussed.

We stayed camped out until Sunday morning when we reluctantly got up and drove back to Mesa. A fine weekend was had by all. And it was sure nice to be in 80 degree weather again for a few days. Malcolm, thank you again for your hospitality. Linda and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Here's a list of who attended. Malcolm Stinson, 1963 Champ Pickup; Frank Wenzel, Kent Vandenburg, Lee Dietrich; 1958 President; Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar, Brand X; Willard Pike, 1956 President; Sherry and Ron Watson; Ron and Carol Smith, 1964 GT Hawk; Jon Carter, Brand X; Arthur Dickie, 1958 Commander; Ken Michael, 1963 Cruiser; Mimi and Bob Halgren, 1950 Starlight coupe; Fred and Nora Gooch, 1937 Dictator; Bruce Sandberg & Delores Shurtz, Brand X; Richard Doromis, Brand X; Claudia Robinette, Brand X; Sam and Rhonda Bailey, Brand X; Gary and Sandy Keating, Brand X; Violet and Mike Borens, 1980 Avanti; Ron and Linda Rheim, 1941 Champion coupe; Ron and Pat Crowley, 1947 M5 pickup; Lou Fencl, 1956 Transtar.

*There are more photos on page 7 and in the Galleries section of the chapter web site. Thank you, Dennis.*



## Roster Updates

New Address:

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New E-Mail Address:

Malcolm Stinson - studebakersw@frontiernet.net

## Chapter Elections

It's that time again! You can Champion your chapter by running for a board position or Chapter office. All positions are open and none are difficult. Each requires some commitment of time but the rewards for that commitment are great - meeting and getting to know our friendly and diverse membership, planning fun and interesting activities and helping our membership grow.

You can nominate yourself or another member (with their permission) for a position by contacting the nominations chairman, Deanna Manley, at 480-981-8886 or [hpdlmanley@msn.com](mailto:hpdlmanley@msn.com)



*Coming to your local post office October 3rd.*

## Grand Canyon State Chapter Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Chuck Collins

### Checking Account

Ending Balance as of 3/31/08 \$1682.99

### Receipts

National Dues	\$ 16.50
Local Dues	\$ 126.50
50/50 April, June	\$ 62.00
Name Badges	\$ 10.00
	<u>\$ 215.00</u>
	\$1897.99

### Disbursements

National Dues	\$ 16.50
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$ 572.47
Printing - Roster	\$ 40.29
Donation - Studebaker National	\$ 100.00
Museum - Walters, Torske	
Donation - Zone & National	<u>\$ 180.00</u>
Meet Awards	\$ 909.26

Ending Balance 06/30/08 \$988.73

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 8 ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL (A.A.H.C.) MEETING AT SANDERSON FORD TRUCK DEALERSHIP, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE, 7PM. PRIVATE MUSEUM TOUR. INFO: LARRY AT 623-486-1403. CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
- SEPTEMBER 14-20 44TH SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET IN LANCASTER, PENN. INFO IN *TURNING WHEELS*. OR CHECK [HTTP://WWW.SDCMEET.COM](http://www.sdcmeet.com) FOR REGISTRATION FORM AND UPDATES ON HOTEL AVAILABILITY.
- SEPTEMBER 25-27 FALL FUN FEST HOSTED BY MICHAEL KELLY AND THE ZION CHAPTER IN MESQUITE, NEVADA. INFO: 435-862-9976.
- OCTOBER 4 STUDEBAKER DAY AT SALEM BOYS IN TEMPE. THE FIRST TEN MEMBERS TO CONTACT DENNY LOCKMON AT 623-974-5424 (LEAVE MESSAGE) OR [LOCKMON@COX.NET](mailto:LOCKMON@COX.NET) WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE USE OF THE ANALYZER AND DYNO FOR THEIR STUDES. OTHERS CAN USE THE SHOP TO DO MAINTENANCE, OIL CHANGES, ETC. ON THEIR STUDES. PLAN TO ARRIVE AT NOON. SALEM BOYS AUTO IS AT 1025 W. WARNER RD.
- OCTOBER 10-12 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET AT CROWN PLAZA HOTEL, MILPITAS, CALIF. HOSTED BY THE SEQUOIA CHAPTER. INFO: [STUDEBAKER@IX.NETCOM.NET](mailto:STUDEBAKER@IX.NETCOM.NET) SEE REGISTRATION FORM IN JULY/AUGUST *ECHO*.
- OCTOBER 18 CHAPTER MEETING AT PIONEER VILLAGE, EXIT 255 OFF I-17 AT PIONEER RD. HOSTED BY BILL & CHERYL SIMMONS. MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 6 OR CALL BILL OR CHERYL AT 623-580-4120.
- OCTOBER 25 AUCTION OF ANTIQUE PARTS & MEMORABILIA AT ART BUTLER'S GARAGE, 4601 N 7TH AVE., PHOENIX. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.
- OCTOBER 26 CHAPTER BOARD AND OFFICERS MEET AT 1:00PM AT DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT. MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND. INFO: LARRY AT 480-694-3899
- NOVEMBER 22 CHAPTER MEETING HOSTED BY SCOTT & BARBARA GRAINGER IN THEIR NEW GARAGE IN MESA. MORE INFORMATION TO COME OR CALL DENNY AT 623-974-5424.
- DECEMBER 6 CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY. HOST AND VENUE NEEDED. CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR [LOCKMON@COX.NET](mailto:LOCKMON@COX.NET).
- JANUARY 17, 2009 ARIZONA WINTER STUDEBAKER CELEBRATION AT GOLD CANYON, 6100 S. KINGS RANCH RD. INFO: RICHARD DORMOIS AT 480-827-8178.
- JANUARY 18, 2009 SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING AT TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH, TUCSON. INFO: CHRIS LILLE AT 520-294-9106.
- MARCH, 2009 ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING - MARCH MADNESS. VENUE AND EVENT CHAIRMAN NEEDED. CALL DENNY AT 623-974-5424.
- JULY 4, 2009 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. ON THE ROAD...AROUND THE WORLD. WATCH *TURNING WHEELS* FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

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

**2010 SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET COUNTDOWN !  
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2008 THERE ARE 638 DAYS UNTIL THE MEET.**

## September Event

No Chapter meetings or events have been formally planned for September due to the international meet. However, the chapter board and officers encourage you to attend a cruise night in your Studebaker. Here's a list of some of the many cruises taking place every weekend.

### Friday

35th Ave & Northern, Phoenix, 5 pm  
91st Ave and W. Northern behind Auto Zone, 6 pm  
Albertson's parking lot, Lindsey & Warner, Gilbert, 6 pm  
Fry's Marketplace, Waddell & Litchfield, Surprise, 5 pm  
Brenda's Subs, Dobson & Elliot, Chandler, 5:30 pm

### Saturday

Safeway, 83rd Ave & Beardsley, Peoria, 5 pm  
Pavilions, Indian Bend & Pima Rds, Scottsdale, 4pm  
Sonic, 7745 S 51st Ave, Laveen, 6 pm  
Kmart, Superstition Springs, Power & Hampton, 5 PM

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Chapter Meeting and Gathering October 18, 2008

Join us for the October meeting which will be held on the covered patio at the Pioneer Restaurant located on the west side of I-17 at the Pioneer Road, exit 225, one mile north of Carefree Highway. Lunch is planned for 3:00 pm. It

will include your choice of a hamburger or chicken sandwich, fries, salad, a soft drink and tip for \$11.

Rather than coming up just for lunch, try to arrive by 12:30 and our group can get into Pioneer Village for a small fee ranging from \$5 to \$7 each.

Both are located 30 minutes north of downtown Phoenix. You'll visit over 90 acres of an old 1800's town, with no cars or smog! Just authentic buildings and historically accurate reproductions. See the Opera House where Lilly Langtry sang; look through a rifle port in the actual cabin that survived Arizona's bloodiest range war; or browse through an 1890's dress shop and much more! All of this, plus a blacksmith shop, sheriff's office and jail, complete ranch complex, and costumed interpreters including cowboys, lawmen, and lovely Victorian ladies - await you at Pioneer Living History Village, Arizona's most authentic Old West town. Photography is also offered if you'd like to see your family in the old West setting.

We can get group rates if 20 or more people want to do the tour. This will include a Gunfight reenactment at 1:30. There is plenty of room for kids to roam with a grassy area on which to play. The Village closes at 5 pm.

For more information, you can contact the hosts Bill and Cheryl Simmons at 623-580-4120 or [vwsimmons@aol.com](mailto:vwsimmons@aol.com).

If you would like to host an event/meeting in 2009, please contact an officer or board member. See page 2 for phone numbers and e-mail addresses

# September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 AAHC Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>44th Annual SDC International Meet - Lancaster, Pennsylvania</b>						
21	22 Autumn begins	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30		Questions?	Call Chris at 602-995-5311	





## WHERE EAST MEETS WEST

Submitted by Deanna Manley

As September approaches, I get excited about the fall season and look forward to cooler weather and beautiful trees in color. This year we have a wonderful opportunity to attend the SDC International Meet in Lancaster Pennsylvania and experience great cars, renew friendships from across the country and enjoy the beautiful fall all at once.

Since our chapter is hosting the 2010 SDC International we will be setting up a display table in the vendor area of the meet this year to distribute information about our meet and sell "The Sheriff" t-shirts. The Posse will be present and set up the table but we very much need the involvement of chapter members who are attending the show to help us at the table during the hours the vendor area is open. We will start Monday morning, September 15 and you don't have to be a committee member to help. Just look for a tall banner announcing "Welcome to Glendale" and you will find us. We will provide all the information you need to talk to other SDC members and encourage them to attend the 2010 Meet in Arizona. Come by the table and sign up to help. Choose a time that will fit in with your schedule and get involved. We have many more meets to attend before 2010 so this will be good practice and you get to meet so many great people and they get to meet You!!! Saddle Up

## Web Sites of Interest

<http://s149.photobucket.com/albums/s66/ddstnkmp/Petersons%208-08/> <http://tinyurl.com/696b5p>  
Bob Peterson is losing this storage area and must sell all parts. If you see something you need, you can contact Bob at [candbstudebakers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:candbstudebakers@sbcglobal.net)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qmJSGS3u7I>  
Fast Stude at Bonneville.

[http://www.scta-bni.org/SCTA-NewWeb/Bonneville/SpeedWeek\\_08/results.htm](http://www.scta-bni.org/SCTA-NewWeb/Bonneville/SpeedWeek_08/results.htm) Bonneville results.

<http://www.youtube.com/v/zFbYAFrNAcl&hl=en&fs=1>  
Having fun in an Avanti.

[http://s345.photobucket.com/albums/p372/studeblu\\_2008/](http://s345.photobucket.com/albums/p372/studeblu_2008/)  
Photos of Jerry Kaiser's '37.

## ~ STUDEBAKER HISTORY ~ SEPTEMBER

- 1 1736 English ship Harle docks in Philadelphia. Three original Studebakers come to the New World.
- 5 1962 1963 models begin to roll off assembly line (blue GT Hawk).
- 6 1960 Studebaker-Packard acquires Clarke Floor Machine Company.
- 12 1966 Studebaker Historical Vehicle Collection donated to the City of South Bend by Studebaker-Worthington, Inc.
- 17 1987 Last Avanti built in South Bend.
- 22 1993 Ron Hall goes 200.426 mph at Bonneville Salt Flats in Studebaker powered Avanti.
- 29 1958 Lark production begins.
- 30 1960 Studebaker-Packard dealers present "Mr. Ed" TV show.
- 30 1987 First Avanti built in Youngstown, Ohio.

You can read more history about the Clarke Floor Machine Company at the web site of the modern company manufacturing Clarke sanders, edgers, buffers, vacuums and other equipment - <http://www.americansanders.com/AboutClarke/History.aspx>



Studebakers and John Deere tractors.

Dennis and Linda's campsite at Malcolm's ranch.



Hail, hail, the gang's all here.



# The Search for Benny

By Dan Kuhl

My quest began at the end of July, 2007 after selling the 1977 Avanti that I had owned for 18 years. At the beginning of this odyssey I felt a little like Indiana Jones searching for the crystal skull. Because there were so few Studebaker Avantis manufactured, so few left, and the demand for this Loewy design relatively high, I knew the search for an original 1963 Avanti would have to be a painstakingly thorough endeavor, leaving no rock unturned. After considering a few Avantis recommended by club members, I decided to develop a plan to enhance my search for the perfect Avanti. My first plan was to search the AOAI National Roster for potential candidates located in states near Arizona. But which owners, listed in the roster, would offer me the car of my dreams? I decided to only call those owners that possessed more than one Avanti.

This new found resource was unbelievable. I found so many Avantis for sale that I thought my search was going to be "a piece-of-cake." Boy, was I wrong. The cars were a basket case, overly modified, or priced beyond my means. The fruit of my many days of labor was minimal; only one Avanti drew me out of the house for a look-see. It needed too much work as it had been modified beyond belief. Next, I decided to try the web, watching eBay, Hemmings, and Collector Car Trader, where I had sold my Avanti II. If you have never followed these websites, you are missing nothing. Most of the cars listed on these sites are over priced and poorly represented. For example, I talked to one gentleman who had paid \$18,000 for an Avanti on eBay about a year ago; got the car home, and had to spend another \$10,000 to get it running correctly. Last month, he had it listed on eBay with a reserve of \$19,000. He told me by phone that he had had enough headaches with his eBay purchase. This Avanti did not sell again and is still available, if anyone is interested.

My search continued with my nose glued to the computer screen, until one day a very nice gray '64 Avanti popped up for sale on Collector Car Trader. My new found treasure had enough good points, including price, that I bought an airline ticket to the Bay Area to see R5621. I tried to go there open minded, but if you don't already know, I am the world's biggest skeptic. I was thrilled to try out my first Studebaker Avanti, but there was something wrong---what? I do not know. After a short look at the car, it appeared to have been in at least one accident. The owner would not confirm my suspicions. The bubbling paint, ill fitting body parts, and dimpled frame sent me away with a bad taste in my mouth. What to do next?

It was now the middle of the fall season and the search on the computer was continuing while watching the club classifieds. Little if any new leads materialized. I decided to refine my search to keep my interest focused on my dream Avanti. The decision was made to describe exactly what I wanted in a Studebaker Avanti---color, engine, transmission, etc. The following is a breakdown of the decision process.

<u>Question</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. '63 or '64	'63 (round headlights)
2. R1 or R2	R2
3. Transmission	4 Speed
4. Color	Turquoise or Red
5. Originality	Original as possible (original owner)
6. Options	Few as possible
7. Condition No.3	(no more than one serious problem, and no major accidents)

From my list it was obvious that I wanted a toy; an Avanti that could be driven for its enjoyment, a throwback to the performance cars of the '60's. The perfect Avanti would be an R2 with a four speed, and painted either turquoise or red. The search went on, watching Avantis come and go off eBay. I noticed one come back a second time; it was located in New Hampshire, was gold and had a four speed. Could I be happy with this combination? It supposedly had 58K miles, but the pictures of the frame did not show low miles, it showed lots of rust! I continued to talk to the owner before and after Christmas. The owner was locked in at \$15,000 and would not budge. I made him an offer and he blew it off. I decided I needed more info and contacted an Avanti person in the New England area that knew the Avanti. He said "Stay Away; don't waste your money." So back to the drawing board. I made a call to a person I met in the fall who had an R1 with a four speed located in Oregon. The owner was still unwilling to sell, even though he had three Avantis, all needing substantial restoration work.

The leads and my patience were growing thin. My mind kept going back to the R1, 4 speed in Albuquerque that was found in September and still available. But it was rough---really rough. I wasn't ready to take on a car in that condition. The car was a southwest car, but it had been ridden hard and needed a lot of work. Another lead popped into my head, the gold 63 Avanti with R2 for sale at the South Bend International Meet last summer. I called the owner. He wanted \$14,000 even though the hog troughs were rusted out and the car had been repaired with a '64 clip. Finally, I did learn something after all of these discussions---stay away from eastern Avantis; they tend to have way too much rust for my liking. Maybe the focus should be on California Avantis. I remembered the AOAI roster lists more Avantis in California than any other state. Maybe that gold mine is located closer than I realized.

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What to do next? Because there were few Avantis for sale including one local Avanti from California that was for sale, off and on again, I decided to look at another car of my dreams, the Corvette. They made many more Corvettes than Avantis so the choices would be easier, and the prices were reasonable for a decent car that I could jump in and drive across the country, if need be. In March I started looking at Corvettes in earnest, buying books that compare the years of the model that I was looking at. I even drove to Prescott Valley to try one out. The demo was even better than I had imagined. I knew the Corvette was the American sports car for me. I even started going to the Pavilions to shop and talk to Corvette owners. Deanna and Harold caught me there one Saturday night and accused me of abandoning the "Studebaker" flagship. My loyalty to Studebaker is deep, but the C4 Corvette had stole my attention away from the Avanti, a car I first saw in my hometown 45 years ago at the Ben Franklin Store in an AMT model kit.

As my desire for the Corvette solidified on the '93 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Model, I continued to peruse the web for that elusive Avanti. One day at work in early June, I happened upon a very small listing of the one that I would purchase five days later. I typically would call all major listings under the search engine. On the day of the discovery, there was a very small new listing for a '63 Avanti for \$10,000; it was stored in a garage packed with other items that prevented any picture taking. I called the listed number and the rest is history. The Avanti was located in San Diego, California. Serial No. R3576A ("A" denotes California, which requires a minimum of 8 characters in their VIN) was manufactured in March 1963. The car was driven off the showroom floor by the current owner in the fall of 1963; he parked it a number of years ago after the misfortune of some serious health issues. The Avanti is a R2 with 4speed, and is red with black interior. It even has the unusual option of hill-holder. Having been in storage for many years it obviously needs a lot of work, and I am ready for the challenge. It is a very original 60's car that comes with its California black plate, which I will show with the car once I get it into running condition. Wish me luck on the next phase of my Avanti adventure. Benny will keep me busy while the Corvette remains a dream - for now anyway.



*Here's Benny with Ben Castillo, the previous owner.*

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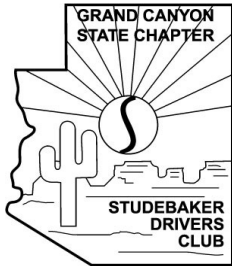




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