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AZ R3 - S# 5593

By Dan Kuhl

With the recent acquisition of a 1963 Avanti, I renewed my interest in the old issues of AOAI's *Avanti Magazine*. In one of the issues from the early '80s was a list of R3 Avantis by serial number, where sold, and who was the owner at the time this article was written. Believe it or not, one of these rare Avantis (13 produced) was delivered to Yuma, Arizona. No known ownership was listed in the article. The whereabouts of this Avanti piqued my interest. The hunt was on!!

With the serial number of the Yuma Avanti in hand, I began a search of the AOAI roster. Luckily, Serial No. 5593 was listed under Nelson Bove of Cincinnati, Ohio. I called Mr. Bove to get the history and current status of the "AZ R3".

The R3 sold new at Leeper Studebaker in Yuma. The dealer ordered the car for himself and used it as a daily driver and entertainment at the local drags. Richard Leeper drove his Avanti for the next eight years. No. 5593 came from the factory with grey paint and red interior. Also included were AM/FM radio, tilt wheel and 700 miles on the odometer. Evidently the car had been driven around South Bend before it was shipped to Arizona. Also, there were plastic seat covers on the seats to protect the new-car upholstery.

Nelson, having been an avid Studebaker guy for many years, began a search for the scantily produced R3s in 1974. While on a trip to California to search for Studebakers, he stopped in Yuma to see if Mr. Leeper was willing to part with the Avanti. Evidently, his timing couldn't have been better; the dealer was ready to make a deal so that he could purchase a car that would better meet his new family's transportation needs.

Currently, the Yuma R3 sits in storage with Mr. Bove's other two R3s, S# 5237 and S# 5453, the last an R3 produced by the Granatelli Group of Paxton Supercharger fame, and not one of the elusive 13 produced by Studebaker.

Nelson Bove also owns two '64 Daytona R3s; a blue one recently featured in *Hemmings Magazine* and a red one that was featured in *Hot Rod Magazine* 30 years ago. He is a great guy to talk to and very interested in Studebaker performance history. Now that he has retired he is planning to restore the R3 Avantis, especially since he recently acquired some restoration funding from a '64 R1 that sold on Ebay for a pretty nice sum. Good luck, Nelson; we are all ready for the unveiling of the new Yuma R3.



See more pictures on page 12 of the online edition.

Post Script: I would like to thank the Leeper family and Nelson Bove for the information used in this article. The first owner, Richard Leeper, passed away in August, after a lengthy illness. His wife and daughter so graciously provided the pictures to bring this Avanti R3 story alive.

Editorially Speaking

Several Chapter members attended the 44th Annual International SDC meet in Lancaster, PA and you can read in this issue three excellent articles from a couple of people who were there. Thanks to Larry Vahe and Colin Fort for their perspectives and for the information. Thanks, also, to Dennis Lynde for providing the photos that accompany the articles. The Keystone Region Chapter was organized, efficient and very hospitable, all qualities we hope to emulate when we host the international meet in 2010.

The next best thing to an international meet is a zone meet and there is one coming up in just a couple of weeks. If you are planning to attend and haven't registered yet please do so to help the host chapter with their planning. The Sequoia Chapter has a good event planned with a swap meet, concours, a tour and awards banquet. The chapter will have flyers for the 2010 meet to distribute and, if you attend, we hope you can help get the word out. The largest attendance at our international will be from California and we want to be sure they are cordially invited and warmly welcomed.

Thanks to Dan, Colin, Larry, Bill, Cheryl, Scott, Richard and Dennis for the articles, information and pictures. See you on the 18th at Pioneer Village. *Chris*

ARIZONA WINTER STUDEBAKER CELEBRATION

SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2009
GOLD CANYON GOLF RESORT
6100 KINGS RANCH ROAD, GOLD CANYON ARIZONA

10:00 AM	SWAP MEET AND PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDGING
12:00 NOON	AWARDS BANQUET
1:30 PM	SEMINAR - BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
1:30 PM	SEMINAR - ALIGNING YOUR STUDEBAKER FRONT END

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 TURN NORTH ON KINGS RANCH ROAD OFF U S HIGHWAY 60 TO THE GOLF RESORT

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President's Message

Another year and another International Meet in the books. The meet this year was held in Amish country: Lancaster, PA. Like many others, I could not get the time off to drive back so I flew into Baltimore and drove up to Lancaster. The car rental agency attendant had never heard of Lancaster but had some directions to York, PA. The directions to get out of Baltimore were impressive and I thought for sure I would become lost before I even got out of the airport! However, by gripping the wheel tightly and the directions even tighter I made it to York without difficulty. York, however, was a different matter. Exiting the freeway at York the directions said turn left on Market but the sign said to turn right for Lancaster. Oh, my. I got lost, of course, in far west York but finally made it to the hotel in Lancaster. The meet was held at the Lancaster Host as was the concours, which made it all convenient. As noted, it is interesting to see a different mix of cars. I have been driving Studebakers and in the SDC for some 38 years, all on the west coast so this was nice to see a different set of cars from the east coast. There were very many nice cars but the division that seemed to attract all the attention was the truck division. There was a nice mix of vendors located just adjacent to the hotel very near the first tee on the adjoining golf course. The 2010 committee had a table next to Chris and Chuck Collins vending table.

The committee for the next meet in Cedar Rapids was present and I encourage you to think about attending. I am thinking it will take me about 2 1/2 days to drive back to Iowa in one of my cars. Also, consider helping with the 2010 table as the committee will be there in force along with many items for sale. The 2010 committee continues to meet and will soon have a meeting of all committee chairs so please think of how you can help your club in this endeavor.

Closer to home and the present, the next club function will be on Sat., October 18 at Pioneer Village. More information and directions can be found in the calendar section of the award winning *Echo*. Deanna Manley is still looking for candidates for next year's slate of officers so if you are interested or just want to nominate someone, please contact Deanna. Operators are standing by to take your calls. You can also use email to contact her or see her in person at the next meeting! Hope to see you and your Studebakers at Pioneer Village!

Larry

Entertainment Books will be available to purchase at chapter meetings and events through December thanks to Steve Fein who obtained them as a chapter fund raiser. The book costs \$25, a savings of \$5.00 off regular price, and the profits from the sales goes to the chapter. With the coupons in the book you will realize a nice savings on many popular restaurants and attractions in the valley. The book is good through October 31, 2009.

Welcome New Members

Dan & Peggy Kisiel
 PO Box 1437
 Carefree, AZ 85377
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 1956 Golden Hawk

CELEBRATE!



October Birthdays

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Suzanne Fort | 18 | Colin Fort |
| 1 | Al Riedel | 18 | Terry Ker |
| 3 | John Kroulik | 20 | Larry Cushing |
| 4 | Geri Talbot | 20 | Betsy Provenzano |
| 4 | Stuart Tritt | 21 | Bill Cervini |
| 6 | Lennart Andersson | 23 | John Kemper |
| 9 | DeAnna Richardson | 23 | Larry Vahe |
| 10 | Keith Ambs | 27 | Walter Ready |
| 13 | Lola Horvath | 29 | Ed Caviar |
| 15 | Steve Mills | 29 | Paulette Fein |
| 16 | Norma Sexton | 29 | Cheryl Simmons |

October Anniversaries

- | | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 27 | Robert & Sharon Mitchell |
| 30 | John & Annie Kemper |

Children's Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to

October 10 Josh Lynch

Coming to your local post office, October 3rd.



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

44th International Meet News

By Colin Fort, Pacific Southwest Zone Director

The first day was the Board Meeting which went from 8AM to 5PM followed by the National hosting an opening gathering for the members in the evening. There were the traditional reports at the Board Meeting so I will only highlight some of the more important discussions. Our Vice President, Richard Dormois, gave us a report on future meet locations:

- 2009 Cedar Rapids, Iowa: July 12 – 18
- 2010 Glendale, Arizona
- 2011 Springfield, Missouri
- 2012 South Bend, Indiana
- 2013 We voted on Colorado Springs, Colorado

The Treasurer gave his report. We now have over \$1,000,000 in the bank. We also voted on a balanced budget for next year.

The Membership is now at 12,445 which is about a 2% drop from last year. We are still the largest independent marque club in the industry.

Ed Reynolds has established a new position to see if we can retain members that have dropped after the first or second year in the club.

We have also added an 18 year-old columnist to *Turning Wheels* to provide a perspective from the younger side.

The museum in South Bend reported that they have received the following additions to their collection this year:

1. 1949 2R5 Truck
2. 1949 Champion 4-Door Sedan
3. 1946 Champion 4-Door Sedan

The Board voted to donate a total of \$12,000 from the Capital Cost Committee Fund to provide an interactive educational program for children and an LCD projector to the museum in South Bend.

The Studebaker National Foundation which is a 501(c)(3) organization, voted to give scholarships furthering restoration work to needy students. We also gave a few hundred dollars to a museum in Denver to help with the restoration of a Silver Hawk in their collection.

The Board also voted to print an extra 3,000 copies of the Meet Issue of *Turning Wheels* so that we can give an extra 25 copies to each Chapter to be used as promotional material. The board also voted to stop the special membership fee for Junior Members. There were only a handful who applied for this status.

On a more controversial topic, the Board also decided to add a \$5 fee for those who want to enter the indoor swap meet at a national meet and have not registered for the meet. This will be done on a trial basis in Cedar Rapids.

All of the Officers were re-elected with the exception of the Treasurer's position. The new treasurer is Jane Stinson from Columbiaville, Michigan. Remember, if you need insurance for an event, the Treasurer is the person to contact.

If you ever want to learn more about the workings of the Club, everyone is invited to attend the Board Meeting.

We had a large selection of vendors and the Meet also hosted the International for the Avanti Club and the Antique Studebaker Club.

Tuesday had a number of seminars including one for the Newsletter Editors, a Co-operator Session, Presidents, Zone Coordinators and Regional Managers Meeting as well as tours and the General Membership Meeting in the evening advising the Membership as to what went on in the Board Meeting and giving Members a chance to address the Board on various topics.

Wednesday had other seminars including the internet newsgroup, judges training and a seminar on the Great Race. We also had the Studebaker Band Concert from 6 to 7 PM and then the annual auction from 7 to 11 PM. The auction is always worth attending.

Thursday had fun night but the major event this day was the Concours. Every year finds a different array of vehicles from the prior year. This year it was a very large number of Avantis and an unusually large number of 1956 models including several President 4-Door Sedans. 1956 was a lower production year so it was good to see a turnout. There was also a good display of trucks and over 44 C & K models that were judged. Judging in some divisions took all day. Special thanks go out to the judges.

Friday evening was the awards banquet where we handed out the trophies. We also handed out awards for the pocket watches and memorabilia. I judged the watch contest.

It would be helpful to provide you with some statistics on the meet. There were 785 registrations which accounted for 1541 people at the meet. This included 12 registrations from new members. There were 264 cars judged and 202 on display. There were members from every continent including our new International Director, Paul Dammes (and his wife) from Holland. We are all invited to the 10th Annual Studebaker-Packard meeting in Holland on May 15, 16, and 17, 2009.

If you have ever attended an SDC National Meet, you are hooked for life. There are a number of members who have not missed one of the 44 meets. I started going in 1975. As the famous band leader Spike Jones would say, "Shame, Shame on You" if you miss next year's meet in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Other Meet News

- ◆ Chester and Nancy Bradfield were honored at Welcome Night for their contributions to SDC which are many. Congratulations, Chester and Nancy.
- ◆ Monday's Welcome Night party hosted by the SDC Board featured a buffet supper served to 643 members.
- ◆ The International Drive Your Studebaker Day scheduled for July 4, 2009 was highly publicized during the meet.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 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 6** ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL (A.A.H.C.) MEETING 7:30 PM AT MEL MARTIN'S NEW PRIVATE CAR MUSEUM, 17641 N. BLACK CANYON HWY (ON EAST FRONT-AGE ROAD OFF I-17, NORTH OF BELL RD.). INFO: LARRY AT 623-486-1403. CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
- OCTOBER 10-12** **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET AT CROWN PLAZA HOTEL, MILPITAS, CALIF. HOSTED BY THE SEQUOIA CHAPTER. INFO: STUDEBAKER@IX.NETCOM.NET SEE REGISTRATION FORM IN JULY/AUGUST *ECHO*.**
- OCTOBER 12** ANNUAL AUTOMOTIVE PARTS EXCHANGE AND SWAP MEET PRESENTED BY VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB HELD AT GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NORTH PARKING LOT), 6000 W. OLIVE, GLENDALE FROM 7 AM TO 4 PM. FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING. SWAP SPACE \$35. CAR CORRAL \$10 PER CAR. INFO: DICK WHEELER, 602-618-0577.
- 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 19** ORPHAN CAR SHOW HOSTED BY THE ROADRUNNER CHAPTER, VMCCA AT LOS OLIVOS PARK, 2802 E. DEVONSHIRE ST. (ON 28TH ST. JUST NORTH OF INDIAN SCHOOL RD.) TO SUPPORT SUNSHINE ACRES CHILDREN'S HOME IN MESA. ENTRY IS \$10 PREREGISTRATION OR \$15.00 DAY OF SHOW. INFO: ANDE LANGE AT 623-393-0050. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT VENUE TO KEEP STUDEBAKER IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE.
- OCTOBER** AUCTION OF ANTIQUE PARTS & MEMORABILIA POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL.
- OCTOBER 26** **CHAPTER BOARD AND OFFICERS MEET AT 1:00 PM 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 ON PAGE 6 OR CALL 480-924-0826.**
- DECEMBER 6** **CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY. HOST AND VENUE NEEDED. CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET.**
- JANUARY 17, 2009** **ARIZONA WINTER STUDEBAKER CELEBRATION AT GOLD CANYON, 6100 S. KINGS RANCH RD. CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET, AWARDS BANQUET AND SEMINARS. INFO: RICHARD DORMOIS AT 480-827-8178 OR 1938STUDEMAN@EARTHLINK.NET**
- 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!

October Event

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

MEETING - NOVEMBER 22, 2008

Scott and Barbara Grainger have hosted the Nov. meeting for the past 5 years or so. The last two years have been at AZ State parks, Tonto Natural Bridge last year and Camp Verde the year before. This year we thought we'd come back home for the meet so we could show you the progress on Toto's renovation.

Location: Fort Grainger (not a State Park), 4135 E. Fairview Cir., Mesa, AZ 85206 Time: 1 – 4:30

1 PM greetings and salutations, kick the tires, preparations for slow drags, truck and car show on the grass. Stude drive down the driveway and along Studebaker Ave. to the grass. Brand X's park in front and along the street. 2 PM Slow drags out front. 3 PM Pot luck dinner & General meeting, Slow Drag winner awards presentations. Pot luck rules - Bring your favorite dish according to the alphabet guide set by the Chapter. Bring enough for twice the number in your party. Drinks, paper plates and utensils provided by the Chapter 4:30 Drive your Studebaker home before dark.

Bring Friends, Family, Chairs, Food. Info: call Scott or Barbara at 480-924-0826.

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions?	Call Chris at 602-995-5311		1	2	3	4
5	6 AAHC Meeting	7	8	9	10 PSW Zone Meet—Milpitas	11 Salem Boys
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Chapter Meeting
19 Orphan Show	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Board Meeting	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

WILKUM TO LANCASTER!

By Larry Vahe

The 44th International Meet in Lancaster, PA more than lived up to its host's name of 'Wilkum'. For those of us who made the trip it was indeed a welcoming experience. The grounds of the Lancaster Host Hotel were very nice and bordered up to a golf course. Many of us were attending meetings of one nature or another so we did not get to see the entire meet but from what was heard on the street it was indeed a grand meet. The tours left on a regular basis and those who participated said they had a wonderful time. Some of us took a side trip down PA 896 to Strasburg and the Penna Rail Road Museum. Once you got off the main Philly-Harrisburg highway (Route 30) the countryside was very rural, with the Amish influence noticed everywhere. Driving through Strasburg one saw many horse drawn conveyances and any one of a number of great places to eat. The rail road museum was in a beautifully enclosed structure with floor-to-ceiling glass windows that looked out over the local farms. Five beautifully restored Studebaker trucks were on display among the trains. (Editor's note: The owners are Chester Bradfield, Sharon Hall, Frank McCarthy, Jerry Kurtz and Don Jones.) The engine that was really noticed by us was GG-1, which stood for George Gage the engineer who developed these huge electric engines. What was special about the GG-1s was the fact that Raymond Loewy did the outside design using five golden strips, which helped define the Penna Rail Road for years to come.

The meet, of course, revolves around the concours on Thursday and this show did not disappoint. Some 256 judged cars were on display in various venues around the hotel. Every meet, it seems, has a great division and the division I heard the most talk about was the truck division. While I did not get over to see the trucks I did see them from the top of a small rise where the Larks were displayed. Many, many very beautiful cars were on display and what was a little different for those of us attending from the west coast were looking at all the east coast cars that we normally do not see. The auction was held, as usual, on Wednesday night. The Studebaker Band, under the able direction of Glen Shull, opened the festivities with a stirring rendition of the Pennsylvania Polka and the Studebaker Grand March. At this point Larry Swanson encouraged the audience to rise and march around the theater whilst the band played on. The Grand Canyon State Chapter again provided many of the musicians including Deanna Manley, French horn, Gary Keating, sax, Larry Vahe, clarinet and Larry Swanson, percussion. The bidding was enthusiastic and many items were sold by the auctioneer Richard Dormois. This very same auctioneer, overcome by excitement at the ASC auction, suffered a 'wardrobe malfunction', which will be



talked about for the balance of the millennium.

The banquet was well attended on Friday night. From Arizona, I saw the Sandburgs from Benson (who attended the 1980 meet in Gettysburg), the Watsons, Malcolm Stinson who attended with his sister and daughter, Jane. The food was quite good (beef or chicken, of course) and the main speaker was Patrick Foster. Okay, so who is Patrick Foster? He was a writer for *Special Interest Cars* (of which I still have many copies) and has been a writer in *Hemmings* since that august magazine began publishing. He gave a very good speech on the strengths of the Studebaker club and how we are helping preserve a part of Americana. Afterwards, the awards were presented. The only award that I know of that our club received was Malcolm's second place award and congratulations are in order, I'm sure!

Again, many thanks to the host Pennsylvania chapter for putting on such a fine meet and now we are looking forward to the next meet in Cedar Rapids, IA. Hope to see you there.

Attending from the Arizona chapters were John Agee & grandson Conner, Harold & Deanna Manley, Chuck & Louise Stanford, Bruce Sandburg, Delores Shurtz, Bruce & Maggie Wheeler, Chuck & Chris Collins, Denny & Jan Lockmon, Jon Carter, Brian & Aleta Millette, Colin & Suzanne Fort, Ron & Sherry Watson, Chester & Nancy Bradfield, Tom & Nancy Pfahler, Lew Dandurand, Keith Muske, Jerry Kaiser, Al & Anna Riedel, Malcolm Stinson, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Scott & Barbara Grainger, Gary & Sandie Keating, Dennis Lynde, David & Virginia Miller, Stuart Tritt, Larry Vahe, Bob & Mimi Halgren, Frank & Liz van Doorn, Larry Swanson, Dale & Norma Sexton, Frank Wenzel and Kurt Vandenburg.



Harold Manley staffs the 2010 information table at Lancaster in this photo. A big thank you to all the members who spent time talking with the many people who stopped by to pick up a flyer and brochures for the meet and to

buy t-shirts.

There was a great deal of interest from those who stopped at the table in attending the meet. Many SDC members have relatives and friends who live in the Phoenix area or the Southwest generally and plan to incorporate the meet into a visit to the area to see their families and friends.

If you attend an SDC meet you are invited to take flyers. Just ask a posse member for copies.

**2010 SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET COUNTDOWN !
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THERE ARE
607 DAYS UNTIL THE MEET.**

~ STUDEBAKER HISTORY ~ OCTOBER

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| 1 | 1954 | Studebaker-Packard merger approved. James Nance president. |
| 5 | 1802 | Rebecca Mohler Studebaker born. |
| 5 | 1826 | Henry Studebaker born. |
| 5 | 1945 | Studebaker Corp. acquires <u>Trans International Airlines</u> . |
| 6 | 1960 | Studebaker-Packard acquires D.W. Onan and Sons, Inc. |
| 8 | 1974 | Paul Hoffman dies. |
| 8 | 1982 | Stephen Blake buys Avanti Corp. |
| 9 | 1897 | Peter Studebaker dies. |
| 10 | 1833 | John M. Studebaker born. |
| 11 | 1887 | Studebaker engineer Delmar G. "Barney" Roos born. |
| 14 | 1820 | John C. Studebaker marries Rebecca Mohler. |
| 15 | 1958 | Curtiss Wright terminates management contract with Studebaker-Packard. |
| 31 | 1956 | Harold Churchill becomes president of Studebaker. |
| 31 | 1977 | Last Studebaker office closed at 613 S. Michigan St. |

Read more about Trans International Airlines -
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans_International_Airlines

Web Sites of Interest

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_aoyow4GjM
"Here is what proved to be George Krem's Plain Brown Wrapper on its last trip down the *Mid-Michigan Motorplex*, early evening Friday, September 12, 2008. The car won its first race here September 11, 1998 and won its last race, this one, eleven years later: September 12, 2008. A 55-second closing chapter of a fine legacy for Studebaker fans everywhere." Posted by Bob Palma to the SDC forum.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKU6FIY7xpc>
A video by the SDC webmaster Bob Shaw promoting the club.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiTt9ogHdGM>
Drive your Studebaker Day video.

Here are a few links for pictures from Lancaster -

<http://community.webshots.com/user/GuidoSalvage>

http://s287.photobucket.com/albums/ll160/wolfie_53/SDC%20Meet%20Lancaster%

<http://tinyurl.com/47lz25>

<http://s51.photobucket.com/albums/f368/larryyano/Lancaster%202008/> <http://tinyurl.com/426ub4>

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This * n That

Best wishes to **John Verrill** for a speedy recovery from shoulder surgery. Hope you are out working on your Studes soon.

Recently, **Tim Painter** of Yuma wrote about his 1953 Starlight on the SDC forum: "Some of you may remember my story about our '53 custom Starlight from Custer, SD, that has been in my wife's family since the 50s. Work done by her uncle and father transformed it into a T-Bird look-a-like in profile including a continental kit. We brought it to Yuma Labor Day weekend, 2003, and have had a lengthy and often frustrating restoration process, something many of you can identify with. We have replaced 6V with 12V, added AC, redone upholstery, added PS and PB, replaced '55 Chevy hood ornament (rechromed and for sale) with a '53 Stude one, new white over red paint job, etc.

We have been told all work will be completed by the end of the year. Knock on wood. If so, we will be able to use it as a daily driver, display it at Midnight at the Oasis parade and car show here in March, take it club meetings in Phoenix and local classic car get togethers, and put some miles on it next July 4th. While we still plan to get a fancier interior installed by our son-in-law and get a retro Stude radio/CD player, there may not be too much left to be done after this phase is finished. The dash, steering wheel, and V8 engine with 18,000 miles are original. Pictures to follow, hopefully, in January." We look forward to seeing it at the Winter Studebaker Celebration.

Congratulations to **Mike Barany** on receiving an AOA Outstanding Achievement Award for his ongoing effort in the processing of back issues of the *Avanti Magazine*.

After attending the International Meet in Lancaster, **Richard Dormois** and **Malcolm Stinson** went on to the Northeast Zone Meet in Enfield, Conn. the next weekend. Richard reported that Malcolm was the guest speaker at the banquet and did a great job of promoting our 2010 meet. Thanks, Malcolm and Richard.

Frank and Liz van Doorn attended the North Central Zone Meet in Rapid City in early September and received the people's choice award presented by **Mary Miller** as a memorial to her late husband Larry who served as SDC North Central Director for many years. The award is a very unique piece as it is assembled out of gears, bearings and timing chains.

We had a nice note from **John and Fran Rebstock**. "Greetings from cloudy N.D. We are settled in a 3rd floor apartment, meeting Model T owner, eating well, riding bus to stores, putting jig saw puzzles together, becoming Twins fans, etc. Have good memories of SDC. Keep rolling."

The Rebstocks' new address is 225 13th Ave W. # 3006, West Fargo, ND 58078.

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

Experiencing Lancaster

By Colin Fort

As you know, this year's International Meet was held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. This is in South Central Pennsylvania. The meet in 1980 in Gettysburg was probably the largest we have had to date in SDC and everyone was expecting an equally exciting meet filled with fun events and great tours.

Suzanne and I flew into Baltimore a few days prior to the meet starting on Monday the 15th. We had heard so much about the wonderful attractions in the area that we wanted to make sure we had enough time to fit in as many events as time would allow.

The first day we took a tour of Hershey's Chocolatetown and then we took a tour of The Antique Automobile Club of America's museum which is close to the chocolate factory. They had a number of Studebakers on display including an EMF, Erskine, Avanti, Packard Hawk (feature car on display) and a very rare Garford truck. I was given a tour through the storage area and they had a display of every model of Lettered Ford ever made including the large but rare model "K." There was a large display of buses and a separate display of antique motorcycles.

The next day we took a ride on an antique train which went through some of the farming country in the area. This was a relaxing and enjoyable ride and we were given a discussion on the history of the area dating back to revolutionary days. We then went across the street to a separate yet massive indoor display of trains including some of the very large locomotives from the 30s and 40s and a couple of unique Pennsylvania electric trains from the 1940s. As you may recall, much like the Bullet Nose, it was hard to tell whether the engine was coming or going. There were trains dating as far back as the 1830s. Other examples included passenger coaches, coal tenders, port office cars, baggage cars, etc. This was a real treat. It is one of the largest train collections in America



Chester Bradfield's truck on display at the Strasburg, PA train museum.

located in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. I believe it is even larger than the train collection in Sacramento, California or the display in the Ford museum in Dearborn.

As if we had not had enough entertainment that day, we also went through a couple of antique stores nearby.

The next day we went through the world's largest watch museum in Columbia, Pennsylvania. This was a wonderful history of all kinds of clocks, watches, and the evolution of time pieces dating back to the Egyptians. We

then went through a very large antique store close to the meet on Highway 30. I was lucky enough to find a Dinky model of a 1952 Studebaker 4-door sedan. I always look for Studebakers at swap meets. There were also a few nice Packard models but I was on a budget. I mentioned the purchase of the 1952 model to the meet co-host and she said she was just in the antique store yesterday and missed the car. This was my lucky day. There was also a very large selection of Lionel trains and parts for sale.

Another day we took a tour through Amish country stopping at a mall made up mostly of Amish products. We also toured a pretzel factory that day. Their claim was that almost 100% of the pretzels made in the U.S. were made in that area and that the Lancaster and neighboring counties consumed almost 80%. The food was to die for and the portions were large. Every day we went to a different restaurant including Amish food (Shoo-Fly Pie), an eastern type diner and a number of specialty restaurants. I think I gained a pound a day. We also enjoyed the Amish and their horse-drawn buggies which were everywhere. There were outlet stores galore and



Suzanne visited a Mennonite information center which gave a brief history of the Amish culture.

On the last day before the Meet, my wife convinced me to visit President Buchanan's home ("Wheatland") in Lancaster. I was not excited in the beginning but it turned out to be an excellent tour.

James Buchanan was our 15th President, just prior to Lincoln taking office. He was the only bachelor President and he had his niece help him at White House functions. They didn't know what to call her so they coined the name "First Lady." The Civil War came within 10 miles of his residence. After he left Office, he needed armed guards because there were threats against his life because many felt he might have held off the Civil War while he was in office. The parlor of his home was used as the Democratic Headquarters during his campaign. He only made two speeches during his run for office, the acceptance speech at the convention and the Inaugural Speech. His Republican opponent was John Charles Fremont. We had a guided tour of his home and out buildings and they had his carriage in the barn. I tried to see if it was a Studebaker carriage but it was hard to tell. He was never married or had any children but the funds he gave to relatives were eventually used to help fund the Children's Hospital in Baltimore and the Art Museum at the Smithsonian. He was said to be close friends with Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. This was some feat since it was only a generation after the War of 1812.

The weather was fabulous; neither too hot nor too humid. Although shortly after we left the rains came. The only tour I was not able to go on was the tour of the Harley-Davidson factory in Lancaster.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

AXLE BEARINGS



Q Any suggestions on how far to press axle bearings onto an Avanti tapered rear axle? The shop manual says "Press the bearing onto the shaft in an arbor press until it is tight". What exactly does this mean?

A It seems to me that you could (with a large enough press) press the bearings on too far (obviously ruining the bearing) or not far enough. You're right, unlike some axles with a distinct shoulder to stop the bearing, with enough pressure the Studebaker/Avanti bearing could be pressed on until the inner race splits.

Press the bearing on until the inner race is 4 7/16" from the end of the axle threads and you'll be close to factory spec.

Answer by John Kunkle on the Studebaker Newsgroup.

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Studes Take Center Stage

In conjunction with the Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet that was recently held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the AACA Museum in Hershey is holding a special Studebaker exhibit featuring not only its cars but Studebaker-built horse-drawn vehicles from the 1890s. Vehicles to be displayed include a Doctor's carriage from the 1890s, a 1911 Studebaker EMF, 1927 Erskine, 1931 President Convertible, 1941 President four-door sedan, a 1950 pick up truck, a 1952 convertible, a 1963 Avanti R-2, and a fresh barn-find 1941 President recently discovered in a barn less than 50 miles from the museum where it had been stored for over 50 years.

The 1931 Studebaker President Convertible used during the administration of Governor Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, is on display as well. These significant Studebakers will be on view until Sunday, October 12, which is the weekend of the Hershey Fall Meet held just down the road. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m..

For additional information, call 717-566-7100 or visit <http://www.aacamuseum.org>.

By Richard Lentinello, *Hemmings e-Weekly Newsletter*.

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MISC. FOR SALE

9 Brass Tool Checks. 2 from South Bend, the rest from LA plant. Round & octagonal. Ted Sebern, Calif. 805-927-4053 (3)

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More pictures provided by the Leeper family of the Yuma dealership and their Studebakers.

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