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2009 Arizona Winter Studebaker Celebration

Saturday, January 17th

at



6100 S. Kings Ranch Rd.
Gold Canyon, AZ

10:00am Car Show with People's Choice
Judging and Swap Meet

12:00pm Awards Luncheon and Program

1:30pm Tech Session and Ladies Seminar

Studebakers, Pierce-Arrows, Packards, Avantis
and related vehicles welcome.

Host: Richard Dormois

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Editorially Speaking

Chuck and I were very surprised by the special recognition at the Chapter Holiday Party. We thank the Chapter and the board members who did the honors for the gift card and letter opener.

This month you will find reprinted on page 10 an article about detailing your Studebaker written by a member of the Kern County Chapter, SDC. As we approach the 2010 SDC International Meet to be held here in Glendale and you are preparing your Studes for the concours or display, we welcome any tips you have for making your vehicle look its best. If you use a special product or have a handy tip for cleaning a trouble spot, please send it to me for publication.

Thank you to all who renewed their paid ads. They are Ken Michael, Premier Irrigation, Lionel Stone and StudebakerParts.com. Please patronize our advertisers, if you have a need for the services or products they provide. All of these advertisers are members, as well.

Congratulations to Steve and Paulette Fein, winners of the editor's post card contest; the prize was having their 2009 chapter dues paid by yours truly.

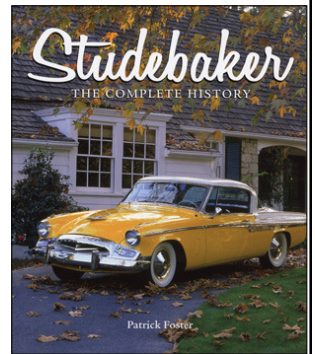
Happy New Year! See you on the 17th. *Chris*

BOOK ORDER

The publisher of *Studebaker: The Complete History* by Patrick Foster book is offering clubs a discount for ordering 10 or more books placed in one order. A copy of the Foster book was donated for the auction at the holiday party and the interest in the book was high demonstrated by the spirited bidding. When the offer of a discount was made, several members indicated an interest in ordering one of the books at the discount price. The offer is 46% off the retail price of \$40.00 and the price to members which includes shipping is \$25.00.

If you already have this book, you can choose to order a different book at 46% off. Check out the selection at <http://www.motorbooks.com/>.

To order this or any book from the publisher, please contact Chris at ccollinsaz@cox.net or 602-995-5311. Make payment arrangements when you call.



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President's Message

Even though this is the New Year I would be remiss if I did not wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope you also had a good Christmas and found that wished-for Studebaker under your tree! Some even wish for a white Christmas and as I write this the snow is beginning to fall. For those of you who have not lived in the northern latitude states you do not realize just how quiet it is when it does snow. Perhaps not so much in the big city with all your cars but here in little Prescott it becomes very quiet. I'm looking out the window at the pines laden with snow and occasional deer working down the trail behind my house and it's truly a wintry post card picture. Okay, you say, is there any downside in living a winter post card scene? Well, maybe. A potential downside is someone has to shovel the stuff and driving in the snow ain't all that great, either. Come to think of it, chaining up/down and sweeping the cinders and mud out of the garage isn't so keen either. My daughter, who is going to college in West Virginia, called to say she just slid off some ice on the road, bent her rim and punctured her tire. As I dwell on all of this, the ten years I lived in Scottsdale don't seem all that bad and I do not remember having to shovel snow even once! All right, I'm convinced: I'm selling the house and moving back to the Valley of the Sun!!! Anyone interested in a house with a snowy view???

On a more Studebakerly note, I thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas dinner and thanks to Denny Lockmon for securing the meeting hall and to all who prepared the wonderful food; as usual I ate far too much! Awards were handed out to the most deserving officers: Denny Lockmon, Chris & Chuck Collins and Richard Dormois. Congratulations and more congrats on being elected back to office. For Denny and Richard this is year three and for Chris and Chuck, well, let's just say they are 39 once again! Your club is very lucky to have such a good group of officers. And, congratulations to the new board: Steve Fein, Dennis Lynch (re-upping for year two) and Sherry Watson. We are also lucky to have our webmaster, Ron Crowe, back and I encourage you to visit his well presented website. The picture of the three Speedsters taken at the International Meet in Spokane has to be the central point of the web!

After a fine repast, Malcolm Stinson was presented an award for being the Member of the Year. Malcolm has been very active in our club and hosted the July meeting held at his place in Show Low. It was a good idea to relive some of his past as he forgot he lived for awhile in New Hampshire; all this time he thought he lived in Connecticut! I'm happy we were able to clear this up for him. Richard Dormois began our auction despite just getting out of the hospital the day before. With some help from Deanna Manley, the auction proceeded very well with spirited bidding on a number of items. Along with a receiving a tidy sum from the auction we received \$42 from the sale of surplus turkey and ham! Thank you all for participating.

Denny Lockmon, as usual, has a great line-up of

CELEBRATE!



January Birthdays

1	Delores Shurtz	12	Hugh McDowell
2	Anna Riedel	13	Ron Crowe
3	Willie Shearhart	18	Aileen Ten Eyck
4	Sherry Pfingstag	28	Bill Simmons
4	Don Robertson	28	George Smith
5	Nora Gooch	29	Frieda Vindendahl
6	Lenka Hospodka	30	Evelyn Verrill
7	Frank van Doorn	31	Sherry Watson
9	Carol Lee		

January Anniversaries

4	Tom & Nancy Pfahler
5	Charley & Judy Haverstick
5	Tim & Joen Painter
9	Gary & Bea Graham
9	Bob & Lisa Trenter
19	Ed & Linda Smith
25	Fred & Nora Gooch
31	Chris & Rachel Eastburn



Children's Birthday Corner Happy Birthday to

January 13 Gwen Eastburn

tours and events starting with the Studebaker Winter Celebration this Jan 17 at Gold Canyon. Some members are planning to stay overnight and tour the delightful actions of the Far East valley and the Superstition Mountains. Some may even plan a little mining venture and find the Lost Dutchman Mine! One can only imagine what Jacob Waltz would think about Phoenix if he could see it today! I also wonder why it's called the Lost Dutchman when Waltz nee: Walz, was from Wutternburg, Germany? In any event we hope you'll get your Studebakers out and on the road to Gold Canyon. See you there!

Larry

Thank you, Larry, for your service!

2009 Dues are Due

Your Chapter dues for 2009 are due January 1st. Please send your dues with a completed application to the address on the form. Please remember you must be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club to be a member of the Chapter and if you are delinquent please include those dues with the chapter's.

And, to keep our roster accurate, be sure your information is up to date including the Studes you own.

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Richard Dormois

President Larry Vahe called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, Saturday, December 6, 2008 at the Lakeview United Methodist Church, 10298 West Thunderbird Boulevard, Sun City, after a superb holiday meal and introductions of each member and guest at the Chapter Holiday Party. Larry welcomed the assembled multitudes, in particular expressed appreciation for the children present and the chapter expressed their appreciation for the wonderful venue arranged by our hosts Denny and Jan Lockmon.

Secretary Richard Dormois commenced reading the minutes of the November 22, 2008 chapter meeting, but was interrupted by a hasty motion and second to avoid the oration. Motion passed and the minutes were accepted as published in the December *Echo*.

Treasurer Chuck Collins gave a detailed financial report, indicating the chapter is solvent.

Pacific Southwest Zone Coordinator, Jon Carter, shared a message about a special admission offer to the Barrett Jackson Auction on January 12, 2009 for car clubs.

Echo Editor/Membership Chair, Chris Collins, expressed appreciation for the support she has received with articles and ads, during the year for the *Echo* and congratulated Steve and Paulette Fein for winning the Post Card Contest for 2008 she sponsored. She mentioned she is accepting chapter dues for 2009 and outlined the difference between receiving the *Echo* by email or the US Postal Service and recognized Webmaster, Ron Crowe and pointed out enhanced color images on the website.

SDC Publications Director, Larry Swanson recognized Chris Collins for her excellent service as the newsletter editor for our chapter organ, the *Echo*.

2010 "Best In The West" International Meet Co Chair, Deanna Manley, updated the membership on planning for the meet hosted by the Grand Canyon State Chapter, gave a history of the "Arizona Sheriff" and introduced committee chairmen: Brian Millette, Memorabilia Room; Claudia Robinette, Ladies Luncheon; Bill and Cheryl Simmons, Goodie Bags and Seminars; Lorilee Kroulik, Banquet; Dennis Lynde, Tours; Ron and Vicky Crowe, Merchandise; Chris Eastburn, Security; Chris Collins, Registration; Denny Lockmon, Swap Meet; Richard Dormois, Publicity and Advertising. She invited the chapter to the committee chair joint planning meeting at the Glendale Renaissance, January 10, 2009.

Larry Vahe thanked chapter officers serving on his watch and introduced 2009 officers - Larry Vahe, president; Denny Lockmon, Vice President; Richard Dormois, Secretary; Chuck Collins, Treasurer; Sherry Watson, Steve Fein, Dennis Lynde, Board of Directors. He encouraged nominations for 2010 and outlined presidential responsibilities.

Appreciation was expressed to Ron Crowe for his untiring efforts this year as Chapter Webmaster.

Board Members Steve Fein, Ron Crowe and

Dennis Lynde presented Denny Lockmon, Chris Collins, Chuck Collins and Richard Dormois with tokens of appreciation for dedication to the chapter in 2008.

Dennis Lynde updated the Chapter on the "Best In The West" 2010 International Meet Tours to Wickenburg, Grand Canyon, Gold King Mine, Penske Museum and car collections, Desert Botanical Gardens and the Heard Museum.

Denny Lockmon shared details of "Toys For Tots", December 7; 2010 Committees, January 10; Arizona Studebaker Celebration, January 17; Southern Arizona Chapter Banquet and Auction at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch, January 18; Wickenburg Driving Tour and Gas Economy Run, February 21; Arizona Community Church Motorsports Day, March 14; All Arizona Studebaker Gathering, March Madness, March 28; Chapter meeting in Mesa at George Gezelius home, April 18; ASC Southwest Zone Meet in Cottonwood, April 30-May 3; Pacific Southwest SDC Zone Meet in Sacramento, May 15-17; the International Drive Your Studebaker Day, July 4, 2009 and "Midnight At The Oasis" in Yuma.

Richard encouraged the chapter to attend the Arizona Winter Studebaker Celebration at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort on January 17 which now includes the Arizona Avanti Owners Association and Arizona State Chapter, Antique Studebaker Club Meetings as well as seminars on Breast Cancer Awareness and Aligning Your Studebaker Front End and the People's Choice Judging, Swap Meet and Awards Luncheon. Two People's Choice Awards sponsorships were received from Chris and Rachel Eastburn of Premier Irrigation.

Larry Vahe presented the Member Of The Year Award to Malcolm Joseph Stinson Jr. of Show Low, Arizona for his dedicated service to the Grand Canyon State Chapter in 2008. Larry shared Malcolm's relationship with the Studebaker marque and old car hobby for the past four decades. The silver coin award depicts a 1954 Studebaker Station Wagon, one of which Mr. Stinson recently acquired.

Malcolm Stinson asked for expressions of interest in our Chapter's participation in the "Run To The Pines" car show in Pinetop Lakeside in September limited to five hundred and fifty cars. There was sufficient interest to pursue special recognition for Studebakers.

Michell Eastburn was recognized for her usual exemplary job of preparing and serving beverages for our Holiday Party.

Richard Dormois and Deanna Manley conducted the annual Holiday Benefit Auction of memorabilia, toys, handcrafts, gift baskets, white elephants, photographs, parts and jewelry, which netted over twelve hundred dollars for hall rental, dinner expenses and the treasury. The quality and quantity of donations surpassed previous years. A special thank you to all who made and donated things to sell and all of you who purchased them.

Ed Smith, Claudia Robinette, Brian and Aleta Millette, Denny and Jan Lockmon, Steve and Paulette Fein, Chris and Chuck Collins, Larry Swanson, Marlene Benson and Richard Dormois told the membership about the hobbies they displayed.

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GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY 5** ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL (A.A.H.C.) MEETING 7:30 PM AT SANDERSON FORD TRUCK DEALERSHIP MEETING ROOM. 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE. INFO: LARRY AT 623-486-1403. CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
- JANUARY 10** 2010 SDC MEET COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEET AT GLENDALE RENAISSANCE HOTEL AT 10:00 AM. INFO: DEANNA MANLEY AT 480-981-8886 OR HPDLMANLEY@MSN.COM.
- JANUARY 12** CAR CLUB DAY AT BARRET-JACKSON. SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS.
- JANUARY 17** ARIZONA WINTER STUDEBAKER CELEBRATION AT GOLD CANYON GOLF RESORT, 6100 S. KINGS RANCH RD., GOLD CANYON, AZ. CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET AT 10:00 AM, LUNCH AND AWARDS AT NOON. SEMINARS AFTER LUNCH. INFO: RICHARD DOR-MOIS AT 480-827-8178 OR 1938STUDEMAN@EARTHLINK.NET.
- JANUARY 18** SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING AT TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH, TUCSON. SHOW AND SHINE AT 10:30 AM, DINNER AT 11:30, AUCTION FOLLOWS (BRING A STUDEBAKER ITEM TO DONATE). BUFFET \$18.50 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - NO WALK INS PLEASE. RSVP BY JANUARY 10TH TO LOUISE AT 520-888-1563 OR CSTANFORD2@COX.NET. DIRECTIONS TO TANQUE VERDE ARE: FROM I-10, TAKE THE SPEEDWAY RD EXIT AND GO EAST UNTIL IT ENDS AT THE GUEST RANCH.
- FEBRUARY 21** DRIVING TOUR AND ECONOMY RUN TO WICKENBURG, VISIT TO DESERT CABALLEROS MUSEUM, LUNCH AND MEETING. INFO: DENNIS LYNDE AT 480-893-3425 OR DLYNDE012@AOL.COM OR SEE PAGE 7.
- FEBRUARY 22** AAHC "UNITED WE DRIVE" CAR SHOW AT SANDERSON FORD, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE. 10AM-3PM. OPEN TO ALL CARS & TRUCKS. \$15.00 PER VEHICLE BEFORE 2-10-09, \$20 DAY OF SHOW. \$25, SWAP MEET SPACE. TROPHIES, CLUB PARTICIPATION AWARD. INFO: AL TRACY 623-937-7278.
- MARCH 14** ACC 11TH ANNUAL MOTORSPORTS DAY (FORMERLY IN JANUARY), 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM AT ARIZONA COMMUNITY CHURCH, 9325 S RURAL RD., TEMPE. REGISTER AT WWW.ACCMSD.ORG. LET DEANNA KNOW AT 480-981-8886 WHEN YOU REGISTER.
- MARCH 28** ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING - MARCH MADNESS - AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARK, 10919 S. CENTRAL AVE., PHOENIX, FROM 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. FUN JUDGING, RAFFLE, CONCOURS JUDGING SEMINAR, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY. BRING CHAIRS AND YOUR PICNIC LUNCH. DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET.
- APRIL 18** CHAPTER MEETING AT GEORGE GEZELIUS HOME. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.
- APRIL 30 - MAY 3** ASC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET AT QUALITY INN, COTTONWOOD. 800-710-4207. \$75.00 W/BREAKFAST. TOUR INCLUDES GOLD KING MINE ON SATURDAY. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SHERRY WATSON AT 928-710-4493.
- MAY 15-17** PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET HOSTED BY KAREL STAPLE CHAPTER AT THE LIONS GATE HOTEL, SACRAMENTO. INFO: FRANK SMITH 707-255-5108.
- JULY 4, 2009** INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. ON THE ROAD...AROUND THE WORLD. WATCH *TURNING WHEELS* FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.
- JULY 12-18** 45TH SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA HOSTED BY THE HAWKEYE CHAPTER AT THE CLARION HOTEL. CALL NOW FOR RESERVATIONS AT 319-366-8671. FOR MEET INFO CONTACT AL MEEKER AT 319-377-1069 OR STUDEMEME@MSN.COM.

Let's Kick off 2009 in Studebaker Style

Submitted by Richard Dormois

Let us kick off our New Year in our own grand style by hosting the Arizona Winter Studebaker Celebration Saturday, January 17 at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort. It looks like quite a bit of interest has been generated in our annual event from several parts of North America thanks to exposure we have been given in national media. I have received inquiries from Saskatchewan, Missouri, Michigan and Nebraska in the last couple of weeks, asking how to get to Gold Canyon.

The Arizona Avanti Owners Association and the Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club have made our meet the venue for their winter membership meetings as well as our own chapter meeting where we will have a program and welcome our 2009 slate of officers.

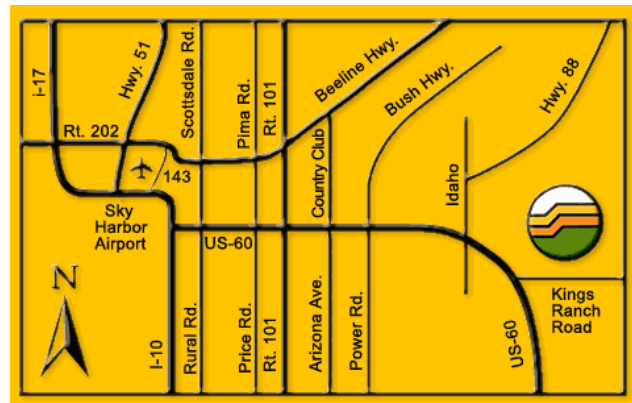
If you haven't sent your awards sponsor check in, now would be a good time to do it to give Stuart time to make the trophies. Just send a check for thirty dollars to The Right Impression, 319 S. Chestnut, Kimball, Nebraska, 69145.....Thank you.

I'm excited about bringing in 2009 at our new beautiful venue at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort, 6100 Kings Ranch Road, Gold Canyon, Arizona just east of Apache Junction off US Highway 60. Swap Meet and People's Choice Judging at 10:00 AM. Awards luncheon at noon and "Breast Cancer Awareness" and "Aligning Your Studebaker Front End" at 1:30 PM.....Any ques-


tions about the meet or how to get there, just give me a shout at 1938studeman@earthlink.net or 480-827-8178.

Arrive by 10:00 for the car show with people's choice judging and a swap meet (bring any Studebaker parts you'd like to clear out of your garage). Then at noon, we'll go inside for lunch, awards presentation and a membership meeting. The cost for lunch is \$13.00 and you pay at the door. After the luncheon program, there will be two seminars. One is a tech seminar in the parking lot with George Gezelius giving pointers on aligning your Studebaker front end. For the women there is a seminar in the same room as lunch on breast cancer awareness.

The resort is offering a special room rate if you wish to stay either Friday or Saturday night. It is \$135.00. To make your reservations, call 480-982-9090 and mention our Studebaker function.



January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311		1 Happy New Year!	2	3
4	5 AAHC Meeting	6	7	8	9	10 2010 Commit- tee Meeting
11	12 Club Day at B-J Auction	13	14	15	16	17 Winter Celebration
18 SAC Banquet	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

LOOKING AHEAD FEBRUARY EVENT

DRIVING TOUR AND ECONOMY RUN

Submitted by Dennis Lynde

On February 21st, we will have a preview of a driving tour I have planned for the 2010 International Meet. We will drive to Wickenburg, visit the beautiful Desert Caballeros Western Museum on a guided tour and then stop at the Country Kitchen restaurant for lunch and our meeting. The admission to the Museum is \$5.00 (normally \$7.50) and lunch is very reasonably priced and very good at the Country Kitchen.

Wickenburg is only a 44 mile drive from Glendale on flat divided highway and very easy to do. We will meet on US 60 several blocks north of Bell road, across the street from Sun City West and Del Webb Hospital. There is a light there at Reems road and a Wachovia Bank. Turn left and you top off your gas tank at the Valero gas station for the economy run portion of our tour. There is a McDonald's right next door where you can get a bite to eat or some coffee if you like. We will meet between 8:30 and 9:00 and leave at 9:00 to caravan to Wickenburg.

We will stop at the first gas station in Wickenburg, fill up our tanks and calculate the results, and then continue on to the Museum at 21 N. Frontier St. You go to the only traffic light in town, turn left, go 1 block to Apache Drive, go 1 block to Frontier and turn left again. The museum is at the end of the block. After the Tour of the museum, we will drive back to the Country Kitchen, which is located on US 60 at the entrance to town on the West side of the road and have lunch and our meeting and award the coveted Gas Hog Award. I'll let someone else be the proud holder of this beautiful perpetual trophy. It's unique, It's beautiful, I just don't have room for it any more.



Club Day at Barrett-Jackson Auction

Chapter members are invited by the Barrett-Jackson Auction Company to join them on Monday, January 12th for discounted ticket day. You will receive a \$5.00 discount, so tickets will be \$10.00. Gates are open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and you will need to show your SDC membership card or wear you Chapter name badge to receive the discount. While there is no auction on that day, you will be able to preview vendor/sponsor booths and auction vehicles. There is no special parking for club cars so this is not a car show.

You can contact Danica Solesbee at dsolesbee@barrett-jackson.com if you have a question. You can visit the B-J website to preview cars and check their schedule at <http://www.barrett-jackson.com>.

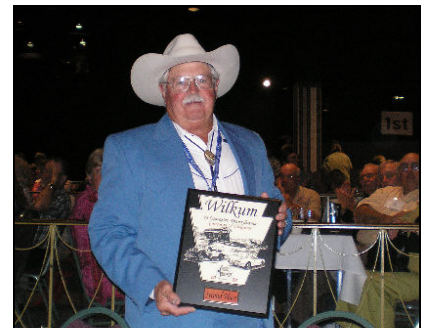
Member of the Year

In honor of his many contributions to the Chapter and the Studebaker hobby, Malcolm J. Stinson, Jr. was named Member of the Year at the Holiday Party by the GCSC board. Below is a thank you note from Malcolm.

I was completely overwhelmed when Larry Vahe started talking about the member of the year. I had absolutely no idea that it was going to be me and it just blew me away. I do what I can to help promote the SDC and do it just because I want to, never expecting anything in return. As I said, I was and still am overwhelmed.

To clarify one point, it was Connecticut that I started a club named "The Westerly Pawcatuck Region Of the AACA." It was named this because each town is on each side of the border. Pawcatuck is on the west side

of the Pawcatuck River and Westerly is on the east side. And the Pawcatuck River being the border divider. I was very lucky when I was back there for the New England Zone Meet, the Wednesday before I attended the W/P club meeting and really enjoyed it. It is so nice to know that the



Malcolm receiving a first place award at the International SDC Meet in Lancaster.

Photo courtesy of Sherry Watson.

club is still going very strong. Several years ago I was made an Honorary Member and receive the news letter every month.

Again, I thank the Grand Canyon State Chapter for this honor.

Sincerely, Malcolm

Web Site of Interest

In the December 18th *Chicago Sun-Times* online blog, movie critic and Studebaker driver Roger Ebert posts a great journal of his Studebaker history: *I've got the sweetest set of wheels in town - Roger Ebert's Journal*

Go to Roger Ebert's Journal: http://blogs.suntimes.com/ebert/2008/12/ive_got_the_sweetest_set_of_wh.html

Petition to get Studebaker in next *Cars* movie is here: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/studebaker/>

CHAPTER NAME BADGE

Order your Chapter name badge with a pin back by contacting Chris Collins at ccollinsaz@cox.net or 602-995-531. The price is \$5.00 each. If you wish to have a magnet back on your badge, the price is \$6.00 each.

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Chris Eastburn won the fifty fifty drawing of ninety dollars and Neal and Cindy Maylaert were awarded the Studebaker drivers prize.

Special thanks to the table hostesses who all had beautiful holiday table settings - John and Annie Kemper, Sara MacFadden and family, Peggy Eastburn, Maryanne Eastburn, Rachel Eastburn, Claudia Robinette, Aleta Millette, Steve and Paulette Fein, Pat Swanson, Deanna Manley and Sherry Watson.

A big thank you to all who brought delicious side dishes and desserts to go with the ham and turkey provided by the Chapter.

Attending were Brian & Aleta Millette, Steve & Paulette Fein and family, Willard & Ruth Pike (1956 President), Charley & Judy Haverstick, Clarence & Deborah Haskins (1963 GT Hawk), Denny & Jan Lockmon (1964 Avanti), Mary & Mike Barany (1979 Avanti), Ron & Vicky Crowe (1964 GT Hawk), Viril & Mary Layton, Scott & Marlene Benson, Bruce Sandberg, Delores Shurtz, Linda Saar & Dennis Lynde (1963 GT Hawk), Sherry & Ron Watson, Ed & Linda Smith (1951 stakebed pickup), Bruce, Pat & Lori Slifer, Cheryl & Bill Simmons, Jim Clever, Bruce & Linda Cook, John & Annie Kemper (1958 Hawk), Dan Kuhl (1959 Pickup), Bof & Mary Schouten (1952 Champion), John, Tracy, Thayer & Jillian Smith, Pat & Jim Boehnlein and grandchildren Enzo & Xander (1950 Champion), Sara, Anita & Kevin MacFadden, Bryan & Doris Giesler (1963 GT Hawk), Claudia Robinette, Richard Dormois, Walt & Kitty Jazwinski (1960 Lark), George Gezelius, Neal & Cindy Maylaert, Chris, Rachel & Aubrey Eastburn (1963 Champ), Bill & Peggy Eastburn (1964 Wagonaire), Michell Eastburn, Will, Maryanne, Domenica & Gwen Eastburn (1959 Lark), Harold & Deanna Manley, John, Lorilee & Makenna Kroulik (1963 GT Hawk), Ike & Virginia Quigley, Malcolm Stinson, Larry & Pat Swanson, Larry Vahe (1963 Avanti), Jon Carter, Chris & Chuck Collins.



A few of the Studebakers in the parking lot.

Festive tables and delicious food were awaiting the party guests.

(Photos courtesy of Steve Fein.)



Calling all Committee Chairs

Submitted by Deanna Manley

The new year has begun and we are starting 2009 off with a combined Posse and Committee Chair meeting held at the Glendale Renaissance Hotel, the site of our 2010 International Meet. All Committee Chairs need to attend to visit the site for the first time for some of you, get an update of what has been accomplished so far and plan the future. 2009 will be a busy year as we finalize as much as possible, problem solve and share ideas to make this meet the best ever.

The meeting will begin at 10:00am so meet in the lobby of the hotel and we will go to the meeting room together and tour the facilities. The Renaissance is just east of the 101 Freeway off of Glendale Ave., next to the Cardinal Stadium. You can see the multi-story hotel from the freeway and you will need to park north of the building in the Westgate City Center parking area. Then walk in the main entrance and find the group.

Bring your questions and ideas and note paper so we can plan every detail. The following is the list of Committee Chairs that we will need to see there. If you can not attend please call Deanna at 480-981-8886 ASAP. If possible send a substitute from your committee so there will be representation.

See you there.

Larry and Deanna

Parking-Scott Grainger	Auction-Gary Keating
Security-Chris Eastburn	Memorabilia-Brian Millette
Goodie Bags-Cheryl Simmons	Banquet-Lorilee Kroulik
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This 'n That

Congratulations to **Bob Lorenz** for having his beautiful 1956 Power Hawk on the cover of the December *Turning Wheels* and kudos to **John and Tracy Smith** for appearing with their pickup in the "My Cool Car" feature in the Sunday, December 7 issue of the *Arizona Republic*. It's good to see members' Studes showcased and hope to see more in the future.

June Kaiser, Chapter member from Marana, is the new editor of *The Copper Starlight*, the newsletter of our sister chapter in southern Arizona. She just sent out her first issue and it is very nice. Congrats, June.

Thanks to **Charley Haverstick** for sharing the December, 2008 *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine. A highlight of the issue was a profile of Bill Oliver, long time Studebaker parts and service specialist in Long Beach.

Per a note from **Mike Barany**, the Studebaker National Museum learned in early December that it has received accreditation. That's good news, indeed.

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

The Reason for This Book

The *Arizona Sheriff* by Major Grover F. Sexton, the Deputy from Yavapai, is a book published by the Studebaker Corporation in 1925 to showcase the use of the Studebaker cars by the sheriffs of twelve Arizona counties.

In the upcoming months, as we approach the 2010 "Best in the West" SDC International Meet, your editor will excerpt some of the stories Major Sexton wrote for this book commissioned by Studebaker. Because of its use by the Arizona sheriffs, Studebaker named the 5-passenger Big 6 Duplex-Phaeton "The Sheriff". The car was chosen to be incorporated into the meet logo by the 2010 meet committee as a symbol of the Arizona's Old West history. Below is reprinted the Studebaker Corporation's reason for publishing the book.

The following stories of sheriff-ing in Arizona are not fiction. They are picturesque or thrilling incidents in the daily lives of the men who make life and property more safe in the remote mountains and deserts of the "Copper State" than in the streets of some great cities where thousands of police walk short beats night and day.

In achieving this result the Arizona sheriff finds a swift, sturdy automobile absolutely essential.

Twelve of the fourteen counties of Arizona furnish the sheriff's office with an automobile. Every one of these twelve has bought a Studebaker.

When this story came to South Bend, we commissioned Major Grover F. Sexton to visit each of these

twelve sheriffs and see just what service Studebaker cars were rendering to the people of Arizona. Over fine roads leading through majestic scenery - a veritable tourist paradise - he visited rich mines, vast ranches, fertile, irrigated farms, picturesque pueblos.

In each county Major Sexton gathered stories of adventure. During his stay at Prescott he was commissioned a deputy and assisted in the capture of a moonshiner who had killed a bootlegger. At Yuma he accompanied the sheriff in a swift chase of robbers who had looted a bank and killed the cashier.

He found that both good roads and bad roads gave the sheriff's Studebaker a severe test. Across the mesas stretched broad, smooth highways devoid of intersections where the throttle was thrown wide open and left open. There were wagon trails up into remote mountain valleys where the car was driven relentlessly in the teeth of ruts, rocks and steep grades. There were stretches of desert where no trace of trail existed but over which criminals must be pursued by a car crashing through brush and cactus stumps in the night. He found that Arizona sheriffs and their deputies insist on driving Studebakers because they stand up under this hard service.

Every sheriff-driver there has tried other makes of motor cars. At least two sheriffs have preferred to keep old Studebakers to receiving new cars of other makes offered them.

Stories of Arizona sheriffs - their courage, their humor, their keen intelligence - as collected by Major Grover F. Sexton, Deputy Sheriff of Yavapai County, are published in the following pages. They tell how these soft spoken, hard driving men with nimble guns keep the highways and byways of Arizona safe by swift and certain capture of wrongdoers.

Detailing Tips by Steve Montgomery

Now that you have acquired that 40 or 50 year old Studebaker you may notice the windshield has a dullness to it not apparent in your new car. That isn't something you have to live with. Aside from sand pitting what you are looking at is most likely lime buildup. You can get your windshield and all other glass looking bright as your new car by mixing up a solution of CLR cleaner and water. I use about 1/4 to one mix and a sponge with a gentle abrasive side. Because you aren't trying to scratch the glass itself, don't use those with a hard scratch pad. Wipe the solution on the glass, let it sit for a couple of minutes and rub and wash it off. Your glass should look much different than when you tried looking through it.

Do you have a small amount of paint over spray or other hard to remove residue on your glass or chrome? Try Bon Ami powdered cleanser. This stuff isn't as hard as other powdered cleaners and won't scratch your chrome or glass. Regular Ajax and Comet cleanser in the round cans, on the other hand, will. They aren't the same. I use Bon Ami to clean badly stained china like coffee cups and they come out looking flawless. While I'm on this subject, Bon Ami is an environmental and health friendly non-toxic cleaning compound. Unlike other powdered cleansers, it contains no bleach.

I don't recommend using SOS pads on chrome or stainless surfaces but you can get away with using those steel soap impregnated pads for cleaning off tough rust or other junk that has built up on metal or other hard surfaces. One strong word of caution is to not overuse the pad. The soap compound in the pad also provides lubricant to keep the pad from gouging or scratching the metal surface. Once the soap is gone that pad will start to mar the surface you are trying to clean.

Were the last folks to drive your car smokers? Smoking in the car, like smoking anywhere else, leaves a buildup of nicotine on surfaces and saturates fabric. One cleaner that cuts nicotine residue from non-porous plastic or vinyl surfaces is Simple Green. Mix 50 percent with water and spray or wipe it on. Watch the nasty brownish greenish nicotine residue melt away leaving your plastic looking like it did when it was new.

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

ZDDP and Motor Oil



Malcolm Stinson recommends that members read or re-read Bob Palma's comments about ZDDP and motor oil in the December, 2008 *Turning Wheels* Co-Operator column (pages 7 and 8 or if you are reading the newsletter on line, see page 13). ZDDP is an additive in oil and is also available as a separate product. He feels it is important for us with our old cars that use flat-tappet camshafts to know the benefits of ZDDP.

Malcolm sells an additive, ZDDPlus, for \$10.00 a can which is also available from Studebaker International and Myers Studebaker Parts.

To learn more about the product or to purchase it you can contact Malcolm at 928-537-2571 or studebakersw@frontiernet.net.

For additional information about the subject, you can read a thread on the SDC Technical Talk Forum about oil (search "oil"). Here is a link to an SDC member's thesis on the subject of oil and ZDDP at <http://systems-engineering-associates.com/avocation>.

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Motor Oil - Again

By Bob Palma

This topic seems to have finally settled down a bit. Most hobbyists understand the contemporary oils marketed for contemporary engines don't contain enough ZDDP (zinc dialkyldithiophosphate, if you can pronounce it) to adequately protect flat-tappet camshafts found in all Studebakers.

ZDDP is nothing new or a miracle snake oil; it's been in oil for years to cushion the tremendous scraping (shear) load of cam lobes pushing up on flat-tappet lifters. In fact, it's still in contemporary oil....but at maybe one-fourth the concentration our engines need. The concentration "we" need would damage catalytic converters on new vehicles, and since they have roller-tappet cams with far less friction, they don't need much ZDDP. Reputable refiners and marketers are aware of the SDDP deficiency for older vehicles in current oil and are addressing it. We are not alone; this market is too large and well defined to ignore.

Our reason for keeping this in front of SDCers is to protect engines, not to sell product. The results of using the wrong oil might be years forthcoming, when a car or truck has changed hands. Most of us don't want future Studebaker enthusiasts to be discouraged by having major engine problems (specifically, worn-flat camshaft lobes and galled lifters) soon after they enter the hobby.

There are now two major options for providing proper ZDDP levels for older engines. One is to use current motor oil specifically marketed for older cars and stated to have the proper amount of ZDDP in it. The perfectly-acceptable alternative is to add the ZDDP yourself to a contemporary motor oil of your choice, synthetic or otherwise. (For those of you who have been following this scenario, contemporary diesel-rated motor oil containing enough ZDDP, *oil without an API CJ rating*, has virtually disappeared from store shelves over the last year. So that third option, available even last year, has pretty much been taken off the table.)

Enthusiast Dennis Kirban of Kirban Performance Products was at the SDC Lancaster International Meet and there conducted a seminar on ZDDP concerns. The previous day, he was kind enough to sit in on Lancaster's Co-Operator Tech session and explain the benefits of the product he markets: ZDDPlus. It is available through vendors Myers Studebaker Parts & Service and Studebaker International in Studebaker-land., and possibly others by the time you read this. You can add a pint of ZDDPlus to contemporary oil of your choosing and restore the ZDDP level you Studebaker (or other flat-tappet-camshaft engine) needs. Doing this would allow you to buy the right oil for your late-model driver if you change your own oil, yet be able to use that same oil in your Studebaker....providing you add the ZDDPlus to your Studebaker. [Yes, we are dreaming of the day when Dennis invents something he might call 260 PLUS, an elixir added to contemporary gasoline that magically infuses it with all the properties of 1964-era, leaded Sunoco 260...]

A second course of action regarding ZDDP is to buy and use of the many oils coming to market targeted

for older cars with flat-tappet camshafts. Here is information on three of them although I'm sure there will be others.

Castrol no has collector-car oil readily available at most retailers around the country. It is know as Castrol 20-50 Syntec for Classic cars. It already has enough ZDDP in it if you prefer not using a separate additive. But it must not be used in cars newer than 1988, either, so don't buy a case of it and figure you can use it in both your Studebaker and your late-model daily driver.

Brad Penn Racing refines an old specifically for older engines. It may be reviewed on their website: <http://www.bradpenracing.com>. They claim it is 100% Pennsylvania crude. Now that's something I wouldn't have thought was available.

The D-A Lubricant Company on the west side of Indianapolis manufactures classic car oil that may be reviewed here: <http://www.classicarmotoroil.com/index.html>. D-A has been in business for years. *(In fact, I took a sample of original Kendall C-999 Steering gear Lubricant there several years ago and got an audience with one of their chemists to see if they had a product we could use in Studebaker/Ross steering gears. He analyzed my C-999 sample in their lab while I watched, an interesting process, and concluded they did not. We then explored the possibility of manufacturing such a product for Studebaker use. The cost and quantity involved were prohibitive, so that's where that project ended.)*

Anyway, it looks like D-A has created a Classic Car Oil with both ZDDP and additional ingredients for collector car engines that spend a long time storage, certainly a valid consideration if it applies to you.

As usual, we aren't recommending one product or course of action over another. The important thing is to be diligent in selecting oil and/or a supplement for your Studebaker's engine, because the correct oil for your daily-driven 2002 Ford Ranger is not appropriate for your Studebaker and will ultimately and seriously damage your Studebaker's engine if ZDDP supplement is not added to it.

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