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## 2009 PSW Zone Meet Report

By Jon Carter, PSW Zone Coordinator

I'm pleased to report that the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet on May 15-17, 2009 in Sacramento, CA was a huge success! The members of the Karel Staple Chapter of SDC were wonderful hosts, and their thoughtful preparation for the Zone Meet was evident in every event. I arrived Friday morning and the headquarters hotel at the old McClellan Air Force Base was already buzzing

with activity. My hotel room conveniently overlooked the swap meet area and after a brief (2 hour) detour there, I finally checked into my room! Then off to cruise around the parking lots looking at Studebakers, and out to the California Aerospace Museum to view the Studebakers parked out on the tarmac amongst vintage aircraft. The barbeque that evening outdoors at the "General's Quarters" served 169 people and was a wonderful event and a great chance to reconnect with old Studebaker friends and make new ones.

Saturday was the car show with 81 Studebakers on the field and 34 that were judged. I joined one of the judging teams to get some experience with judging, which was quite rewarding. The quality and variety of Studebakers there was outstanding! The hospitality room was a busy place with temperatures in the high 90s that day. The Awards Banquet served 128 people that evening.

On Saturday, we had a Chapter Presidents' meeting and agreed upon a plan to rotate chapters for future Zone meets so that we have the schedule made out many years in advance. We decided to skip the Zone Meet in 2010, since we will be hosting the International Meet in Glendale, AZ. In 2011, the Zone Meet will be hosted by the San Diego Chapter, and we have a tentative rotation schedule worked out through 2017. The Grand Canyon State Chapter will be up for hosting the Zone Meet again in 2016.

Many thanks to Frank and Johanna Smith, organizers of the Zone Meet; Steve Rainville, Karel Staple Chapter President, Perry Knopf, chief judge; and all of the wonderful members of the Karel Staple Chapter who pitched in to make this a great meet!

GCSC was well represented by Chuck and Chris Collins, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Frank Wenzel, Kent Vandenberg, Colin Fort, Bob and Mimi Halgren, Phillip Smith, Rich and Sue Gregory, Terry and Joanna Worster and John Smith.

View zone meet photos courtesy of Phillip Smith at  
<http://s697.photobucket.com/albums/vv337/bridgegaurd/PSW%20Zone%20Meet/>

## Editorially Speaking

The annual SDC international meet is coming up quickly and there's still time to register for all the activities planned by the hosts. You can do so right up until the meet in mid July but to avoid a late fee, plan to register by June 12th. Check any recent *Turning Wheels* for a registration form or go to the SDC web site to register: <http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com>

If you do attend, the 2010 meet committee hopes you will help at the Chapter table to tell SDC members about the wonderful meet planned in Glendale, May 31-June 4.

This month you'll meet a Chapter member who owns the Gold King Mine and Ghost Town in the town of Haines, just adjacent to the old mining town, Jerome. Don Robertson has hosted many Studebaker events at the mine and it is one of the tours planned for those attending the international meet here in 2010. If you haven't been to the mine, you have missed a treat. Plan to visit it soon.

Now, it's your turn. Please write down a story about your first Studebaker, your current Studebaker or how you got interested in Studebakers and send it to me. We'd like to get to know our members better.

Hope to see you at the event at the Sanderson Ford Museum on the 13th. *Chris*

## Remembering Dad

On Father's Day this year, honor your dad, husband or other special man in your life with a lasting token of your appreciation - a donation to one of the organizations dedicated to preserving the legacy of Studebaker.

The Studebaker National Foundation is holding a matching funds campaign where every dollar contributed up to \$2,000.00 will be matched by an anonymous donor through the remainder of 2009. You can mail your tax deductible donation to Chris Collins, SNF Treasurer, 2410 W. Freeway Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85021.

Another avenue for donations is the Studebaker National Museum who is asking for unrestricted gifts to the Museum's Annual Fund to help meet the rising costs of maintaining the museum's operations. Tax deductible donations can be sent to 201 S. Chapin, South Bend, IN 46601.



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## President's Message

Another month coming to a close, not to mention the local Arizona school districts letting out for the summer! It promises to be quite a summer indeed with many events planned for you, our chapter member. On June 13, Denny has us booked for a tour of Sanderson Ford Auto Museum. This is one of the finer collections in the metro Phoenix area and contains many rare cars and trucks along with a collection of signs, machines, a general store and much, much more. Please mark your calendar to be there with more detailed information to be found in the Upcoming Events section of your award winning *ECHO*. On July 4th, and in honor of Drive Your Studebaker Day, we will be meeting at the home of Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar. Dennis and Linda say to plan on arriving around 1:00 for a swim followed by FOOD at around 3:00. Please bring your own favorite cut of meat and if you wish to sit down, please consider bringing a chair. Again, more details in the *ECHO*. And, of course, the 45<sup>th</sup> International Meet in Cedar Rapids, July 12-18.

Speaking of the International Meet, I am planning on driving my '64 Avanti back to Cedar Rapids. I drove it to the meet in South Bend and had an interesting time reliving the past as the only two options my Avanti does not have is the AM/FM radio and the tilt wheel. Alas, however, AM radio just ain't the same as it was back in the early '60s and I sure could use the tilt wheel! On my trip back to South Bend I did not see one Studebaker on the road, either coming or going, which I guess pretty much sums up where car clubs are headed. Maybe this trip I'll see some Studebakers on the road; hope so.

For those who may have missed this in the last publication of your *ECHO*, it was noted the chapter newsletter received a Golden Quill Award from *Old Cars Weekly*, only one of five Studebaker/Avanti publications to do so! I think we're all very proud of the job Chris does on our chapter newsletter and receiving this award just confirms our good judgment. Next time you see Chris be sure to thank her for all she does for our chapter and in turning out award-winning newsletters for our chapter!

On a closing note we still need an idea for a chapter meeting in September. We are thinking of having the club members meet at the meet hotel in Glendale, taking a tour of the Four Star facility and then enjoying a scrumptious lunch at one of the many fine restaurants in the area. For those of you have not been to the hotel it is adjacent to two stadiums, Westgate City Center, Cabela's and many other hotels and attractions. We'll try to work this out and find a good restaurant and hope EVERYONE will turn out to see the site of YOUR 46<sup>th</sup> International Meet!

That's my 450 for June so I can sign off now. Thanks and we hope to see you at the upcoming club events.

**Larry**

*Editor's note: Thank you, Larry, for the kind words about the newsletter. It is a pleasure to be the editor.*

## Welcome New Members

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## Welcome Back

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1963 Avanti

## CELEBRATE!



### June Birthdays

2 Lou Fencil	21 Richard Dormois
4 Jon Carter	22 Eliza Avery
7 June Kaiser	23 Charley Haverstick
8 Jim Provenzano	23 Clare Patterson
11 Willard Pike	23 John Rodhouse
12 Peggy Eastburn	25 Bryan Giesler
12 Judy Horner	25 Mimi Halgren
15 Judy Hall	27 Sid Rosen
17 Sue Gregory	29 Larry Swanson
18 Jim Lawrence	30 Judith Kocher

### June Anniversaries

1 Jody & Tiffany Kerr
1 George & Carol Van Zee
3 Chester & Nancy Bradfield
3 Jerry & June Kaiser
3 Sam Powell & Lenka Hospodka
3 Al & Anna Riedel
6 Mike & Mary Barany
6 Steve & Pamela Chadwell
7 Chuck & Chris Collins
7 John & Tracy Smith
8 Buddy & Elaine Wright
16 Mike & Lisa Lynch
21 Rich & Sue Gregory
21 Denny & Jan Lockmon
22 Bob & Mimi Halgren
30 Sager & Gail Avery

Congratulations to Denny & Jan who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21st.

## IT'S BEEN A PRETTY GOOD RUN SO FAR

By Don Robertson

Proprietor of the Gold King Mine and Ghost Town

Well, I guess I'll just start at the first. I was born January 4, 1943 in the little farm town of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, with a wrench in one hand, a pair of pliers in the other. I don't know how many people lived there then, but not very many. We raised hay, corn, beans, chickens, hogs and cattle and I got pretty familiar with all that stuff right off and learned how to fix machinery. You had to. There wasn't anybody else around to fix it for you. Even back then I had an interest in Studebakers. Mother drove a 1953 Loewy coupe. Daddy had a 1945 M series military truck with 8.5X20 inch tires. It had the M series front end but it was definitely a military vehicle. My little sister was born eight years after me and I guess I helped raise her. She still lives back there. I found an bicycle frame with a little suspension on it when I was about eleven and put an engine on it and made me a motorcycle, then I found an old Harley Davidson frame and I put a three horse power Fairbanks-Morse on it and rode it around the house and the farm. You could do that then. I joined the Army Reserve when I was in high school and when I graduated the Cuban thing happened and I went active for about a year and a half. I was stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. I was mostly working on heavy equipment. By that time I could do about anything mechanical - diesel engines, gas engines, steam engines. I didn't mind the Army much, but I didn't mind gettin' out either.

In 1968, I took Horace Greely's advice when he said, "Go West, young man." So I did, with a wife and two kids following my mom and step dad I had helped move to Lake Havasu City, Arizona earlier. I built a trailer out of spare Bluebird bus parts and put all our stuff in it and headed out. I was working in construction the first full day in Arizona maintaining heavy equipment. I just transferred my membership in the Operating Engineers Local from Iowa to out here and it worked out just fine. Never made a lot of money but kept a roof over our head and all of us fed pretty good. We had a two acre place and I had always collected junk and this was no different. Pretty soon I had that place plumb full of old mining equipment and vehicles of one sort or another, but mostly old engines of every description.

My friends kept telling me I should get a bigger place and have sort of a museum with all this stuff. I thought I might like to do that and have a ghost town kind of thing where people would come so I started looking for a place. Haines, Arizona was the perfect spot. An old abandoned copper mine and what was left of a town around it. Most everything that was here wasn't worth nuthin' so I tore it all down and started over the way I wanted it. In 1981, I leased six acres from a man that owns this whole hill and another six in 1982 from the Phelps Dodge Mining Company which has since sold and is now Freeport-McMorra. We sit down every five years and talk about the lease and I have made fair offers to

buy several times, but no deal. I'm still leasing and probably always will. Everything you see here, I built with these hands. The Haines Copper Mine never amounted to nuthin' but they did strike gold. There was never much and nobody got rich. This was just ideal for what I wanted to do. I started moving my stuff over here and collecting more machinery, mostly old mining stuff and trucks. I bought most of these trucks you see here and some of them were just driven in here by their owners and left for everyone to see.

I have tried to make this place as authentic as it would have been back when this was a booming mining area of the Territory of Arizona and Jerome down there was one of the hottest towns on the frontier. I have built two saw mills and they both operate daily. The bordello up there on the hill doesn't. There is the school house, the filling station and garage, the assay office and the shoe repair shop, the dentist office, a miner's cabin, the livery stable where the '02 Electric sits and a gift shop. The other buildings are where my help lives. I provide a place for all of them to stay. I usually have about four hands around here and you'll notice they are all about like me - kinda free spirits.


For a lot of people the attraction is the old trucks. I have hosted a regional meet of the American Truck Historical Society for twenty five years and am past president of the Northern Arizona Chapter. The Studebaker Drivers Club and the Antique Studebaker Club have been up here several times and have plans to have meets in the future. Terry and I had started counting the trucks several times but we seemed to always get sidetracked and never got it done. There might be about a hundred and forty.

Because people are interested in the old iron I am going to try to list just a few of them: 1924 Coleman Littleton, several 4WDs, a Stutz Package-Car, 1927 C Cab big six Studebaker, a 1928 Studebaker moving buzz saw, 1923 Studebaker pick up, 1902 Studebaker Electric, 1938 Studebaker K25 tractor with car hauler, three Packard big trucks, Austin Western, Whites, Macks, Corbetts, Sterling, Diamond T, Ford, Chevrolet, GMC, Master, Dodge, Buffalo Springfield, Autocar, Cats all over, a fleet of M5s, 15s and 16, Studebaker in many work models and more Internationals than anything else. That's not nearly all, but I wanted to say something about the critters- Guinea hens, banty hens, chickens, rabbits, goats and Pedro Gonzalez Gonzalez, the donkey. A bobcat formerly visited but the chicken flock dwindled so he was taken to the wilds north of Camp Verde and released.

When asked what was the worst thing that happened since he has had the Gold King Mine and Ghost Town, he said "Oh...losing Terry to cancer." And, the best thing, "Probably hasn't happened yet."

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## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- JUNE 13** TOUR OF SANDERSON FORD AUTO MUSEUM IN GLENDALE. SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 6 OR CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET
- JULY 4** INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. ON THE ROAD...AROUND THE WORLD. THE CHAPTER WILL CELEBRATE WITH A SWIM PARTY AT THE HOME OF DENNIS LYNDE & LINDA SAAR IN MESA. DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER TO THE PARTY. FOR MORE INFO SEE PAGE 6 OR CONTACT DENNIS/LINDA AT 480-898-3425 OR DLYNDE012@AOL.COM
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- ON THE ROAD...AROUND THE WORLD • JULY 4 2009
- THE ADDRESS IS 304 E. HACKAMORE ST. FROM THE WEST OR NORTH, TAKE THE 202 TO MCKELLIPS EXIT AND GO EAST TO MESA DRIVE. THEN, UP THE HILL TO HALIFAX AND TURN RIGHT, THEN A VERY QUICK LEFT ONTO POMEROY AND THEN A RIGHT ON TO HACKAMORE. 304 IS ON THE RIGHT JUST AS THE ROAD CURVES. COMING FROM THE EAST OR SOUTH, TAKE MESA DRIVE PAST BROWN, OVER THE CANAL AND TURN LEFT ON HUBER, A QUICK RIGHT ON POMEROY AND THEN A LEFT ON HACKAMORE.
- IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER ON JULY 4TH, PARK IT IN YOUR DRIVEWAY. AND, IF YOU ARE CANNOT ATTEND THE CHAPTER CELEBRATION DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER IN A PARADE, OUT TO EAT OR TO THE FIREWORKS.
- JULY 12-18** 45TH SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA HOSTED BY THE HAWKEYE CHAPTER AT THE CLARION HOTEL. GET LATEST HOTEL INFO AND MEET REGISTRATION AT [HTTP://WWW.STUDEBAKERDRIVERSCLUB.COM](http://WWW.STUDEBAKERDRIVERSCLUB.COM). INFO: CONTACT AL MEEKER AT 319-377-1069 OR STUDEMEE@MSN.COM. EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 12th. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND NOW.
- AUGUST 22** SAN DIEGO CHAPTER'S FIRST ANNUAL COOL CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT BALBOA PARK BEHIND THE SAN DIEGO AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM. OPEN TO FIRST 50 STUDEBAKERS, PACKARDS AND PIERCE-ARROWS. \$15 ENTRY FEE. INFO: BOB AT 619-697-6971.
- SEPTEMBER** TOUR OF RENAISSANCE AND MEETING AT NEARBY RESTAURANT. DATE & TIME TBA. INFO: DENNY AT LOCKMON@COX.NET OR 623-974-5424.
- SEPTEMBER 18-20** STUDEBAKER/PACKARD MEET AT THE JUNCTION HOSTED BY THE PIKES PEAK CHAPTER IN LAJUNTA, COLO. HOST HOTEL IS HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, 719-384-2900. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CRUISES, CAR SHOW, TOUR AND AWARDS BANQUET. INFO: CHUCK AT 719-456-2707 OR CDONKLE@RURAL-COM.COM.
- SEPTEMBER 25-27** RUN TO THE PINES CAR SHOW AT PINETOP LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, PINETOP. SHOW LIMITED TO 1ST 550 PRE-REGISTERED PRE-1973 ENTRIES. \$35 ENTRY FEE. SEE PAGES 13 AND 14 OF THE ONLINE EDITION FOR A REGISTRATION FORM AND A LIST OF MOTELS IN SHOW LOW OR CONTACT MALCOLM AT 928-537-2571 OR AT STUDEBAKERSW@FRONTIERNET.NET
- OCTOBER** HALLOWEEN PARTY HOSTED BY MICHELL EASTBURN. DATE AND LOCATION TBA.
- NOVEMBER** CHAPTER EVENT HOSTED BY SCOTT AND BARBARA GRAINGER. MORE TBA.
- DECEMBER 5** HOLIDAY PARTY. INFO: DENNY AT LOCKMON@COX.NET. MORE TBA.

Hotel registration for the 2010 meet at the Glendale Renaissance begins June 21, 2009.  
Call 623-937-3700 to make reservations and mention Studebaker.

## JUNE EVENT

### JUNE 13 SANDERSON FORD MUSEUM TOUR

Saturday, June 13 at 1:30 PM Chapter members are invited to tour the Sanderson Ford Museum, one of the finer collections in the Phoenix area. It contains many very nice and rare cars and trucks of all vintages. The collection also contains many signs, machines, an old soda fountain, general store, pictures, toys, etc. Lots of really neat stuff. You will not want to miss this as it is well worth your time.

Sanderson Ford is located at 6400 N 51st Avenue (51st Ave & Maryland) in Glendale. To find the museum go south on 51st Ave to the south end of the dealership. It is a large beige building on the west side of street. There is a traffic light at this intersection. Street sign on left says "To W Grand Ave.", sign at dealership says "Ford Trucks and Parts". Enter the driveway and turn right at end of building and another right. It is directly across from the parts department.

After the tour we will drive to Bitz-ee Mama's to eat. They have a room reserved for us and we plan to arrive between 2:30-3:00. Good food and a wide choice. Bitz-ee Mama's is located at 7023 N 58th Ave in downtown Glendale, 1/2 block north of Glendale Ave. and across from the park.

See you there!!!. If you get lost call Denny Lockmon at his cell number - 602-531-6852

## UPCOMING EVENT

### JULY 4TH

### "DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY" CELEBRATION



Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar have invited Chapter members to celebrate the inaugural "Drive Your Studebaker Day" with them at their home in Mesa for a swim party and cook out/pot luck on July 4th. Plan to arrive around 1:00 pm for swimming with the cook out planned for between 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Please bring your meat to grill, buns, if needed, and a dish to share. Beverages, tableware and condiments will be provided.

There is plenty of room for eating indoors and outdoors. Dennis has misters on the patio to help keep you cool. You are requested to bring chairs for your party.

After we eat, there will be a short meeting with information about the 2010 SDC Meet and meet merchandise will be available for purchase.

Most importantly, drive your Studebaker if you can. The purpose of designating July 4 as Drive Your Studebaker Day is to further expose our favorite vehicles to the world around us.

Directions and contact information are on page 5.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311	1	2	3	4	5	6 Posse Meeting
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Sanderson Museum Tour
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				As of June 1, there are 363 days until the 2010 meet.

## A WONDERFUL ARRAY IN THE MONTH OF MAY

By Richard Dormois

The Studebaker array in May of 2009 in the Great Southwest spread from Cottonwood, Arizona to Sacramento to Anaheim in a few short weeks and for those with the time, inclination, resources and energy to entertain this schedule or a portion of it, had a good time in great weather.

### ASC Southwest Zone Meet

April 30 to May 3, the Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club put on a fine ASC Southwest Zone Meet hosted by Sherry and Ron Watson, centered around Cottonwood, Arizona. Studebaker folks from seven states enjoyed highlights including the Verde Canyon Railroad Excursion, the Blazin' M Ranch with cowboy entertainment and a nice supper, The Gold King Mine and Ghost Town, the Tuzigut Indian Ruins, shopping and dining in Old Town Cottonwood, the Clemenceau Heritage Museum, a well stocked Hospitality Suite at the Quality Inn, fellowship and great desserts at the Jerona Java Cafe and a nice awards dinner program and auction at the VFW Hall. Richard Dormois acted as master of ceremonies and auctioneer and Jon Carter, Malcolm Stinson, Rick Peterson, Maggie Wheeler, Dennis Lynde, Mimi Halgren and Gay Wittenberg spoke.

Thirteen antique Studebakers and several post war examples enjoyed the eight tours. Curtis Lee earned the People's Choice Award with a 1946 Champion; Ron Watson took home the Hard Luck Award as his 1931 Dictator sedan gave up several tired gaskets; Jim and Janice Tefft earned the Long Distance Driven Award for driving their 1925 Duplex from their home in Cul de Sac, Idaho; Bill and Regina Cooley from South Pasadena, California got Best Interior for their 1929 Commander; Bob and Mimi Halgren from La Mesa, California earned Best Closed Car honors with their 1938 Coupe Express; Best Engine was June and Jerry Kaiser's 1937 President. Malcolm Stinson received the Best Open Car trophy for his 1928 President Roadster. The 2010 International Meet was promoted at the banquet.

### SDC Pacific Southwest Zone Meet

The Karel Staple Chapter hosted the Pacific Southwest SDC Zone Meet at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento where eighty five great Studebaker examples were displayed at the Lion's Gate Hotel. Frank and Johanna Smith chaired the event thought to be one of the best planned and presented in recent memory. From the registration process forward, everything seemed to click with precision and the hospitality couldn't have been finer. Tours of the Aerospace Museum and Horse Drawn Studebaker lecture and film by John Q were enjoyed as much as the vintage aircraft and Studebakers on the flightline. Zone Coordinator Jon Carter chaired the Chapter Presidents' meeting attended by GCSC members

Colin Fort, Chris Collins and Richard Dormois. A set schedule for future zone meet hosts was established and it was decided that there would be no 2010 Zone Meet as the zone is hosting the International Meet in Glendale, Arizona May 30 to June 5.



On the flight line at the Aerospace Museum.  
Photo courtesy of John Smith.

We all enjoyed a tasty barbeque on Friday evening at the General's Quarters where folks stayed and chatted long after the food was gone then repaired to the concours area for more fellowship and tire kicking until after dark. A hundred and thirty attended the awards banquet where Bob and Mimi Halgren received the Longest Distance Driven for driving their 1955 Conestoga Wagon 540 miles from La Mesa, California. Jon Carter spoke about the zone meet schedule and the zone newsletter being planned. Richard spoke on the state of SDC, solicited candidates for upcoming officer elections and promoted the 2009 and 2010 SDC International Meets. Sincere thanks to Frank Smith for reserving a special site at the concours area for our Chapter booth promoting the 2010 "Best In The West" International Meet and marketing t-shirts, pins and raffle tickets. The booth was staffed pretty much full time by Claudia Robinette with a lot of help from Chuck and Chris Collins, Bob and Mimi Halgren and a little bit from Frank Wenzel and Richard Dormois. Museum tours of the California Car Museum, led by docent Jon Stalnaker, the Hayes Truck Museum and the Hedrick Agricultural Museum rounded out a most enjoyable time.

### 35th Annual La Palma Meet

The Orange Empire Chapter hosted the 2009 La Palma Car Show and Parts Exchange at Anaheim, California on May 24 where just over a hundred Studebakers were displayed and judged. Perfect weather prevailed and about a dozen vendors seemed to do a pretty brisk business.

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Photo courtesy of buddymander.

35th Annual La Palma Meet continued from page 7.

Bob and Mimi Halgren earned the Best of Division Award with their 1938 Studebaker Coupe Express and also displayed a 1955 Conestoga Station Wagon. Malcolm Stinson showed his 1928 President Roadster a few feet from where he purchased it at the 2008 La Palma event. Our attractive 2010 International Meet promotional booth was staffed full time by Jan Lockmon with help from Claudia, Denny, Bob and Mimi and Richard. Kent Vandenburg and Frank Wenzel displayed and sold a beautiful green 1948 Four Door sedan. Colin Fort was honored among others for regular attendance at the La Palma Meet since the first show, 35 years ago.

Others attending were John Kroulik, 1963 black GT Hawk, Gwyneth, Domenica, Maryanne, Will and Michell Eastburn, blue 1957 Scotsman sedan, Colin and Suzanne Fort, Dana Kocher, Steve Fein, Mike Lynch, Lionel and Elaine Stone, Joanna and Terrance Worster.

An opportunity was presented to promote the "Best in the West" 2010 International Meet in Glendale and support a caravan beginning in the far northwest to La Palma, then to Glendale for our 2010 International Meet.

Our experience was enhanced by a special visit with Ed and Heidi Reynolds and their family in Santa Ana and Long Beach and a wonderful brunch Monday hosted by Kent Vandenburg and Frank Wenzel in Palm Springs. Bob and Mimi Halgren joined us for nice fellowship and enjoyment of Frank and Kent's very special collection of Studebakers, fifties General Motors and a 1936 Hupmobile.

All in all, an excellent experience with a fine array of Studebakers in May and the nicest folks on the road.



## Studebaker in Print

At the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet held in Sacramento in mid May, the host chapter sponsored a lecture at the Aerospace Museum by Studebaker historian John Queinolo. John has collected many horse drawn wagons and among them are several Studebakers. He has also developed a keen interest in the history of Studebaker and acquired a great deal of information about John M. Studebaker, the brother who made his fortune selling wheelbarrows to the miners during the California Gold Rush.

John displayed a book entitled *John Studebaker An American Dream* which was authored by Edwin Corle and published in 1948. Mr. Corle wrote many works of non fiction including this biography. More information about Edwin Corle can be found at Wikipedia and his biography of John Studebaker is available from Amazon.com and AbeBooks.com.

## A Brief History of The Columbus Watch Company

by Ernie Loga

The South Bend Watch Company had its beginning with the Columbus Watch Company from Columbus, Ohio. It was started by a German immigrant named Dietrich Gruen who received a U.S. patent for an improved safety pinion on December 22, 1874.

In 1876, Dietrich Gruen and William J. Savage formed a partnership to assemble watch movements they imported from Maderesch, Switzerland and finished them with the new safety pinions and sold them under the Columbus Watch Company name. They hand painted the initials, "C.W.Co" on each dial with a fine paint brush. In 1882, they decided to manufacture watches locally and made mostly 18 size watches. However, Gruen was always concerned about the size and wearing comfort of the 18s watch. He was the first to reduce the size and thickness of the 18s watch and introduced the 16 size movement. It is also claimed that he was the first watchmaker to introduce the stem wind movement. By 1884 they were making their own dials but they never made their own cases.

In 1894, the company went into receivership and new management was assigned. Having lost control of the Columbus Watch Company, D. Gruen started again with his eldest son, Fred and formed a company named D. Gruen & Son. The name was later changed to the Gruen Watch Company. They moved their new company to Cincinnati, Ohio and made fine quality precision watches. The young company flourished until 1953. The Columbus Watch Company continued to manufacture watches under the old name but also started to use the New Columbus Watch Company name. The newly organized company made the same models as before but switched to named models such as Time King, Columbus King, Champion, Burlington Route, North Star, The President, Railroad Regulator, Railway King, etc.

In 1903, the Columbus Watch Company was sold to Clement Studebaker III and other investors who formed the South Bend Watch Co. The machinery, unfinished movements, parts, and approximately 3/4 of the 150 employees were moved to South Bend, Indiana. Clement Studebaker III was named president. He was the grandchild of Clement Studebaker from the Studebaker buggy and automobile legacy.



An example of a Columbus Watch Company pocket watch from a recent eBay auction.



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION



### A Clearance Problem Solved

By Dan Kuhl

The other day, with the aid of R&R Performance, I finally got the Avanti running, but like the rest of us, the old car has started to sag a little after 46 years. The problem was the hood. It rested on top of the carburetor bonnet. Without the necessary clearance, I was setting myself up for a cracked hood or broken hood latch. I started asking around for any thoughts on the subject, but did not make any headway.

A call to Jon Myer soon gave me the answer. The problem was the front of the Avanti had settled enough to prevent the hood from closing unobstructed. Jon stated this problem was common on Studebaker Avantis and was an easy fix, if the body support brackets on the side of the radiator support frame are in good shape. Luckily, my Avanti's brackets were in good condition. All I needed for

the project was a larger spacer between the front frame and body supports.

Between John Kroulik and myself we had the needed parts for the body lift. John had some extra body shims and I had an exhaust system strap, made from an old tire, that would give the new support system a little "give".

After removing the nuts from the front body bolts, a jack and a strong piece of wood, placed under the radiator support cross-frame, were used to lift the front of the body and allow placement of a shim and rubber under each support bracket. This lift gave me about 1/4 inch of clearance between the hood and bonnet. To complete the project, longer bolts will be needed to span the additional thickness added at each support point. If the support brackets are broken or cracked, the cure is a little more complicated and may require removal of the radiator support frame. Removal of this frame is not easy. Professional assistance may be needed to complete the bracket repairs and the body lift. Note: it is not necessary to loosen any other body bolts to lift the front of the body.

### Ted Harbit and the Chicken Hawk



The Chicken Hawk before the crash.

For those who haven't heard the news, it was reported Ted Harbit was injured in a crash on May 9th at the Muncie (Indiana) Dragway. He is now home recovering from his injuries but the famous Chicken Hawk, his 1951 Commander Starlight Coupe, was destroyed. More information is available in the General Discussion area of the SDC forum.

The Chicken Hawk after the crash.



You can send well-wishes to Ted at [tedharbit@aol.com](mailto:tedharbit@aol.com) or 18994 North 125 East, Summitville IN 46070-9113

### Web Sites of Interest

<http://vimeo.com/3001752> 1950 Studebaker - a hidden treasure.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6k4cZc30X4>  
A segment on Sherwood Egbert as he speaks to the dealers. Second part lists and describes the various other companies acquired by Studebaker.

[http://www.hotrod.com/featuredvehicles/hrdp\\_0608\\_1951\\_studebaker\\_commander\\_starlight\\_coupe/index.html](http://www.hotrod.com/featuredvehicles/hrdp_0608_1951_studebaker_commander_starlight_coupe/index.html) <http://tinyurl.com/qaaxu8>  
A bit of Ted Harbit history.

<http://www.billsretroworld.com/cars.htm>  
Cars as works of art.

<http://s691.photobucket.com/albums/vv280/hisnibbs/PSW%20Zone%20Meet/> <http://tinyurl.com/kpnpqt>  
More PSW Zone Meet photos.

<http://community.webshots.com/album/571733731fmObYg> <http://tinyurl.com/lqzsqt>  
Photos by Jerry Kaiser of the ASC Southwest Zone Meet.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLaupij85\\_I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLaupij85_I)  
Drive Your Studebaker Day video.

<http://www.goldkingmineghosttown.com/>  
Take a virtual tour of Don Robertson's operation.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5AbFvQsmWc>  
Weasels on the move.

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## Car Battery Maintenance Tips

The following tips apply to all car batteries, including maintenance-free batteries.

- ◆ Make sure to wear safety glasses when working near or with car batteries.
- ◆ To ensure a good connectivity, clean the terminals periodically with a wire brush.
- ◆ When removing a connector from a terminal, twist it from side to side and pull gently upward. Refrain from excessive tugging or prying.
- ◆ When reconnecting a connector to a terminal, seat it down firmly on the post. A few gentle whacks from a rubber mallet will do it. Don't over tighten and strip the nut.
- ◆ After securing the connector, coat the whole post with high-temperature grease. This will reduce corrosion and rust.
- ◆ If you keep having electrical problems, (battery dies, car won't start, power is intermittent or weak) it's not necessarily the battery. It could be the charging system. A mechanic can test the system to isolate the problem.

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