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## 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 Saturday, July 4th. Plan to arrive around 1:00 pm for swimming with the cookout planned for between 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Please bring your meat to grill, buns, if needed, and a dish to share: A-P, please bring a side dish, salad or veggies; Q-Z, bring a dessert or fruit. Beverages, tableware and condiments will be provided.

There is plenty of room for eating indoors and outdoors. There are 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, meet merchandise will be available for purchase and door prizes will be awarded.

Most importantly, just drive your Studebaker on July 4th and tell people why you love Studebakers!

Dennis and Linda's address is 304 E. Hackamore Street. To get there: from the west or north, take the 202 to the McKellips exit and go east to Mesa Drive. Turn right on Mesa Dr., then up the hill to Halifax and make a right. Then a very quick left on Pomeroy and then a right to Hackamore. Coming from the east or south, take Mesa Drive past Brown over the canal and turn left on Huber, make a quick right on Pomeroy and then a left on Hackamore.



Go anywhere as long as you  
are driving your Studebaker!

Take a cruise around the  
town, through the country-  
side or to the fireworks!



## Editorially Speaking

The Chapter is hosting a party on July 4th to celebrate the first ever Drive Your Studebaker Day and the board hopes many of you will attend. Whether you can make it to the party or not, be sure to drive your Studebaker somewhere that day. You can show your love for Studebakers by driving them to the local cruise nights, too, which many members do already.

Many of us keep our eyes open for Studebakers on the road or parked here and there. Recently Jim Ten Eyck spotted the 1950 Champion that is parked at the Wigwam Motel in Holbrook. You are welcome to report any sightings you have made.

August is a quiet month for the chapter but there are car activities in cooler climes including the Car Exhibit, Parts Exchange and Old Engine Fire-Up the first weekend in August at Watson Lake in Prescott. Also, the San Diego Chapter is holding an event at Balboa Park behind the San Diego Automotive Museum on August 22nd. If you normally spend some time in the San Diego area during the summer, this would be a perfect tie in to your summer trip. Drive your Studebaker or just pop in to say hello. Be sure to register if you plan to have a Stude in the show.

Thanks to our contributors, not only in this issue

but in every month's newsletter. It was a pleasure to read Buddy Wright's story about acquiring his 1953 pickup. Hope to hear from more of you with your story. Happy 4th. See you at Dennis and Linda's.

Chris



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## President's Message

Well, dear reader, I have good news and bad news. First the bad news: since August will be 'dark' for club activities there will not be an *ECHO* printed and no message from me! The good news is I've taken the liberty of using the 450 words I would have used in August and combined them with this *ECHO* to bring you nearly 1,000 words of all the news that is fit to print! Lucky you! So grab that extra large cup of coffee, relax and read on.

First things first and that is a recap of the club meeting held on June 13 at the Sanderson Ford museum. I thought the museum belonged to the dealership but not so! It's a private collection and included some very nice Ford products. My favorite had to be the 1942 Lincoln and the museum also included a very nice '48 woody station wagon. Growing up in a beach city I'm hard pressed to think of any 'woodies' parked along Pacific Coast Highway but certainly remember driving around with a friend whose dad owned several '42 and '46 Lincolns. After the meeting we adjourned to Bitzee-Mama's in Glendale and had a great lunch followed by a great meeting, which saw Buddy and Elaine Wright who just joined the club recently. Following the regular meeting your board held its monthly meeting and acted upon present club business. As you are all well aware these board meetings are open to one and all so if you feel the urge please join us at the next meeting. I'm pleased to announce that no board member had to be physically restrained so they could not escape, which has been known to happen in the past.

Of all pressing business one issue did percolate to the surface and that issue was fund raising. Up to now our club has been very fortunate to have a steady stream of funds flowing into the treasury and of the four chapters I've belonged to over the past 30+ years this is by far the most financially sound. That being said, the other clubs were not faced with hosting an international meet, which we are. As you should be fully aware the Chapter has advanced the 2010 meet committee some \$5,000 in addition to carrying on the functions of the club. Are we still in decent financial shape? The short answer is yes but we should be thinking about the upcoming year and the fact we may need to advance the 2010 committee yet more funds until the 2010 meet starts receiving monies from sales/registration. The board kicked around some fund raising ideas, which include having members show their cars at various malls or shopping centers around town. Normally we would expect around ten cars to be displayed at each mall or shopping center and we would receive \$15 per car BUT we need someone to start looking into getting us plugged into the mall car show scene. There were some other ideas but I'm hoping some of you will be able to come up with some sure-fire fund raisers. If so, please let any board member know.

For your information the pre-meet booklet for 2010 is just about ready and 1,000 copies will soon be printed.

These will be unveiled at the meet in Cedar Rapids and will be distributed throughout the land. If you are planning on going to Cedar Rapids please feel free to help out with the 2010 international meet booth and if you are on a committee please talk to the Cedar Rapid chairs to see how they put together their function and what, if any, problems they may have encountered.

Your VP, Mr. Denny Lockmon, has been busy putting the final touches on this year's tours and it appears the last 'open' tour has now been booked. For some time your 2010 committee has wanted to hold a club meeting at the host hotel, which would give one and all a chance to become familiar with the property and see its many benefits. It looks as though this has finally been booked and we should be set for our meeting at the Renaissance on Sept. 19. More details will be forthcoming but we'll meet in the hotel lobby at 1:00. The 2010 committee members will then take small groups around the property and you will be able to see the ballroom, media center, etc. Afterwards we'll adjourn to a local café for a late lunch and you can then walk around Westgate and if so motivated see Cabela's, which is across Glendale Ave. from the venue.

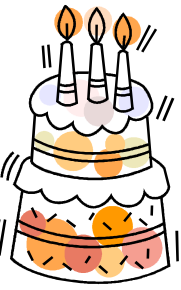
I hope you'll all agree with me that this is an exciting time for you to belong to the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC. Not only is this an active chapter but not many chapters actually step up and host an international meet. So, get excited, turn out for our chapter functions, drive your Studebaker on July 4<sup>th</sup> and please plan on attending the September meeting at the Renaissance to see just what a fine venue was selected for the 46<sup>th</sup> International Meet: The Best in the West!

*Larry*

The Chapter extends its condolences to Bruce Sandburg on the passing of his sister, Roberta. She attended many Studebaker functions with her brother and will be remembered for her warmth and friendliness.

### Children's Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to

	Ben Lynch	July 12
	Robert Richardson	August 7
	Tanith Barnhill (Jody & Tiffany Kerr's daughter)	August 8
	Keegan Anderson	August 15
	Domenica Eastburn	August 29

## June Event & Meeting Report

Saturday, June 13th several Chapter members met at the Sanderson Ford Museum located at the Sanderson Ford dealership in Glendale. Thanks to Denny Lockmon for making the arrangements for our members to view this fantastic private collection of Fords, other antique vehicles and a plethora of memorabilia.

After spending quite a bit of time there, the members caravanned to Bitzee-Mama's in the middle of downtown Glendale's antique district. After many delicious meals (and a few 99¢ margaritas) were consumed, Larry called the meeting to order by asking everyone to introduce themselves. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the *ECHO* and the treasurer reported on the finances of the Chapter. Larry noted the *ECHO* received a Golden Quill Award from *Old Cars Weekly* and congratulated the editor. Chris reported the membership is currently at 154 and solicited articles and ads for the newsletter. Denny gave updates on the remaining events in 2009 and announced the September meeting would include a tour of the Renaissance Glendale Hotel, the 2010 meet headquarters. Richard gave updates on the 2010 meet and said the pre-meet booklets are being prepared for Cedar Rapids. Meet caps were available and were sold to several members.

The Studebaker drivers prize was won by the Lockmons and \$20.00 in the 50/50 drawing was won by Jim Ten Eyck.

Attending the meeting were Chris, Rachel & Aubrey Eastburn, 1963 Lark; Denny & Jan Lockmon, 1953 Champion; Jim Clever; Scott & Marlene Benson, 1956 Golden Hawk; Bill & Peggy Eastburn; Gregg Avery, 1962 Lark; Jim Ten Eyck; Buddy & Elaine Wright, 1953 Pickup; Ron Crowe, 1963 GT Hawk; Richard Dormois; Claudia Robinette; Gary Keating, 1962 GT Hawk; Kelle Keating (Gary's daughter); Chuck & Chris Collins, 1966 Cruiser; Bill & Cheryl Simmons; Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, 1963 GT Hawk; MaryBeth & Dick Eichof, 1947 M5 Pickup; Michell Eastburn; Maryanne, Domenica & Gwen Eastburn; Larry Vahe.

Others who joined us at the museum only were Brian & Aleta Millette, Harold Manley, Ron & Sherry Watson, Byron Elliott, Fred Moore & son Matthew, Clarence & Deborah Haskins and son Robert, Dan Kuhl and Jerry Volk.



### CHAPTER NAME BADGE

Order your Chapter name badge with a pin back by contacting Chris Collins at [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto: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.

## CELEBRATE!



### July/August Birthdays

#### July

3	Gail Avery	18	Wayde McCoy
3	Ruth Kappus	19	Jody Kerr
3	Rob Ray	19	Lionel Stone
7	Al Karas	23	Phillip Smith
8	Ken Michael	25	Dwain Grindinger
10	Curtis Lee	25	Ron Watson
12	Richard Hahn	26	Byron Elliott
13	Mary Powell-McConnell		
14	Richard Rampt	28	David Miller
15	Paul Vigne	28	Deb Mitchell
16	Clarence Haskins		
16	Bob Schouten	28	Claudia Robinette
17	Sharon Ware		

#### August

2	Delores Duble	19	Kitty Jazwinski
5	Dan Didier	19	Malcolm Stinson
6	Kathy Herceg	20	Steve Piper
7	Liz van Doorn	22	Frank Henry
9	Chris Collins	25	Ginny Traeder
11	Paul Grainger	26	Steve Chadwell
12	Walt Jazwinski	26	Joanna Worster
13	Fred Gooch	27	Curt Curtis
13	Lisa Trenter	27	Fred Moore
14	Nancy Pfahler	29	Gary Horner
15	Dolores Lynch	29	Darrel Seher
15	Vicki Piper	30	Ed Smith
		31	Michael Davis

### July/August Anniversaries

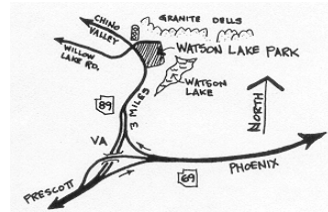
#### July

4	Will & Maryanne Eastburn
5	Dana & Judith Kocher
10	John & Deb Mitchell
11	Walt & Kitty Jazwinski
16	Dick & MaryBeth Eichof
16	Ike & Virginia Quigley
17	Frank & Elizabeth van Doorn
22	David & Virginia Miller
23	Dan & Peggy Kisiel

#### August

1	Willard & Ruth Pike
2	Keith & Marie Ambs
2	Harv & Darlene Pierman
5	Larry & Jan Malmstrom
5	Mike & Willie Shearhart
7	Ron & Vicky Crowe
7	Jim & Aileen Ten Eyck
17	Steve & Vicki Piper
22	Bob & Kathy Herceg
26	Bill & Mary Cervini
31	Gary & Sandie Keating
31	Dale & Norma Sexton

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 THE COVER OR CONTACT DENNIS/LINDA AT 480-898-3425 OR DLYNDE012@AOL.COM**
- JULY 11**                    **AAHC HOT SUMMER NIGHTS CAR SHOW INDOOR/OUTDOOR CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT THE HOME AND GARDEN EXPO CENTER, 8606 W. LUDLOW, PEORIA (WEST OF 101, NORTH OF THUNDERBIRD RD.) FROM 4-8 PM. FREE ENTRY AND ADMISSION. REGISTER EARLY TO PARK INSIDE, THE REST WILL PART IN EAST SIDE PARKING LOT. GET ENTRY FORM HERE: <http://www.desertcruisers.com/events/2722.pdf> OR CALL AL AT 623-204-9172 OR STEVE AT 623-581-0374**
- 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. THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER AND ATTEND.**
- AUGUST 1 –2**                **PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB 35th ANNUAL CAR EXHIBIT, PARTS EXCHANGE, OLD ENGINE FIRE-UP AT WATSON LAKE PARK, PRESCOTT. SHOW CARS; 1981 AND OLDER ONLY \$15 SAT. \$10 SUN. PER VEHICLE. GATES OPEN AT 5:30AM SAT. & SUN., DASH PLAQUES AND GOODIE BAGS FOR THE FIRST 200 VEHICLES, \$2 OFF ON T-SHIRTS, TROPHIES PRESENTED ON SAT. AND SUN., PARTICIPANTS CHOICE & PEOPLES CHOICE, 36 TROPHIES IN ALL. VENDOR SPACES: LIMITED TO 120 SPACES, \$50 FOR THE WEEKEND. GENERAL INFO: JIM WARE@CABLEONE.NET, 928-778-5386 OR ED AT 928-778-2378.**
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- 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. SEE REGISTRATION FORM AT [HTTP://WWW.STUDEBAKERSANDIEGO.COM](http://WWW.STUDEBAKERSANDIEGO.COM)**
- SEPTEMBER 19**            **TOUR OF RENAISSANCE AND MEETING AT NEARBY RESTAURANT. MEET IN HOTEL LOBBY AT 1:00 PM. MORE INFO IN SEPTEMBER *ECHO*. INFO: DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET.**
- 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 JUNE *ECHO* ONLINE 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.**

## #9 Avanti

On September 16, the #9 Avanti was the star performer at the Bonneville "GO" show, staged by Andy and Joe Granatelli. The R3 powered golden missile scorched the salt flats in excess of 170 MPH, toppling records as it went. When the assault was over, six new records had been established. Number 9 ran in the Class C Closed Car-Supercharged and also in the American Unlimited Class-Closed Car. Following are some of the records it now holds:

Flying Kilometer	170.78
Flying Mile	170.75
Flying 5 Kilometers	170.63
Flying 5 Miles	170.20
Flying 10 Kilometers	169.96
Flying 10 Miles	166.66



The #9 Avanti was present at the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet held in Sacramento, May 15-17. The current owner is John Hora of Los Angeles.  
Photo courtesy of Pat Dilling.

Number 9, while "stock" as far as the engine and drive train were concerned, had added safety features and extra instrumentation. In addition to the stock roll bar, a complete chrome-moly roll cage was built in to protect the driver. While making such things as rolling up the window a little awkward (you have to open the door), the roll cage wouldn't interfere with the everyday operation of the automobile. (In fact, the writer was fortunate enough to get to drive Ray Cash's #8 car, sister to #9, on the streets of Los Angeles and can report a roll cage lends a very comfortable feeling when that big R3 is turned on.)

Aircraft-type seat belt/shoulder harnesses which are attached to the floor and to the roll cage give the driver additional protection. The added instrumentation included the following units: two built-in Carburetors (mounted on the roll bar) which measures richness/leanness of the exhaust gases at the tailpipe; an extra water temperature gauge; a supercharger oil temperature gauge; a Dixco tachometer mounted on the steering column; a dual pressure gauge and a dual manifold pressure gauge.

Of course, Number 9 wasn't the only Studebaker on the salt flats. A total of 72 USAC records fell to the group of cars brought by the Granatellis.

For instance, an R4 Gran Turismo Hawk, Flying Kilometer-147.77; an R4 Daytona convertible, Flying Mile-147.17; a Skybolt 6 cylinder Sedan, Flying Mile-120.77. It is interesting to note that a '64 Daytona convertible with the same engine and basic chassis as the #9 Avanti came within 17 MPH of the Avanti's Flying Kilometer time, setting a new record of 153.44.

The twin-blown Due Cento was also very much in evidence at Bonneville. Joe Granatelli blasted across the wet salt for a two-way average of 194.35 for the Kilometer and a one-way run of 196.621. The Due Cento has a full belly pan and curious as to just how much difference a pan might make, the Granatellis made some runs with the pan removed. The loss was only 2-3 MPH, quite a tribute to Raymond Loewy's great design. The salt was so wet that further attempts to break 200 MHP with the experimental Avanti were abandoned.

All in all, September 16, 1963 was quite a day for the great Avantis.

Reprinted from the Spring, 1966 *Newsletter* of the Avanti Owners Association International.

### LA PALMA MEET – SUNDAY MAY 31, 2009

By Colin Fort

I am writing this on behalf of my Chapter and for the other chapters in the Zone. Initially I thought the turnout would be smaller due to the Zone Meet being earlier in the month. The opposite was true. The turnout was larger than last year and a number of Chapters in the Zone from different states were well represented at the Meet.

Several of us caravanned from San Diego to the meet in Anaheim. There was a cool breeze and plenty of shade under the trees. The cars started rolling in before 8 AM. I was told there were approximately 90 cars in attendance and I would estimate over 150 people were at the show as well as many visitors. This year the C&Ks were

the featured model. I believe there were around 20 in this category. There was also a large contingent of vendors and I purchased some unusual pieces of literature. Each year there seems to be additional vendors. The raffle seems to expand each year. Don Cox played music and had music quizzes with door prizes.

Around 2 PM they announced the trophy winners. Stan Haveriland was the Chief Judge and the MC for the awards presentation. Special trophies were awarded in memory of Herb Ertel who recently passed away. They also had a special award for those who were at the very first LaPalma Meet 35 years ago. There were 5 of us and I was included in that group. Congratulations to Gordon Bricken and the Orange Empire Chapter for a great Meet.

## Grandpa's Old Studebaker

By Buddy Wright

Some of my earliest memories are of visiting my Grandpa when I was 6 or 7 years old. He lived 15 miles south of Grand Junction, Colorado under the shadow of the Grand Mesa at the start of Lands End Road on Kannah Creek. It was probably 1962 or 1963. Grandpa was a trapper and he lived alone in an old cabin. There were always fox and bobcat hides stretched out on his front porch. A couple of wooden planks made a walkway from the porch to a dug out garage where he kept his old gray 1953 Studebaker pickup. For a young boy, it was like stepping back in time.

We later moved to Colorado, about 7 miles from where Grandpa lived, and he would visit us in his pickup. Once it had rained and he got stuck in front of our house. He got all 6 grandkids and some of our friends to jump on the back while some pushed. He sprayed us all with mud as he got to the dry road and waved goodbye.

In 1967 Grandpa passed away and my Dad inherited the truck. The title was never found, but since my Dad and I had the same initials as grandpa, we just renewed the registration every year. And so it was still Grandpa's old Studebaker.

One by one my Dad tried to teach my three older sisters how to drive the cantankerous 4 speed stick, but the lessons always ended in frustration for all involved. A few times my friend and I would push the truck down the road out of ear shot, then start it up and go driving down country dirt roads. So, when I became old enough to drive my dad was pleasantly surprised that I mastered the 4 speed right away.

I drove the truck through High School and to my first couple of jobs. In 1975 a rod started knocking real bad, so I quit driving it to work. I didn't have the time or the money to fix the engine so I took it to Dad's and parked it. It remained there for several years until my youngest brother took some interest in it. He had it for several years, but it was not running. He had someone show an interest in buying it for parts. He called my next youngest brother first and he kept Grandpa's old Studebaker.

He put it back together and rebuilt the engine. He sanded and painted it and did some body work. He also located the title. He asked me if I wanted it a few times, but I had moved to Phoenix and did not have the money or the room to keep it. Last year my son asked, "What ever happened to that old truck you used to have?" I told him my brother had it, and he had offered to sell it to me, but I hadn't taken him up on it. He said, "Didn't it used to belong to your Dad?" I told him it used to belong to my Dad's Dad. He said, "You should get it. You could pass it down to my son and that would be 5 generations!" I agreed that if he offered again I would buy it. But I didn't think it would come about.

Then in April 2009, my brother called to say he needed to sell the truck but he wanted to give me the first chance. I said yes, and then talked to my wife. She reluctantly agreed. So with my wife, son, and brother all agreed I knew it was the right time. I quickly rented a trailer and headed for Grand Junction.

On the way back through Utah and Monument Valley I stopped and took pictures of the Studebaker in front of every rock formation along the way. It was a great trip! Now I am restoring it for my descendants. So it will always be Grandpa's old Studebaker!



## What's New: The Studebaker Toy Chest

By Bruce Slifer

- ◆ Crown Premiums has released a 1937 Coupe Express in 1/24th scale logo'd for Hobart Food Equipment Co. It has a dark green body with a tool box in the bed and simulated wood side stakes. Also just released is a '37 Coupe Express logo'd for International Harvester with red fenders, hood and roof with black hood sides, doors and bed. Watch eBay for both.

- ◆ Brooklin Models has two new 1/43rd scale pickup trucks. One is Rio Green and the second has "Studebaker Service" decals on both side doors. Watch eBay.
- ◆ Mattel has another At-A-Tude in the "Modified Rides" series in dark green with red tint windows called "El Segundo Missile". Watch big box stores or eBay.
- ◆ Maisto will have out soon a 1/18th scale '53 Rodz at a about \$32.00 on eBay or from toy vendors.

Reprinted from Vol.11, Issue 2 of *The Toy Collectors Club Newsletter*, Joe Parsons, editor.

## Studebaker in Print

### *For Your Summer Reading Pleasure*

The August edition of *Hemming's Classic Cars* features a multi page article about Avantis written by Mark McCourt with assistance from George Krem, Bob Palma, Lew Schucart, Dave Kinny and Don Jones. It is a great overview of the car, parts sources, values and more. The featured car is owned by George Salzman of NJ and is one of the original Allstate cars. This particular car has approximately 4400 actual miles, is a survivor and was in Lancaster last fall. The magazine is on your local news stand now and is in the mail to those who subscribe. *Posted on the SDC forum by Don Jones.*

Patrick Foster has a nice 15-page history of the Avanti (all the way up to 2008) in the 1st Quarter 2009 issue of *Automobile Quarterly*. According to the subscription info in the latest issue, individual issues are available for \$25.95 plus shipping. They often have sales of back issues, but not of their most recent issues. The issue in question is Vol. 49, No. 1. For information check out <http://www.autoquarterly.com/> or call 812-948-2886. *Posted on the SDC forum.*

### *And, just in time for Christmas.....*

## Chapman pens new Studebaker book

Stu Chapman, Studebaker's last Director of Advertising and Public Relations, has recently completed the manuscript for his new book titled "My Father The Car: Memoirs of My Life With Studebaker."

Stu's book will go to publishing this summer with distribution targeted for Christmas. The book, 144 pages with loads of pictures and illustrations, will retail for \$19.95, plus shipping, but the publisher will be offering a pre-publishing price of \$16.95, plus shipping, through the summer months.

Studebaker historian Richard Quinn and Studebaker National Museum archivist Andy Beckman both assisted Stu in his research. The result is formerly untold stories about what really happened at Studebaker.

If you would like to be placed on the pre-pub list (no money required until much later), simply email Stu at [schapman5@cogeco.ca](mailto:schapman5@cogeco.ca) with your name, address, zip code, email address and quantity required.

When payment is required the publisher will accept Visa or Master Card. You will have the option of a personally signed copy.

Chapman has written numerous articles about Studebaker's final year and is a former SDC president.

Reprinted from May-June 2009 issue of *Wonderland Cruiser*, newsletter of the West Michigan Chapter, Terry Judd, editor.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION



### Another Detailing Tip

#### Caring for Wide Whites

By Pat Dilling

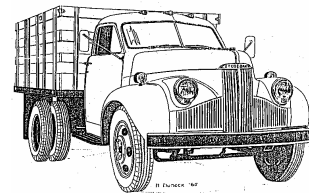
For my white walls I use 400+ grit wet sandpaper. I wash them with soap and water first and sometimes use a brush to get the dirt off. Then, if there is a scuff or discoloration, I use the sandpaper. Another alternative would be the green Scotch-Brite.

I do not use the sprays on whitewalls themselves. I spray it on a sponge and apply it to the black part of the tire. That was guidance I got from DiamondBack Tires. Do not use any of the products that have bleach in them, like Bleach-White. That can cause the white walls to develop cracks. Also, make sure you keep proper inflation as low pressure causes the sidewall to flex more and can also cause problems.

I have tried a number of methods and this seems the best. I have had some whitewalls develop cracks and I'm pretty sure I can attribute it to the bleach products.

Follow the advice of the DB Tires folks.

Reprinted from the *Hawk Talks*, newsletter of the Karel Staple Chapter, Jon Stalnacker, editor. You can visit DB Tires on line at <http://www.dbtires.com/>



## Web Sites of Interest

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<http://tinyurl.com/nofv5k> Samples of orphan car commercials.

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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64NxXb\\_4OmK](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64NxXb_4OmK)  
 17 Studebaker US 6X6 vehicles.

<http://rides.webshots.com/album/573144858TNseUs>  
 Atlantic Zone Meet photos.



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## 2010 UPDATE

By Deanna Manley

By the time you read this article it will be less than a year until the 2010 Meet begins. In July, many members of the chapter will be in Cedar Rapids at the 2009 International Meet advertising our meet, selling 2010 merchandise and in general talking about how great it will be in Glendale next year. I hope many of you are thinking about getting involved in the meet and helping the many committee chairs who are hard at work and have been for more than a year already. Just this week John Smith agreed to be director of the Valve Cover Races in 2010 and we know it will be a fun event for all ages. The rules will be posted soon and the competition will surely be intense.

Chris has listed many items we will need for the show which we are hoping members will be able to help us with. If you have an item and we can borrow it or if you purchase something that is on the list we would appreciate it; just let a Posse Member know right away.

Keep in mind the week of 5/31-6/4, 2010 when you make plans to take time off from work, too. The Renaissance Glendale, our beautiful Meet Hotel, began accepting reservations 6/22/2009 and you will want to reserve your room early to make sure you can be close to the action and help out, too. See the listing above of all of the committee chairs that need your help or call me to volunteer at 480-981-8886. There is a place for everyone.

Saddle Up!!

If you are attending the meet in Cedar Rapids, please stop by the Chapter table in the vending area to help promote the 2010 meet.

### Items needed for the 2010 International Meet, May 31 - June 4

Canopies (one 20'x20' canopy and many 10'x10')  
Walkie-Talkies  
Gators, Rhinos, Golf Carts  
Easels  
Display Cabinets for Memorabilia

If you have any of the items on this list that you can provide for use during the meet please contact a meet chairman, either Deanna Manley at hpdلمانley@msn.com or 480-981-8886 or Larry Vahe at 58pkhawk@cableone.net or 480-694-3899.

### **Thank you to the following for their contributions to the 2010 Meet:**

**Dennis Lynde** for arranging for 600 tire gauges from Discount Tire for the goody bags and **Mary Powell-McConnell** for door prizes for Fun Night. If you have an item to donate for door prizes or the goody bag please contact one of the chairmen listed above.

### **As of July 1, there are 333 days until the 2010 meet.**

Thanks to Mike Barany for providing the countdown, available in an Excel file from Mike at mbarany@cox.net

**The 2010 International Meet registrations** will be handled by Chapter member Stuart Tritt of Kimball, NE. His company, S & R Registrations, was awarded a contract for the 2010 and 2011 SDC international meets.

**MISC. FOR SALE**

**Packard dealership showroom floor mat**, 54"X78"x1/2" thick, black rubber with 9" white PACKARD block letters in center. Fairly good condition. \$150. **2-Studebaker dealership canvas banners:** 1-4'X15", red, white & green. Says 1954 STUDEBAKER. NEW COLORFUL INTERIORS. 1-4'X18", yellow & red. Says 1953 STUDEBAKER CHAMPION COMMANDER V8. \$250 ea or \$450 both. **1937 Commander 6 218 ci engine.** Ran good. 99,000 miles. \$225. **Starter** for same, \$68. **1955 Truck heavy duty 4 spd trans**, good. \$50. Small tank **acetylene welder** complete; Linde **arc welder** 220 V w/extra long cord; 1930's **banking machine**, very neat & unique. Make offer on each. Call Fred Gooch: 520-883-7418 for pictures & info.

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Two knowledgeable Chapter members have volunteered to help members with Studebaker technical problems and to give advice.

Scott Benson 602-568-7999  
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**1959 Lark.** V8, 4dr. Green ext. Runs well & looks good. \$3400.00 Shawn Miller, Kingman 928-530-2024 (1)

**1963 Station Wagon.** V8, 3 spd w/ od. \$2900.00 Casey's Auto Repair, Prescott. 928-778-7249 (1)

**1947 M 5 Pickup.** 427 ci SBC. Aluminum heads. 550 HP. 700R4 trans. Tilt front end. \$16,500.00 Freddie Munoz 928-567-6595 (1)

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**WANTED**

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See additional ads on page 10.



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