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THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

BY DEANNA MANLEY

Thanks to many Grand Canyon State Chapter members, Arizona made a great impression on Iowa and those attending the SDC International Meet. We presented our pre-meet booklet, tour information, hotel and meet registration and how to get to Glendale many times over to interested parties. Our 2010 meet merchandise sold well and those that purchased shirts, hats and pins were walking advertisements all week for us.

We couldn't have made such an impact on the lowa meet without the help of Chris Collins, Denny Lockmon, Harold Manley, Nancy Bradfield, Al and Anna Riedel, Bob & Mimi Halgren, Pat Swanson and Dan and Corlean Kuhl at the 2010 table at The Downs and Claudia Robinette, Jan Lockmon, Kent Vandenburg and others at the Clarion. Richard Dormois is always talking about 2010 and we also presented at the SDC board meeting, the IMC meeting and the General Business Meeting.

Every opportunity that we had was used to promote our 2010 meet and encourage our friends from all over the country and beyond to come to Glendale next year and support our meet.

Now we have less than a year to complete our work and host the 46th Annual Meet here and we still need help. Join the many chapter members already involved and choose a committee to serve on or donate a needed item for the meet itself or the auction. Come to the September meeting and see the meet hotel and look for a list of needed items in the *ECHO*.

Most important get your car or truck ready and help us make sure that Arizona and our chapter have the greatest representation at the 2010 meet. Saddle Up and let's get going.



Deanna visits with another SDCer about attending the 46th SDC International Meet in Glendale.

Photo by Chuck Collins.

Editorially Speaking

The 45th International SDC meet in Cedar Rapids was well attended by SDC members from around the world and was well run by the Hawkeye Chapter. 2010 meet committee members observed the workings of this meet closely to learn as much as we could about the intricacies of running an organized meet. We aspire to do as well as the Hawkeye Chapter and the other chapters who have proceeded us as meet hosts. Hope you can help out somewhere so we can meet our goal of putting on an outstanding meet.

I'm happy to report your editor received a first place award for Monthly Internet Newsletter in SDC publications judging. This award is possible because of the help of those who contribute each month so thanks to all who send articles, ads and other tidbits to make the newsletter interesting. Thanks to the newsletter judges, also. Because the newsletter is e-mailed to about a third of our members and is available online on the web site, *The ECHO* qualifies as an internet newsletter.

As we look forward to fall and cooler weather, the car show season will soon be in full gear so take your Stude to a cruise night or the next all makes show. Better yet, go for a nice drive. Your Stude will love you! *Chris*

Grand Canyon State Chapter Treasurer's Report Submitted by Chuck Collins

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Dresident's Message

t's a Thursday night and I'm sitting on my redwood deck watching the sun slowly set in the Prescott National Forest. The sun is a fiery orb as seen through the tall ponderosa pines spreading great rays of red and gold turning the pine needles into fantastic golden hues. Could Rapunzel's hair have been any less gold, I wonder? Above the sky is turning the color of ripe persimmons. Far above in the heavens black clouds form ragged shapes like sails shredded in a fierce gale. As the sun dips below the horizon I watch the sky fade from a translucent milky white to copper to Indigo black. A couple of crows fly by cawing to one another as if urging each other on to find a safe place to spend the night. As darkness falls the crickets begin their chirping and soon the forest is dark and filled with the thunderous sounds of hundreds of crickets. The wind sweeps through the trees sounding like rushing water down a dry Arizona wash. Looking up between the tall trees stars appear as if someone has taken a handful of hard bright pebbles and flung them across a black velvety sky. Somewhere in the middle distance a dog barks and in the far distance a covote vips.

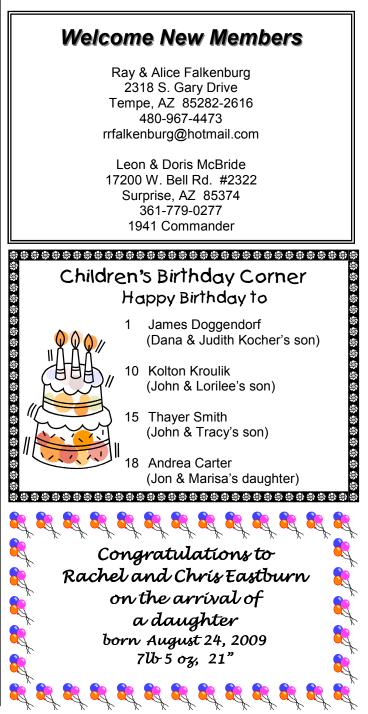
I'm bathed in the soft glow of a computer screen as I try to overcome writer's block and knock out yet another 450 word President's Message. This knowing my vigilant editor, ever mindful of the Golden Quill Award she recently won, will not hesitate to have me replaced with a younger and more skilful wordsmith if I don't produce! Pressure! Think! Slowly I begin to relax and feel the tension drain and the words return knowing I can't let some unknown news hack replace me! I must come up with something, but what?

I let my mind drift back over the past several months and realize all the many wonderful events that took place. There was the July 4th Drive Your Studebaker Day. A wonderful success as I understand it and while not able to attend the gala swim party at Linda & Dennis' house I did drive my '58 Hawk in lovely Prescott, AZ. There was the delightful 45th International Meet in Cedar Rapids attended by many of our own members. A good time was had by all and some ideas gleaned for our upcoming meet in Glendale, AZ. A glance at the upcoming calendar show a club meeting scheduled for Sept. 19 at the host hotel. We'll meet at 1 pm for guided tours from your 2010 committee followed by a splendid lunch and short meeting afterward. We promise to hold down the meeting time but feel compelled to dwell on not what your host committee can do for you but rather what you can do to help our the upcoming meet. We will also discuss any fund raising activities you may have thought of and conduct a short general business meeting, time and noise permitting! We'll also recap what to expect at the October and November meetings and hope to have the respective hosts in attendance to entice you to attending their meet.

Additionally, two members of our chapter were elected to higher office in the SDC namely Mimi Halgren as president and Richard Dormois as VP. Allow me to extend the club's congratulations on your being elected to office. Retiring after many years as secretary was Jan Lockmon and I'm sure we all will take the time to thank her for her many years of service the next time you see her.

As I wrap up yet another column the temperature has fallen to 58 degrees yet the forest is still filled with the cacophonous sound of the crickets and in the near distance I hear a solitary car making its way down the White Spar starting the 111 mile journey to the Valley of the Sun. Once again, I feel I have avoided the business end of my editor's Golden Quill and will yet pen another president's message! And that's the way it is.





JULY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY SWIM PARTY

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July 4th, 2009 marked the inaugural Drive Your Studebaker Day promoted by the SDC as an activity that could be done individually, in groups or as an organized club activity. The GCSC encouraged its members to drive their Studebakers on the 4th and everyone was invited to participate in a swim party hosted by Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar at their home in Mesa. Among those who drove their Studes to the party on this very warm day, two bravely traveled across the valley without airconditioning. Ed Smith from Goodyear and Buddy and Elaine Wright from north Phoenix drove their R series pickups with only a breeze from the open windows to give a hint of cooling. Both owners hope to get AC installed soon.

Others attending and driving their Studebakers were Gary and Sandie Keating, Willard Pike and Harold and Deanna Manley. Also on hand were Chris Collins, Jim Clever, Claudia Robinette, Richard Dormois and Jon Carter.

Thanks to Dennis and Linda for their generous hospitality and for the patriotic party favors.

See photos taken by Dennis of the DYSD party on the chapter web site in the Photo Galleries.

Elaine and Lionel Stone

As many of you may have heard, the Stones were in An accident in Oklahoma on the way to the Meet. Their truck rolled over and Elaine was killed. Lionel sustained injuries to his lung, ribs and shoulder but is expected to recover.

We had a huge card for everyone to sign at the Meet. I would encourage all of you to send him a card. It would be better not to call him.

Let's all say a prayer for Elaine and wish Lionel a speedy recovery.

Colin Fort, Director Pacific Southwest Zone Director

A card was sent from the Chapter to the Stone family extending condolences on the loss of Elaine and a memorial donation in her name was made to the Studebaker National Museum. Elaine will be missed by her many Studebaker friends who looked forward to visiting with her at the meets she and Lionel attended.

According to the Stones' daughter Paula, Lionel has been transferred from the hospital to acute care facility in Oklahoma City. Lionel's business has been shut down until further notice. Mail your written questions about pending orders (include order number) to 4476 Matilija Ave. Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. Condolence and get well cards can be mailed to this address, too.

A letter was received from the Studebaker National Museum thanking the Chapter for its donation.

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

By Richard Dormois

G rand Canyon State Chapter members Bob and Mimi Halgren of La Mesa, California and Payson, Arizona hosted a holiday to remember in San Diego and environs August 20 - 23. An unparalleled array of classic automobile related events commenced Thursday evening with the "Back to the Fifties" car show on six blocks of downtown La Mesa where scores of restored classics, muscle cars and street rods were displayed throughout the evening as live fifties rock n' roll music was amplified throughout downtown. Five Studebakers graced the streets, four owned by the Halgrens and Kent Vandenburg and Frank Wenzel and a highly radical, tastefully done 1953 four door converted to a two door hardtop. The black finish was flawless.

Friday morning, through Frank Wenzel's connections, we toured the C A R S high end restoration facilities in San Diego, led by General Manager JB Buckley. We were able to view four vehicles which had just returned from the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance in Monterey. The facility was a classic car show in itself with eighteen automobiles in various stages of restoration. On to the "Only Yesterday" eclectic classic car collection featuring about everything from one off Dusenberg examples to imported motor scooters as well as a very authentic World War Two military exposition and a memorabilia display without peer.

From there, we enjoyed a tour of the Symbolic Motor Car Company salon led by Jason Lemberg, where vintage Bugatti, Lotus, Lamborghini, Bentley, Rolls Royce and Maserati automobiles were being restored as well as an Enzo Ferrari visiting for service. Features of this tour included vintage racing machines owned by Mario Andretti and Roger Penske. Mr. Lemberg mentioned his staff sometimes travels to Scottsdale to study authenticity at the Penske Museum. Our group was impressed with the spotless condition of the garage where all phases of restoration from body panel fabrication to engine building to upholstery are performed.

Friday evening, Bob and Mimi hosted twenty four SDC members and guests from Arizona and California at their home, serving authentic Southwestern cuisine and decadent desserts. Members of Beach Cities Inland Empire, Orange Empire, San Diego and Grand Canyon Chapters dropped by for fun and light hearted banter deep into the evening.

The Cool Classics Car Show at Balboa Park hosted by the San Diego County Chapter and managed by Bob and Mimi Halgren drew fifty Pierce Arrow, Packard and Studebaker examples on the grounds of the San Diego Automotive Museum. A good turnout of club members from the three marques as well as the local citizenry attended in perfect weather.

Awards chairman Colin Fort passed out handsome plaques for a variety of accomplishments and People's Choice judging.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 14 AAHC (ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL) MEETING AT DON SANDERSON FORD TRUCK CENTER, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., 7:00 PM. INCLUDES TOUR OF THE SANDERSON FORD MUSEUM. (IF YOU MISSED THE CHAPTER'S JUNE TOUR OF THE MUSEUM, HERE IS ANOTHER CHANCE.) INFO: BOB BROWN AT 623-388-0187 OR http://www.azautohobbyist.com/ FYI: ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE AAHC MEMBERS.
- SEPTEMBER 19 TOUR OF RENAISSANCE GLENDALE HOTEL. MEET IN HOTEL LOBBY AT 1:00 PM. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR, PARKING AND WHERE WE'LL MEET AND EAT AFTER THE TOUR OR CONTACT DENNY AT 623-974-5424 OR LOCKMON@COX.NET. THE CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD WILL MEET AT 11:00 AM IN THE LOBBY OF THE HOTEL FOR A BOARD MEETING.
- SEPTEMBER 18-20 STUDEBAKER/PACKARD MEET AT THE JUNCTION HOSTED BY THE PIKES PEAK CHAP-TER IN LAJUNTA, COLO. HOST HOTEL IS HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, 719-384-2900. ACTIVI-TIES 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. CONTACT MALCOLM AT 928-537-2571 OR AT STUDEBAKERSW@FRONTIERNET.NET
- SEPTEMBER 25-27 SOUTH CENTRAL ZONE MEET IN GRAPEVINE, TX. INFO: VAN AT 214-454-3605 OR AT http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=notxsdc
- OCTOBER 11 GOODYEAR AUTOFEST CHARITY SHOW HOSTED BY THE PEBBLECREEK CLASSIC CAR CLUB AT THE GOODYEAR BALLPARK, 1933 S BALLPARK WAY, GOODYEAR. JUDGING, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES. <u>A STUDEBAKER CLASS WILL BE CREATED & JUDGED IF 10</u> <u>STUDES REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 15TH</u>. SEE PAGE 13 OF THE ONLINE NEWSLETTER FOR A REGISTRATION FORM AND CONTACT CHAPTER MEMBER ED SMITH AT 602-290-1045 OR EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET TO ENTER OR BE A STUDEBAKER JUDGE.
- OCTOBER 17 2010 COMMITTEE MEETING FOR ALL MEET CHAIRMEN AT DEANNA MANLEY HOME, 3956 E. FARMDALE, MESA. TIME TBA. INFO: DEANNA AT 480-981-8886 OR HPDLMANLEY@MSN.COM
- OCTOBER 18 ORPHAN CAR SHOW HOSTED BY THE ROADRUNNER CHAPTER, VMCCA AT LOS OLIVOS PARK, 28TH ST. AND DEVONSHIRE, PHOENIX. DASH PLAQUES, FUN AWARDS, DOOR PRIZES. \$10.00 BEFORE OCT. 13, \$15.00 DAY OF SHOW. INFO: ANDE 623-393-0050 OR CONTACT THE *ECHO* EDITOR AT 602-995-5311.
- OCTOBER 24 HALLOWEEN PARTY AND CHAPTER MEETING HOSTED BY MICHELL EASTBURN AT THE BILL & PEGGY EASTBURN HOME, PHOENIX. MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH. INFO: DENNY AT LOCKMON@COX.NET
- NOVEMBER 14CHAPTER EVENT HOSTED BY SCOTT AND BARBARA GRAINGER AT ARCOSANTI,
CORDES JUNCTION. INCLUDES AN ECONOMY RUN. MORE INFO ON PAGE 6 OR
CONTACT THE GRAINGERS AT scott@graingerconsulting.com OR 480-924-0826.
- DECEMBER 5 HOLIDAY PARTY AT LAKEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 103RD AVE & THUN-DERBIRD BLVD. INFO: DENNY AT LOCKMON@COX.NET

DOWNTOWN MESA MERCHANTS PRESENT: Cruisin' the 4th Saturday of every month 6:00PM-10:00PM on Main St., between Country Club Dr. and Mesa Dr. Bring out your Studebaker and show off that ride. September 26, October 24, November 28, December 26. More info at www.hotrodplanet.com or contact: Lance Baker 480-229-5691, blown1969camaro@cox.net

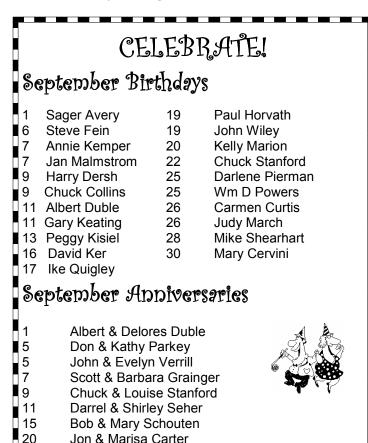
SEPTEMBER EVENT

The GCSC board and 2010 International Meet committee invite all chapter members to tour the 2010 meet host hotel, the Renaissance Glendale Hotel on Saturday, September 19th. Plan to meet in the lobby of the hotel at 1:00 pm for tours conducted by members of the meet committee.

The hotel's address is 9495 Coyotes Blvd. and it can be reached from the loop 101 by exiting at Glendale Ave. and going east to 95th Ave., then south to the hotel. Parking is available in the hotel parking garage at \$4.00 for the first two hours and \$1.00 for each additional half hour. There is a parking lot across the street from the hotel which, if you choose to park there, is at your own risk as it is designated for Westgate City Center customers only.

After we have finished touring the Renaissance and have seen where the meet activities will take place, we will drive across the street to Cabela's around 3:00 pm for lunch and the Chapter meeting. Everyone who wishes to eat can buy lunch at the deli and then go to the nearby meeting room to eat. A meeting will follow with reports on the 2009 SDC meet in Cedar Rapids and the progress of planning for the 2010 meet. Plan to attend to hear all the news and to sign up to help on a committee. Cabela's address is 9380 W. Glendale Ave., just east of the 101 on the north side of the street.

For more information contact Larry Vahe at 480-694-3899 or 58pkhawk@cableone.net





LOOKING AHEAD SDC GOES TO ARCOSANTI

S cott & Barbara Grainger are hosting the Saturday, November 14th meeting at Arcosanti. Arcosanti is 2 1/2 miles off of I-17 on a gravel road at Cordes Junction.

You may have seen the signs for it for years and wondered what it was. It is a unique community designed by the world renowned Italian architect Paolo Soleri. Arcosanti is a prototype arcology (concept combining architecture and ecology). The engineering to get it to all stay together is also interesting. Arcosanti was started in about 1971 which is when Soleri came to the engineering school at Colorado State University and talked to a group of graduating engineers, myself included, about volunteering at Arcosanti. I wasn't in a position to be volunteering for anything at that time but I was intrigued.

Barbara and Scott think that the tour and opportunity to experience a very different community arrangement will be a lot of fun. Kids are welcome. The program for the day will be similar to the outings that Scott and Barbara hosted at Fort Verde in Camp Verde 3 years ago and Tonto Bridge lodge 2 years ago. Arrive at the site at 10 AM and plan to be on the road to home by about 3 PM. Remember to fill up at the designated gas station before leaving Phoenix to take part in the economy run.

There will be an opportunity to show our trucks and cars in the parking lot. As always, at a meeting sponsored by the Graingers, there will be slow drags. We will have lunch in the cafe at Arcosanti (\$8 each) and a tour. The meeting will include a brief meeting to give the awards for the economy run, peoples choice and the slow drag competitions.

Arcosanti does have over-night guest rooms starting at \$30 / night (small room, shared bath) up to \$50 (double, private bath). There are also rooms with kitchens. A more detailed agenda will be provided in next month's *ECHO*.

Submitted by Scott Grainger.



45th International Meet in Cedar Rapids, Iowa By Colin Fort, PSW Zone Director

A lthough the Meet did not really start until Sunday evening when many of the cars started to arrive, Suzanne and I arrived on the prior Thursday and we decided to see a few of the local attractions ahead of time so that we could not miss any of the club sponsored activities. This included checking out many of the local restaurants.

Some of the local attractions included the Hoover Presidential Library. This had an excellent display of Hoover and all his accomplishments both before and after his Presidency. We spent over four hours at the library and the neighboring town of West Branch, Iowa. Nearby in Coraville, Iowa was a wonderful collection of turn of the century cars including an 1899 Haynes, a very early International Highwheelers, a rare Ford Model "F," Hudsons, Nashes, DeSotos, you name it. We also toured the Amana Colonies, ate breakfast there, and looked at the various crafts being produced at the Colonies. I, of course, had to spend some time at the Chocolate Factory. Somehow, after the Colonies we wound up on Alternate 30 which led up to Tiffen, Iowa. It's claim to fame was a large ice cream parlor with every mixture possible. We also drove west on 30 and got close to Ames, Iowa. It was a wonderful tour of the countryside and the corn fields and some unique housing. It was a relaxing ride and sure was a pleasant divergence from the hustle and bustle of the busy and crowded Southern California freeways.

I am glad we also took in the Czech Museum and Village. It was partially destroyed by the 2008 flood. It was hard to imagine that so many houses were boarded up and a section of the city lost perhaps for many years to come. In the evenings during the Meet we always found a couple to join up for ice cream at one of the many local restaurants near the Meet Hotel. This time everything was close so it made it easier to get together.

The Board Meeting was held on Monday, July 13, 2009. One of the major controversies was the budget. Adding a few expenses that the Board felt was necessary coupled with reduced interest rates put us in the hole (expenses exceeding income) by almost \$36,000. One way we reduced the deficit more than half was to select a new printer. The printer's contract was up this year. We had three strong bidders and although Good Printers had given us excellent service for several decades we decided to go with Sheridan Printers. Their costs were substantially lower and they had a good track record. One of their publications is the *Avanti Magazine*. We believe we will receive the same quality as we are used to receiving from Good Printers.

I did not vote for an unbalanced budget and therefore I voted no on some of the increases in expenses. We have never had an unbalanced budget before and I hate to see us use up some of our reserves. If interest rates go up the deficit will be covered. The Board decided not to increase the dues but I see no other alternative next year if all of the expenses are not covered.

At the General Membership Meeting President Reynolds asked the members if they were willing to accept a dues increase if necessary and the majority said yes. As a Treasurer for many years, I was always concerned about our budget especially when you realize our membership dropped by about 3% last year. However, when you realize the quality of our publication and services versus other clubs, our dues are a bargain.

There were the usual reports by various committees and appointed positions with nothing special to report. In addition to our dues, we have a check off list but to benefit the museum in South Bend and The Foundation. This year \$25,000 was voted from the Restoration Fund with a matching amount from another Foundation for a total of \$50,000 to be used to help with the restoration of Lincoln's Carriage, Lafayette's Carriage and the Senate Electric Car.

The Studebaker National Foundation awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship to a member of a Studebaker family. We expect to make one more scholarship award as well as a few other gifts to help promote the Studebaker name across the Country.

Deanna Manley gave us a report on next year's Meet in Glendale, Arizona. You might want to contact the Renaissance Glendale Hotel and reserve your room. Mention "Studebaker" for the daily rate of \$103.00. This is a new hotel. You might have to pay higher at a nearby hotel. Rooms are going fast so call now. (623.937.3700 or toll-free 800.468.3571 www.renaissanceglendale.com). For all you West Coast members, this will be your chance to attend a Meet that is closer to home. We haven't decided on another West Coast venue but it will be in 2015 or later.

The 2011 Meet will be in Springfield, Missouri, 2012 in South Bend and 2013 in Colorado Springs. This year we decided to hold our 2014 Meet (50th Meet) in Dover, Delaware. Nita Ketchum gave us a report on the progress of the Missouri Meet.

The new Officers include:

- President Mimi Halgren La Mesa, California
- Vice President Richard Dormois Mesa, Arizona
- Secretary Nita Ketchum Ida, Arkansas
- Jane Stinson Treasurer Columbiaville, Michigan Two out of the four are new. This will be our first woman President.

Thursday was our car show and fun night. The theme for fun night was the "State Fair." Everyone got a sack lunch, there were games to play and the entertainment was a 1950's band. The car show was in a grassy area next to the swap meet building. The building was close to the cars so you could step indoors where it was cooler and there was a refreshment stand. This was one of the better facilities for the car show and swap meet than we have had in recent years. The weather was very cooperative every day with mild temperatures and low humidity. Thank you, Hawkeye Chapter!

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Friday night was the Awards Banquet and it was well received. We got to see all the cars on the screen as they received their awards. I handled the watch judging this year.

Some of the statistics for this year's Meet include:

Registrations684Attendees1402Cars Judged167Cars Displayed196Total Cars363

I thoroughly enjoyed the show this year even though I had to get up at 4 A.M. Central Time to catch my commuter flight. Many of the cars this year were from neighboring states. This means you will get to see a crop of different cars next year.

Attending the meet from the Arizona SDC Chapters were Fred Moore, Ron & Vicky Crowe, Keith Muske, Lew Dandurand, Lou Fencl, Jerry Kaiser, Denny & Jan Lockmon, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Larry & Pat Swanson, Al & Anna Riedel, Harold & Deanna Manley, Dan & Corlean Kuhl, Tom & Nancy Pfahler, Colin & Suzanne Fort, Bob & Mimi Halgren, Chester & Nancy Bradfield, Bruce & Maggie Wheeler, Chuck & Louise Stanford, Jon Carter, Frank & Liz van Doorn, Stuart Tritt, Phillip Smith, John Smith, Jerry Volk, Scott Grainger, Frank Wenzel, Kent Vandenburg, Malcolm Stinson, Chuck & Chris Collins, John Agee and grandson Conner, Dwain Grindinger, John & Deb Mitchell and former Chapter members George Smith from Buckeye and Terry & Pres Connolly from Ohio.

An Interesting Tidbit By Dan Kuhl

n July 23, 2009, Channel 12's Dave Cherry brought to light an interesting situation involving the Kruse Auction held in Phoenix last January. A Phoenix gentleman had his 1950 Chevy drag car auctioned by Kruse. The car brought \$7,000. The Kruse Auction contract stated he would be paid in 30 days. When 30 days came and went, and he didn't receive his payment, he contacted Kruse's home office. They said there were some problems with the car's title and that it was going to take 90 days to make payment. The Chevy owner said the title was clean and could not be a problem. The title had been checked before the auction. Dave Cherry got involved and contacted Kruse, who stated the gentleman would be paid immediately. No payment had been received with today's airing of the morning news. Further, it should be noted that Kruse closed their Arizona office which is required for a company to hold auctions in our State.

What can we do? Be cautious when offering a car for auction and do your homework.

California Dreamin' continued from page 4.

I had the pleasure of driving a 1938 Coupe Express to the meet formerly owned by Hezzy and Ruth Kappus and recently restored by Bob and Mimi Halgren. It was a great day and many were introduced to the Studebaker Drivers Club for the first time.

Studebaker literature and SDC applications were passed out to several who expressed interest in joining SDC. The Grand Canyon State Chapter 2010 booth staffed by Claudia Robinette dispensed a fair amount of 2010 international meet product, considering this was the fourth California meet our apparel has been offered. John Kroulik did a lively Studebaker parts business as one of several vendors.

Although the Motor Transport Museum in Campo, California is generally not open on Sunday resident security/docent Gregory Baker conducted a tour of the 375 vintage trucks and mining equipment. This place is truly a mecca for old truck enthusiasts with virtually every truck manufacturer from 1912 to 1970 represented. A 1924 Cadillac five door transit bus is being restored, but all of the trucks appear in their working clothes. A very restorable M16 represents the Studebaker marque. A fully equipped, behemoth, vintage German border patrol truck is a feature of the museum and is driven about the grounds twice a year flying the German flag below the US Flag protecting the borders of the museum. After a nice lunch at the Campo Diner, Mr. Baker joined SDC.

Grand Canyon State Chapter members enjoying some or all of the events included Kolton Kroulik, John Kroulik, Claudia Robinette, Suzanne and Colin Fort, Kent Vandenburg, Frank Wenzel, Joanna and Terry Worster, Bob and Mimi Halgren, Dan and Corlean Kuhl and Richard Dormois.

From all of us......THANK YOU, Bob and Mimi for a wonderful experience.

Chapter Elections

A nominating committee will be appointed soon to seek nominations for 2010 chapter officers and board members. The ballot for the elections will be included in the November *ECHO*.

If you are willing to serve on the board, please contact one of the current board members.

Thanks to this month's contributors: Larry Vahe, Deanna Manley, Richard Dormois, Colin Fort, Dan Kuhl and Scott Grainger.

As of September 1, there are 271 days until the 2010 meet.

You Be The Judge By Dan Kuhl

just returned from helping judge the Avanti Division at the SDC International Meet in Cedar Rapids. Because the other volunteers were unfamiliar with Avanti judging, the judging team elected me as team captain. My duties as captain gave me the opportunity to learn about some of the weaknesses in the existing judging process while overseeing the team's judging activities. Two issues came to light that will help your judging experience go well, should you have the inclination to have your Studebaker judged next spring at the 2010 International Meet.

The first issue concerns the SDC standards for judging that are available on the Club website. There, you will find the *Judging Policy Manual*, that was last updated in 2003. Each entrant should read this 40 page document before entering a vehicle for judging. Many of the entrants in the Avanti Division were not aware of the existence of this judging resource, that was last covered in the April-May 2003 issues of *Turning Wheels*. In any case, the Club should remind entrants to review the Manual at the time of registration for meet judging. A copy of the Manual could be provided to all concours entrants at that time.

The second issue deals with authenticity and the importance of correct information about how our cherished Studebakers looked when they came off the assembly line. While interviewing the entrants during the judging activities, I learned that some vendors appear to be giving out incorrect restoration information in selling an item to complete an "authentic" restoration. In one case the wrong carpet was sold to an Avanti owner, while in a second case the wrong paint color was recommended to a different Avanti owner. In both cases, if the Avanti owners had done their homework, they would have known what carpet and paint to order from the vendors. So who is wrong, the vendors or the Avanti owners?

Any way you look at it, if you are going to have your Studebaker judged, seek out as much information about your car as you can. No one should know your Studebaker's restoration needs better than you. I would not depend on vendors, nor would I depend on restoration service providers to know everything there is to know about your Studebaker. Two reliable sources for information about your vehicle are the model/year articles that have been in Turning Wheels for the last 20 plus years, and the dealer/salesman new year product guides that are frequently available on eBay. There are other sources of restoration information, including internet websites, not covered here, because this article is to introduce the reader to potential judging pitfalls that can be avoided with a little forethought and sleuthing by the entrant. Remember, you must judge your Studebaker before bringing it on the field for judging by the Club.

Editor's note: The January, 2010 meeting will feature a judging seminar. All members are invited to learn more about the judging process and what serving as a concours judge entails. Also, see the judging forum on the SDC site.

This 'N That

Best wishes to **Jan Lockmon** who retired as SDC's secretary after 15 years. She received a beautiful thank you plaque from the club at the meet in Cedar Rapids.

Congratulations to Mimi Halgren, elected SDC president and to Richard Dormois, re-elected vice president at the 45th International SDC Meet.

Look for the October issue of *Hot Rod* magazine for a history of **Ted Harbit** and the Chicken Hawk, including pictures before and after the wreck. **Ted** was awarded the Harry Barnes Award at the Cedar Rapids meet as the outstanding SDCer of the year.

Congratulations to the members of the **Orange Empire Chapter** on being awarded the Minnie Barnes Award. The award is given to a chapter that exemplifies the spirit for community service. The OEC's community project is the Orangewood Childrens Home which benefits from the proceeds of the La Palma meet held each year at the end of May in Anaheim.

View photos of the 2009 SDC Meet taken by **Phillip Smith** at http://s697.photobucket.com/albums/ vv337/bridgegaurd/lowa%20SDC%20Meet%202009/

http://tinyurl.com/n47yx8 More photos from the meet can be seen at the SDC web site in the "Cedar Rapids 2009 Photo Links", etc forum. While you are on the SDC site be sure to check out the 2010 Meet forum and go to the 2010 Meet information area from the link on the front page of the site.

Phillip wrote an article about the meet in Cedar Rapids for the newsletter of the Santa Cruz Car Nuts, a multi make car club in Southern Arizona of which he is a member. If you are reading the *ECHO* online you can find his story on page 4 by clicking the link below http://www.carnuts.org/assets/newsletter.pdf

When you are out, stop at a Target or Wal Mart store and search out the new Studebaker COE by Maisto in a blue hang package. The truck is a car hauler and is available in four different colors. Thanks to **Gary Sanders**, president of the Toy Studebaker Collectors Club, for this information.

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

Technical Tip

f you have ever tried to remove the parking brake cables from the backing plate on an Avanti, I found a solution that works slick. Simply tighten a small worm-drive hose clamp on the clip legs about 1/4" from the inner side of backing plate. That compresses all four legs of the clip. Pull the cable out until the hose clamp butts up against the backing plate, and maintain tension on it as you loosen the screw on the clamp, and out it comes.

Posted by Gord Richmond on the SDC forum.

MISC. FOR SALE

"On The Road" 18 foot auto hauler. This is a very wellbuilt trailer that pulls smoothly and solidly. The trailer has 4 new wheels/tires, a new spare wheel and tire, electric brakes in good working order, beaver tail, solid I Beam construction, new electrical wiring, an easy hitch mount (one person), wheel/tire covers and a new dark blue paint job. Included will be a mounted tool box which includes tiedowns, wrenches, jack, and other misc. tools. Close to \$3000.00 invested. Asking \$2295. Call 480-419-7366 or email avanti5010@cox.net Pictures can be emailed. (3)

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 CHAM-PION 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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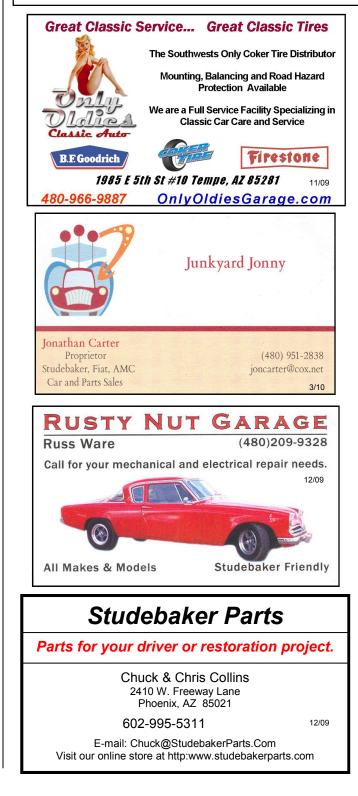
Technical Help Volunteers

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

> Scott Benson Malcolm Stinson

602-568-7999 928-537-2571 or studebakesw@frontiernet.net

Contact the editor if you would like to volunteer.



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FOR SALE - STUDEBAKER CARS, TRUCKS AND PARTS - WANTED

TO PLACE OR CANCEL AN AD: Please contact Chuck Collins by phone at 602-995-5311 or e-mail ccollinsaz@cox.net or write 2410 W. Freeway Lane, Phoenix, AZ 8502I-4135. Ads for members are free. Business card ads are \$25 per year. Ads not updated every 4 issues will be dropped.

STUDEBAKERS FOR SALE

1962 GT Hawk. Nice looking, good running 4 spd manual trans. Will make a good daily driver. A previous owner installed a 259 engine instead of a 289. However, the engine is strong and except for a small oil leak is fine. No outside rust. Frame has surface rust but looks ok. Have list of items competed by previous owner plus all of those since I have had it. Items outstanding that I am aware of are: replace windshield, repair heater core and motor. fix parking brake latch, replace left rear wheel hub and some minor electrical. I have about \$18000 plus my time in it. \$8000. Bryan Sun City West 623-546-8319 (3)

1963 Avanti R-2 complete; 4 spd; PW & PS; needs paint and interior; comes with NOS material for seats and side panels; in storage since 1982. \$15,000. Walt 602-885-2216 wjazwin@hotmail.com (3)

1955 Champion 4 dr. 3spd w/od. Restored. New upholstery. Been told it is a #4 condition. 53,468 miles. In Littlefield, AZ (near Mesquite, NV) \$3795.00 OBO Marge, ejudd3@yahoo.com or 928-347-4947 (3)

1948 Champion Convertible. 3 spd w/od & hill holder. Very good condition. \$17,000 OBO Carl Thomason 714-928-0988 (3)

1959 Lark HT, V8, 2 dr. Rock solid. Good glass & stainless. Needs restoration. **1957 Golden Hawk.** 3 spd w/od. All parts expect SC. Good glass. Joe Williams, Buckeye 623-691-6281 (3)

1963 R-2 Avanti. VIN 63R4185, engine # RS2338. The car has been

in CA all its life, is in very good condition and has 78K miles on it. It still runs very strong and has nice blue velour interior, blue vinyl top with a sunroof, PS, PB, PW, AT, 4 new Michelin tires. For pictures contact Malcolm Stinson at 928-537-2571 or studebakersw@frontiernet.net Asking \$14,500.00 and well worth it. (2)

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)

1963 R1 Avanti. Automatic. Gold. Rosalie Torske, Tucson 520-495-4166 or rtorske@cox.net (1)

STUDEBAKER PARTS FOR SALE

1963 Daytona Frame (V-8/4dr); big brakes & PS; **Dana rear** 3:31 ratio. \$275.Avanti power train R-1 289 complete; Auto; **Dana Rear** \$2000. Rebuilt by previous owner. **Avanti R-2** complete except supercharger; with auto; ran when pulled - \$3000. Walt 602-885-2216 or wjazwin@hotmail.com (3)

1951-'64 Studebaker Body Parts '51 Commander 4dr frt doors rust free \$25.ea '59-60 Lark or '60-64 Champ truck frt fenders \$35. ea all have some rust, very repairable '59-60 Lark or 60-64 Champ truck hood \$50. '62 GT Hawk Hood (bent front corners) \$50. '62 GT Hawk trunk lid some rust \$35. '63 Lark 4 door, doors \$45.ea '64 Lark front fenders very nice \$50. ea '62 GT Hawk front & rear door panels, good condition, all 4, can be vinyl dyed. \$50. 1953 3spd w/OD transmission for 6 cyl cars \$75. **WINDSHIELDS** '63 and up Avanti NEW Windshield \$275. '53-54 Sedan Windshields \$50. '63 Wagon windshield \$50. Back glass for GT Hawk \$25. All prices for pick up only. Jerry Kaiser studeblu@triconet.org or 520-979-0065 (3)

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1963 289 Long Block. .040 half dish pistons. Stainless valves. Hard seats. New oil pump. R1 cam. Aluminum timing gear. \$3600. John Kemper 623-546-8434 (3)

Numerous doors, hoods, and trunk lids for sale. Many are NOS. Most are 1947-1952, but some later hoods, doors, and trunk lids for Lark types. Please call or e-mail for list and prices. Jon Carter. 480-577-5764 or 480-951-2838, or e-mail joncarter@cox.net (1)

Numerous Avanti parts for sale. Mechanical parts, trim, glass, trunk lid, etc. Please call or e-mail for complete list and prices. Jon Carter 480-951-2838 or joncarter@cox.net

WANTED

Complete power steering system other than the hoses. I need the 3 way bell crank, pitman arm, drag link, reach rod that is about 17" long with the valve assy, pump and pump bracket and the power cylinder. Almost any condition. Please call Malcolm at 928-537-2571 or cell at 928-368-7442 (3)

1 - 6 Volt "Ooga" horn working or not. **1 - 31 X 4 or 32 X 4** ½ **tire**, used or aged OK. Just need a spare to hang on the back of Anita's 1923 Touring. Kevin MacFadden 480-988-0168 or k.macfadden@yahoo.com (3)

Need a running V8 engine for a 1962 Daytona. Charlie Marshall, Phoenix 415-297-1226 (2)

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TO:



Reminders for September

19 Tour of Renaissance Hotel and Chapter Meeting

Visit the Chapter web site at http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com for 2010 Meet merchandise and the online newsletter.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are for one year beginning on January 1. Chapter dues are \$18.00 yr to receive the newsletter by mail \$15.00 yr to receive the newsletter electronically If joining during the year, dues are prorated at \$1.50 per month. Your dues include eleven issues of the award winning *ECHO*, a Chapter roster, membership in the Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council and the best club activities throughout the year. Membership in the Studebaker Drivers Club is compulsary to be a member of the Grand Canyon State

compulsory to be a member of the Grand Canyon State Chapter of SDC, Inc. If you are not a member of SDC, add the following to your chapter dues which the treasurer will remit for you.

—- \$19.95 for new members, first year only,

includes Turning Wheels magazine

---- \$10.00 for membership without the magazine

Any questions can be directed to the address below or to Chris Collins at 602-995-5311 or ccollinsaz@cox.net. Please make check payable to the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC and send with this form to: GCSC Treasurer, P. O. Box 37464 Phoenix, AZ 85069-7464.

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