

# The ECHO

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## HE IS A SHERIFF!

BY MAJOR GROVER F. SEXTON

We look for a "typical Western sheriff" in Arizona. Everywhere, we are told, "see Walter Bailey," sheriff of Pima county, which is 178 miles wide and 80 miles north to south.

In the old courthouse at Tucson we see a great, big fellow, well above six feet, wearing a wide panama hat, disappear into the sheriff's office.

The first glance, catching the hat, seemed to promise much.

Then we are in his office. Here rises a soft-voiced, smilingly pleasant man, with clear, blue eyes and long curling lashes that any school girl would prize.

Below his blue coat are white flannel trousers, white socks and white, rubber-soled shoes. Good Heavens! A sheriff?

His voice is low and gentle. He "doesn't remember" any rough work of his office. Why, he might as well have just stepped of his million dollar yacht, or have come in from the exclusive country club.

A sheriff!

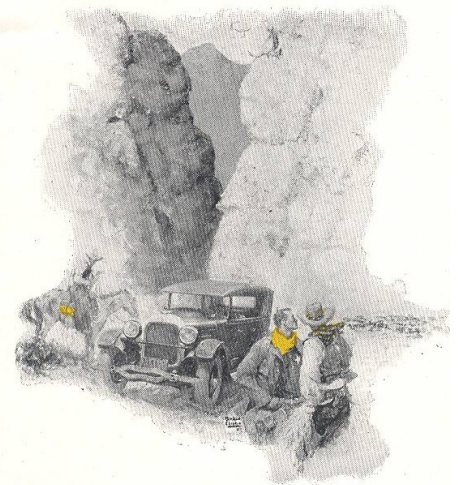
The clear, blue eye, typical of every sheriff on the border, is the only straw to grasp. He talks about his friend, Harold Bell Wright, noted novelist, and their happy days together. Then we mention six shooters—the single-action, long-barreled 45's of the frontiersman.

Smilingly and almost apologetically, he pulls out from the skirt of his country club coat a weapon that brings shivers with it. No movie gun that Bill Hart ever carried was a more desperate looking weapon than this horn-handled, silver-mounted junior field piece.

But, somehow, it fits his hand so customarily! He drew it out slowly, but there are those in Arizona and Mexico—and others not living now—who could tell that this self-same weapon can come from his hip holster so fast that lightning seems to be going backward.

And then he just mentions when he got it. Nearly a quarter of a century ago, when he was a line rider for customs houses. Line rider!

That meant traveling 1,200 miles, on horseback, back and forth from El Paso to Yuma, across the loneliest American desert, where an occasional jack rabbit or cottontail was a friend and a rattle-



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snake and a gila monster no longer were enemies because they, too, were living things out on the wide stretches.

It meant long, eager watches for the remote wells which gave life for another day for a man and beast. It meant smugglers, rum runners, criminals trying to get into Mexico; it meant all the ruggedness of pioneer days, even out there.

What a background of hardship, of adventure, of peril and danger, to yield this six-foot product of the soft voice, the gentle manner.

Walter Bailey IS a sheriff! Those clear, blue eyes are the channel through which all the quickness of draw, the swiftness of trigger finger, and fearlessness of those days agone, come like a flash when trouble breaks out in Pima County.

Walter Bailey is more than a sheriff. He is a true westerner. A native of Arizona, the man who took a party through desert mirages and dug water for them out of the sand, and who speaks today courteously and with infinite friendliness is the same man, the typical westerner.

The old-time cow pony has given way to a swift Studebaker, which may account for the yacht costume, but let trouble start! The car goes like a flash where no

cow pony could have traveled, and this gentle appearing man is steel again, matching the unyielding stamina of his Studebaker car by enduring nights and days of ceaseless hunting, long after less durable folk would have broken down.

Walter Bailey is, indeed, a sheriff!

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### **Editorially Speaking**

There are many nice events planned the next several months for Studephiles to attend so make plans to get your Stude out and on the road. Dennis Lynde has a great tip on a detailing shop in the east valley for spiffing up your car before the next show.

Michell Eastburn has a fun-filled Halloween evening planned for Chapter members October 24th at her parent's home in Phoenix and we hope many of you will come out to join in the festivities. See page 6 for all the details. The Sunday before the party is the Orphan Car Show and it would be great to see lots of Studebakers at Los Olivos Park on the 18th.

Chris

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## President's Message

As we get closer and closer to hosting the 2010 International Meet your chapter chose to host the last meeting at the host hotel: Glendale Renaissance Hotel and Spa. This was designed to give members of both chapters a chance to see the venue up close and personal and that's exactly what happened, complete with a guided tour. Seven members from the Southern Arizona Chapter were in attendance and their presence was much appreciated and duly noted.

Prior to the tour a board meeting was held in the lobby starting at 11 am. A number of issues were discussed and Ed Smith sat in on all the excitement. The one issue that still needs to be addressed is that of fund raising. We have some ideas, which can be presented at the next meeting. Please plan on enjoying the next meeting at the Eastburn's and think of how you might help out in some of our fund raising projects. This would entail showing your Studebaker, not following in Red Skelton's footsteps by knocking door to door as he did in *The Fuller Brush Salesman!* Nope, no sales just doing what we like to do best: enjoy some good food while showing your car! Also discussed was the Christmas dinner and again this will be presented as membership appreciation day and there will be no cost to club members. More details in the upcoming *ECHO*.

After the board meeting the club met at 1 pm in the lobby and was shown around the hotel by members of the Posse. From the hotel rooms/suites to the spacious 30,000 square foot convention area to the cavernous ballroom members got a first hand look at the venue. The media center, where the trade show will be held, was explored and noted how easily we can fit in all vendors, the 1926 Sheriff along with the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum's 1960 Lark Wagon all leaving room for the valve cover races and a nice area for relaxing. Also appreciated was the easy access to all events, most of which are all located right in the hotel. After the tour we adjourned to Cabela's for a nice repast and club meeting. The topic that garnered the most attention was the 2010 meet and what preparations have been made and what yet needs to be done.

It is also that time of year (and, yes, here in Prescott Christmas decorations have already been out for at least two weeks!) to start thinking about running for the office of your choice. All positions, including board members, are wide open and I invite you to submit your name for one of the prestigious offices!

In closing, I invite one and all to attend our upcoming meetings starting with the Halloween bash thrown by the Eastburns followed by the November meet hosted by Barbara and Scott Grainger. A change was made to this meet, which will now take place at the Boyce - Thompson Arboretum State Park, east of Mesa on US Hwy 60. Details on these, and other events, are more fully disclosed on the coming events page. And last, but by no means last, your Award Winning *ECHO* editor has received yet another well earned award: Monthly Internet

## Welcome New Members

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 1985 E. 5th Street #2  
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 480-220-3657  
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 don@becker-restoration.com

## Children's Birthday Corner Happy Birthday to

October 10 Josh Lynch  
 (son of Mike & Lisa)

## CELEBRATE!

### October Birthdays



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

### October Anniversaries

|    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 17 | Clarence & Deborah Haskins |
| 26 | Bob & Sue Gurley           |
| 27 | Robert & Sharon Mitchell   |
| 30 | John & Annie Kemper        |

## Chapter Elections

Nominations for 2010 chapter officers and board members are open and if you are willing to serve or would like to nominate another member (with his/her permission) please contact Deanna Manley, nominations committee chairman, at hpdmanley@msn.com or 480-981-8886 or one of the current board members. The ballot will be included in the November *ECHO*.

Newsletter award. Congratulations, Chris, well done.

**Larry**

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

President Larry Vahe called the meeting to order in the Grand Canyon Room of Cabela's Outdoor Outfitters, 9380 West Glendale Avenue, Glendale, Arizona, Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 3:14 PM. It is noted that the meeting followed a tour of the Renaissance Glendale Hotel and Spa by interested chapter members and guests. Several guestrooms and suites as well as the Media Center, outdoor swap meet areas, the Aurora Ballroom, the Solana Ballroom and registration area were surveyed.

Self introductions were spoken around the room including seven SDC members from Tucson and a nice surprise from Surprise, Chloe Lane Eastburn, taking part in her first Chapter Meeting. Scott announced the arrival of Toto, his 1946 M16 Grain Truck, making its first official run to a Studebaker event since restoration. Toto entertained many in the parking lot.

Richard Dormois gave an informal report on the July 4th Drive Your Studebaker Day chapter gathering at the home of Linda Saar and Dennis Lynde in Mesa where a dozen chapter members and guests and six Studebakers enjoyed great hospitality, fellowship, swimming, a bountiful buffet and entrees barbequed on the grille.

Chris Collins reported that chapter membership has grown to 158 families. She solicited articles and advertisements for the *ECHO* in a timely fashion. Chris thanked the chapter for contributing to the Golden Quill Award and first place in internet newsletter competition earned by the *ECHO* and its editor.

Chuck Collins reported that the treasury is in good shape and the chapter is solvent.

Chris Collins shared her views on the 45th SDC International Meet in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Maggie Wheeler, Scott Grainger and Richard Dormois commented on a positive experience. Scott detailed improvements he expects to make for the 2010 Concours.

Richard called to the chapter's attention the dedication of the 2010 Posse and the long hours devoted to our objective of having "The Best In The West" 46th SDC International Meet in Glendale, Arizona. The Renaissance Glendale is over sixty per cent occupied for our meet and Larry commented that overflow hotels charging a bit less per room night are receiving reservations. The five dollar swap meet charge for unregistered guests was discussed with many having opinions, generally opposed to it.

Scott Grainger had further comment regarding the Concours and encouraged a quick conclusion to parking debate. He has the field "laid out", but wants final word on exactly where to hold his event. Richard ensured that regular communication is extant with Westgate City Center and the City of Glendale with an answer expected soon.

Chris Collins passed around a sign up sheet for volunteer jobs for the 2010 International Meet.

Bill and Peggy Eastburn outlined plans for the

Chapter Halloween Party hosted by their daughter Michell at their home at 6314 W. Fillmore, Phoenix at 5:00 PM, Saturday, October 24. Come in costume, bring a bag of candy for trick or treaters and a decorated pumpkin.

Scott Grainger invited the chapter to the chapter gathering he and Barbara are hosting at Arcosanti, two and a half miles off Highway 17 at Cordes Junction. Slow drags, economy run, lunch available at \$8.00, November 14, 10:00 AM, business meeting and awards. Children as well as adults will enjoy this unusual community. (Editor's note: The venue has changed. Please see page 7 for updated information.)

December 5, 2009 is our Annual Holiday Party at the Lakeview United Methodist Church, 103rd Avenue and Thunderbird in Sun City. Bring a can of food.

Richard outlined The Arizona Winter Studebaker Celebration at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort, Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 9:00 AM. People's Choice Judging, Awards Luncheon, SDC Judging Seminar, Antique Studebaker Club, Avanti Owners and SDC Chapter Meetings. He solicited People's Choice Awards Sponsors and two were received from Scott and Marlene Benson and two from Chris Eastburn on the spot.

Ed Smith invited the Chapter to the October 11, 2009 car show at the Goodyear Ballpark. \$20.00 registration. He has applications. If we have enough entries, we will have a judged class of our own.

Chris encouraged chapter participation in the Veteran Motorcar Club of America Roadrunner Chapter Orphan Car Show at Los Olivos Park, Sunday, October 18, 2009 with competition with the Hudson Club for most entries, EZ Up with promotional information about our upcoming events including the 2010 International Meet and preceding afternoon car show in downtown Glendale and the chapter will host a pizza lunch for members.

President Bruce Sandburg of the Southern Arizona Chapter reported that there will likely be a March Madness All Arizona Studebaker Gathering, it will probably be in March, 2010 and likely in the Tucson area.

Chris announced that Mary Powell-McConnell had delivered a host of raffle prizes for the "Best In The West" 46th SDC International Meet in Glendale.

Larry Vahe announced that nominations for Chapter Elections should be forwarded to Deanna Manley and encouraged each present to consider becoming a candidate as we anticipate many of the offices being placed in fresh hands.

The 50/50 prize of \$41.00 was won by Marlene Benson and the Studebaker Drivers Prize was provided by Chris Eastburn and won by Ed Smith.

There being no further business before the body, Larry Vahe adjourned the meeting at 4:29 PM.

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**Thanks to this month's contributors:** Larry Vahe, Richard Dormois, Scott Grainger, Dennis Lynde, Bill Simmons and Sharon Kruger.

# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 5            AAHC (ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL) MEETING AT DON SANDERSON FORD TRUCK CENTER, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., 7:30 PM. INFO: 623-581-0374.
- OCTOBER 10        CRUISE ON CENTRAL. MEET AT PARK CENTRAL MALL, CENTRAL & EARLL. 2-9 PM. INFO: NANCY AT 602-938-1000.
- 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. INFO: ED SMITH AT 602-290-1045 OR EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET
- OCTOBER 11        VCCA SWAP MEET AT GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 6000 W. OLIVE. 7:00 AM - ?? INFO: 602-618-0577
- 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. SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS.
- OCTOBER 24        HALLOWEEN PARTY AND CHAPTER MEETING HOSTED BY MICHELL EASTBURN AT THE BILL & PEGGY EASTBURN HOME, PHOENIX. MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 6. INFO: MICHELL AT 623-936-3116.
- NOVEMBER 14        CHAPTER EVENT HOSTED BY SCOTT AND BARBARA GRAINGER AT BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM STATE PARK, SUPERIOR. MORE INFO ON PAGE 7 OR CONTACT THE GRAINGERS AT scott@graingerconsulting.com OR 480-924-0826.
- DECEMBER 5        HOLIDAY PARTY AT LAKEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 103RD AVE & THUNDERBIRD BLVD. INFO: DENNY AT LOCKMON@COX.NET
- JANUARY 16        ARIZONA WINTER STUDEBAKER CELEBRATION AT GOLD CANYON GOLF RESORT. INFO: RICHARD DORMOIS AT 480-827-8178 OR 1938STUDEMAN@EARTHLINK.NET
- JANUARY 17        SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL BANQUET AT TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH, TUCSON. \$20.00. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. INFO: LOUSE AT 520-888-1563

## ORPHAN SHOW REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Car Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Orphan? \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 before October 13, \$15.00 day of show.

Make check payable to Valley Roadrunners, VMCCA and send to  
Karen Lange, 10419 Avalon Dr., Avondale, AZ 85323

## HALLOWEEN PARTY AND CHAPTER MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009



Hosted by **Michell Eastburn**  
at **Bill and Peggy Eastburn home**  
**6314 W. Fillmore, Phoenix**


Arrive at 5:00 pm. Supper of chili, cornbread  
and dessert will be served at 6:00 pm.  
Park in the lot across the street.

- 🎃 Bring a decorated or carved pumpkin for display and Best Pumpkin contest with prizes.
- 🎃 Dress up - there'll be prizes for the best costumes.
- 🎃 Children will receive goody bags.
- 🎃 Please bring a bag of candy for trick or treating.
- 🎃 Plan to come and have a ton of fun!

For more information contact Michell at 623-936-6116.

Directions to the Eastburn home: From west I-10 exit at 59th Ave.,  
go south to Fillmore, turn right and drive to 6314.

## October 2009

| Sun                                         | Mon                  | Tue                                                                                 | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                    |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------------------|
| Questions?<br>Call Chris at<br>602-995-5311 |                      |  |     | 1   | 2   | 3                                      |
| 4                                           | 5<br>AAHC<br>Meeting | 6                                                                                   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10                                     |
| 11                                          | 12                   | 13                                                                                  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17<br>2010<br>Committee<br>Chairs Meet |
| 18<br>Orphan<br>Show                        | 19                   | 20                                                                                  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24<br>Halloween<br>Party/Meeting       |
| 25                                          | 26                   | 27                                                                                  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31<br>Happy<br>Halloween!              |



## 19th Annual Orphan Car Show October 18, 2009

Sunday, October 18, the Roadrunner Chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA) hosts the annual Orphan Car Show at Los Olivos Park, 28th Street and Devonshire (1 block north of Indian School Rd.) in Phoenix. The show runs from 9:00 am-2:00 pm and is open to all orphan and vintage vehicles. Early registration is \$10.00 before October 13 and day of show registration is \$15.00. There will be dash plaques, door prizes and fun awards. The show proceeds benefit the Sunshine Acres Children's Home.

In the past, the Chapter has had a competition with the Hudson Club for the Best Club participation and we will endeavor to earn the award again this year by encouraging as many members who can to participate by bringing their Studebakers to the event. Please indicate your club affiliation on the form when you register.

The Chapter will provide a canopy for shade and pizza for lunch for all club members in attendance. Please bring your own beverages and chairs.

The Chapter will also promote the 2010 SDC International Meet with the banner and flyers to invite other orphan car owners to attend the Thursday concours.

For more information contact your editor at 602-995-5311 or [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto:ccollinsaz@cox.net) or VMCCA member Ande at 623-393-0050.

### September Tour and Meeting Attendance

Bill Simmons, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar (1963 GT Hawk), Bryan and Doris Giesler, Larry Walker, Scott Grainger (Toto, 1946 M16), Ed Smith (1951 Stake Bed Pickup), Bruce and Maggie Wheeler, Chuck and Louise Stanford, Bruce Sanburg, Delores Shurtz, Steve Fein, Mary Powell-McConnell, Scott and Marlene Benson (1956 Golden Hawk), Sara, Kevin and Anita MacFadden, Chuck and Chris Collins, Larry Vahe, Chris, Rachel, Aubrey and Chloe Lane Eastburn, Bill and Peggy Eastburn, Michell Eastburn, Dan and Corlean Kuhl.

### Roster Updates

Please update the following information.

#### New Temporary Address

Ron and Sherry Watson  
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Scottsdale, AZ 85257  
480-710-4493 (Only phone number in use)

#### New phone number

Wayne Wolertz 602-826-0771

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## LOOKING AHEAD NOVEMBER EVENT November 14, 2009

Scott and Barbara Grainger will host a tour to the Boyce-Thompson Arboretum State Park, east of Mesa on US Hwy 60, approximately 40 miles. (*Please note: this is a change in venue.*)

- ◆ The day will start with a gathering of Studes at the Grainger home, 4135 E Fairview Circle, Mesa at 10:00 am.
- ◆ Caravan to the arboretum and plan to arrive by 11:30.
- ◆ Reserved parking in the arboretum parking lot for Studes and reduced entry fee - \$6.50 / adult, kids 5 – 12 are \$2, pets are welcome on a leash, it is free for those with an AZ State Park Pass.
- ◆ Set up for picnic lunch (the gift shop has sandwiches and drinks) at the ramada at noon.
- ◆ Tour the arboretum (there are 2 miles of trails), kick some tires, have some fun, listen to the music (there will be a music festival going on all day at the arboretum, see their web site - <http://ag.arizona.edu/bta> - for a list of the musicians, the music is billed as acoustic and eclectic).
- ◆ Brief club meeting, awards.
- ◆ Head for home around 3 pm.

The park is expected to be very busy when we are there due to the music festival. There will be a lot of folks interested in the cars as well as the music and the arboretum.

Submitted by Scott Grainger.

### Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.life.com/image/53370741/in-gallery/23056/back-when-cars-had-real-curves>

<http://tinyurl.com/y94m8f5> Back when Cars Had Real Curves from Life Magazine.

<http://www.studswap.com/> Studebaker cars and parts swap meet site.

<http://www.brooksstevenshistory.com/> Read about the accomplishments of Brooks Steven.

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20090923/ENT01/909230304/Local-artists-capture-beauty-in-Detroit-s-raw-landscape> <http://tinyurl.com/ncyyag> Local artists capture beauty in Detroit's raw landscape including 'Studebaker Aftermath'

<http://www.geocities.com/shioshya/mertz.html> Traversing the Grand Canyon in an old car.

*Studebaker*

## Studebaker Water Wagon at Mackinac Island, Michigan

Dave Krueger, of the Northeastern Michigan Chapter, SDC spoke at a recent chapter meeting about the Studebaker water wagon on Mackinac Island. He noted that it had been refurbished but has been left to deteriorate once again. Dave had hoped the club could buy it and donate it to the Studebaker National Museum but the owner does not want to sell.



A wagon similar to this was the inspiration for the handcrafted miniature water wagons the Chapter purchased as raffle items for the 2010 SDC International Meet fund raiser. The wagons will be on display at chapter events this winter and tickets will be available to purchase for a chance to win one of these beautiful models.

Thanks to Sharon Kruger, editor of the *Egbert Express*, for the water wagon pictures and story about its use on Mackinac Island.



### Water Wagon Raffle Tickets

\$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00 and \$1.00 to mail you the stubs.

**Make check out to  
2010 Meet and mail to  
Ron Crowe  
2439 E. Joy Ranch Rd.  
Cave Creek, AZ 85331**

## Technical Tip



### Messing With a V8 Distributor

By Dan Dobbins

**Background:** One of the challenges with a Studebaker V8 engine is the location of the hard to reach distributor. Studebaker engineers, in their advanced wisdom, placed the unit at the rear of the engine, behind the intake manifold and the valley pan. The only advantage found with this remote placement is the fact that an engine won't stall out by splashing water when accelerating through puddles. That is not the case in Ford and other miscreant V8s where the distributor is placed at the front of the engine. Setting or replacing points and condensers is difficult, as in installing the distributor cap and or wires. Adjusting timing can be time consuming. Replacing a distributor is vexing.

**The Fix:** Recently, I discovered a technique that eliminates the hardship in replacing the distributor. The distributor is held in place by the lock plate with a 5/16th coarse threaded, one inch hexagon head screw. Once the distributor has been removed, replace the bolt that was removed with a 5/16 x 18 stud, one inch or longer, in the threaded hole where the lock plate screw resided. After the distributor has been properly installed, place the lock plate over the protruding threaded stud. Secure the lock plate with a 5/16" lock washer and nut. No more groping to align the old screw through the lock plate and dropping it or misaligning it. Then, tighten the nut on the stud. The distributor is secure.

**The Benefit:** A realistic estimate places the time saved with this innovative technique at three days, six hours and eleven minutes each time the distributor is removed and replaced.

*Reprinted from The Big Sky Bulletin, Bernie Harris, Editor.*

## Member Recommended Service

I've now had my Hawk cleaned at Car Cleaners Detailing twice, and both times the result has been spectacular. They will do a basic cleaning, which will put a shine on your paint you won't believe. No, its not a wax job, and, no, it will not help paint that is badly oxidized, but if what you want is a clean car that really stands out, wow.

It's a hand wash they will spend a couple of hours on and it runs \$40.00. If you're going to a car show, and want your Stude to look its best this is really the way to go. They are experts and can do everything from this wash to a complete detail of your car)

Car Cleaners Detailing, 480-969-0767, is located at 328 N. Gilbert Road in Mesa, 85203. Their website is [carcleanersdetailing.com](http://carcleanersdetailing.com). It is cool just to stop by and see some of the projects they are working on. I recommend them highly. Dennis Lynde at [dlynde012@aol.com](mailto:dlynde012@aol.com)



## MY FIRST STUDEBAKER(S)

By Larry Vahe

Like many of you, I read with interest about different members' first Studebakers; there truly are a 100 stories in the Naked City! Like all good stories you should start at the beginning. It all started in the fall of 1965 in Long Beach, CA. I was headed off to college, flush with money (not too likely but it makes for good reading) and looking for a car. A friend of mine from high school's father worked for the Studebaker dealer in Compton, CA, Caldwell Motors.

In 1965 my friend was driving a Bordeaux Red 1964 Hawk complete with half vinyl roof. I thought it was a great looking car (and still do) so I started looking for Hawks. Well, the '64s were well out of my price range (ignore the comment about excess money above) but a nice Ermine white 1962 Hawk was for sale at the local Long Beach dealer, Palmer Motors. It had the standard black interior and only the center dash gauges. After driving my friends '64 with full instrumentation I became spoiled. What to do? Back to Palmer Motors, and yes, they had all the parts including the correct dash board that accommodated the tach and clock. Lucky me! Unlucky Palmer Motors! I guess they forgot what a problem it was to install full instrumentation and afterwards made it abundantly clear that they really had no more interest in Studebakers, thank you very much. By 1966 they had switched over to selling Mercedes, which they still do to this day. Studebakers, not so much. I believe they made mention of a nice Studebaker dealer in Yuma that would do work on my Studebaker but that's another story.

Now comes the year 1967. While in route to pick up a friend to go to college a lady in a VW bug blew through an intersection at 36<sup>th</sup> and Olive and hit the '62 Hawk right at the passenger door post. For some reason she had some bags of cement in the back seat and all I remember after she hit me was clouds of grey cement floating over the intersection! I guess one good thing was it was not raining! Remembering the dire warnings of Palmer Motors I took the Hawk up to Caldwell Motors for repairs. They very graciously gave me a well used 1952 DeSoto as a loaner! Ah, those were the good old days!

As 1967 gave way to 1968 I found the Hawk just did not drive like it used to so I sold it to a friend who needed a car after his '55 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser gave out. Time to look for another Studebaker! I joined the Studebaker Drivers Club in 1967, Beach Cities Chapter, and while looking through their cars for sale I happened across a Speedster for sale. It was located in San Bernardino, CA, low mileage and the asking price was \$1,500. For a 13 year old car, hmmm, a lot of money but being as how I was single (see the first part about having a lot of money) and in need of a car I decided to at least to take a look. When I arrived at Airy Covington's (he was the seller) house I found someone else looking at the Speedster. Airy had a small house surrounded by a lot of trees. In and around his property I remember seeing a '63 Hawk and a quite lovely green '64 Champ pickup. The Speed-

ster was parked in a single car garage in the back of the house. After looking at the car the other guy said it was way too dusty and way too expensive for a 13 year old car. He was probably right.

As it turned out Airy bought the car from the local San Bernardino Studebaker dealer, Warren & Day, and drove it for a year, commuting to Victorville, CA. In 1957 he drove the car to Little Rock, AR, put it in the garage when he got back and did not drive it again. The car did give a new meaning to dusty as I could hardly see what color the car was for all the dirt. After some discussion we agreed on a price and the car was all mine! As it turned out he drove his '64 truck to the Grand Canyon whereupon it became stuck in some sand. Rather than chance having it damaged while being towed out he decided to dig it out by hand. In so doing he pulled some muscles and ended up selling the Speedster to pay for his medical bills. I also received a copy of every repair order done on the Speedster including the first work order from Warren & Day dated January 1957 for a lube job costing \$1.50! Those really were the days! For many years the Speedster was my daily ride and in the intervening 40 years have driven it all over the west and, yes, kept every repair bill.

On a closing note, and perhaps a bit of a mystery (at least to me) is the numbering on the SDC membership cards. I joined SDC prior to 1968 and have my card for 1967 signed by Harry Barnes and Ray McLaughlin but it contains no membership number. My membership card for 1968, signed by Harry Barnes and Paul Gunder, shows I'm now member 322! Perhaps I'm reading more into this than there is so probably they just picked 1968 as the year to start issuing membership numbers. There are some 321 members with lower numbers than mine and was just wondering if any of them belong to chapter members? I certainly remember the gentlemen who signed my cards all those years ago; Paul Gunder was the one who talked me into joining SDC after I attended a SDC meeting in South Gate, CA and we remained friends until he moved back to his native state of Ohio.

Anyway, long forgotten lore about days gone by, just another one of the 100 or so stories in the Naked City.

### What's New: The Studebaker Toy Chest

By Bruce Slifer

Mattel has just released the third color in their 3" 1963 Hot Wheels Avanti. Joining the Spectraflame Orange and green is the Spectraflame Gold color. T1 is the regular issue with chrome 5 dot wheels and T2 is the Treasure/Chase issue with the chrome 6 spoke wheels. Watch eBay or your local stores for these models.

Also from Mattel is the "Studebeaker". It is a 1950/51 modified/custom in the style of the Johnny Lightning "Frankenstude" vehicle but not as flattened. It will be released later this year so watch the big box stores and eBay for these.

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**"On The Road" 18 foot auto hauler.** This is a very well-built 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 tie-downs, wrenches, jack, and other misc. tools. Close to \$3000.00 invested. Asking \$2295. Call 480-419-7366 or e-mail avanti5010@cox.net Pictures can be emailed. (3)

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Here are some individuals who did a very good job at a reasonable price on my cars this summer. I would recommend them to anyone who needs this type of service.

**Bart's Transmission**, 1954 E. Deer Valley Rd. 623-581-2131 Rebuilt my T10 4sp w/od transmission.

**Desert Image Painting** (Rene Heredia) 623-723-0416 Painted my '53 Coupe.

**Morrison's Machine Shop** (Jeff Morrison) 4027 W. Seldon Lane. 623-931-0028. Turned down a bushing for my transmission.

Bart's Transmission and Desert Image Painting are very slow with the turn around but well worth the extra time. Morrison's Machine Shop will handle the small jobs that larger machine shops won't tackle.

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**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 wjazzwin@hotmail.com (2)

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**1948 Champion Convertible.** 3 spd w/od & hill holder. Very good condition. \$17,000 OBO Carl Thomason 714-928-0988 (2)

**1959 Lark HT, V8, 2 dr.** Rock solid. Good glass & stainless. Needs restoration. **1957 Golden Hawk.**

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