

# The ECHO

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Studebaker Drivers Club

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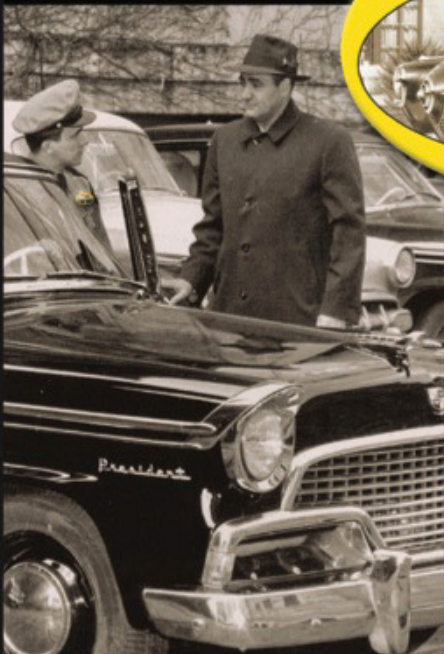
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**Announcing**  
the  
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**2012**  
**Recruiting**  
**Drive**



**I GOT ONE**

2012 SDC Recruiting Drive

**Bring In a  
New Member &  
Earn  
Your Badge!**

Recruit a New Member Then Email  
Tom Curtis @  
tomnancurtis@aol.com  
With Your Recruit's Name  
To Receive Your "I GOT ONE" Button!

See page 7 for information about the SDC recruiting drive.

## From the Editor's Pen.....

Well, it was inevitable. Just as I was nearly finished with the newsletter the entire file vaporized because of a major computer malfunction. Luckily I had a template although it was the October, 2011 issue. However, it gave me a base from which to work. My main concern was ensuring everyone would have the information for the May 6th event in time to make plans.

Congratulations to Frank van Doorn on his appointment as the North Central Zone national director. Frank is a part time resident of Arizona and resides the rest of the year in Omaha.

SDC now has a new feature on its website - a link for SDC Board Activity. There you can read the results of any actions and voting results made by the board. One recent vote raises the international meet registration fee from \$30.00 to \$35.00 effective with the 2013 meet.

Thanks, as always, to our contributors: Ed Smith, Linda Smith, Dan Kuhl, Deanna Manley, Wasatch Mountain Chapter, Ernie Loga and Scott Grainger. A big thank you to Ron Crowe for his help each month making sure the ECHO is online.

Hope to see you soon. *Chris*

## --STUDEBAKER HISTORY--

### May

- 9 1961 Lark V-8s place 1st and 2nd in 4100 mile Trans-Canada Rally
- 12 1959 100,000th Lark built
- 17 1993 Stylist Bob Doehler dies
- 19 1967 Studebaker acquires Wagner Electric Corp.
- 21 1937 Studebaker becomes a union shop. UAW #5
- 26 1844 Jacob Studebaker born
- 30 1924 \*\*\* Studebaker Special driven by Earl Cooper finishes 2nd in Indianapolis 500

\*\*\* Visit <http://www.studebakerracing.com/aaanonC.html>

for more Studebaker racing history.



Photo shows the Studebaker racing team at 1924 Indianapolis 500.

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## From the President .....

This year marks the celebration of an anniversary, actually a few anniversaries. There are those of us that celebrate a birthday anniversary every year, a wedding anniversary every year and I am sure a few other anniversaries are celebrated because they become a reason to party. This year has a couple of special anniversary celebrations. This year is the 50th anniversary of a fabulous car which just happens to be a Studebaker. Yes, it is the big FIVE-0 for Avanti. 50 years ago the Studebaker board was ready to call it quits in the car world and go in the direction of their other interests in the form of a mini conglomeration minus automobiles. They hired a new president, Sherwood Harry Egbert, and felt that without his background in automobiles he would build upon on the company's early success in diversification. Instead Egbert recognized the company needed a star to brightly shine. It needed a halo car. He realized a "new" car would have to be something dramatically styled and built at a minimal cost. He hired Raymond Loewy and they were like, Gentlemen, Start Your Engines, off to demonstrate Studebaker's capabilities. Tight, short time frames, lack of funds for new parts and new concepts like working with fiberglass all came into play but alas the Avanti was born. From concept drawings to a full size model scheduled for production took just six weeks. Then there was a near impossible schedule set to introduce the Studebaker Avanti, in one year, simultaneously at the Studebaker shareholders' meeting in South Bend, Ind., and at the New York Auto Show. In April 1962 the new car sat under a banner reading "A New Star is Born." Studebaker had pulled off the impossible and arrived on schedule. 50 years later it is a lasting remembrance of a company willing to take chances and think outside the proverbial box.



Another anniversary that is setting a milestone this year is the Studebakers Drivers Club, Grand Canyon State Chapter, as it celebrates 40 years in existence. There are many memories made throughout forty years of existence and many lessons learned. Owning a Studebaker is like celebrating an anniversary every year. You love the brand for the unique style, the advanced thinking, the all the time leaks and frustrations, and the 'I know what's wrong, and if I could find it, I'd fix it' mode we find ourselves in. They say love is blind but if that is true why did they make so many eye pleasing models of Studebaker? An anniversary in a marriage is labeled as to how many years it has lasted like leather, iron, copper, tin, and steel. It appears to me that they were talking about being married to a Studebaker.

Anniversaries are for remembering and my memories include the thrill of driving my first Avanti. I remember that you never really learn to swear until you start being influenced by the ownership on an old car. I

also remember how to make a small fortune. All you have to do is start with a large fortune and maintain an old car. They say a true lover always feels in debt to the one he loves so of course you know that if I had all the money I'd spent on cars...I'd spend it all on cars.

"The difficulty with life is that we fall in love with a personality, but must live with a character." It is true that all Studebakers take on a personality, but they become quite a character. Like their owners they tend to slow down as they get older. Each year it seems to take less time to fly across the ocean and a longer time to drive to work. The character of our cars comes out when we least want it to like on a hot day, or half way up a hill, or at the movies. Take some time and tell us about your Studebaker Character during our 40 year anniversary and help us all to make more memories for the next 40 years.

**Ed Smith**

June 13<sup>th</sup> is our Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. But that is a Wednesday so let's celebrate on June 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. What do you think about going to the AZ Broadway Palms Theatre? On Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> is their summer concert series '56-1950's Rock and Roll', featuring the music of that era. On Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> is the 'Legends of Country Music'. You can have dinner and see the show for \$39 each or just the show for \$20 each. I will have signup sheets at the May 6<sup>th</sup> event. Members decide and I will book the function. If I book either night and you don't show up, we will lose our money. So please think about it and let's talk. ~~~~~ Linda Smith

## CELEBRATE!

### May Birthdays



4	Carol Van Zee	18	Leon McBride
4	Buddy Wright	19	Sue Plummer Loveridge
5	Sam Hurt	20	Virginia Quigley
6	Dan Kiesiel	20	John Verrill
8	Judy Haverstick	22	Don Becker
11	Bruce Sandburg	22	Cheryl Monico
12	Bruce Cook	23	Sue King
14	Aleta Millette	23	John Mitchell
17	Lew Dandurand	31	Rich Gregory
18	Debbie Breese		

### May Anniversaries

4	Paul & Lola Horvath
4	Bill & Cheryl Simmons
8	Jim & Aileen Ten Eyck
11	Leon & Doris McBride
20	Al & Barbara Karas
21	John & Lorilee Kroulik

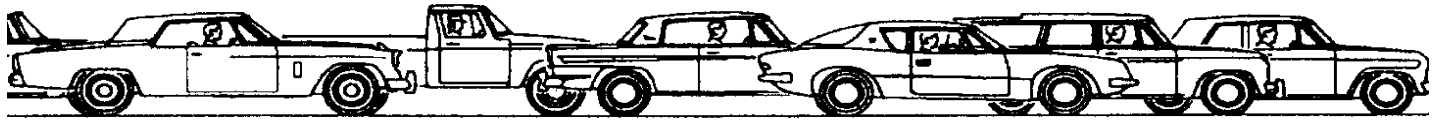
# DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

By Linda Smith

Our April 20<sup>th</sup> event took us to the Glendale Drive-In. Ed & I drove our '51 Stakebed and were joined by John and Kim Rodhouse in their Porsche, Dennis Lynde drove his Hawk and just when we thought it would be the same members, Chris and Rachel Eastburn and their girls drove up to join us.



We decided on *Mirror, Mirror* with Julia Roberts. So we purchased our tickets and headed for the big screen. We thought that something had happened to Dennis and the Eastburns because it took them so long to join us, when they did they was pushing Dennis' car, it just wouldn't stay started. The guys checked it out and determined it was the fuel pump. After the movie, Dennis started the car and made it home without any trouble. Thank Goodness!! We all had a good time – the weather was beautiful, we ate popcorn and enjoyed the movie. Hopefully next time we will have some more members join us; thanks to the members who did.



## ACC MOTORSPORTS DAY

By Deanna Manley

This year celebrated the 14th annual Arizona Community Church Motorsports Day in Tempe on March 3rd and our GCSC SDC was represented by Will Pike - 1956 President, Steve Fein - 1966 Cruiser, John Rodhouse - 1950 PU, Al and Anna Riedel - 1978 Avanti II, Harold Manley - 1932 Commander, Deanna Manley - 1955 Speedster, Neil Bell - 1960 Hawk and Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar - 1963 GT.

The day was warm and clear and over 350 cars filled the parking lots with every make and model imaginable. Another Studebaker driver in attendance, George Sanders, chose to bring his 1912 REO this year to honor the Arizona State Centennial and it was the oldest car displayed.

The show is free and all drivers are served a free lunch as well. Hopefully other Studes can join the group next year and enjoy the day along with advertising the fact that Studebaker is still alive and well with collectors and how much pleasure is derived from belonging to an International organization like SDC. We spoke to many people of course who have owned a Studebaker in the past but also many who are looking for a car to own now. Who knows maybe they'll join us next year.

See photos of the ACC Motorsports Day show at the Chapter website in the Photo Galleries and on Facebook at Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter.



## MEMBERS VOLUNTEER

Saturday, April 28th Mel Martin opened his auto museum to a group of visually impaired people and asked the auto hobbyist community to assist them in experiencing the vehicles. Volunteers would describe each car telling about the make, model, color, shape, etc.

Although far fewer of the blind community than expected visited the museum, the volunteers were many. It was impressive to see the support and enthusiasm hobbyists displayed by their turnout.

Chapter members who met at the museum to volunteer were Edward Santilli, Richard Phegley, Lynn Phegley, Al Riedel, Chris Collins, Chuck Collins, Dan Kuhl, Denny Lockmon and Norm Marineau. A former member, Ralph Robbin, was also among the 50 hobbyists present.

The Martin Auto Museum is now open to the public Thursday, Friday and Saturday from noon until 5:30 pm.  
<http://www.martinautomuseum.com/>



If you would like to keep abreast of special automotive events and AAHC meeting dates and locations you can be added to Bill Gilmore's e-mail list. Please drop him a note at [azcarcrazy@aol.com](mailto:azcarcrazy@aol.com) and ask to be included in his e-mailings.

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAY 6**                    **CHAPTER GATHERING AT ADOBE MOUNTAIN RAILROAD PARK, 43RD AVE & PINNACLE PEAK RD, GLENDALE FROM 12:00 PM-4:30 PM. TRAIN RIDES, POT LUCK, MEETING. POT LUCK LUNCH WILL BE AT 12:30. SEE PAGE 6 FOR INFO OR CONTACT LINDA AT 602-618-7691 OR [lindagsmith@cox.net](mailto:lindagsmith@cox.net)**
- MAY 4-6**                    **HISTORIC ROUTE 66 FUN RUN FROM SELIGMAN TO TOPOCK. \$50 PER VEHICLE, \$55 AFTER APRIL 8. TO REGISTER CALL 928-753-5001 OR VISIT [HTTP://WWW.AZRT66.COM](http://WWW.AZRT66.COM)**
- MAY 10-13**                **ASC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET IN SHOW LOW. TOURS, BANQUET, AWARDS. FOR INFO CONTACT MALCOLM STINSON AT 928-537-2571 OR [swstudebaker@frontiernet.net](mailto:swstudebaker@frontiernet.net) SEE PAGE 13 OF APRIL'S ONLINE EDITION FOR REGISTRATION FORM.**
- MAY 19**                    **CHAPTER BOWLING OUTING. SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS.**
- MAY 19**                    **CONSOLIDATED AUTO SALES AT VAN BUREN AND 16TH ST. IS CELEBRATING ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 19 AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DISPLAY OF 20-25 1942 AND OLDER CARS. THE OWNER, FRANK SAWARK, WOULD LIKE THE LOT TO LOOK LIKE IT DID WHEN HIS FATHER STARTED THE BUSINESS. SEE ANNOUNCEMENT AT <http://www.cruisinarizona.com/> ON THE EVENTS PAGE. FRANK WILL BE DISPLAYING HIS 1940 PRESIDENT. IF YOU HAVE A PRE 1942 CAR AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE E-MAIL [FRANK@CONSOLIDATEDMOTORS.COM](mailto:FRANK@CONSOLIDATEDMOTORS.COM) OR CALL 602-258-6071**
- MAY 27**                    **38TH ANNUAL LA PALMA CAR SHOW & PARTS EXCHANGE AT LA PALMA PARK, ANAHEIM, CA, 8:00AM-3:00PM. HOSTED BY ORANGE EMPIRE CHAPTER. INFO: GORDON AT 714-835-0249. SEE PAGE 45 OF THE MARCH *TURNING WHEELS* FOR REGISTRATION.**
- JULY 13**                    **COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY CELEBRATES OUR NATION'S AUTOMOTIVE HERITAGE. PLAN TO DRIVE YOUR COLLECTOR CAR TO WORK, TO A SPECIAL AUTOMOTIVE EVENT OR YOUR LOCAL CRUISE-IN.**
- JULY 29-AUG. 4**            **48TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY MICHIANA CHAPTER AND THE STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM IN SOUTH BEND. INFO: *TURNING WHEELS* OR [HTTP://WWW.SDCMEET.COM](http://WWW.SDCMEET.COM)**
- AUGUST 17-19**            **NORTH CENTRAL ZONE MEET IN GERING, NE. HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: MONUMENT INN & SUITES AT \$72+TAX. 304-436-1950. SEE PAGE 15 OF APRIL'S ONLINE NEWSLETTER OR PAGE 39 OF APRIL *TURNING WHEELS* FOR REGISTRATION FORM. INFO: STUART TRITT AT 308-783-5144**
- SEPTEMBER 4**            **ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL (AAHC) AT SANDERSON FORD. A TOUR OF THE SANDERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM IS PLANNED. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**
- SEPTEMBER 8**            **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. SUGGESTIONS FOR AN EVENT OR ACTIVITY ARE WELCOME. CONTACT LINDA AT [lindagsmith@cox.net](mailto:lindagsmith@cox.net) or 602-618-7691**
- SEPTEMBER 21-23**        **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET HOSTED BY WASATCH MOUNTAIN CHAPTER IN SALT LAKE CITY. INFO HERE: <http://www.studebakerdrivers.net/meet.htm> OR CONTACT FRED AT 801-969-9235 SEE PAGE 14 OF APRIL'S ONLINE ISSUE FOR REGISTRATION FORM. MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 7.**

*Take your Stude out to one of the local cruise nights.*

*Check here for a cruise night near you:* <http://www.desertcruisers.com> or <http://www.cruisinarizona.com>

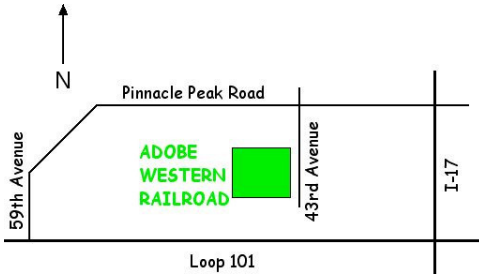
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY 6 CHAPTER OUTING TO RR PARK

Drive your Studebaker and join us for a fun-filled afternoon at the Adobe Mountain Railroad Park with a mini car show, train rides on one of their many tracks and a picnic style lunch at 12:30 pm. The Chapter will provide the paper products, silverware and drinks. Last names starting with an A-O please bring a main dish or salad and P-Z please bring some type of dessert. We will meet at the largest picnic area called the Ford Patio. There will be a short business meeting.

The Adobe Western Railroad is located on 43rd Avenue across the street from Wet 'N Wild Waterpark just south of Pinnacle Peak Road in north Phoenix. It is about 2 miles west of I-17 and a mile north of Loop 101. Free rides on five different 30-40 minute routes are offered between noon and 5 p.m. The last train leaves the station at 4:30 p.m. Although the rides are free, your generous donations help keep the railroad running.

Please come out and support your Studebaker



Chapter. If you have any questions please contact Linda at lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691.

The Maricopa Live Steamers have this notice on their website: "Please Note: Toddlers have to be able to walk to the train in order to ride the train in their own seat. Ladies that are great with child are asked not to ride the trains to protect themselves and unborn child!" Visit their website at <http://www.maricopalivesteamers.com/>


The zone meet committee will have a short meeting at the railroad park some time after lunch. Contact Dennis or Ed for more information.

### MAY 19 CHAPTER BOWLING NIGHT

For a nice, cool inside event make plans to attend the chapter bowling night at the Squaw Peak Lanes at 3029 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix on the 19th. We can bowl for 2 hours for \$12 per person plus tax and this includes your shoes. Linda needs to know how many members would like to attend. Please sign up at the May 6<sup>th</sup> function or contact Linda at lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691 to sign up or for more information.

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 \* *Happy Mother's Day* \*  
 \* *to all the Chapter Moms!* \*  
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# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 AAHC Meeting	2	3	4	5
6 Chapter Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12
				10-13 ASC Southwest Zone Meet		
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Chapter Bowling
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 La Palma Meet	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311

## SDC's New Member Recruitment Campaign: You can help with "I GOT ONE!"

The national Studebaker Drivers Club's 2012 Membership Campaign, I GOT ONE!, is tailor made for all chapter members to help increase membership in our chapter and the national club.

SDC President Tom Curtis is personally leading the "I GOT ONE" effort and has made it simple to participate. "Talking with folks about Studebakers and the club comes naturally for us", says Curtis. "Signing up a new member benefits the chapter, the SDC and, of course, really benefits the new member who gets to see what a great experience it is to belong to the chapter and SDC, enjoying *Turning Wheels* magazine, the chapter newsletter, and so much more."

Here's how the "I GOT ONE" campaign works: When you, as an existing member, sign up a new member, Curtis wants you to send him the name of your new recruit and he will send you a special "I GOT ONE" badge (see ad in this newsletter) to proudly wear at your club events and meetings.

To assist you in recruiting your "I GOT ONE" member, an SDC recruiting brochure was included in your April *Turning Wheels* magazine. More of these color brochures are available on request by your chapter. This brochure contains an SDC application. You should also arm yourself with some chapter membership applications as well.

The SDC is continuing to "prime the pump" with membership recruitment advertisements in national magazines like *Hemming Classic News*. Your chapter also has marketing materials like the "We Invented Cool" banners that can help recruitment at events.

Again, to earn your "I GOT ONE" badge, email the name of your recruit directly to SDC President Tom Curtis at [tomnancurtis@aol.com](mailto:tomnancurtis@aol.com). He will mail your badge to you in return.

Article courtesy of the SDC Marketing Committee



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COOL**

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Editor's Note: The Chapter has purchased a second We Invented Cool banner for use by members at cruise-ins, car shows and other events. You can have one of your own by ordering through the Studebaker National Museum either by calling the museum at 574-235-9714 or from their website. The cost is \$40.00 plus \$11.95 for shipping. They also have stands for \$30.00 plus shipping.

Membership brochures and applications will be available at the May 6th meeting or contact the editor for membership materials and newsletters.

## The Wasatch Mountain Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club requests the pleasure of your company at the 2012 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet September 21-23 in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah

Our host Hotel is the brand new Holiday Inn and Convention Center a few miles west of Salt Lake City's downtown right off I-80. It will provide us with everything needed to make this a memorable Zone Meet. The rooms are spacious and well appointed. You can choose from single, double for the unheard of low price of \$79.00. You must tell them that you are with the Studebaker group. Tell them when you call that you want in-house reservation. Rooms will be held until August 31, 2012.

The hotel has a restaurant and lounge on board. It also provides free shuttle from and to the airport.

We have lots of space for indoor as well as outdoor vendors.

Friday night after dinner we are planning a Chocolate Extravaganza Dessert Bar Buffet of bite sized assorted chocolate cheese cakes, chocolate eclairs and assorted chocolate cake, a chocolate fountain, various sliced fruits. You can have up to two tickets for \$5.00 each with your registration. Additional tickets will be available for \$10.00 each.

Our Saturday Night Award Banquet meal choices are: TOP SIRLOIN STEAK with green pepper corn sauce, served with garlic potatoes and seasonal vegetables. CHICKEN MARSALA, breast of chicken, sauteed with wild mushrooms, Marsala wine, served with garlic potatoes and seasonal vegetables. PASTA PRIMAVERA, seasonal sauteed vegetables with garlic, fresh basil and white wine served with bread and butter.

All meals come with SPRING BABY MIX SALAD - Tomatoes, cucumbers and balsamic dressing, rolls and butter. For dessert there is New York Cheesecake with fresh berries.

For the Children there is a Chicken Finger meal up to age 12.

Sunday we are offering a driving tour to Kennecott Open Pit Copper Mine in Bingham Canyon. It is the world's largest man-made excavation. Located 28 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, the mine is 2 3/4-miles across and 3/4-mile deep. It is so big that it can be seen from outer space.

All of us are working hard to make this a wonderful experience for you and your Studebaker.

Registration forms will be available at the May meeting or you can use the form on page 14 of the April online newsletter or watch *Turning Wheels* for information.



## QUIZZES

Submitted by Ed Smith

### May's Quiz

*Happy Mother's Day*

1. What is interesting about Nascar and Mother's Day?
2. What flower is purchased the most on Mother's Day?
3. What percentage of people plan to call Mom on Mother's Day?
4. Mother's Day was founded in what year by who?
5. Mother's Day was made a national holiday by which President?

### April's Quiz and Answers

1. All '52-58 hardtops were called Starliners except one. What was it and what was it called
  2. What U.S. President drove Studebakers as the official Car?
  3. What year was Studebaker's 100 Year Anniversary?
  4. The largest number of Studebaker military trucks built in World War II were used by what military branch?
  5. When were the Skyway Champions Models?
1. 1955 Speedster
  2. President Harrison
  3. 1952
  4. Army
  5. 1958

### *Studebaker — Builder of Champions*

#### Grand Canyon State Chapter Treasurer's Report

Submitted by John Rodhouse





















As of 4/29/12, the checking account is \$5173.99 and the money market is \$5298.51. The 50/50 drawing this year has been changed to if you have driven a Studebaker to the event you have a chance to win the entire pot. We have had one 50/50 drawing this year and the winner had driven his Studebaker. The club members seem to enjoy this new change to the drawing.

To date, we have had \$3281 in money coming into the club, comprised of Local and SDC Dues, name badges, trophy sponsorship, ECHO ads, and members meals at Mel Martin's meet and our outgo has been \$3329.17, comprised of SDC Dues, ECHO, trophies, name badges, dash plaques, door prizes, and food (Macayo's) and supplies for Mel Martin's meet.

### More Fun and Fascinating Arizona Facts!

Submitted by Scott Grainger

February was a special month for those of us who live in Arizona. Happy 100th Birthday, Arizona!

-  South Mountain Park/Preserve in Phoenix is the largest municipal park in the country.
  -  Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, located about 55 miles west of Phoenix, generates more electricity than any other U.S. power plant.
  -  Oraibi, a Hopi village located in Navajo County, Arizona, dates back to before A.D. 1200 and is reputed to be the oldest continuously inhabited community in America.
  -  Built in by Del Webb in 1960, Sun City, Arizona was the first 55-plus active adult retirement community in the country.
  -  Petrified wood is the official state fossil. The Petrified Forest in northeastern Arizona contains America's largest deposits of petrified wood.
  -  Many of the founders of San Francisco in 1776 were Spanish colonists from Tubac, Arizona.
  -  Phoenix originated in 1866 as a hay camp to supply military post Camp McDowell.
  -  Rainfall averages for Arizona range from less than three inches in the deserts to more than 30 inches per year in the mountains.
  -  Rising to a height of 12,643 feet, Mount Humphreys north of Flagstaff is the state's highest mountain.
  -  Roadrunners are not just in cartoons! In Arizona, you'll see them running up to 17-mph away from their enemies.
  -  The Saguaro cactus is the largest cactus found in the U.S. It can grow as high as a five-story building and is native to the Sonoran Desert, which stretches across southern Arizona.
  -  Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, grew up on a large family ranch near Duncan, Arizona.
  -  The best-preserved meteor crater in the world is located near Winslow, Arizona.
  -  The average state elevation is 4,000 feet.
  -  The Navajo Nation spans 27,000 square miles across the states of Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, but its capital is seated in Window Rock, Arizona.
  -  The amount of copper utilized to make the copper dome atop Arizona's Capitol building is equivalent to the amount used in 4.8 million pennies.
  -  Near Yuma, the Colorado River's elevation dips to 70 feet above sea level, making it the lowest point in the state.
  -  The geographic center of Arizona is 55 miles south-east of Prescott near the community of Mayer.
  -  You could pile four 1,300-foot skyscrapers on top of each other and they still would not reach the rim of the Grand Canyon.
  -  The hottest temperature recorded in Arizona was 128 degrees at Lake Havasu City on June 29, 1994.
- More next month.



## The Ashtray

By Dan Kuhl

I recently read an article in another club's magazine that caught my attention. The Editor said, "If you only read one article in this issue, read this one." He was right!!

The author begins his story about a car from the early 50's that his father purchased and how, as a boy he fell in love with it, and how he cried when his father sold the car. His father gave the author one of the car's ashtrays as a remembrance.

Next the author does a fast forward to few years ago and introduces his son who is named after his father. At this later point in his life the author decides he would enjoy having a car like the one his father shared with him a half century ago. Luckily, he finds a similar car for sale that is painted the exact same color a mere 100 miles away from his home. With little hesitation he buys the car and drives it home with his son by his side. As he drove home he thought of another father and son who back in

1953 drove a brand new car from a local dealer – what a memory to cherish.

The author goes on to say that he almost cried again as he had done when he had received the ashtray 50 years earlier. But this time he knew he would be crying for more than his favorite car, he would be crying for a greater loss – "the loss of my dad, the loss of my sheltered childhood sense of safety, love and security; the loss of unrivaled American manufacturing greatness that produced it and the loss of limitless possibilities that defined our society in the 1950's." He goes on to say. "Both my family and our country have gained a great deal since then in many ways, but we have lost much that is important, too."

If anyone would like to read the entire article from the magazine, I would be happy to e-mail a scanned copy to you. The article is extremely emotional and thought provoking.

I'll bet you have an ashtray in your collection.

Dan's e-mail address is [dkuhl1950@yahoo.com](mailto:dkuhl1950@yahoo.com)

### Interesting Web Sites

<http://www.goneautos.com> Click on podcasts and listen to an interview with Studebaker historian Richard Quinn as he gives context and background to a recording of Studebaker's Marketing Vice-President Lew Minkel talking to Los Angeles-area Studebaker dealers about the 1962 model year. Excellent!

<http://www.abc57.com/news/local/Indy...149478645.html> Story and video includes the 1962 Indy 500 pace car featured on the cover of the June, 2011 ECHO.

<http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html> Web site featuring the original factory brochures for nearly every American car.

<http://bit.ly/avanti50> The new issue of *Old Cars Weekly* and their email newsletter this week highlights AOA president John Hull's feature story on the Avanti celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

<http://bit.ly/JC3HFK> The new OCW issue also lists 2011 winners of the coveted Golden Quill Award. *Avanti Magazine* and *Turning Wheels* again received top honors in the National Luxury Division. In addition, several SDC local chapter newsletters received awards, including *The ECHO*.

<http://wordsmith.org/anagram/> Have some fun.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### Tail Light Illumination

By Ernie Loga

Are your taillights dull or not as bright as you like them? Check the ground. The ground is usually the culprit in 6-volt systems. Another problem can be the size and condition of the wire feeding the bulb. Check the specifications in a Shop Manual Wiring Diagram for your car to make sure the gauge of wire is correct.

In my 1951 Commander the backing plate was white but didn't reflect as it should. I used plastic mirror material that I cut and stuck to the lamp backing right behind the bulb. It is a product marketed by CIPA USA Inc, Port Huron, MI 48050. It is a "Cut and Stick" replacement that is 7 inches by 10 inches and cuts easily with scissors. It works better than any paint or coating. I've been able to find this product at Wal-Mart and K-Mart.

There is also a new product available on the market in the form of LED taillight bulbs. They make them in both 6-volt and 12-volt. When you use them you might have to modify your bulb holder so the face of the LED bulb shines straight out.

Reprinted from the *Badger Bullet-N*, newsletter of the Badger Wheels Chapter, Ernie Loga, editor.

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