

# The ECHO

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## Thicken The Skin

*By Bob Shaw, SDC member*

**W**e've all heard the inaccurate Studebaker stories. They have a Ford V-8 in them... Studebaker copied their V-8 from Cadillac...Avantis were made in Canada...you know them all. Then there's always some who get the models and years mixed up: "My dad once owned a 59 Golden Hawk."; "Grandpa had a 1950 Commando." We die-hard Studebaker owners have heard these things time and again and because these stories and inaccuracies never seem to vanish, we are understandably tempted to respond rather harshly after the umpteenth time of hearing them. I say, GRIN AND BEAR IT!

Even if they claim to "know better" than you, always keep the conversation respectful and friendly. Eventually they will come to realize that that nice Studebaker guy was right. "Nice" being the descriptor that ultimately benefits your club somewhere down the road when that person considers buying a Studebaker.

To help you address some of the more prevalent Studebaker myths and misconceptions there is now a handy sheet you can download, print and keep in your car. Your chapter may have already printed some of these up for your use. Download the "Studebaker Myths & Misconceptions" sheet at <http://tinyurl.com/studebakermysms> (type it exactly as you see it here).

Taking the "nice" road also applies when responding to negative comments about your (or a friend's) Studebaker you may overhear. I believe it is pretty much true that folks either love or hate the looks of a particular Studebaker. Heck, maybe that is true for most any marque.

The thing is, you cannot make anyone love your car or truck like you do. And you certainly cannot make people be diplomatic or respectful of your choice. But, you CAN make sure that, in spite of how that guy may think or speak, YOU can rise above their attitude and show that Studebaker owners are friendly and respectful. Sure, some times you may have to swallow hard and count to ten, but being a good ambassador for your chapter is well worth it in the long run.

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

It was enjoyable to read about the gathering honoring two of the chapter's founding members. We're sorry we missed it due to a family visit.

2012 is a big year for anniversaries - 50th for the SDC and the Avanti as well as the 40th for our chapter. Many will celebrate the first two later this month at the international SDC meet in South Bend. If you are attending please check out activities planned for the week in any recent *Turning Wheels*. Several items related to the meet and South Bend are also included in this newsletter. The photo on page 8 shows the quilt donated by the Southern Arizona Chapter to the national auction to benefit both SDC and the Studebaker National Foundation. Beautiful, hand crafted quilts such as this one usually garner high bids. Maybe one of you will bring it back to Arizona.

The article on the cover continues the SDC's series to help with membership recruitment. If you need membership materials - SDC brochures, newsletters, membership apps - please contact me.

Thank you to our contributors this month: Dan Kuhl, Jon Carter, Bob Shaw, Colin Fort, Ed Smith, Linda Smith, Tim Painter, Ernie Loga and Malcolm Berry.

Hope you stay cool!

Chris



## Welcome New Members

Bill and Nina Dishman  
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1951 4 door sedan

**Be a Champion for your marque and the club** by putting your best foot forward with proactive and friendly encounters with all you meet. People WILL appreciate and remember that first good impression. And maybe, just maybe, that encounter with you could become the catalyst for that person to decide that their first or next classic car will be a Studebaker.

~~ Bob Shaw

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## From the President .....

As we are in our 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence as the Grand Canyon State Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club there are a few things that come into mind. One thing is that I am getting older and so is my Studebaker. It seems to cost more and more every year to keep me in shape as well as my Studebaker. I talked with other clubs and some say that theirs doesn't have that problem. Of course they are driving Chevys and Fords and those Mopar things. I tell them that our newest old car is 1966. Their first response is parts are sure hard to find for things that old. I thought they were talking about me at first then realized they meant for the car.



I also came to the realization that there are still a lot of people that show up at these International events with the only difference being that they are trailering their Studebaker, as I do, or they are telling of some hard luck story for the car or their body as the distance and heat take their toll. The biggest realization here is that they still show up to share their camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts. Surprising how many people you know around the world.

Talking with others is always a treat as long as you know your audience. The crowd over 45 knows what you are talking about as they light up and tell you a story of how Mom and Dad or Grandpa had a Studebaker. You know one of those 40's with the bullet nose that you could not tell if it was coming or going. You hear a lot about how Chevy should have never dropped that line. Sometimes they refer to the Studebaker as that foreign car that came over from Germany. At least they get the name straight and they know about those fast Hawks and

those little Larks.

There are times when you get into a short conversation with the under 40s crowd. Short because they really have no clue that cars can look different from a distance without reading the name on the back. They think a two tone paint job means it has a bird or some other animal or a scull on the hood. It could have those wide stripes going front to rear also. They think that there was never a muscle car built that didn't sound like Mustang or Corvette. They don't even know what three on the tree means unless you wrecked one.

As we struggle with aging vehicles, drivers and passengers we add speed and heat to the situation and a whole new world opens up. Maybe I should say a whole new Old world opens up. Repair times take longer as the time spent under these old cars increases because the old body working on them wears out faster.

What am I trying to say with all this? Let us try to straighten out the perception of our fabulous cars. Show up at our next chapter event at the Brass Armadillo Antique Mall in Goodyear and show off some collectable cars with all the other collectables there. Then in August we meet at the Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa. If you feel that old car can't make it then bring a model or picture of a Studebaker and we will put it on display for all to see. Tell everyone that the Studebaker Drivers Club is the largest single manufacture car club in the world and still growing. It is growing because we are reaching out to those uneducated car enthusiasts and showing them that Studebaker Invented Cool.

September marks the annual Drive Your Studebaker Day and what a feeling it is to know that people all over the world are driving around in a Studebaker the very same day. Bring a younger friend and encourage them to learn learn more about how STUDEBAKER INVENTED COOL.

*Ed Smith*

## GCSC FOUNDERS HONORED

By Linda Smith

You should have joined us at the Broadway Palms Theatre in Mesa on June 29<sup>th</sup>, we had a BLAST !! It was very cool inside listening to Rock n Roll music sung by the group '56' and the food was delicious and plenty of it, too.

We celebrated the chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and honored the founders Ike Quigley and Bill Eastburn who were joined by their beautiful wives and a handful of members. Thank you to those members who came out and supported the chapter. We had such a good time, we might go back!!! Check out the chapter's Facebook page and see the short video.

In addition to Bill and Peggy Eastburn and Ike and Virginia Quigley, attending were Michell Eastburn, Gary and Sandie Keating, Ed and Linda Smith, John and Kim Rodhouse, Scott and Barbara Grainger, Mike, Sue and Shayna King, Chuck and Louise Stanford and Chris and Rachel Eastburn.



Ike Quigley and Bill Eastburn

# CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!



## July Birthdays

3	Rob Ray
5	Karen Gandy
7	Al Karas
8	Ken Michael
9	Sam Cathey
10	Curtis Lee
12	Richard Hahn
13	Mary Powell-McConnell
14	Mike King
14	Richard Rampt
15	Francene Hurt
15	Paul Vigne
16	Bob Schouten
17	Sharon Ware
17	Frank Wenzel
20	Marily Horstmann
21	Wenda Wenger
23	Philip Smith
25	Charlotte Maddux
27	Jan Widhalm
28	David Miller
28	Deb Mitchell
28	Claudia Robinette

## August Birthdays

2	Delores Duble
2	Rachel Eastburn
7	Elizabeth van Doorn
9	Chris Collins
12	Walter Jazwinski
13	Fred Gooch
14	Nancy Pfahler
15	Vicki Piper
19	Kitty Jazwinski
19	Malcolm Stinson, Jr.
20	Steve Piper
22	Frank Henry
26	Joanna Worster
27	Curt Curtis
28	Ed Wenger
29	Darrel Seher
30	Ed Smith
31	Michael Davis



## July Anniversaries

4	Will & Mary Ann Eastburn
10	John & Deb Mitchell
11	Walt & Kitty Jazwinski
16	Ike & Virginia Quigley
17	Frank & Elizabeth van Doorn
22	David & Virginia Miller
23	Dan & Peggy Kiesel

## August Anniversaries

1	Willard & Ruth Pike
2	Harvey & Darlene Pierman
5	Larry & Jan Malmstrom
5	Gary & Phyllis Olson
5	Mike & Willie Shearhart
7	Ron & Vicky Crowe
17	Lennart & Helen Andersson
17	Steve & Vicki Piper
26	Bill & Mary Cervini
31	Gary & Sandie Keating
31	Ken & Arlene West

## A BOOK FOR STUDEBAKER AND SOUTH BEND WATCH COLLECTORS

Submitted by Ernie Loga

After a number of years of writing, my new book titled 'South Bend and Studebaker Watches, Another Studebaker Family Legacy' is ready for distribution. The introductory price is \$15.00 postpaid to any US address.

The book is basically a primer for the novice who is interested in learning more about the South Bend Watch Company. There are 52 fact filled pages with ads and photos. It starts with the Columbus Watch Company and traces the movement of the company through its ending with the crash of 1929. It highlights the various grades, sizes and which are Railroad approved. There are chapters titled: Watch Jewels, Watch Cases, The Frozen Watch, The Purple Ribbon Watch, The Polaris Watch, Watch Chains, The South Bend Digital Watch, Damaskeening, and many more.



If you would like a copy of this book please mail \$15.00 to me at: Ernie Loga, 5399 Old Town Hall Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Please specify if you would like it personally autographed.

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

Happy Birthday to



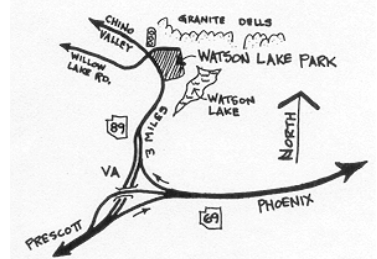
August 7	Robert Richardson son of Eric & DeAnna
August 24	Chloe Eastburn daughter of Chris & Rachel
August 29	Domenica Eastburn daughter of Will & Marianne



Visit <http://www.studebakernationalfoundation.org/> for news and updates about your Foundation.

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 OR JOIN MEMBERS ON THE 14TH.
- JULY 14** **STUDEBAKER CRUISE IN AT THE BRASS ARMADILLO, 13277 W. MCDOWELL RD, GOODYEAR (NEXT TO LOWE'S AT 1-10 AND DYSART), STARTING AT 5:00 PM. SHOW OFF YOUR STUDE, BROWSE THE AISLES OF THE STORE. PIZZA WILL BE SERVED. INFO: ED AT 602-290-1045 OR edcollects@cox.net**
- JULY 15** **BOARD AND ZONE MEET COMMITTEE MEETING, 5:00 PM AT HOLIDAY INN, 1600 S COUNTRY CLUB DR, MESA. FOR INFO CONTACT ED AT edcollects@cox.net OR 602-290-1045**
- JULY 29-AUG. 4** **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF DRIVING - 48TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY MICHIANA CHAPTER AND THE STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM IN SOUTH BEND. INFO: HTTP://WWW.SDCMEET.COM OR TURNING WHEELS**
- AUGUST 4-5** ANNUAL PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET AND OLD ENGINE FIRE UP AT WATSON LAKE, PRESCOTT. 7AM - 3PM, VENDORS, \$50.00, SHOW CARS 1985 AND OLDER, \$25, SATURDAY. MORE INFO: JIM WARE AT PAACEVENT@YAHOO.COM OR 928-778-5386
- AUGUST 17** **GCSC MEMBERS WILL GATHER AT THE ORGAN STOP PIZZA, 1149 E. SOUTHERN AVE., MESA (SW CORNER OF SOUTHERN AVE. & STAPLEY DR. NEXT TO WALGREENS) AT 5:00 PM FOR PIZZA AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE MIGHTY WURLITZER ORGAN. INFO: CONTACT LINDA AT LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET OR 602-618-7691**
- 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) 7 PM AT SANDERSON FORD, 5300 NW GRAND AVE, GLENDALE. A TOUR OF THE SANDERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM IS PLANNED PRIOR TO MEETING. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. INFO: 623-204-9172
- SEPTEMBER 8** **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. DETAILS IN THE NEXT *ECHO* OR CONTACT LINDA AT 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 13 OF THE ONLINE ISSUE FOR REGISTRATION FORM OR PAGE 46 OF JULY *TURNING WHEELS*.**
- SEPTEMBER 28-30** 29TH ANNUAL RUN TO THE PINES, PINETOP. INFO: RGATES2@HOTMAIL.COM OR BOB AT 928-368-5325
- NOVEMBER 3** 2ND ANNUAL COLLECTOR-ANTIQUER TRUCK SHOW 9AM-1PM AT HALL OF FLAME MUSEUM. INFO OR TO REGISTER CONTACT JOHN AT 480-994-1064 OR SEE FLYER ONLINE ON PAGE 14.
- DECEMBER 8** **CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY. WATCH HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Submitted by Linda Smith

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** Let's all meet at the new Brass Armadillo in Goodyear, starting at 5pm till ? Drive your Studebaker (if you want) **BUT** come out and have free pizza and drinks. Win a Brass Armadillo Gift Card in a Treasure Hunt down the many streets of antiques and collectibles. The Brass Armadillo is located at 13277 W. McDowell Rd, Goodyear, next to Lowes at I-10 and Dysart Rd. See ya there – the place is amazing!!



**July 15<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting and Zone meeting at 5pm at the Holiday Inn, 1600 South Country Club Drive, Mesa, AZ. It is also the location of our Pacific Southwest Zone Meet, **Oct 11-13, 2013**, which we are hosting. We have a reservation for dinner so you can see the place. All members are invited to attend.

**August** is another HOT month – let's gather inside at the Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa on **August 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm. **It is a Friday!!** Location is 1149 E. Southern Avenue, Mesa, (Southern Avenue and Stapley Drive, next to Walgreens). A great family place. The star is the mighty Wurlitzer organ, built for a Denver movie palace in 1927. Sit back and enjoy the show by the gifted musicians as you munch away on mozzarella sticks, pasta and pizza. Stay Cool, too !! The Pizza Stop only accepts cash/check – no

credit or debit cards.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> is International Drive Your Studebaker Day**, still in the final planning stage. **Watch the ECHO and your email.**

**October** has the Orphan Car Show and towards the end of the month is our Trunk or Treat event at Macayo's in Goodyear.

**November** there will be a Bar-B-Que, hosted by Ken and Arlene West. Final plans will be in upcoming ECHO.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** is scheduled for our Holiday gathering. We are still planning but **SAVE the DATE** in your calendars.

Questions or suggestions: Linda at lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691

### WE INVENTED COOL BANNER

The SDC "We Invented Cool" membership banner is available for purchase through the Studebaker National Museum for \$40.00. You can save the shipping cost of \$11.95 by ordering and paying for the banner from the Museum and asking it be held for pick up by John Rodhouse the week of the SDC international meet.

To place your order, call 574-235-9714 or toll free 888-391-5600

Please contact John at jrodous@hotmail.com or 480-244-3763 to let him know you have a banner to be picked up.

## ~~~~STUDEBAKER HISTORY~~~~

### July

1	1933	Albert R. Erskine dies
4	1903	Harold Churchill born
6	1956	Agreement reached between Studebaker-Packard and Curtiss-Wright for a three year management contract
7	1907	Construction begins on the Studebaker administration building
10	1930	Studebaker offers Free Wheeling on automobiles
13	1958	Last Packard built
14	1986	Raymond Loewy dies
21	1984	James Nance dies
22	1904	First Studebaker gasoline fueled car sold
23	1926	First Studebaker President model introduced
27	1956	James Nance resigns as president of Studebaker-Packard
28	1969	Sherwood Egbert dies

### August

1	1962	Disc brakes made available on all Studebaker models
4	1908	EMF company incorporated
5	1959	Studebaker-Packard acquires C.T.L.. manufacturer of ultra high temperature applications for space research
7	1928	Studebaker's purchase of Pierce-Arrow approved by stockholders - \$2 million
8	1965	Avanti II introduced
10	1945	Last WWII military truck assembled
13	1936	Frederick S. Fish, Studebaker president and son-in-law of John M. dies
14	1962	Avanti sets 29 speed records at Bonneville
15	1918	Pierce-Arrow purchase agreement signed
16	1980	Harold Churchill dies
22	1890	Harold S. Vance born
22	1996	Jim Lange: 211.292 mph at Bonneville Salt Flats in Studebaker powered Avanti
24	1874	Studebaker Wagon Works destroyed by fire
25	1958	Mercedes-Benz Sales, Inc. formed to sell M-B through Studebaker-Packard dealerships
26	1933	Studebaker sells Pierce-Arrow for \$1million
31	1853	John M. Studebaker arrives in Hangtown
31	1959	Harold S. Vance dies



# Studebaker

**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST  
ZONE MEET 2012**

A GREAT YEAR FOR STUDES FROM FAR AND NEAR



**WASATCH MOUNTAIN CHAPTER**

## ARE YOU GOING TO SALT LAKE CITY FOR THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET IN SEPTEMBER? I AM!

By Jon Carter, PSW Zone Coordinator

By now you have probably heard that the next Pacific Southwest Zone Meet will be held September 21-23, 2012 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center near downtown Salt Lake City, Utah. Fred Ball and his team have put together what promises to be a great Zone Meet! The hotel is a brand new hotel and Fred has secured rooms at an unbelievable price of only \$79 per night! They have a Friday night Chocolate Extravaganza Dessert Bar for only \$5 per person. Saturday will be the car show, judging, and swap meet followed by the Awards Banquet Saturday night. On Sunday, a driving tour to the largest Open Pit Copper Mine in the world is planned. The Wasatch Mountain Chapter is excited about the Zone Meet and hoping for great attendance.

The Zone Meets are the "glue" that holds the Zone together, and a great way to get to meet other members from around the Zone and see some new Studebakers that you haven't seen before. This year we have to travel a little farther than usual, but I assure you it will be well worth the trip and worth spending a few extra days in Utah just to see the scenery. It is also important that we support the chapters who make a huge commitment to hold a Zone Meet, both in terms of time and effort to plan and put it on, and the financial risks including committing to a block of hotel rooms, banquet meals, etc. We want to make sure that our friends in the Wasatch Mountain Chapter look back on this as a great experience! So, fill out your flyers, write your checks, and call the host hotel to book your rooms today!

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Salt Lake City, UT 84116  
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## MESSAGE FROM PSW ZONE DIRECTOR

Submitted by Colin Fort

As you know the national meet will be held later this month in South Bend. As the representative of our Zone in the Board meeting I need to know if there is any topic you would like me to bring up or discuss that could benefit our Zone or the club at large. A face to face meeting is better to get things resolved than the e-mails that fly back and forth between Board members.

I plan to bring up a few by-law changes. By the way the by-laws have not been printed as required in *Turning Wheels* in quite some time. I plan to ask the Board if they will print it on our website.

One suggestion I do plan to bring up is a National Driving Tour at the National Meet. We have a lot of tours but no driving tours. It is obvious that getting our Studebakers on the road is not only fun especially in large numbers but it does a lot to help us get new members. Other clubs have a driving tour and I think we should.

When the meet is over I will send you a report on what went on at the Board meeting.

Contact Colin at [colinfort@cox.net](mailto:colinfort@cox.net) or 760-634-3839 or  
PO Box 231550 Encinitas, CA 92023



This photo was sent by Tim Painter and is of a Studebaker dealership in Yuma. Tim says the picture was taken on Main Street in Yuma probably between 1900-1915.

Partially obscured is name of wagon store owner, E.F. Sanguinetti, who was Yuma's wealthiest businessman for many years.

Read more about Mr. Sanguinetti in the *Yuma Sun* here  
<http://tinyurl.com/c6s4a7r>

## The Remembrance Project 2012

Submitted by Peter Crisitello

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this project, SDC wanted to show their respect for those members who have passed away in the last year. I expanded this to cover not only SDC but AOAI and ASC members as well as other notable Studebaker people. I am asking all of you to forward me all information on any member or notable Studebaker person who has passed away since last May. If you can please include any pictures you may have as well, this would be helpful. This can include old and new members as well as those who may have left the club but were instrumental (local or national) in its formation. I will need this information as soon as possible for this year's display / presentation at the SDC International this July.

Please forward all information, write-ups, and pictures to either of the email addresses below. You can also send by snail mail to the address listed as well if that method better suits your needs. Please include the date of passing; how long he or she was a member; any notable facts about them and what chapter or chapters they may have belonged to. If you have a URL for an online Obit, please include it as well.

In addition to the above, I am also working on tributes to the Avanti Design team. I currently have very good information on Tom Kellogg, Raymond Loewy and John Ebstein, though I could use a good picture of John. What I do not have currently is any information or pictures of Andrews. If you can help in this, please contact me directly.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me. Please pass this along to anyone I may have missed in this exchange. Thank you for your time.

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Quilt donated by SAC to the SDC Auction.

## SAN SECURES U.S. SENATE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY 13<sup>th</sup> AS "COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY"

*Lawmakers Acknowledge Importance of Collection and Restoration of Collector Cars*



The U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 452 (S. Res. 452) at the request of the SEMA Action Network (SAN) designating July 13, 2012 as "Collector Car Appreciation Day." The date marks the third commemoration in what has become an annual event to celebrate and raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

A growing list of scheduled events, like car shows, cruise-ins and parades, will be held in support of this annual celebration. The SAN is maintaining the event list to commemorate the day at <http://www.semasan.com>.

Individuals, car clubs and business owners interested in publicizing events can submit the details here: <http://fs23.formsite.com/andreac/form5/index.html> If you are unable to celebrate on July 13th, SAN encourages events to be scheduled throughout the month of July. Event organizers will be sent a copy of the official Senate Resolution for display at each event.

States, cities and two Canadian provinces joined the U.S. Senate last year by passing their own proclamations and resolutions. This year, the Hawaii State Legislature has already passed two resolutions and several other states are pursuing similar initiatives.

For questions, contact SAN Director Colby Martin at 909/978-6721 or [san@sema.org](mailto:san@sema.org).

## Interesting Web Sites

<http://grassrootsmedia.net/ignition-park-why-south-bend>  
Report on progress of Ignition Park in South Bend

<http://tinyurl.com/c6s4a7r> An NPR report about a company town, South Bend, reinventing itself

<http://tinyurl.com/743rhw4> How Avanti redefined auto design

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUg-B...e\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUg-B...e_gdata_player)  
Test driving a Tesla

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxr7\\_Lg0\\_4o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxr7_Lg0_4o) Museum in Spain with a Studebaker

**The quiz will resume next month.**



## Luther Johnson's Secret

By Dan Kuhl

A number of years ago John Kroulik and I drove to Las Cruces, NM on a rumor that a lady over there had some Studebaker parts for sale. It turned out that most of the parts had already been sold, but she still possessed some mementos from her husband's career with Studebaker. Her husband, Bill Maller, rode shotgun with Luther Johnson the famous race car driver who raced Studebakers in the Indianapolis 500 during the 30s. The lady gave us her husband's mementos and at the same time instilled in me an interest in the exploits of Luther Johnson.



Luther Johnson's racing accomplishments at the Indianapolis 500 have been well documented, but little has been written about his special talent that he demonstrated at the Studebaker Proving Grounds during a dealer new-

car showcase. At this show, Luther was blindfolded and a hood was placed over the blindfold to ensure that he couldn't see. He then drove a Studebaker around the track in reverse at a very high rate of speed and stopped the car in front of the grandstand filled with mesmerized dealer representatives.

If you go to the 2012 International Meet in South Bend and are fortunate to drive the Proving Ground Track, as I did during the last South Bend International Meet, imagine what it would be like to drive around the track with your eyes covered. You can bet the thought will be more than a little disconcerting!

Luther never revealed the secrets behind his unusual talent. If anyone knows anything about this story, please let us know.

Source: Carl Thompson, July 1992 *Turning Wheels*



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### TIRE TIPS

by Malcolm Berry

Something that may be overlooked on our collector cars is the age of the tires. Most collector car tires never wear out the tread. The cars are driven very few miles each year. Although the tires may still look good, they can be dangerous because of deterioration. The question is how long is it safe to use your tires? Many tire and car manufacturers recommend changing all tires after six years. With cars that driven regularly, it's not a problem because the tread will be gone before six years. So, how do they figure out a time frame of six years? By looking at a number of factors: the rate at which rubber decays, how the average person cares for his/her tires, real-life data on tire failure and the tire sales numbers. Most tires have a date code on them. Before you buy the tires be sure to check the manufacturer date on them. They could be a year or two old when you buy them.

If you drive your car to local shows and exclude highway driving, you can probably get by with driving on these tires for a longer period of time. However, if you drive your car at highway speeds, tires need to be changed sooner.

Personally, I've had a five year old tire explode on the highway. I'd rather be safe than sorry. When you think about the money invested in your car, new tires are cheap insurance!

Malcolm is a member of the Tri-State Chapter, SDC.



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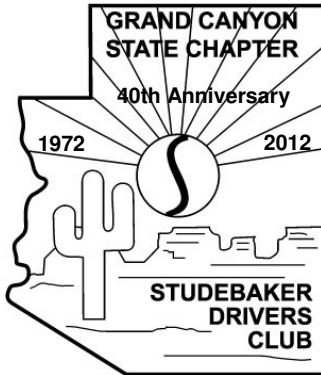
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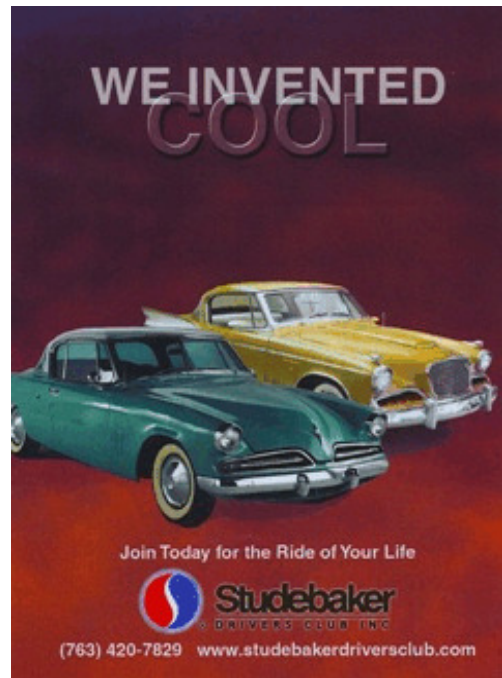
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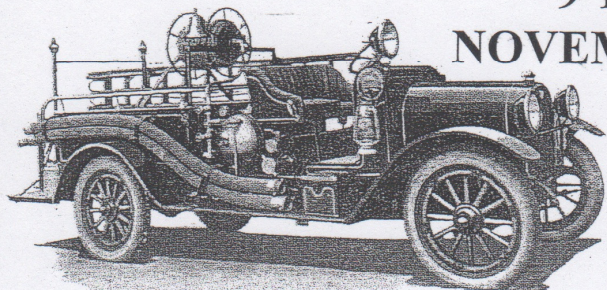
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