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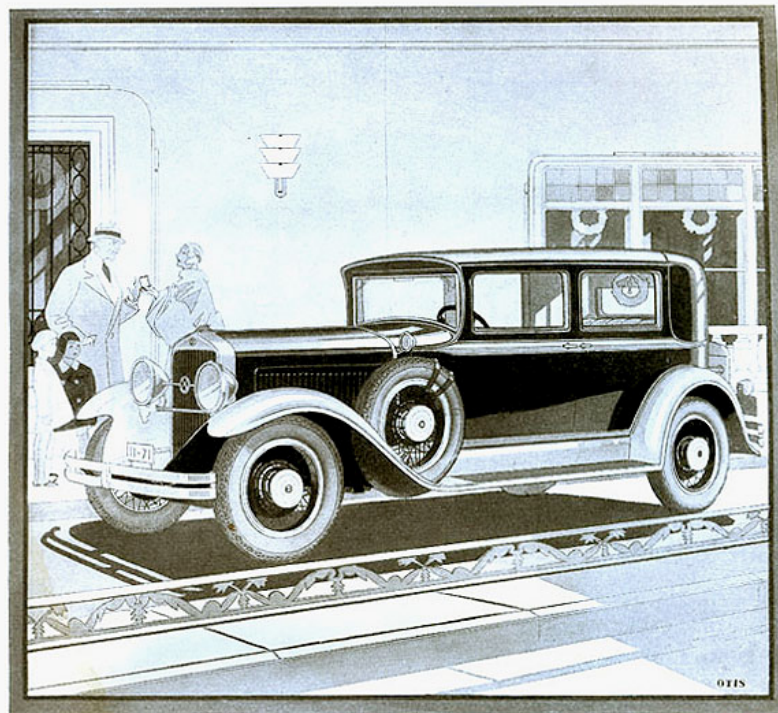


A Studebaker Bus



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*Studebaker Commander Eight Brougham, six wire wheels and trunk
standard equipment, \$1695 at the factory.*

This Christmas . . . give her the Keys to Happiness. Each year this gracious Christmas custom grows in favor . . . the presentation of the Keys to Happiness to one well beloved. An attractive gift case holds the shining keys for one of Studebaker's smart new motor cars—an Eight by the Builder of Champions! When everyone is turning to the responsive, flexible power, the satin-smoothness—and the *distinction*—of the Eight, this glorious gift of her very own car becomes more precious. For women are alert to the motor car trend—they know that the world's finest cars are Eights! And you know her car will be worth more a year from now if it *is* an Eight—particularly an Eight by Studebaker, world's largest builder of Eights, with 77 years of manufacturing integrity as a background.

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From the Editor's Pen.....

Some notes as we finish the year:

- ◆ Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter throughout the year; it is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to the large number of contributors this month.
- ◆ A big thank you to the members who hosted events or meetings this past year. July, Ed and Linda Smith; October, Bob & Mary Schouten and the Eastburn family; December, Annie Kemper. Other events were Chapter sponsored. Thanks to the board for their hard work planning these events during the year.
- ◆ Hosts are needed for 2013 events and meetings in February, April, May and in the fall. Let an officer know if you would like to be a host.
- ◆ The Pacific Southwest Zone Meet the chapter is hosting is less than a year away. Be ready to volunteer for a committee.
- ◆ Name badges are now available with SDC's new logo. Contact me if you'd like one.

Happy Holidays to all.
Chris

-----STUDEBAKER HISTORY-----**December**

1	1996	Designer Bob Bourke dies
9	1963	Studebaker announces closing of South Bend plant
14	1961	Studebaker-Packard sells Gering Plastics division
15	1877	John C. Studebaker dies
15	1931	Rockne production begins
15	1961	Studebaker-Packard forms Defense Products Division
17	1887	Jacob Studebaker dies
20	1963	South Bend production of Lark types and Hawks ends
24	1962	Studebaker Drivers Club formed
26	1963	Last Studebaker Avanti built
27	1963	Last non-military truck built
29	1964	Studebaker Announces sale of Mercedes-Benz distribution rights
31	1910	EMF merges with Studebaker



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From the President

I Can Only Imagine - Food, cars, conversation, comradeship, these are just a few of the goings on as we see the first Studebaker placed on the floor of Mel Martins Car Museum. I can only imagine what it felt like missing this local event.



I can tell you what how I felt as I almost missed the Wickenburg Parade because I was helping a fellow car nut, even though it wasn't a Studebaker. I can only image how you felt totally missing the royalty feeling along the parade route coming from the peasants that lined the trail.

Going mad seems typical in March. I know how the madness touched me. I can only imagine how it must be to stay sane.

Riding a train through the desert opens your eyes to this great western state with its ghost towns, cactus and sand. I can only imagine staying a city bum.

Bowling was the social past time of many in the not so distant past. I can only image what it would sound like without the pin crash of another strike.

Rock'n and Roll'n to those fabulous 50's while scarfing down at a buffet keeps the body energized. I can only imagine what it is like to sit at home and listen to Bach, Beethoven or the news.

Everyone loves pizza and enjoying it with friends is even better. Now add a gigantic organ and what could top that. I can only imagine what it is like to eat delivery pizza at home alone.

Driving around in a Studebaker is thrilling, especially when the rest of the world is doing the same thing. Playing scrabble is challenging. Combining driving and scrabble is invigorating. I can only imagine sitting at home driving the remote and playing solitaire.

The Studebaker world is very large and meeting those outside of our state gives a different perspective on a lot of things. South Bend was the center of this Studebaker world and Utah even had a collection of some Pacific Southwest Zone Studebaker enthusiasts. There are even a good bunch of Stude people in Show Low. I can only imagine what it is like to know only your close neighbors.

Halloween is more fun when you have decorated people and decorated cars. I can only imagine what it is to think that Halloween is only for kids.

When you go to a truck show and find more Studebakers there than any other make you get a proud sense of belonging. I can only imagine what it is like to keep the Studebaker always in the garage.

Christmas is a time of families and good cheer. Joining fellow enthusiasts supports that family feeling and adds to the merriment this time of year bring about. I can only imagine what staying at home feels like.

There have been many activities in the past year and even more planned for the coming 12 months. I am hopeful that there will be an event, activity, social gathering or something that will spark you to bring out your Studebaker or carry

CELEBRATE!



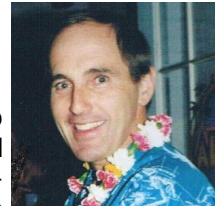
December Birthdays

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| 2 Pat Swanson | 16 Larry Malmstrom |
| 3 Bill Eastburn | 17 Kathy Parkey |
| 4 Rosalie Torske | 17 Linda Saar |
| 4 Arlene West | 21 Vicki Becker |
| 5 Dennis Lynde | 22 Sharon Mitchell |
| 7 Jerry Elliott | 25 Keith Muske |
| 8 Helen Andersson | 28 Russ Ware |
| 8 Harvey Pierman | 28 Greg Zurlinden |
| 10 Don Parkey | 29 Jan Lockmon |
| 12 Maryanne Eastburn | 31 Elaine Wright |
| 12 Makenna Kroulik | |

December Anniversaries

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| 1 | Richard & Joan Hahn |
| 5 | Bruce & Linda Cook |
| 19 | Terry & Joanna Worster |
| 23 | Kelly & Cindy Marion |
| 27 | Russ & Sharon Ware |
| 30 | Jerry & Carol Elliott |
| 30 | Chet & Karen Gandy |

In Memory



John Kemper, a good friend to many Chapter members, passed away November 21st. John and Annie joined the Chapter after John became employed at Luke Air Force Base where he worked until he retired this spring.

John had a love of Studebakers since his youth and owned several over the years, most recently a much prized 1956 Hawk. He was not only an excellent mechanic in the work place but also with his Studebakers.

Services for John were held on the 28th at the West Olive Church of Christ where he served as a deacon. He is survived by his wife, Annie, two children and four grandchildren.

The Chapter sends its deepest sympathy to Annie and her family. If you wish to send condolences, the address is 16327 W. Central St., Surprise, AZ 85374.

A donation to the Studebaker National Museum was made by the Chapter in John's memory.

a picture to show the world. I can only imagine what it would be to miss the opportunity.

I can only imagine.

Ed Smith

CHAPTER TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN EVENT

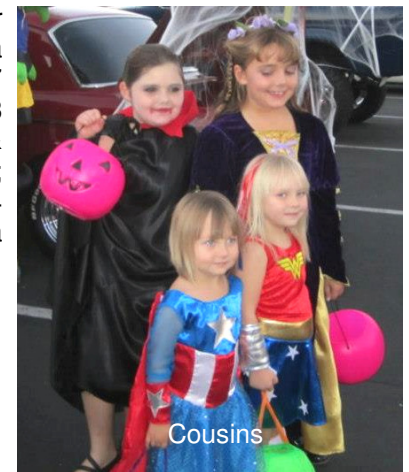
Saturday, October 27th, cats, a cat lady, Superman, Super Woman, spiders, a zombie and a zombie hunter, a Viking, an aging hippy and many more met in the Goodyear Macayo's parking lot to celebrate Halloween with Trunk or Treat hosted once again by the Eastburn family. Trunks, station wagons and pickup beds sported gravestones, pumpkins, ghosts, cobwebs and bowls of candy for children making the rounds of the Studebakers for nearly an hour on a balmy evening. Then, it was time for dinner on the patio of Macayo's where a yummy buffet of flautas, enchilladas and tacos was served. To top off our meal were plates of Halloween-themed cookies and cupcakes made and decorated by Michell and Peggy Eastburn. Dinner was followed by awards presented by Michell to the winners of the people's choice balloting. Best Trunk was won by Chris and Rachel Eastburn for the decorations on the Champ's bed. Linda Saar and Dennis Lynde were voted Best Couple for their cat costumes. Peggy Stinson won the Best Female as a cat lady and Bill Eastburn for Best Male as a jester. Best child costume winners were Chloe and Aubrey Eastburn as Wonder Woman and Captain America.

A short business meeting was held with the main business being finalizing the slate of candidates for 2013 officers and board. The door prize of a \$10.00 gift card was won by Jon Carter; Nicki Ready won \$20.00 in the drivers prize drawing. 50/50 winnings of \$41.00 went to Virginia Quigley.

Attending were Ike & Virginia Quigley and 2 grandchildren; Jon Carter; Walter & Nicki Ready, bullet nose Studemino; Chuck & Chris Collins, 1963 Avanti; Ed & Linda Smith, 1951 Stakebed; Richard Dormois; Claudia Robinette; Mike & Sue King, 1957 Silver Hawk; Paul Vigne; Chris, Rachel, Chloe & Aubrey Eastburn, 1963 Champ, 1963 Lark, Larkette; Will, Maryanne, Domenica & Gwen Eastburn, 1950 Champion, Mike & Charlotte Maddux, 1947 M5; John & Kim Rodhouse, 1950 2R5; Bob & Mary Schouten; Larry & Pat Swanson; Ken & Arlene West, 1966 Daytona; Bill & Peggy Eastburn, 1964 Wagonaire; Michell Eastburn; Peggy Stinson, 1963 Wagonaire; Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, 1963 GT Hawk; Jim Clever; Neil & Ruth Bell, 1960 Hawk.

Thanks to the Eastburn family for hosting this fun event.

Photo courtesy of Linda Smith. More photos of this event and others can be seen on the Chapter Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Studebakers-Grand-Canyon-State-Chapter/189897701040009>



Cousins

2nd ANNUAL COLLECTOR-ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW

Submitted by Scott Grainger

Nine Studebaker trucks along with their owners, drivers and admirers lined up for the 2nd annual Hall of Flame Truck show at the Hall of Flame Museum. There were other trucks, of course, 5 Chevys/GMCs, 3 Fords, 2 Jeeps, 1 Diamond T, 1 International and 1 Dodge. All of the trucks were sharp in their own way. Some were working trucks; one was a trailer queen (not a Studebaker). One was an International show 1st place winner and featured in the Hemmings Motor News 2013 calendar! Little Miss Eastburn was there with her dad, Chris and gracefully agreed to a photo shoot with Toto.

Just getting to the show was a challenge. Early Saturday morning all access to the museum was blocked by Tempe police due to a mob of people taking part in a run sponsored by a disease foundation. Once we all arrived we had a great time. The show included access to the museum and the museum garage (30,000 sf of more fire apparatus).

A good time was had by all, especially the Studebaker truckers. Looking forward to the 3rd Annual next year! Contact John Amoroso for information on the show next year at 480-994-1064.



John Amorosa's M5.

Dan Kuhl, show co-chairman, reports there were 22 trucks in the show. Studebaker drivers include Scott Grainger, 1946 M16 Flat Bed; John Amoroso, 1947 M5; Dennis Roeper, 1948 M16 Tow Truck; Tom Jacobs, 1949 2R10 Long Bed; John Rodhouse, 1950 2R5; Ed Smith, 1951 2R5 stake bed; Jim Pairise, 1959 4E Standard Navy 4X4; Dan Kuhl, 1959 4E Scotsman Deluxe; Mike King, 1960 5E Long Bed. Best of Show award winners were: 1st Place - Russ Kemmit, 1955 Chevy 5100; 2nd Place - Mike King, 1960 Studebaker Champ; 3rd Place - Mike McQueen, 1949 Diamond "T".

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- DECEMBER 4 ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL (AAHC) 7 PM AT DON SANDERSON FORD, 5300 NW GRAND AVE., GLENDALE. INFO ABOUT "NO TOLL ROADS" RALLY WILL BE PRESENTED. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. 623-204-9172
- DECEMBER 29 CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FIESTA BOWL PRE-PARADE WITH 7AM STAGING AT BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARTORY, 7TH ST. & HIGHLAND. CONTACT NEIL BELL BY DECEMBER 10 AT 602-751-0148 OR NDBELL@COX.NET TO RESERVE A SPACE IN PARADE. DON'T HAVE A CAR TO DRIVE? YOU CAN CATCH A RIDE WITH SCOTT GRAINGER AND TOTO. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE DETAILS.
- JANUARY 19, 2013 **CHAPTER MEETING** AT MARTIN AUTO MUSEUM, PHOENIX. 10:00 AM CAR SHOW W/ AWARDS (SPONSORS WELCOME), SWAP MEET AND MUSEUM SELF TOUR. CATERED BARBECUE LUNCH AT NOON. \$15.00 PER PERSON. RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCH REQUIRED. RSVP TO LINDA AT LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET OR 602-618-7691 BY JANUARY 11. TO SPONSOR A PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD AT \$20 CONTACT ED AT 602-290-1045 OR EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET
- JANUARY 20 SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING AT TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH, 14301 E. SPEEDWAY, TUCSON. \$22 PP. RSVP REQUIRED TO CHRIS LILLIE AT 520-294-9106
- FEBRUARY 2 THE AAHC WILL CELEBRATE ITS 40TH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL UNITED WE DRIVE CAR SHOW TO BE HELD AT DON SANDERSON FORD, SKYLINER DINER PARKING LOT, 5111 W. MARYLAND AVE., GLENDALE. 10AM - 2PM INFO: AL TRACY AT 623-204-9172
- FEBRUARY 9 CHAPTER WILL PARTICIPATE IN GOLD RUSH DAYS PARADE IN WICKENBURG. DETAILS TO FOLLOW OR CONTACT LINDA AT LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET OR 602-618-7691
- FEBRUARY 27 ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL SPONSORS "NO TOLL ROADS" RALLY, 10AM AT ARIZONA STATE CAPITAL. THE AAHC IS TAKING A STRONG STAND AGAINST TOLL ROADS IN ARIZONA. INFO: 623-204-9172 READ MORE ABOUT TOLL ROAD ISSUE HERE: http://www.azautohobbyist.com/?page_id=169
- MARCH 14-16 ANTIQUE STUDEBAKER CLUB, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL PALM SPRINGS MEET. \$25 PP. HOST HOTEL: PALM SPRINGS TRAVELODGE, \$73 760-327-1211 RSVP TO FRANK WENZEL BY MARCH 7 AT 760-322-8782
- MARCH 15-17 TUMBLEWEEDS CHAPTER HOSTS STUDEBAKER VACATION IN LAUGHLIN. OPEN TO ALL CARS & TRUCKS 1972 AND OLDER. \$10. HOST HOTEL:TROPICANA EXPRESS \$24.99, 702-298-4200 MEET INFO: GERRY AT GERRYCARR@EARTHLINK.NET
- MARCH 30 **ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING (MARCH MADNESS) AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARK. START PLANNING A FUN JUDGING AWARD. RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS AND SET UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. INFO: ED AT EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET OR 602-290-1045**
- JUNE 30-JULY 6 49TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY PIKES PEAK CHAPTER IN COLORADO SPRINGS. HOST HOTEL: CROWNE PLAZA. INFO: CHUCK AT 719-456-2468
- SEPTEMBER 14 **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY**
- OCTOBER 11-13 **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET** HOSTED BY GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER. SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT MEETINGS IN 2013. INFO: ED AT EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET REGISTRATION FORM IS ON PAGE 13 OF ONLINE NEWSLETTER OR ON THE WEBSITE.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 29 FIESTA BOWL PRE-PARADE

The Chapter has been invited to participate in the Fiesta Bowl Pre-Parade on Saturday, December 29th and spots for 20 cars have been reserved by the event master, Neil Bell. Here are the details.

The Pre-Parade is starting at Brophy College Preparatory located on 7th St & Highland. You will need to use 12th St or 16th St & Highland entrance to get into the Parking lot. Pre-Parade staging starts at 7:00 am and the pre-parade will start approximately 45 minutes prior to the Main Parade. We will start at a slow but steady pace at the end of the Main Parade Route to the beginning of the Main Parade, which is about 2 miles.

Please contact Neil at ndbell@cox.net or 602-751-0148 by December 10th to reserve your spot in the parade. Neil has reserved 20 spots and will release any spots not taken by the date. Hurry, call today.

Scott Grainger is driving Toto in the parade and has offered to place some hay bales on the bed and give members a ride in the parade on the M16. If your Studebaker isn't ready to take to the parade you can still participate by taking advantage of this great offer. Contact Scott at scott@graingerconsulting.com or 602-793-8587 if you want to ride along.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013 Submitted by Linda Smith

January 19: Our Winter Gathering will be held at the Martin Auto Museum (same place as last January). This year we are planning another super event with our Studebaker family. Save this date on your calendar! We will be having a car show, swap meet, people's choice awards and we will be catering the event with some great Bar-BQ. It will be \$15.00 per person. We need reservations by the 11th of January e-mail, call or mail your RSVP to me. Last year we had a great turn out, so I'll be waiting for your response. Thank You. We need some sponsors for this event's trophies at \$20 each, so please call Ed Smith at 602-290-1045.

February 9: Let's drive to Wickenburg for their Gold Rush Days Parade. We'll caravan or just meet up at the Burger King in Wickenburg. More details in the January ECHO.






March 30: Plan to join us for our March Madness gathering at South Mountain Park in Phoenix. Plans are coming together so stay tuned.

How about a 2013 Studebaker Event Calendar?

Your Board has been busy planning, working together all year and we have got it! It was available at the holiday party and will be available at meetings and events in 2013 for \$8.00 each This calendar is a great way to keep track of our events and has some great event pictures and you might see a Studebaker or two!

Let's give thanks for our families, friends and new friends in 2013. We all have a lot to be thankful for. See you soon.

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311						1
2	3	4 AAHC Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 1st day of Hannakuh	10 Deadline to re- serve for parade	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 1st day of Winter	22
23	24 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29 Fiesta Bowl Pre-Parade
30	31					

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE By Brian Millette

Some time ago, I was asked if I would be interested in participating in the Anthem Veteran's Day parade and I said that I would be very interested in having one of the Grand Marshalls in my car. Saturday, November 10th, I had the privilege of transporting Todd Blue, his wife Katy and young son Bradley in my 1957 Studebaker. Todd and his family are from Surprise, AZ and Todd is a 20 year veteran. He was deployed seven times during that time and received the Purple Heart. It was very gratifying to be able to be part of the parade honoring the heroes who have served our country.

The Anthem parade is quite large and had 30 vehicles carrying veterans and their families. The parade included Grand Marshalls for POWs, Purple Heart recipients and Wounded Warriors. The picture shows the Blue family alongside the Studebaker. A second Studebaker, a 1951 dually pick up owned by Chris Prickett, was used as a platform for one of the four areas that announced the veterans and their families as they drove by.

Hopefully, I will be able to transport more of our heroes next year.



AHWATUKEE SWIM CLUB CAR SHOW By John Rodhouse

On November 10th the Chapter participated in the 9th annual Ahwatukee Swim Club car show. This year all the proceeds went to the Wounded Warrior Project. Kind of a fitting organization being that it was Veterans Day weekend.



We were treated to some absolutely beautiful November weather. Temps were in the mid seventies and the sun was out glistening off the chrome and metallic paints. Club members in attendance were Kim and I with our truck, Ed Smith with his '51 Stake Bed and Mike and Sue King with their Hawk. As for the brand X cars, Ed was in some high class company. He was parked next to a Lamborghini Diablo on one side and two cars down had a Ferrari. We also saw many of the typical '55-57 Chevy's and a plethora of Mustangs. When looking at the field of cars there was a great array of all types of cars, Datsuns to a Chevy Fleetmaster that was turned into a mini limousine for a Colorado native. When all was

said and done Kim and I won 1st place in Under Construction. It was a beautiful show dedicated to the honor of our veterans. Next year we should try to get more Studebakers out to show what the largest single make car club is made of.

GOODGUYS SOUTHWEST NATIONALS Scottsdale, AZ November 16-18, 2012

By Denny Lockmon

The Goodguys show this fall was quite a success. I didn't get a total count but saw cars with registration numbers in the 27 hundreds. Weather was perfect with quite a few Studebakers in attendance. Al Riedel and I represented the chapter with our Avantis. There were lots of the usual comments like who made Studebaker and were they made in Canada. The only other GCSC car I saw was Peggy Stinson with her 1963 Lark Wagonaire. Several chapter members stopped by to visit. I would like to see more of our chapter members attend with their cars in the future. In order to enter a car you must belong to Goodguys and the entry fee is \$45. This gives you two passes for all three days of the show. On Thursday they always have a tour. This year we saw two private car collections in Scottsdale. From there we saw several hotrod shops, a collector car dealership, and a tire and wheel specialty shop. At each stop food and drink was provided. The last stop was Drew's Garage in Tempe where the Kick Off Party was held with excellent food. The next event will be in March 2013 and I plan to be there.



COLD STARTS

By Dan Kuhl

With winter coming on, I have decided to do a couple of articles about starting cars under difficult conditions. The first installment is about my friend's 1924 EK Big Six, located in Hastings, MN. This the same great town in which my 1959 Deluxe Scotsman sold new and the same Hastings where the world famous Spiral Bridge, built in 1895, spanned the Mississippi River (see photo). As noted in previous articles this Big Six came with many unusual features. Of interest for this article is the engine's "choke" system that you may not be familiar with. Not unlike the choke found on a more modern Studebaker, the system supplies extra fuel to each combustion chamber when the engine temperature prevents an optimum fuel-air mixture for ignition.

As noted in the photo of the engine compartment, there is a threaded hole next to each of the six sparkplugs. Each hole contains a threaded "L" shaped rod with a wooded handle on it. I believe the handle is made of walnut. On a cold morning, the lucky driver would remove these "Primer Plugs" and squirt a small amount of gasoline into each cylinder, using the small gas can similar to the one mounted on the firewall in the photo.

I guess there is no getting up late for work with this system. In the next article I will offer suggestions on how you can get up late and get your car started on those really cold mornings, often encountered in Minnesota and occasionally in Flagstaff here in Arizona; and more importantly without having to fumble around with gasoline using numb fingers that would rather stay burrowed in your warm pockets, and without having to explain to your boss why you are again late.



This N That

If you subscribe to *Hemmings Classic Car* you'll have seen the article in the "driveable dream" column of the January 2013 issue featuring Kevin, Anita and Sara MacFadden and their 1923 Light-Six automobile. The article presents a very nice picture of what is involved in owning a vehicle that old. Also, in this issue, three Studebakers are included in the magazine's "Top 100 American Collector Cars of All Time". They are the 1937 Dictator Coupe, 1953 Starliner Coupe and the 1963 Avanti. There's also a mention of Andy Beckman's new book, "America's Most Advanced Automobile" which is available through the Studebaker National Museum. Sounds like a great gift for a Studephile on your list. Thanks to Denny Lockmon for the head's up about the magazine.

Looking back to the November *Turning Wheels*, I wonder how many in the chapter noticed that one of our members is on the cover. If you can identify the member there will be a 2013 Hemmings Vintage Pickups calendar coming your way. Call or e-mail me with your answer.

Last month I mentioned Dave Kinkel was participating in the Desert Edsel Fest Car Show with his 1960 model. His car was the featured vehicle in an article about Edsels and the show held November 24th in the November 23rd edition of *The Arizona Republic*.

Write the editor at collinsaz@cox.net with news about your Studebaker adventures. Submit your photos to Linda Smith for inclusion on the Chapter Facebook page.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION ...

Attention Commander 6 Engine Owners

Submitted by Fred Gooch

When your water pump fails it will probably be at the most inconvenient time. Possibly it will also be expensive - towing, new radiator, water pump plus labor. I have found a machine shop that can rebuild a Commander 6 water pump with two modern spring loaded seals and a one piece bearing that runs the length of the shaft. No grease zerks, no packing material, no leaks. \$250.00 plus shipping.

Contact Fred in Tucson at 520-883-7418.

CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE

Chapter dues for 2013 are due January 1st. Please remember that you must be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club to be a member of the chapter. If your SDC dues are delinquent you can pay them with your chapter dues and the treasurer will remit them to SDC for you. Please complete and send an application when you renew to be sure we have your most current information, including your Studebakers.



Studebaker
National Museum

A Bus: The Studebaker Wagon Works

Throughout the 40 years the Grand Canyon State Chapter has been in existence, the membership has had many interesting projects and one of those projects spanned a 5 year period from 1981 to 1986. On April 11, 1981 the chapter purchased a Studebaker bus for \$200.00 from the First Chinese Baptist Church in Phoenix. The left side was rusted out because that side always got wet when the church had the watering system turned on. Repairing the rust and making the bus mechanically sound required many work sessions, mainly held at the Eastburns where the bus was parked for quite a while. When it was time to paint the bus, it was driven to Pete Mensing's shop and then The Studebaker Drivers Club lettering and wheel were painted on the bus by Steve Piper. Shortly after the bus was purchased, a naming contest was held and Mo and Elaine Roll (Karen Mensing's parents) submitted the winning name, The Studebaker Wagon Works. According to a report in a 1982 *ECHO*, expenditures for the project up to that time totaled \$680.22 which included the purchase price, parts, paint and license fee.



Chapter members vend from the bus during the 1986 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet in Phoenix.

When the bus was completed it was used to transport members to events, displayed in car shows and driven in parades. Then, in 1986 it was sold for \$2400.00 to a man from northern California who wanted a vehicle that would transport his ill daughter who had to lie down when traveling long distances and it became a motor home.

Not much thought had been given to the fate of the bus over the years until Dave Gahlbeck of the Whatcom Chapter mentioned on the SDC Forum that he had purchased a school bus in California and would have it transported to



his home in Washington. While researching the history of the bus, he learned that it had been our Chapter bus and made contact with a few of the members who had worked on it to find out more about it. As you can see in the photo (that's Dave in the photo), the bus has held up well and will give Dave years of interesting Studebaker experiences. He has even mentioned bringing it down for the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet in October.

Thanks to the following members for information about the bus: Peggy Eastburn, Karen Mensing and Dan Kuhl who provided the top photo.

Thanks to Dave Gahlbeck for the photo on the left.

YOUR FOUNDATION AT WORK

By Chris Collins

In 2011, the Grand Canyon State Chapter, other SDC chapters and many individuals made generous donations to the Studebaker National Foundation and because of this generosity, the Foundation was able to award scholarships in 2012 to four young men pursuing an education in automotive related fields. Two of the scholarships were for \$1000.00 each and two were for \$750.00 each. The four recipients are shown with their Studebakers on the SNF website: <http://www.studebakernationalfoundation.org/newsevents.html> Applications are being accepted for scholarships for the coming year and the application form can be found on the SNF web site.

Another Studebaker has been donated to the Foundation, a 1964 GT Hawk which has been placed in the Antique Auto Museum of Iowa in Coralville, IA. You may recall the Foundation had previously received a donation of a 1931 Commander from Chapter member Sid Rosen which is on loan to the Martin Auto Museum here in Phoenix.

Finally, the SNF has made several gifts of subscriptions to museums throughout the country which have a Studebaker in their collections.

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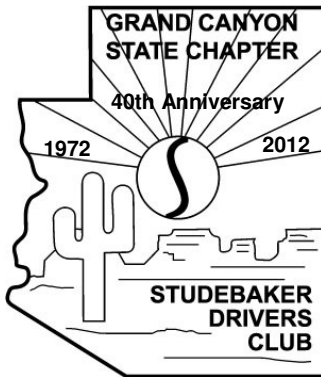
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