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26th Annual Route 66 Fun Run

By Ken and Arlene West

This year there were four Grand Canyon State Chapter Studebakers on the event. Along the way we met up with a couple Studebakers from a California chapter and two Lark, "Lone Wolfs" from Rimrock. Saw a Packardbaker Hawk along the way, too.

Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar in the white '63 GT Hawk and Scott Grainger with his blue '51 Landcruiser met at Ken & Arlene West's home in Desert Hills for donuts and coffee before starting the trip north to Seligman. Barbara Grainger was under the weather and opted to not make the trip. We missed her and kept asking Scott how she was, as he kept in constant contact. Arlene and I drove the red '66 Daytona. Remember, 3 vehicles and they are red, white and blue.

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Photo courtesy of Dennis Lynde

Denny's Cruise-In

Eight Studebakers were on display for the first cruise-in event at the Denny's at Val Vista and Warner Rds. in Gilbert. Members arrived by 5 pm to park and receive a numbered window card to identify each for the manager's award picks.

The event was arranged by Scott Benson and he and Marlene displayed their beautiful 1956 Golden Hawk.

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Al Duble's 1940 Champion coupe.

Photo courtesy of Steve Fein.

From the Editor's Pen.....

The international SDC meet in Colorado Springs is just a few weeks away. If you haven't registered there is still time to do it and avoid the late fee. See any recent *Turning Wheels* for a registration form. Be sure to read the tips in the latest issue about dealing with the altitude. I hear some of our members plan to make the climb up Pike's Peak. Hope to get a story from that adventure.

The next issue of the newsletter will be the combined July/August issue and it will not be out until after the meet, somewhere around the middle of July. I would like to have your submissions by the end of June so all the material for that issue is available for me to work on immediately after returning home. Thanks in advance for your help.

Please note, the Studette column is only available online this month on page 13. Thanks to Linda Smith for the submission and to our other contributors - Ed Smith, Dan Kuhl, Ken and Arlene West, Neil Bell, Steve Fein, Bob Shaw, John Hull and Dennis Lynde.

See you when we celebrate the Old Man and his Old Car on the 15th.

Chris

Keep America Beautiful, Drive a Studebaker!

Thank you.....

Thank you to the members of the Grand Canyon State Chapter for the memorial gift to the Studebaker National Museum in memory of Darrel Seher. We still have the Hawk. I intend to go to Mesa this fall. We will be giving a donation to the Museum, as well.
Shirley Seher and family

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The Studebaker National Museum, Inc. would like to thank the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC for their donation of \$50.00 in memory of Darrel Seher. This generous donation will support the Museum's ongoing work to preserve our shared Studebaker heritage for present and future generations.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie L. Oswald  
Business Manger

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**From the President .....**



Memories are made and never taken away. There are lots of memorable stories out there about people and the things they love. People have wonderful stories about their favorite pet or event or car. I know that Studebaker was not the only car in the world but for a car company that is gone it can arouse more memories than most other manufactures.

Sure, it is not to say that there will be a lot of talk about those Chevys, Fords and Dodges, but listen to them. Most of the time the talk is about a specific model, like Mustang or Impala, or a certain year. Sometimes they don't even recall how a Model T actually looked. They recall in single car stories. You can hear them chat and laugh about the ones that failed like the Pinto or Pacer or Gremlin or Edsel. They don't really want to admit they actually owned one of those.

We know Studebaker automobiles were long noted for their quality and popularity and are widely regarded as among the most innovative examples of American industrial design. A lot of people remember the designer Raymond Loewy.

Walk into a group of people and ask how many of them know about Studebakers and the results will astonish you.

Listen to them when they talk about their Studebaker memory. There is a tone in their voice that says "Oh, Yea". Their eyes roll back as if to get a clear picture of what it looked like. They perk up and stand a little taller as they remember the first time they rode in one and even more when they tell you the first time they drove one. They remember the hill hugger or the coming and going design, the Hawk and, of course, the Bullet Nose. The 1953 Starliner and the Avanti will never fail to get mentioned. They don't even care what the year was, it was just a cool car.

Think about the times you spent with your dad and that first chat about a car. How many times was that story about a Studebaker?

Let's bring back some of those memories this summer and tell us about your first car or your best car whether it be a Studebaker or not. Happy Father's Day.

**Ed Smith**

**CELEBRATE!**



**June Birthdays**

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Lou Fencil       | 22 Pete Bell          |
| 4 Jon Carter       | 23 Kevin Cornish      |
| 7 June Kaiser      | 23 Charley Haverstick |
| 11 Willard Pike    | 23 John Rodhouse      |
| 12 Peggy Eastburn  | 25 Mimi Halgren       |
| 14 Vern Wamsley    | 25 Terry Worster      |
| 17 Sue Gregory     | 27 Sid Rosen          |
| 17 Kent Vandenberg | 27 Jere Tudor         |
| 18 Jim Lawrence    | 29 Larry Swanson      |
| 21 Ruth Bell       | 30 Lynn Phegley       |
| 21 Richard Dormois |                       |

**June Anniversaries**

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|----|-----------------------------|
| 1  | George & Carol Van Zee      |
| 2  | Jim & Jaclyn Parise         |
| 3  | Chester & Nancy Bradfield   |
| 3  | Jerry & June Kaiser         |
| 3  | Sam Powell & Lenka Hospodka |
| 3  | Al & Anna Riedel            |
| 6  | Mike & Mary Barany          |
| 7  | Chuck & Chris Collins       |
| 8  | Norman & Janice Marineau    |
| 8  | Buddy & Elaine Wright       |
| 21 | Rich & Sue Gregory          |
| 21 | Denny & Jan Lockmon         |
| 22 | Bob & Mimi Halgren          |
| 23 | Sam & Linda Cathey          |
| 26 | Ted & Jan Widhalm           |
| 28 | Dave & Jean Kinkel          |

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 Referred by Nelson Bove

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 1962 Lark Pursuit Marshal

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**WELCOME BACK**

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# MAY HAPPENINGS

## 26th Annual Route 66 Fun Run *continued from page 1*

We spent nearly all day traveling back roads and stopping for photos along the way, After getting the registration packet and touring Seligman, we checked into the motel. The five of us had a very nice spaghetti dinner sponsored by a local church and located the old Seligman Studebaker Dealership building. More pictures taken of course.

Saturday morning Ed & Linda Smith arrived with the '51 Stake Bed and the 80 mile trip to Kingman was on. Now that trip could be made legally in just over an hour driving I-40, but the way we went took 6-7 hours. The tour of Grand Canyon Caverns was informative and we thank Scott for furnishing the tickets. After the tour, Scott headed back home and the rest of us motored on. Back to just 3 Studebakers again, still, red, white and blue.

Indian fry bread in Peach Springs and photos of the Studebakers at the "Little Red Schoolhouse" in Valentine were just a couple of the points of interest. Dennis & Linda forged ahead to Kingman to get entered in the car show while the Smiths and Wests found a winery in Valle Vista that advertised wine tasting discounts for Fun Run entrants. It was a ways off the highway and required driving on some dusty dirt roads but when we got there the owner met us in the parking lot and proclaimed it Studebaker Day and the tastings were free.

Once we arrived in Kingman we proceeded to the car show and looked over the vastly different types and styles of vehicles. Horseless carriages, full customs, restored originals, hot rods, monster trucks, twin engine T bucket.....you name it, it was probably there. Talking with people interested in Studebakers was clearly the most fun for me. Several people commented on the number of Studebakers on the run this year. Putting the cars in front of people works, they love Studebakers.

At dinner Saturday night, we made plans for the trip to Oatman on Sunday, knowing that parking there is a hassle. Well, no matter when you get there, everyone else is all ready there and town is packed with beautiful cars. Dennis and Linda opted to pass on Oatman and proceeded to Topock for the awards ceremony. We parked the '51 Stake Bed and the '66 Daytona at the far end of town and made our way to the many shops and tourist attractions along the way.

Ed's power steering pump started making funny noises driving the curvy road and it became a question: would it fail or just make noise? The trip back to Phoenix was uneventful and that power steering pump hung in there.

It was a very enjoyable event with over 800 entrants. We visited with people we see every year on the run and met a bunch of new folks interested in old cars. We got people talking about Studebakers. We may have even gotten a new member or two.

We have already registered for next year. This year, our 24th run, we were #5. Next year, we are #2. If you don't have any pressing plans for the first weekend in May, 2014, think about joining us and other Studebaker enthusiasts for the Route 66 Fun Run. It's a leisurely pace and we try avoid those 4 lane modern roads and follow the byways and highways of yesteryear to celebrate the greatest highway of all time, Route 66.

*Other chapter members making the run were Ken Michael and Bob and Mimi Halgren who drove their 1964 convertible.*

## Cruise-In at Denny's in Gilbert *continued from page 1*

Al Duble brought his cute yellow 1940 Champion coupe (see the cover). George Gezilius, escorting Claudia Robinette, drove his 1951 Champion. Neil and Ruth Bell showed their 1960 Hawk; Mike, Sue and Shayna King, a 1957 Silver Hawk. Chuck and Chris Collins drove their 1963 Avanti. Trucks were shown by Mike and Willie Shearhart, 1951 2R11, John and Kim Rodhouse, 1950 2R5 and Alan and Jere Turdor, 1950 2R5. Steve and Paulette Fein joined the group for visiting and dinner.

Steve took several photos including the cover photo of Al's car and the two featured with the article. Thank you for your help, Steve. Studebaker people are the greatest!

The Denny's management presented two awards to members of the group. Neil and Ruth Bell were the recipient of the Best of Show award and the Tudors won the grand prize. Congratulations to both families.

And, a big thank you to our hosts, Scott and Marlene Benson, for arranging the cruise-in.

For more photos visit the chapter website: <http://www.grandcanyonscd.com> or the chapter on Facebook: Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter



New members Alan and Jere Turdor and their very nice 2R5.



# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- JUNE 9** GCSC BOARD & ZONE MEET COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT HOLIDAY INN, 1600 S COUNTRY CLUB (JUST SOUTH OF US 60), MESA, 1:30PM. ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND. INFO: ED AT [edcollects@cox.net](mailto:edcollects@cox.net) / 602-290-1045
- JUNE 15** THE OLD MAN AND HIS OLD CAR FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT, 7TH AVE. & DEER VALLEY RD. MEET AT 11AM FOR STUDEBAKER DISPLAY, TIRE KICKING. LUNCH AT NOON FOLLOWED BY MEETING, PRIZES, MATCH THE OLD MAN WITH HIS CAR, SPEAKER. INFO: AT [LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET](mailto:LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET)
- JUNE 30-JULY 6** 49TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET IN COLORADO SPRINGS. MEET HOTEL HAS NEW NAME - HOTEL ELEGANTE. CHECK SDC WEBSITE FOR INFO ABOUT ALTERNATE HOTELS. FIND REGISTRATION FORM ONLINE OR IN *TURNING WHEELS*. REGISTER ASAP. LATE REGISTRATION FEE AFTER JUNE 15.
- JULY 12** NATIONAL COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY SPONSORED BY SEMA.
- JULY 14** CHAPTER OUTING AT ORGAN STOP PIZZA, 1149 E. SOUTHERN AVE., MESA AT 4 PM. A TABLE FOR 20 OR MORE HAS BEEN RESERVED. NO CREDIT CARDS - CASH OR CHECKS ONLY. INFO: LINDA AT [LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET](mailto:LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET) / 602-618-7691
- JULY 21** CHAPTER BOARD MEETING AT 4 PM, ZONE MEET COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5 PM. LOCATION TBA. INFO: ED AT 602-290-1045 / [EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET](mailto:EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET)
- AUGUST 18** CHAPTER BOARD AND ZONE MEET COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5 PM. LOCATION TBA. INFO: ED AT 602-290-1045 / [EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET](mailto:EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET)
- SEPTEMBER 8** CHAPTER BOARD AND ZONE MEET COMMITTEE MEETING. TIME AND LOCATION TBA. INFO: ED AT 602-290-1045 / [EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET](mailto:EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET)
- SEPTEMBER 14** INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. MEET AT IKEA TO CRUISE OUT TO RACEWAY BAR & GRILL IN MARICOPA, 9237 WEST PAPAGO RD. FOR LUNCH. A VISIT TO THE DWARF CAR MUSEUM IS ALSO PLANNED. MORE INFO ON PAGE 6 OR CONTACT [LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET](mailto:LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET) / 602-618-7691
- OCTOBER 11-13** GCSC HOSTS PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET AT HOLIDAY INN, MESA. \$79 RATE. SEE PAGE 14 ONLINE FOR REGISTRATION FORM. CONCOURS & JUDGING, SWAP MEET, AWARDS BANQUET, VALVE COVER RACES, TOUR. TO LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER SEE LIST BELOW OR CONTACT ED AT 602-290-1045 OR [EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET](mailto:EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET)

To volunteer to help on any committee/activity or to make donations for the silent auction and raffles contact:

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| Kim Rodhouse                            | <a href="mailto:krodhouse@hotmail.com">krodhouse@hotmail.com</a> | 480-452-3069 |

To volunteer to help at registration Friday afternoon and Saturday morning contact:

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To volunteer to assist with concours judging contact:

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**DECEMBER 7**

**CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY. DETAILS IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 9 BOARD & ZONE MEET COMMITTEES MEET**

The Chapter board and all zone meet committee chairmen will meet at the Holiday Inn in Mesa (south of US 60 at 1600 S. Country Club Dr.) at 1:30pm for a tour and meet planning. Members who wish to volunteer to serve on a committee are encouraged to attend.

**JUNE 15 FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

We'll pay tribute to the Fathers in our Chapter at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 7th Ave., and Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix. Arrive between 11:00 am and 12:00 with lunch off the menu at noon. Drive your Studebaker or other old car, if you can, for a mini car show in the parking lot. Bring a photo of your Studebaker or other car and an old photo of yourself and let's see who can match up the old man or other members and their old cars. There'll be door prizes, a speaker and chapter meeting. The speaker is John Pizzuto, a service technician for American Fire Equipment Sales. John will advise on which fire extinguishers are best for your home, shop and Studebaker.

**JULY 14 ORGAN STOP PIZZA**

Sunday, July 14th meet at Organ Stop Pizza, 1149 E. Southern, just west of Stapley in Mesa for pizza and the music of the mighty Wurlitzer Organ at 4:00 pm. No credit cards - cash or checks only. We have tables reserved for 20 or more.

**JULY 21 BOARD MEETING, 4PM**  
**JULY 21 ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING, 5PM**  
**AUGUST 18 BOARD/ZONE MEET MEETINGS, 5PM**  
**SEPTEMBER 8 BOARD/ZONE MEET MEETINGS, 5PM**  
 For all: at a location TBA.

**SEPTEMBER 14 DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY**




Drive your Studebaker to Raceway Bar & Grill, 49237 W. Papago Road in Maricopa. We will meet at IKEA, I-10 & Warner Rd at 9:30 am and caravan to Maricopa. Before lunch we will tour the Dwarf Car museum around the corner from the Raceway, then have lunch and a Treasure Hunt on the grounds of the Raceway. Door prizes and other awards will be given away.

Drive Your Studebaker Day t-shirts are available from the SDC Club Store at the Studebaker National Museum web site: <https://studebakermuseum.org> or by phone at 888-391-5600

For more information about any of these events contact Linda at 602-618-7691 or [lindagsmith@cox.net](mailto:lindagsmith@cox.net)



## June 2013

| Sun                                           | Mon                                                                                            | Tue                                                                                 | Wed | Thu | Fri                                                                                                 | Sat                              |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Questions?<br>Call Chris at<br>602-995-5311   |             | <i>The SDC Board suggests that you keep a fire extinguisher in each Studebaker!</i> |     |     |                                                                                                     |                                  | 1 |
| 2                                             | 3                                                                                              | 4                                                                                   | 5   | 6   | 7                                                                                                   | 8                                |   |
| 9<br><b>Board &amp; Zone<br/>Meet Meeting</b> | 10                                                                                             | 11                                                                                  | 12  | 13  | <br>Flag Day   | 15<br><b>Chapter<br/>Meeting</b> |   |
| 16<br>Father's Day                            | 17                                                                                             | 18                                                                                  | 19  | 20  | 1st Day of<br> | 22                               |   |
| 23                                            | 24                                                                                             | 25                                                                                  | 26  | 27  | 28                                                                                                  | 29                               |   |
| 30                                            | SDC International Meet June 30–July 6, Colorado Spring. Register by June 15 to avoid late fee. |                                                                                     |     |     |                                                                                                     |                                  |   |



New members **Ken and Arlene West** jumped right in this year and got off to a great start with the Club. Ken made it a point to email me, call me and to meet me this year at March Madness after he found out I was wanting to go on the Route 66 fun run. He made sure to re-contact me several times and explained that he has been on the run I believe it is 24 or so times before, along with his wife, and has driven a '66 Daytona on the run many times.

He invited anyone going on the run to meet him the morning of the run at his house out a Carefree Highway and 18th Street to start the run with a breakfast of doughnuts, juice, coffee, fruit and a visit before the run started, and said he would lead us on the back roads and guide us on the run. He helped me procure a motel room in Seligman and where to go in Kingman for the night, and knew of all the good places to eat along the way. He also had a four page guide he typed up of all the entertaining things to see and the history along the way. Breakfast was great, and Scott Grainger also met us there. We toured Ken's four 1950 Studebakers, and his 50's Thunderbird, and beautiful property. Ken said he would love to have a meeting there, and there is plenty of parking space in his back yard, so we should take him up on the invite sometime.

Ken and Arlene led us through a grand tour of Route 66, we had a great time and felt really welcomed on this trip with he and his wife as guides. I believe as a new member who really wants to be a large part of our club, he and his wife will make exemplary members and are a very welcome addition to the club. Please see some of the photos (at the chapter Facebook page) I took along the way on the trip Ken led us on. Good people and welcome additions to the club.

*Dennis Lynde*

I want to give a shout out to **Chuck and Chris Collins** and Studebaker Parts.com. Most of the new hard parts under our Hawk came from them. Chuck and Chris go out of their way to help.

Friday night in mid-March, I was attempting to adjust the way the trunk lid closed and the left trunk hinge

broke. With a car show booked for both Saturday and Sunday that weekend, I thought I was out of luck. At 6:30pm, I called Chris and asked if by any chance they had a left trunk hinge for a coupe body. Sure enough, Chris had two, NOS still with the original part tag. So I jumped in the other car and headed over.

When I got there Chuck had the hinge laid out and asked if I also wanted the 2 hinge springs. I said yes and Chuck agreed to put them on. What job that was! I would have been completely SOL if he hadn't volunteered. I did not have the knowledge, skill, experience nor equipment to install those springs on the hinge myself.

By 8:30pm I was back home with the trunk lid on and adjusted to close properly. I made it to both shows and the Hawk took Best of Show at the Red Mountain Active Adult Center Car Show on Saturday.

Thank you, Chuck and Chris!

*Neil Bell*

Even though he doesn't drive his Studebaker to our functions **Jim Clever** drives another vintage car and is willing to help and provide any assistance he can to our Chapter. He was gracious enough to take pictures for me at March Madness this year when I was stuck behind the registration table and making ice cream. He didn't say a word, even when I asked him to take more pictures. He was just willing to help out a fellow member. Thank You So Much, Jim.

*Linda Smith*

I would like to recognize **Paul Vigne** as a Great Studebaker Person. He has a pleasant demeanor that can't be ignored. Paul's truck is not working right now but that doesn't stop him from coming to events and helping with whatever needs to be done. Thank you, Paul and looking forward to seeing you again.

*Ed Smith*

A tip of the mortarboard to **Rachel Eastburn** who earned a master's degree in the education field from Northern Arizona University. Rachel and Chris are the proud parents of Aubrey and Chloe and have two very nice Studebakers, a 1963 Lark R1 and a 1963 Champ pickup plus a tricked out 1959 Larkette.

*Thanks to Peggy Eastburn for sharing the good news.*

## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION ..... From a Service Department Letter to Dealers** **Gasoline Filler Caps - 1962 Lark Models**

**A** vented type gasoline filler cap is used on the 1962 Lark station wagon models; however, all other 1962 Lark models use a sealed cap without a vent. The gasoline tank on Lark models, except station wagons, is vented by a special pipe leading from the gas filler neck to an outlet location in the trunk floor.

It is therefore very important that the vented gas filler cap be used on Lark station wagon models and the sealed cap be used only on the other Lark models. Poor engine performance and damage to the gas tank can result if the sealed type cap is installed on the station wagon models. A gasoline leak can occur if a vented cap is used on models other than station wagons.

The easiest method of identification of the two type caps is the width of the flanged edge of the caps. The "sealed cap" has a much wider flange than the vented type used on station wagons.

## Can't Attend The 2013 International Meet? Your Computer May Be Your Best Friend!

By Bob Shaw

It would be great if every SDC member could make it to the 2013 International Meet in Colorado Springs in June/July. Alas, for a thousand different reasons, many are not able to go. Don't despair. If you can get to a computer we can help you get quite a bit of IM enjoyment from the comfort of your living room.

"Be there" via the SDC Forum. If you are not an SDC Forum regular you may not be aware that there is a special "Colorado Springs IM" sub-forum where there will be many postings made by members in attendance throughout the week. You'll get up-to-the-minute reports, musings and impressions of all the IM activities, meetings, tours, concours, vendors area, and more. Your fellow SDC members will be posting lots of photos for you to see and there will certainly be links to YouTube videos they've shot.

You already know that Studebaker people are the greatest and conversing with them on the SDC Forum is a nice way to capture the flavor and excitement of the International Meet. If you are one of the remaining few "I don't use a computer" or "don't go on the Internet" holdouts, being able to check out the IM happenings and everything else going on in the worldwide Studebaker community just may turn you into a StudeGeek!

2013 SDC International Meet  
PIKES PEAK OR BUST  
Colorado Welcomes SDC Members  
Back 40 years Later  
1973-2013



## This N That . . . . .

**Dan Kuhl** reported that he, in his 1963 Avanti, and **Peggy Stinson**, in her 1963 Wagonaire, showed their Studebakers at the Glendale Old Towne Cruise and Car Show, May 18th. Two more Studebakers were among those attending this inaugural event hosted by the City of Glendale. One of the other Studes was a 1922 4 door touring sedan convertible which was featured in the May 17th "Cars" feature in the *Arizona Republic*.

The saga of "The Whistler" continues. If you run into **John Kroulik** you can ask him about the famed Arizona Studebaker or read this thread on the SDC forum <http://tinyurl.com/kjt7399> By now, you may be aware it is the 1963 R2 Lark with a 4 speed that tore up the drag strip in 1963. It was originally sold by Ray Tanner Motors.

Congratulations to **Larry and Jan Malmstrom** for having their 1953 Commander featured on the cover of the June *Turning Wheels*. The car was formerly owned by **Lew Dandurand**.

## Avanti Thunder at Bonneville - DVD Now Available

By John Hull

Studebaker owners were indeed blessed on May 3, 2013 at the Studebaker National Museum. A seminar saluting Studebakers most significant Bonneville Avantis and Ron Hall's record run topping 200 MPH in 1993 were discussed at great length by a very distinguished panel (Richard Bennett, John Hora, Jim Lange, John Shanahan, Jim Pepper and George Krem) moderated by Dave Kinney. It was a memorable evening when the stars and planets aligned and a great deal of knowledge and wisdom were shared.



A great number of people who could not attend asked if a DVD was available. I'm proud to report the entire seminar (two hours) was professionally recorded and transferred to a DVD which is now available for purchase.

The DVD is priced at \$21.95 and the event commemorative magazine is available for \$3.00. (Shipping and Handling is included in the price.) Log onto <http://www.avantithunderatBonneville.com> to place your order.

This DVD would be great for chapter meetings, historians, Studebaker lovers, racing enthusiasts etc.

Don't delay please place your order now for immediate shipment.

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## Web Sites of Interest

[http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20130516/NEWS/305160016/Delhi-duo-embarks-7-610-mile-road-rally?nclick\\_check=1](http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20130516/NEWS/305160016/Delhi-duo-embarks-7-610-mile-road-rally?nclick_check=1) Use: <http://tinyurl.com/lr75fyk>  
Article is about Ohionans competing in the 7,610 mile Peking to Paris race driving a 1940 President.

<http://www.endurorally.com/pages/5th-peking-to-paris-rally-2013>[http://myzephyrs.com/STUD\\_2013/index.html](http://myzephyrs.com/STUD_2013/index.html)  
Use: <http://tinyurl.com/mdovl2f> Web site for the association that organizes the Peking to Paris endurance race 2013 which runs from May 28 to June 29.

<http://www.sema.org/sema-enews/2013/14/are-young-auto-enthusiasts-vanishing-5491237317059718>  
Use: <http://tinyurl.com/keh6dwq> Interesting article about youth and the automobile hobby.

[http://myzephyrs.com/STUD\\_2013/index.html](http://myzephyrs.com/STUD_2013/index.html) Photo gallery of La Palma Studebaker show, May 26th.



## YOUR STUDEBAKER SHOULD NEVER BURN

By Dan Kuhl

In the United States there are approximately 30 vehicle fires every hour. Mechanical and electrical failures cause three-fourths of these fires. One-third (35%) of the fire injuries occurred when untrained persons attempted to put these fires out.

In the July 2012 issue of *Hemmings Motor News*, there was an article about the best fire extinguishers to use in our Studebakers should they be involved in a fire. As stated in the local news this week auto fires become more common during the Arizona summer heat. Until I read the *Hemmings* article I was not aware my Ace Hardware fire extinguisher would leave a powder residue that can cause extensive damage to the car after extinguishing the fire very effectively.

So what's available on the market that is effective against an automotive fire that will not cause damage to our car's wiring and paint? There are two main types that fit the bill, halon and foam. But neither is as inexpensive to purchase as the Ace Hardware fire extinguisher that I have carried in my Avantis for the last twenty years.

The halon extinguisher that is most commonly used to protect a collector car contains Halon 1211. It works by depriving the fire of oxygen. The halon contains an inert gas that is not environmentally friendly. Even though further production has been banned world-wide there is a significant stockpile available on the market. It is the best fire extinguishing agent currently available.

A good fire suppressing alternative is foam. It has been available on the market for almost a century and has been used very successfully in the aviation industry. It functions by providing a cool layer of water between the fuel and foam that prevents the fuel from forming the vapors that are so flammable. Foam does a good job of sticking to the fuel and is not affected by air flow (wind) as is a halon agent. The foam is easily removed from the contact areas and is not damaging as is the contents of an ABC chemical extinguisher. It does, however, require additional cleaning not associated with a halon system.

Both of the above fire suppressing agents work well, however, Halon 1211 has another advantage. It comes in a convenient small 2.5 pound canister that is easily stored in any Studebaker. The foam is only available in a six liter or larger container. This is way too large for an Avanti trunk or even the backseat floor area.

So, let's talk money. The Ace Hardware ABC chemical system costs between \$25-35, plus who knows how much to clean the chemicals out of your car. They also have plastic components that tend to fail when you least expect it. The Halon 1211 system costs \$130 (red) and \$190 (chrome). A foam extinguisher starts at \$160. These prices were obtained from American Fire Equipment Sales on Virginia here in Phoenix (3107 W Virginia Ave., 602-433-2484). The



Manager will offer a 10% discount on any chrome canister system. The web has many suppliers, as well. An example from the *Hemmings* article is [www.firefightproducts.com](http://www.firefightproducts.com) You might say these systems are a little expensive, but they are far cheaper than having to pay to replace your Studebaker, and they are refillable/repairable.

So, Studebaker lovers, save your nickels and dimes, and purchase a fire extinguisher before you need it. In closing, take a minute to look at the picture of one of David Walker's burned Studebakers. He lost 50 Studebakers in a fire at his Chesnee, S.C. home in February.

### From the Regional Manager .....

In October, the Grand Canyon State Chapter hosts the 2013 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet at the Holiday Inn at US 60 and Country Club Drive in Mesa. The requisite meet activities - a swap meet, concours judging and display and awards banquet - are being planned with these additional events taking place: Friday afternoon, Scott Benson will present a technical seminar and in the evening valve cover races will be held in the parking lot; Sunday, the King family will lead a tour to a local attraction. The chapter will host a hospitality room for refreshments and conversation during the weekend, and raffles and a silent auction will be held. Start making your plans for the meet. Detail your Studebaker(s); make reservations at the meet hotel; send in your meet registration and volunteer to help at registration or on the judging team, donate an auction or raffle item or bring some cookies and soda for the hospitality room. On page 5 is a partial list of meet chairmen with their contact information. Please check the list and call today to help out. Thank you!

The SDC is updating its bylaws and the committee charged with this task has posted the initial draft of their work on the SDC web site: <http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com/Draft%20of%20Proposed%20bylaws%20201305.pdf> The committee was chaired by SDC vice president Mimi Halgren and several SDC members, including GCSC chapter president Ed Smith, helped with the work. Thanks to the committee for completing this challenging job.

Chris Collins

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Excerpted from How to Take Care of Your Car, A Manual for Auto Owners  
 Published by Popular Science magazine

Borrowed from the *Badger Bullet-N*,  
 Ernie Loga, Editor.

### JUNE REMINDERS

- 9 Board and zone meet committee meeting at Holiday Inn, Mesa
- 15 Old Man and his Old Car Father's Day Celebration at DV Airport

See page 6 for details.



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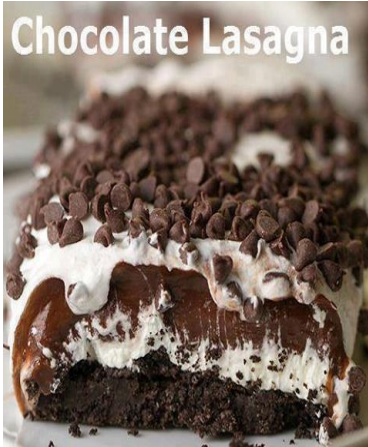
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# Studette Corner



## Chocolate Lasagna

### Chocolate Lasagna



1 package regular Oreo cookies (Not Double Stuff) – about 36 cookies  
6 Tablespoon butter, melted  
1- 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
2 Tablespoons cold milk  
1- 12 ounce tub Cool Whip, divided  
2 – 3.9 ounce packages Chocolate Instant Pudding.  
3 1/4 cups cold milk  
1 and 1/2 cups mini chocolate chips

1. Begin by crushing 36 Oreo cookies. I used my food processor for this, but you could also place them in a large ziplock bag and crush them with a rolling pin. When the Oreos have turned into fine crumbs, you are done.

2. Transfer the Oreo crumbs to a large bowl. Stir in 6 tablespoons melted butter and use a fork to incorporate the butter into the cookie crumbs. When the butter is distributed, transfer the mixture to a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Press the crumbs into the bottom of the pan. Place the pan in the refrigerator while you work on the additional layers.

3. Mix the cream cheese with a mixer until light and fluffy. Add in 2 Tablespoons of milk, and sugar, and mix well. Stir in 1 and 1/4 cups Cool Whip. Spread this mixture over the crust.

4. In a bowl, combine chocolate instant pudding with 3 and 1/4 cups cold milk. Whisk for several minutes until the pudding starts to thicken. Use a spatula to spread the mixture over the previous cream cheese layer. Allow the dessert to rest for about 5 minutes so that the pudding can firm up further.

5. Spread the remaining Cool Whip over the top. Sprinkle mini chocolate chips evenly over the top. Place in the freezer for 1 hour, or the refrigerator for 4 hours before serving.

Submitted by Linda Smith

Studettes, please send your favorite recipe or craft idea to Linda Smith or the editor. Thank you.



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