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## The Story of Our Hawk

By Neil and Ruth Bell

G rowing up a car guy in Ottawa, Ontario in the '50s and '60s, Studebakers were a part of life. Sunday night after our Church Teen Group Meeting, we'd pile into a Lark/Cruiser/Daytona? and go to the Royal Burger. It was distinctive because the dashboard and gauges were all lit in red. When I was pumping gas at Sears, a customer's black '62 GT Hawk with gold trim, 4 speed and supercharger made a lasting impression. I thought it was one of the most beautiful and hottest cars on the road.

Fast forward to Phoenix, Arizona, 1989. Out for a bicycle ride, I chanced on the Orphan Car Show at Los Olivos Park. Studebakers were well represented and I now saw finned Hawks along side the Grand Turisimos and the fins did it for me. I said to myself, if I was ever to make a street rod, I would do it with a finned Hawk, put modern running gear in it and make it a driver. That became just a pipe dream on the bucket list with no thought it would ever happen.

Fast forward again to the summer of 2010. At the car wash, I picked up the *Highline Autos Magazine*. Looking though the Classic Cars I saw an ad for a white 1960 Studebaker Hawk, 350 Chevy crate motor, Turbo 350 transmission, aluminum radiator, power steering, custom burgundy interior, Lecarra steering wheel, VDO gauges, Vintage Air and American Racing wheels. I took the magazine home to Ruth, told her about the pipe dream on my bucket list and said: "Look Honey, its already done!" We went online to the dealer that was listed in the ad and searched his inventory. The Hawk wasn't there! We looked at the magazine again. It was 6 months old. Oh well! But the seed was planted.

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Thanks to all who submitted articles for this issue.



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

his month I'll use this space to report on happenings at the International SDC Meet held June 30-July 6 in Colorado Springs.

- 642 registrations, 104 vehicles judged and 140 displayed.
- The SDC officers remain the same -

President	Carl Thomasom
Vice President	Mimi Halgren
Secretary	Nita Ketcham
Treasurer	Jane Stinson

- The new bylaws provide for an executive committee made up of the officers and one board member to make day to day decisions for the club and will meet monthly via phone conference.
- Don Berg's 4 year term as chief judge was over at this meet. Ed Smith, GCSC president, was appointed to serve as the new chief judge. Good Luck, Ed!
- In concours judging, Malcolm Stinson received a first ٠ place with his 1940 President; Gary and Sandie Keating earned a second with their 1962 GT Hawk and Toto earned a first place for Scott Grainger.
- In the watch competition, Frank Wenzel and Colin Fort both received multiple first place awards. In model

judging, Lou Fencl earned a perfect score with a model entered in the modified class.

- The Minnie Barnes award was given to the Keystone ٠ Chapter for the community service it performs. Diane Glew was the recipient of the Harry Barnes award for her service to SDC.
- ۲ Future SDC meets will be held at the following venues-
  - 2014 Dover, DE
  - 2015 St Louis, MO
  - 2016 Warwick, RI
  - South Bend, IN 2017

Please plan to attend the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet in October, right here in Mesa. A zone meet is similar to a national meet, only compressed. SDC members and their cars will be coming from California, Utah, Nevada and from around Arizona, so don't miss out on this opportunity to meet new friends and see amazing Studebakers.

In closing, I just want to mention that I saw more young people with parents and grandparents in Colorado Springs than at most other recent meets. That's good news for the hobby. Chris

Articles, ads, photos, etc for the September issue are due August 20th. I hope to see your submission for the Studebaker People are the Greatest feature.

The ECHO is the official newsletter of the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC and is published 11 times per year. Contributions are welcome and encouraged. Please submit articles, tech tips, etc. by the 20th of the month preceding publication. Other newsletter editors are welcome to use any material with proper credit given.

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### The ECHO

### From the President .....

t is hot out there and I am glad to have had the opportunity to enjoy the cooler climate of Colorado. It was nice to see those great chapter members there and those that did not make it, you were



missed. The vehicles that showed were great and, of course, the Studebaker people are the greatest.

All Club members are hopeful that the Studebaker Drivers Club continues to be the spotlight of all car clubs. With more than 12,500 members worldwide, it is one of the largest single-margue old car clubs in the world. Members of SDC restore their cars and trucks so they can be used as functioning vehicles, not just show pieces. It is a DRIV-ERS club. With that much interest it is not always easy to keep up with the times and changes so this last year was set aside to bring the SDC bylaws up to date. One change was to allow the use of computer based conferences for board members to get quicker responses from zones and chapters. There were a lot of wording changes so that the bylaws are easier to understand. They also voted to now include term limits for board members and officers with the idea of refreshing thoughts and establishing a better down line communication.

With all that said, the meet was wonderful with high temperatures reaching into what we call overnight lows. The hotel was great and instantly accommodating, for those "planned" last minute things. There was a good showing of vehicles to suit every Drivers interest, including a bright yellow Coupe Express and a pink 40's Commander.

I was raised in Colorado and have revisited there a few times and realized that there were things I hadn't seen in over 40 years so I was glad to be able to revisit locations like Manitou Springs, Pikes Peak, Seven Falls, and the Cliff Dwellings. It made me think about where the club could go to review the sights and introduce new adventures to new club prospects here in Arizona.

As this is your club, we solicit your input. Things to do, places to go, and ideas for changes or get togethers are sought. Maybe classes on how to fix or demonstrations for what works can be scheduled. Is there a garage out there that warrants a visit? How can we get and keep the ladies interested? Any suggestions of what might spark a new interest. I know that it is harder for a lot of us to continue to work on the cars and most of us have slowed down when it comes to that physical labor stuff. How can we incorporate new technology with our Studebaker club? How can we leave technology completely out of a Studebaker adventure. The ball has now been pitched and it is up to you to see if we score.

### Ed Smith

http://tinyurl.com/qhuwcrw SDC Meet Photos

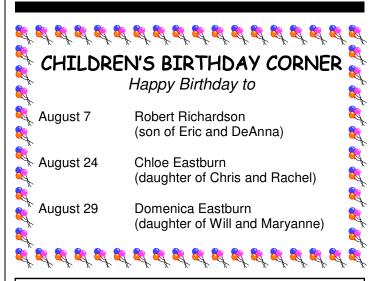
http://tinyurl.com/nq3I7p7 Truck Farmers Dinner

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2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report Submitted by John Rodhouse

As of 7/13/2013 the Chapter has \$3464.30 in Checking and \$5308.39 in a Money Market account.

This Quarter we had income of \$1014.00 comprised of Chapter dues, T-shirt sales, national dues, zone meet trgistration and donations. We did not have any money from the 50/50 as the winners have all driven their Studebaker to the event.

The expenses were \$1029.17 comprised of SDC dues, door prizes for events, *Echo* printing and postage, memorial donation and event supplies.

**CHAPTER NAME BADGE** Order your Chapter name badge with pin back by contacting Chris Collins at ccollinsaz@cox.net or 602-995-5311. The price is \$5.00 each. If you wish to have a magnet back on your badge, the price is \$6.00 each.

# June/July Happenings

### FATHER'S DAY EVENT, JUNE 15TH

he Old Man and His Old Car Celebration was held at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, which was handy for two members who flew in for the lunch from Palm Springs, CA. We had a great turnout with 36 in attendance, 8 of whom drove their Studebaker cars/truck and Avantis. We played the Match Game - our Dads brought old pictures of themselves and their old cars - while the rest of us tried to match them together. Elaine Wright matched 6 pictures and won a large cooler bag, Arlene West matched 5 pictures and won a smaller cooler bag, Buddy Wright matched 4 pictures and won a \$20.00 gift card while Sherry Watson matched 1 picture and won a set of picture coasters. We had their pictures displayed with numbers and letters assigned and our members matched them together. Thanks to our President, Ed Smith who built the displays.

We also had a quest speaker from American Fire Equipment Sales and Service Corporation, Mr. John Pizzuto, who gave us a short demonstration of the different types of fire extinguishers, very interesting and thank you very much. Some of our lucky members won some great door prizes and Steve Fein won the whole pot, \$52.00, from our 50/50



drawing since he drove his 1966 Cruiser. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in our Match Game.

Attending were AI & Anna Riedel, 1978 Avanti II; John & Marisa Drake, 2006 Avanti; Ron & Vicky Crowe, 1964 GT Hawk; Denny Lockmon, 1940 President; Steve & Paulette Fein, 1966 Cruiser; Claudia Robinette; Richard Dormois; Ken & Arlene West, 1966 Daytona; George Gezelius; Dan Kuhl (with his old Scout); Don & Carol Aden, 1955 sedan; Ed & Linda Smith; John & Kim Rodhouse; Buddy & Elaine Wright, 1953 2R5; Frank Wenzel; Kent Vandenberg; Brian & Aleta Millette; Chuck & Chris Collins; Gary & Sandie Keating; Sherry Watson and son; Willard Pike and new members, Tom & Judith Barker.

### JUNE 30 - JULY 6 SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET, COLORADO SPRINGS

C everal members including our President, Ed, went to Colorado Springs for the SDC International Meet. Ed took lots O of pictures and I will post to our Facebook page. Glad everyone had a good time and made it back home safely.

In addition to Ed, other Arizona SDC, AOAI and ASC members attending were Denny Lockmon, Brian & Aleta Millette, Frank Wenzel, Kent Vandenberg, Bruce & Maggie Wheeler, Chuck & Louise Stanford, Bruce Sandburg, Delores Shurtz, Chester & Nancy Bradfield, Colin Fort, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, John, Lorilee, Koulton and Makenna Kroulik, Larry Vahe & Carol Edwards, Mike & Violet Borens, Dick Leisinger, Sid Rosen, Gary & Phyllis Olson, Jon Carter, Keith Muske, Lew Dandurand, Lou Fencl, Jerry & June Kaiser, Steve & Gail Ault, Gary & Sandie Keating, Dan & Corlean Kuhl, Bob & Mary Schouten, Ron & Vicky Crowe, Scott Grainger, Paul Vigne, Rosalie Torske & Guy Hammer, John & Deb Mitchell, Bob Burk, Ken Michael & Bobbie Beverage, Bob & Mimi Halgren, Rich & Sue Gregory, Larry & Pat Swanson, Chuck & Chris



Collins, Gene & Mary Jane Schreiner, Will & Maryanne Eastburn (celebrating their 10th anniversary on the 4th) and daughters, Gwen & Domenica, Dale & Norma Sexton, Al & Anna Riedel, Malcolm Stinson, Stuart Tritt, Frank & Liz van Doorn. (Hope no one was missed.)

#### **JULY 6 BRASS ARMADILLO CAR SHOW**

t was a HOT one, but we had 14 antique/vintage cars show up at the Goodyear Brass Armadillo on Saturday, the 6th. We enjoyed a hot breakfast, all drivers received a Brass Armadillo gift card and if you stuck around – there was free hotdogs, too. It was the first of many to come sponsored by the Goodyear Brass Armadillo. Plans are underway to host the event the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. Some of the participants were Neil Bell and his Hawk, the East-



burns drove their Wagonaire and Champ pickup, Michell drove her Mercedes, Ken and Arlene West drove their Daytona, Jim Clever drove his Chevy Malibu, John Rodhouse drove his Porsche and we also had 2 El Caminos, a Corvette, a Chevy, Ford and a Model T along with our Studebaker Stakebed truck.

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

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. BRING TWO NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR A 10% FOOD DIS- COUNT. INFO: LINDA AT LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET / 602-618-7691				
JULY 21	CHAPTER BOARD MEETING AT 4 PM, ZONE MEET COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5 PM. DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT, 7TH AVE & DEER VALLEY RD. INFO: ED AT 602-290-1045 / EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET				
AUGUST 18	CHAPTER BOARD AND ZONE MEET COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT 5 PM. LOCATION AT MEET HOTEL, HOLIDAY INN, 1600 S COUNTRY CLUB DR, MESA. INFO: ED AT 602-290- 1045 / EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET				
SEPTEMBER 8	CHAPTER BOARD AND ZONE MEET COMMITTEE MEETINGS. TIME / LOCATION TBA. INFO: ED AT 602-290-1045 / EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET				
SEPTEMBER 14	INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. MEET AT IKEA TO CRUISE TO RACEWAY BAR & GRILL IN MARICOPA, 49237 W/ PAPAGO RD. FOR LUNCH. A VISIT TO THE DWARF CAR MUSEUM IS ALSO PLANNED. MORE INFO ON PAGE 6 OR CONTACT LINDA AT LINDAGSMITH@COX.NET / 602-618-7691				
SEPTEMBER 28	FIFTH ANNUAL COOL CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT SPANISH LANDING WEST OFF HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO. 8AM-4PM. \$20 REGISTRATION. PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDGING. INFO: LINNEA AT 619-807-5488 OR LTLSHOBERG@COX.NET				
OCTOBER 11-13	<u>GCSC HOSTS PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET</u> AT HOLIDAY INN, MESA. \$79 RATE. TO LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER SEE LIST BELOW OR CONTACT ED AT 602-290-1045 OR EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET				
To volunteer to help on any committee/activity (security, car show parking, valve cover races, etc) contact:     Zone Meet Chairman:   Ed Smith     edcollects@cox.net   602-290-1045					
	e chips, veggie & fruit trays, cookies, bars, soda, water, etc and to help with hospitality contact: nairpersons: Linda Smith & lindagsmith@cox.net 602-618-7691 Kim Rodhouse krodhouse@hotmail.com 480-452-3069				
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To volunteer to help a Registration:	at registration Friday afternoon and Saturday morning contact: Chris Collins ccollinsaz@cox.net 602-995-5311				
REGISTER FOR THE MEET AND THEN MAKE PLANS TO STAY AT THE MEET HOTEL FOR A RELAXING WEEKEND OF STUDEBAKER FUN: CONCOURS, SWAP MEET, TECHNICAL SEMINAR, VALVE COVER RAC- ING AND BANQUET. GET APPLICATION ON PAGE 13 OF ONLINE NEWSLETTER, THE FRONT PAGE OF THE CHAPTER WEBSITE, AT ANY CHAPTER EVENT OR CONTACT CHRIS COLLINS AT INFORMATION ABOVE.					
NOVEMBER 10	CHAPTER MEETING/GATHERING HOSTED BY KEN & ARLENE WEST. PLANS INCLUDE A TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW OR CONTACT LINDA				
DECEMBER 7	CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY HOSTED BY SCOTT & BARBARA GRAINGER AT THEIR HOME IN MESA. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW OR CONTACT LINDA AT 602-618-7691				

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Submitted by Linda Smith

JULY 21 BOARD MEETING, 4PM & ZONE COM-MITTEE MEETING, 5PM at Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 7th Ave & Deer Valley Rd. All committee chairs and volunteers should attend.

AUGUST 3 BRASS ARMADILLO VINTAGE AND ANTIQUE CAR SHOW, 13277 W. McDowell Rd., Goodyear. 8am – 11am. Free Breakfast and gift card for all the participants.

AUGUST 18 BOARD/ZONE MEET MEETINGS, 5PM at the 1600 S. Country Club Dr., Mesa. All committee chairs and volunteers should attend.

SEPTEMBER 8 BOARD/ZONE MEET MEETINGS, 5PM 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.

Get your Studebaker filled up with water and gasoline and join



your Grand Canyon State Chapter for this Annual Drive Your Studebaker Day Event. Even if you can't drive the Studebaker please come out and support your chapter. Everyone is welcome.

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

Hawks are cool Larks are neat Studebakers Can't be beat!

Driving a Studie Without seat belts? Get in a crash Get a lot of welts!

## Birthdays CELEBRATE!

July								
3	Rob Ray	14	Phyllis Setero					
3	Marc Robbins	15	Francene Hurt					
5	Karen Gandy	15	Paul Vigne					
7	Al Karas	16	Bob Schouten					
8	Ken Michael	17	Sharon Ware					
9	Sam Cathey	17	Frank Wenzel					
10	Curtis Lee	25	Charlotte Maddux					
12	Toby Haberman	27	Jan Widhalm					
12	Richard Hahn	28	David Miller					
13	Mary Powell-McConne	ell 28	Deb Mitchell					
14	Mike King	28	Claudia Robinette					
14	Richard Rampt							
August								
2	Delores Duble	18	Paul Ponzetti					
2	Rachel Eastburn	19	Kitty Jazwinski					
5	Betty Bell	19	Malcolm Stinson Jr					
6	Clyde DeRousen	20	Steve Piper					
7	Elizabeth vanDoorn	22	Frank Henry					
9	Chris Collins	22	Dick Leisinger					
12	Walter Jazwinski	22	Ken Pyle					
13	Fred Gooch	26	Joanna Worster					
14	Nancy Pfahler	27						
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## Appiversaries

July

- 4 Will & Maryanne Eastburn
- 10 John & Deb Mitchell
- 11 Walter & Kitty Jazwinski
- 14 Paul & Phyllis Setero
- 16 Ike & Virginia Quigley
- 17 Frank & Elizabeth van Doorn
- 22 David & Virginia Miller
- 23 Dan & Peggy Kisiel
- 31 Kevin & Toni Cornish

### August

- 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



### Janice J. (Porsch) Lockmon

December 29, 1938 – June 23, 2013

Janice (Porsch) Lockmon was born on December 29, 1938 at Carroll, Iowa to Anna and Ted Porsch. The first years of her life were spent on a farm. She attended and graduated from Bagley High School where she was active with her accordion, piano, chorus and band as well as basket-ball. In 4-H she and her partner took their demonstration to the State Fair as well as on TV. There were also many parades and small ensembles with the accordion.

After graduation, Jan moved to Omaha, Nebraska to attend business school at Commercial Extension. She was employed as a secretary by Merchants Biscuit Company, a division of Keebler Biscuit Company.

While working in Omaha, Jan met her husband and love of her life, Denny Lockmon. They were married in Lake View, Iowa on June 21, 1959. She continued to work until the birth of their first daughter, Christine. At that point, she became a "home engineer." Their second daughter, Deborah, was born five years later. In the ensuing years, Jan bowled, played tennis, cooked, sewed, read, was active with Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and enjoyed a life as a homemaker. After 17 years, she re-entered the work force as a paraprofessional in the office of the local high school, allowing her to enjoy the same hours as the girls. After 17 years there, she became office manager at Action Batteries, a company she and Denny started.

One of the happiest days of Jan's life was the birth of granddaughter Molly Greene in 1999. When Debbie was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000, Jan spent much of her time in Chicago trying to help the family.

Jan was active in the Studebaker Drivers Club. She held all the offices in the local chapter as well as being editor for a number of years. In the national club, she served as secretary to the Board of Directors for 15 years. Additionally, she chaired and served on the newsletter committee. In recent years, Jan was on the board of directors for the Studebaker National Foundation. She and Denny have also been active in other local car clubs.

Car events led the family to many places every year for vacations. Jan loved travel and visited many places the farm girl had dreamt about--including all but three of the US states and several foreign countries including Germany, England, Greece and Japan.

Moving to Arizona upon retirement in 2002 was a dream come true. There, in addition to her car related activities, Jan volunteered at her church and enjoyed playing bunko and games with friends.

Jan is preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Debbie Greene. Surviving are her husband, Denny; daughter, Chris (and husband Don Barrett); son-in-law Stuart Greene and granddaughter, Molly. She has been blessed with many friends.

Memorial services will be held in Sun City, Arizona in the fall. Interment will be in Stuart, Nebraska at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Studebaker National Foundation (http://www.studebakernationalfoundation.org/), or to Lakeview United Methodist Church in Sun City (http://lakeviewumc.net/) to benefit the library or music department. Music and reading were a large part of Jan's life.

Jan and Denny's daughter Chris said, "Mom, ever prepared, wrote her obituary many times over the years." Jan did a wonderful job telling about her life, one well lived.

The Studebaker National Foundation has established a scholarship in Jan's honor and the Chapter has contributed to the fund. Because of this donation, others made by Jan's friends and the proceeds of items sold at the SDC auction in Colorado Springs, the Foundation board awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship from this fund to a student enrolled in an automotive program.

The Chapter extends it deepest condolences to Denny and the family. Jan will be missed for her good humor, her ability to extend friendship to all she met and for her caring ways.



Do you want to find a very inspiring couple that appear not to have a worry in the world? Meet a couple of Great Studebaker People, Gary and Sandie Keating.



This pair will always bring an uplifting to any occasion with their smiles and helpful nature. They have a super red Hawk that has not always performed as they wished but they will still find a way to get to an event. They are fast to volunteer and quick to help others to get to events when they can't drive themselves. The Keatings are an excellent example of Great Studebaker People.

#### Ed Smith

Congratulations to Gary and Sandie on receiving a second place award for their red GT Hawk in concours judging at the SDC International Meet in Colorado Springs.

### **A Community Car Show**

By Sue King

At one of the meetings, you had asked that if we attended a car show other than a Studebaker Car show, that we should tell you about it. We attended "The 1st Grace Gears Father's Day Car Show," June 16th. It was held at Grace Community Church. We were told about it by a neighbor who knew we liked to go to car shows. As it turned out, I couldn't drive, so the neighbor and her husband drove the Silver Hawk and Mike and I drove the Champ.

It was a pretty well attended show for being the 1st one. It was also a hot day, and that probably affected the attendance. We were the only Studebakers, but that was ok. Several people noticed the name tags, including two different gentlemen who said they had been members, but had sold their Studebakers so didn't come any more. Needless to say, we told them they could still come to meetings with just an interest in the cars.

There were cars and pickups, of course, plus motorcycles, a '57 Kenworth semi, a tricycle motorbike, and the Tempe Swat Vehicle. There was a DeLorean and two Cobras - one a kit-car and the other the real thing. I am going to guess 40+ vehicles.

It began at 6:30 am, mighty early for this old couple. They served a pancake breakfast at 7 for the Car Exhibitors, 7:30 for everyone else. About 8:30, they had a soap box derby show and a pinewood derby race. At 10:00, there was a Father's Day church service for those who wanted to attend.

I had a great time, not as good as a Studebaker show, but fun. I would wish they would put it in the cooler season if there is another annual show. But Studebaker and the Grand Canyon Chapter were there and noticed.

## This N That .....

**Larry Swanson** and Bill Mitchell participated in the Great Race for 2 1/2 days in Bill's 1956 Packard. Having no reverse gear added to the thrill of the event.

On June 22nd, the AAHC and other groups held a benefit car show at Metro Center for the fireman and policeman that were killed on the same day in Phoenix. **Dan Kuhl** participated with a Studebaker, one of two out of several hundred car enthusiasts who showed up to support the cause.

Congratulations to **Tim Painter** on his retirement in June from a long teaching career. Tim said, "My first day of retirement after 45 years of teaching is a day that will live in imagination no more. Highly recommended by all friends and relatives that have preceded me. So many camping trips and so many car shows and so little time. Oh well, someone has to do it." Enjoy, Tim!

**Dick Leisinger** reports he drove his 1962 GT Hawk in the Route 66 Fun Run in early May.

### 1963, IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

By Dan Kuhl

On March 1<sup>st</sup> my Avanti turned 50. It's very difficult to believe that a car I coveted as a model builder now sits in my garage. In 1963, I was "Coming of Age" eyeing the girls and watching the cars race up and down Main Street in my home town. My developing hopes and dreams of ownership were further cultivated in an abundant supply of *Motor Trend Magazines* and many visits to dealer showrooms to pick out my new car.

1963 was an iconic year with many new offerings that would satisfy the desires of any enthusiastic American driver. Buick introduced a new Rivera, a design that was destined for Cadillac. It was rejected by Cadillac management to become one of the most beautiful cars manufactured by Detroit. At the time, Raymond Loewy said the '63 Rivera was the handsomest car made in America, with the exception of the Studebaker Avanti. In one of the Buick sales brochures the Rivera was described as "America's Bid for a Great New International Car".

1963 was the first year of the Corvette Stingray; the one with the split rear window that has brought much fanfare by collectors for many decades. The 1963 Stingray is great to look at but is lacking in the performance category. According to Scott Benson, who is a member of our local Chapter, the '63 Avanti could eat a '63 Corvette for lunch, and still have room for dessert.

For all of us with a passion for the outdoors, the Kaiser-Jeep Corporation began manufacturing the Wagoneer in 1963. It was the first "Go Anywhere, Do Anything" sport utility vehicle for the ladies in the crowd. Its market position was solidified a few years later with an optional automatic transmission. The Wagoneer was produced for almost 30 years. It was designed by Brooks Stevens, the same designer who turned the '61 Hawk into a fabulous, more modern design, the Grand Turismo Hawk.

From across the ocean in 1963, came the renowned and very desirable Porsche 911. If you are a sports car lover this is the one to make your blood boil on the curvy road from Wickenburg to Prescott. In 2013 Porsche will manufacture a Limited Edition, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 911. They will only produce 1,963 of these very special Porsches.

Last, and by no means least, Studebaker introduced "America's Most Advanced Automobile" the Avanti. This car set the marketplace on fire. But, because of manufacturing problems, its debut fell short of expectations. However, the Avanti can be considered successful by catching the fancy of a select group of followers who carried its production into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Editor's Note: The Avanti will be celebrated along with other Raymond Loewy designs at the Palos Verdes Concours D'Elegance. The show day is Sunday, September, 15th and as in past years it will be held on the grounds of the beautiful Trump National Golf Course, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Read more information here http://www.pvconcours.org/

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January 2011, we won tickets from KSLX Classic Rock radio station to the 1<sup>st</sup> MotoExotica auction to be held in Phoenix on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The auction site was way on the other side of town, about a 40 mile drive. Before driving out just to watch, we went online and checked the inventory. There it was! A Black 1960 Studebaker Hawk. The pictures looked good so we had to go to see one in the flesh. It looked fantastic! All black, laser straight. The owner came out and started it up. Wow! 350 Chevy small block with a 4 barrel carb and a big cam. The idle was awesome. The tires looked good. Chrome mag type wheels. I got behind the wheel and there on the console was a photocopy of the ad we had seen 6 months before! It was the same car! He had just finished painting it black the week before. He said he had a black 1960 Hawk himself and couldn't sell the white one sitting beside his black one. People said: "If only it was black...." So he decided that instead of doing any further restoration, he would paint it black and sell it. He assured us it was a great driver and we would really enjoy it. I asked about a reserve and the reserve he stated was close to what the Hawk was listed for in the ad.

What to do? We certainly did not go out with any intention to buy nor had any financial plans for this. But the black Hawk took our breath away and since it was the same car we had seen in the ad 6 months earlier, we felt it must be a sign. All we knew was we had enough room on our American Express card. I asked Ruth: "Considering our circumstances and that this is spur of the moment, what was the maximum you would be comfortable with if we actually won the bid?" She gave me a figure and I went to register to bid.

New roadblock! To register to bid, the auction would only accept \$1,000.00 cash or a cashier's check. American Express not accepted. We didn't go out to buy and don't walk around with that in our pocket. Oh well, again! We watched a few cars go across the block then drove the 40 miles back home. When we got home, I remembered the auction was streaming live online. We logged on and they had to take a credit card to register to bid, so we registered. Had we missed the Hawk? First we heard the rumble of the exhaust and then the black Hawk rolled onto the block. Bidding started. When it stopped, we had won the Hawk, \$500.00 under Ruth's ceiling.

Okay! Now how are we going to pay for it? Gulp! No, the auction will not accept the American Express card. Called the Credit Union. "No, we won't finance a collector car." It's now late Saturday afternoon. What are we going to do? I remembered seeing a booth for J. Best Banc at the auction. I checked them out online and found they financed collector cars. So we drove back out to the auction. By 8:30pm we had arranged financing and the Hawk was ours. All we had to do was drive it home.

And so the adventure began. By the time I had driven the Hawk from where it was parked to the auction gate, the temperature gauge was pegged. I eased the rad cap off and couldn't see any coolant. (I know, I should have checked the radiator first.) We filled the radiator with bottled water and headed out. 50 mph in the right hand lane of the freeway, I could barely keep this "great driver" in the lane, sawing on the Lecarra steering wheel. The power steering seemed pretty heavy. At home, we found the power steering reservoir empty. After filling it up, we knew why. If the car had been driven across the auction block with the power steering screeching like this, we might have got it for a lot less!

Long story short, 2 years later and for more money than we purchased it for, we now have the great driver it was meant to be. A new windshield and rear glass were installed. The good looking tires were dry rotted. New tires took care of that. The custom burgundy tweed interior was done in 1998. A couple of panels on the driver's seat and door were worn through and have been replaced. We were fortunate to find a perfect match. Dual 12 volt power sockets, an additional AC vent and seat belts were the other additions to the interior. A Turner Brake dual master cylinder kit with remote reservoirs on the firewall was added and all new brake lines were installed. The manual drum brakes were upgraded to 11" HD finned drums with new shoes. The shock absorbers were replaced. The steering box and the power steering pump were rebuilt. All new OEM front end steering components and Quick Steering Arms were added. A 1" front and 3/4" rear sway bar took the place of the 5/8" front bar. An additional leaf was added to help the sagging rear springs. The tapered rear axles were replaced with flanged axles. The 3.07 ratio differential was upgraded to a 3.54 ratio gear and Auburn limited slip (the only one available new with 19 splines). The Turbo 350 transmission was swapped out with a Hughes Performance 700R4 and 2200 rpm stall lock up torque converter. In the engine, new head gaskets, headers, carburetor, and water pump were installed. A custom aluminum shroud, 3000 rpm electric fan, new hoses and overflow collector were added to the aluminum radiator which had to be dipped twice to clean it out. A 100 amp alternator and new starter motor completed the work under the hood and a hood pin was added.

We now drive our Hawk to car shows all over Arizona and have won multiple Best of Class and Best of Show awards. Apart from the joy of driving our Hawk, our greatest satisfaction comes from the response the Hawk receives from the general public. We call it our Smile Mobile!



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### The ECHO

### FOR SALE - STUDEBAKER CARS, TRUCKS AND PARTS - WANTED

**TO PLACE OR CANCEL AN AD:** Please contact Chuck Collins by phone at 602-995-5311 or e-mail ccollinsaz@cox.net or write 2410 W. Freeway Lane, Phoenix, AZ 8502I-4135. Ads for members are free. Business card ads are \$25 per year. Ads not updated every 4 issues will be dropped.

### STUDEBAKERS FOR SALE

**1964 Daytona Convertible.** V8, 4bbl, auto trans, Vintage ac, oversized radiator, 5 new tires, rebuilt engine. Excellent condition w/ red exterior, black interior, 61,500 original miles. \$25,000 firm. Gary Keating 480-209-8279 or gary@draftingequipment.com (3)

**1964 GT Hawk R1**, auto, lite blue w/ partial vinyl top. Driver. In Chandler. Larry Walker 480-802-3724 (3)

**1988 Avanti** 2dr, 50,000 miles, needs paint. In Payson. Contact Larry Walker at 480-390-2701 (3)

**1966 Cruiser**. \$4,000 in Stockton, CA Contact Monte at 702-812-6524

**1940 Commander** 2dr cruising sedan, 226cid, OD, hill holder. My honey and I drove this car all over Phoenix and the Southwest for over



30 years and 60,000 miles, 50K in 3 years. Recent upgrades include total brake rebuild with SS liners, new bearings and seals, balanced front drums; king pin rebuild; frame checked by shop; engine rebuild: .030 over, .010-.010 crank, Total Seal rings, ported and relieved, cam, 9 to 1 head, Mallory electronic dist. and coil, totally dynamically balanced including flywheel and clutch. Will turn 4,000 all day. Body is very sound but needs minor work and paint. Car is well behaved. Needs TLC but is a kick to drive any where, any time. Will train new owner in care and feeding. \$7,500 Carl 623-979-5566 (2)

**1940 Commander Business Coupe** (Not many left.) Body, doors, deck lid, running boards, hood sides, front and rear fenders and nose piece, no hood. Body has no dents and rust only on and under deck lid. Original paint and primer, aged. Frame has no suspension and front cross member is gone. I do have a '39 President hood and nose piece, which will fit, but no hood sides or running boards to match. I also have a '79 Firebird front suspension, narrowed 2" and that rear axle with springs. 116" wheelbase as a Commander 121" as a President. This car has a gorgeous shape, better than Zephyr and will look great when done! Bring your trailer and some extra help (my back is gone). It will have to be carried from the back to out front. \$3000 Carl 623-979-5566 (2)

### STUDEBAKER PARTS FOR SALE

2 Studebaker pickup bed trailers, both from R-series pickups. One has pickup bed, tailgate, and fenders in good shape mounted on generic axles and frame with no title. The other includes complete pickup bed, tailgate, fenders, truck rear axle, and springs and has a title, but in rougher condition. Please call or e-mail for pictures and description of both. \$500 each OBO. Jon Carter 480-577 -5764 or joncarter@cox.net (1)

**'37 President**, parting out good, rustfree sheet metal, rust free doors, also radio, OD Trans, Engine Parts, Fender Lights, and lots more Parting out '53 3/4 ton C-Cab truck '38 Commander sedan parting out Many other '37 &'38 Dictator & Commander parts. '41 Commander Sedan trunk lid, good condition, \$50 2R5 truck Champ 6 bell housing \$40 '51 Commander left front door \$45 '51 Commander right rear door \$45 '53 Rear bumper \$50. '53-'55 Sedan trunk lid \$50. '55 Left HT door, \$75. '57-'64 one ton front truck bumper. painted, excellent condition, \$100. '59-'60 Lark or '60-'64 Champ truck hood \$50. '59-'60 Lark trunk lid, \$35, good condition. '53 8ft bed, good condition, no fenders \$200. '60-64 Champ Truck Doors \$50. ea'62 Lark Station Wagon upper tailgate \$50 '62 GT Hawk rear Valance that is between bumper and body \$40 '62 Lark rear guarters \$100 for both or \$60 each no rust. '63 Lark 4 door front doors \$50 Each. '63 Lark rear doors for Wagonair or 4dr sedan \$35 each. '63 Lark right door for 2 door sedan \$50. V8 Heads. Blocks and Cranks 259 & 289. All Large Items for pick up only. If you don't see what you need here, call me Jerry Kaiser, studeblu@earthlink.net or 520-979-0065 (1)

**Commander 6 Owners: Have your water pump rebuilt** by machine shop w/ 2 modern spring loaded seals and I piece bearing that runs the length of the shaft. \$250 + shipping. Call Fred Gooch, Tucson 520-883-7418

### STUDEBAKERS OR PARTS WANTED

One or two straights wheels for our 1937 Dictator. Thanks. Fred Gooch 520-883-7418 (1)

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## The ECHO

Newsletter of the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC P.O. Box 37464 Phoenix, AZ 85069-7464



### JULY/AUGUST REMINDERS

- 7-14 Organ Stop Pizza Outing
- 7-21 Board /Zone Meet Committees Meet
- 8-3 Brass Armadillo Car Show
- 8-18 Board /Zone Meet Committees Meet

See page 6 for details.





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Visit the Chapter web site at http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com for the online newsletter.



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#### GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are for one year beginning on January 1. Chapter dues are

\$18.00 yr to receive the newsletter by mail or
\$15.00 yr to receive the newsletter electronically
If joining during the year, dues are prorated at
\$1.50 per month.

Your dues include eleven issues of the award winning *ECHO*, a Chapter roster, membership in the Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council and the best club activities throughout the year.

Membership in the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. is compulsory to be a member of the Grand Canyon State Chapter of SDC, Inc. If you are not a member of SDC, add the following to your chapter dues which the treasurer will remit for you - \$31.00 yr, includes *Turning Wheels* magazine or \$24.00 for new members, first year only, includes *Turning Wheels* magazine or \$10.00 for membership without the magazine.

Any questions can be directed to the address below or to Chris Collins at 602-995-5311 or ccollinsaz@cox.net Please make check payable to the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC and send with this form to: GCSC, P. O. Box 37464 Phoenix, AZ 85069-7464.

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