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Studebaker Weasels help pace the drive to Tokyo

HERE'S a quotation from a Philippines dispatch to "Yank," the Army weekly: "The Weasel is getting to the front in this tough sector after every other type of vehicle has bogged down in the rice paddies and swamps."

Designed by Studebaker engineers and built in the Studebaker factories, the Weasel personnel and cargo carrier finds footing on all kinds of terrain—sand, snow, mud, swamp or solid ground. It clambors up and down steep, slippery banks and takes to deep water like a boat.

Power plant of the Weasel is the brilliantly responsive 6-cylinder engine of the remarkably economical Studebaker Champion motor car.

Studebaker is proud to add the versatile Weasel to its list of war equipment for our valiant fighting forces.

1945 Awarded To All  Studebaker Plants

Studebaker PEACETIME BUILDER OF FINE CARS AND TRUCKS
Wartime builder of Wright Cyclone engines for the Boeing Flying Fortress—
heavy-duty Studebaker military trucks—Weasel personnel and cargo carriers



YOUR BONDS HELP PAY FOR
EVERY FLYING FORTRESS FLIGHT

Don't let up in buying War Bonds—
they're your link with every man and
woman in our country's uniform—your
promise that America will stay strong.

From the Editor's Pen.....

The cover features the Weasel, an armored personnel vehicle built by Studebaker during WWII. The Weasel was an excellent example of the innovation of which Studebaker was capable. Thanks to Bob Ray for his write-up of the history. He asked at the end of his article if there are any Weasels still around other than in museums and I can assure him and you that many are still in existence in the U.S. and throughout Europe. The owner of Liberty Auto Restoration in Elk Horn, Iowa owns several and his company makes parts for the Weasel, including the tracks. Our hobby is so diverse and the collectors of this vehicle are proof of that. If there are other areas of Studebaker history you would like to see highlighted, please let me know.

Your history as a Studebaker owner and driver is also important and our readers would like to hear about it. Put something down on a piece of paper or e-mail and send it to me.

Please read the information on page 8 about two events in May, one hosted by the Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club and the other, the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet, hosted by the Karel Staple Chapter.

Both are great outings to attend with or without your Studebaker. The ASC tour is worth the time just to visit the Gold King Mine in Jerome. If you haven't been there, plan to make this event.

The zone meet in Sacramento will be an interesting event with a tour of the CHP facility and a Raymond Loewy lecture. I'm especially looking forward to the latter. Hope some of you will be able to attend.

Thanks to our contributors this month: Linda Smith, John Rodhouse, Malcolm Stinson, Robert Ray, Ed Smith, Scott Grainger, Betty and Perry Knopf, Dan Kuhl, Malcolm Berry and Gary Keating.

See you in Gilbert for our April gathering.



Chris

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From the President



Everybody has a story to tell. There are those that tell life stories and there are those that tell other people's stories but there are always heroes. These stories most always have a hero in them. It could be the hero that most perceive comes with a heroic event. It could be an act of kindness or even a helping hand but there is some kind of hero in every story.

Just what is a hero? The dictionary defines it as a person who is greatly admired. Does it take someone like Audie Murphy to be a hero? Audie Murphy said "I never liked being called the 'most decorated' soldier." Some say any man or woman who is wearing or has ever worn the uniform and serves this country is a hero. Every veteran is a hero. Audie Murphy always stated, "There were so many guys who should have gotten medals and never did - guys who were killed."

I think of a hero as someone who is selfless and understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom. A hero is somebody who is generous in spirit, who just tries to give back as much as possible and help people. I think a hero is someone really intent on making this a better place for all people.

There are many members among us that have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or National Guard. The sacrifice each and every individual has made varies as much as their personalities.

Even though it sometimes takes a while to manifest itself the effects of serving can affect all those around us. The American people looked at Audie Murphy as a symbol of strength and courage, a man capable of overcoming all odds. However, they could not even begin to understand the effects that the war had had on him. Severe mental exhaustion was referred to as "battle fatigue" and was not taken very seriously at the time. Today we call this Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This becomes an internal struggle with battlefield demons and it could affect a veteran and his family for the remainder of their lives.

Become your own hero.

Many returning vets nowadays come home to a hero's welcome. Some make the national news, some make the local news and some make Facebook news. Think of a time someone was a hero for you and how you have never forgotten that person for what they did. We relish news of our heroes, forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too.

Be a hero for a hero.

I am asking each and every member of the Grand Canyon State Chapter to be a hero for a hero. Donate pennies for the length of your Studebaker. Once collected we will



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joseph and Karen Guthrie
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 1956 1/2T Pickup
 Referred by Ed Smith

Condolences

The Chapter sends condolences to Kathleen Ponzetti on the passing of her husband, Paul. He had a 1962 Lark Pursuit Marshal which will remain with the family and is being restored by Paul's son. Our thoughts are with the family.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by John Rodhouse

As of 3/28/14 the Chapter has \$4783.83 in Checking and \$5312.71 in Money Market.

In the first quarter we had income of \$3572, comprised of Chapter dues, Martin Museum event food receipts and National Dues.

The expenses have been \$2926.36, comprised of SDC dues, door prizes for events, *ECHO* printing and postage, memorial donations, food from Porkopolis (January event) and event supplies.

make a donation to an organization that helps local veterans and their families.

After doing some research, I had discovered that there are about 16 pennies to one foot. That makes a donation for a Lark or Avanti to be about 250 pennies (\$2.50). The donation for a bullet nose or GT Hawk would be about 272 pennies (\$2.72). You truck owners could be donating from 250 to 320 pennies (\$2.50 to \$3.20) depending on your truck type.

Now, truth be told, we all want to be heroes. We all want to make *that* difference in *that* moment of time that will dramatically impact the situation. One person can make that difference and everyone should try.

Ed Smith

MARCH HAPPENINGS



MARCH MADNESS

By Linda Smith

The Southern Arizona Chapter hosted the 2014 All Arizona Studebaker Gathering on March 1st at a great venue - Old Tucson. An awesome stagecoach ride and some beautiful saloon girls made our trip down south a memorable one.

Gregg Avery and Luz Lozano, Dennis Lynde, John and Kim Rodhouse, Ken and Arlene West and Ed and I at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at 7am. Since the weather was rainy and cold, Ed and I decided to ride along with Ken & Arlene in their 1966 Daytona which had heat, air and windshield wipers! We had met them at their house at 6am, loading up the car and heading for the restaurant. John and Kim were there in their 1950 pickup with the windshield sprayed with RainX. We headed out with John in the lead followed by Ken and Arlene, Gregg and Luz and bringing up the rear was Dennis Lynde. Not too bad of a trip down, weather wise. Ken never turned on his wipers; he had also sprayed RainX. That is some powerful stuff!

We got down to Tucson and, with the SAC vehicles, there were 16 Studebakers. Joining us there from GCSC were Scott and Barbara Grainger in LC, Jon Carter and Paul Vigne. The Southern Arizona chapter welcomed us with goody bags, great chinese auction items and silent auction items, too. The people's choice award winner was Jerry Kaiser in his beautiful green truck. Take a look at the pictures on Facebook and see what you missed!!

Scott, Barbara, Kim and I took a ride in the old stagecoach. They told us that it would take four days to get to Phoenix and fourteen days to get to San Diego back in the day. We decided that we would just stay in Old Tucson for the afternoon. We saw where John Wayne filmed Stagecoach and other movies. Very interesting!!

Afterwards, John, Kim, Ken, Arlene, Ed and I stayed the night. We found our resorts and had dinner at Casa Molina's together. We got up on Sunday morning, checked out and headed for the Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures, a wonderful museum of famous houses that were made into doll houses and decorated with furniture that looked like the real furniture from that era. Wonderful place to take you to different parts of the world and see how they lived and what they lived in. Amazing place.

We want to thank the Southern Arizona Chapter for hosting March Madness and for their hospitality. Thanks to Scott Grainger for his pictures, too. It was great seeing everyone.

From Scott Grainger:

Barbara and I had a wonderful time. Old Tucson was a great venue. It had been 30+ years since we had been there. The ride in the stage coach with Barbara, Kim and Linda was a lot of fun. A four day ride in one of those from Tucson to Phoenix would be enough to make you swear to never travel out of town again!

SANDERSON FORD MUSEUM IN GLENDALE, MARCH 15

By Linda Smith

It isn't just a car museum. It has so much memorabilia that remembering some of those antiques will bring back beautiful memories for our 29 chapter members and guests. The cars inside were just an added bonus. Thanks to Denny Lockmon for pointing me in the right direction for contacting Fred Beyer. He and his wife were the perfect hosts.

Special thanks to our chapter members for making this event one we will have a hard time forgetting. Members present: Mike King, Claudia Robinette, Pete & Betty Bell, Dick Leisinger, Bill & Cheryl Simmons, Sherry Watson, Tim Watson, Ken & Arlene West in their '66 Daytona, Jerry Volk & his cousin Jim Mitzel in Jerry's '55 Commander Coupe, Tom & Judith Barker and grandson McKade, Lenka Hospodka & Sam Powell, Don & Carol Aden and their guests Pete & Judy Bagoy in Don's '55 Champion Sedan, Dave Kinkel in his '63 GT Hawk, Don Becker & his Aunt Nancy Brown, Ed & Linda Smith in their '51 Stakebed with friends Terry & Dee Morris.

This museum was spotless, we couldn't find a spec of dust (not that we were looking). The rest of the pictures are on Facebook. Thanks again to our chapter members who showed up.



GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL 5 BARRY GOLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL CAR SHOW ON FOOTBALL FIELD AT 2820 W. ROSE GARDEN LANE, PHOENIX, 11AM-3PM. NO ENTRY FEE. BRIAN AT 623-445-3037
- APRIL 12 **CHAPTER GATHERING. MEET AT THE GILBERT HISTORICAL MUSEUM, CORNER OF ELLIOT AND GILBERT RDS., GILBERT AT 9 AM FOR A 1.5 - 2 HOUR TOUR. ADMISSION IS \$3 WHEN YOU MENTION STUDEBAKER. STUDEBAKER DRIVERS ARRIVE EARLY TO SECURE STREET FACING PARKING SPACE. AT 11:30 WE WILL GO TO JOE'S BBQ FOR LUNCH AND MEETING. INFO: GARY AT 480-209-8279 / gary@draftingequipment.com.**
- APRIL 13 **CHAPTER BOARD AND OFFICERS MEET AT 4:00 PM AT IHOP, LOOP 202 & DOBSON RD. IN THE RIVERVIEW PLAZA. MEMBERS WELCOME. INFO: ED AT 602-290-1045**
- APRIL 26 CRUISE IN FOR THE VETERANS AT FRONTIER VILLAGE, 1841 STATE ROUTE 69, PRESCOTT FROM 9AM-3PM. \$35 DONATION INCLUDE REGISTRATION, T SHIRT & DASH PLAQUE. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS. TOP 20 TROPHIES, PRIZES, FUN, FOOD MUSIC & VENDORS. BRING FOOD ITEM FOR FOOD BANK. INFO: STEVE 928-830-4945 OR VISIT <http://www.arizonacarshows.com> FOR EVENT FLIER AND REGISTRATION FORM.
RECOMMENDATION FROM DICK LEISINGER: THIS IS A WELL ORGANIZED AND WELL ATTENDED EVENT. STEVE AND HIS CREW DO A SUPER JOB. THE LOCATION IS AT FRONTIER VILLAGE ON HWY 69 JUST AS YOU ENTER PRESCOTT. LOTS OF PAVED SPACE AND PLENTY OF FOOD SOURCES ON SITE. I ATTENDED LAST YEAR AND RECOMMEND IT TO OUR FLAT LANDER FRIENDS AND CLUB MEMBERS.
- APRIL 25-26 BEELINE CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET AT GREEN VALLEY PARK, PAYSON. LIMITED TO PRE 1989 CARS. MANY TROPIES. \$35 ENTRY FEE OR \$45 DAY OF SHOW INCLUDES FREE T-SHIRT, GIFT & ACTIVITIES. VISIT <http://www.clubs.hemmings.com/rccaz>
- MAY 2-4 ROUTE 66 FUN RUN FROM SELIGMAN TO TOPOCK. \$50 ENTRY FEE BEFORE APRIL 19. LOCAL CONTACT IS CHAPTER MEMBER KEN WEST ASAP AT 623-937-7955 OR thunderations@yahoo.com EVENT INFO AT <http://www.azrt66.com/index.html> & PAGE 16.
- MAY 9-11 ARIZONA STATE CHAPTER OF THE ANTIQUE STUDEBAKER CLUB INVITES GCSC MEMBERS TO JOIN THEM FOR A WEEKEND OF ACTIVITIES IN COTTONWOOD AND JEROME SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 8 OR CONTACT MALCOLM AT 928-368-7442.
- MAY 16-18 **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET HOSTED BY KAREL STAPLE CHAPTER AT LIONS GATE HOTEL, MCCLELLAN PARK, SACRAMENTO. \$89/NIGHT. CALL 866-866-7100 BY APRIL 24. SEE PAGE 13 ONLINE FOR REGISTRATION FORM. JOHNA: 916-442-5984**
- MAY 25 40TH ANNUAL LA PALMA CAR SHOW & PARTS EXCHANGE, ANAHEIM, CALIF. STAN: 323-296-6680. PRE-REGISTER AND RECEIVE T-SHIRT AND ENTRY IN RAFFLE FOR \$100. SEE MARCH *TURNING WHEELS* OR PAGES 14 & 15 IN ONLINE *ECHO* FOR REG. FORM.
- JUNE 28-JULY 5 **50th INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY THE DELMARVA CHAPTER IN DOVER, DELAWARE AT DOVER DOWNS. MEET HOTEL IS FULL. SEE APRIL *TURNING WHEELS* FOR ADDITIONAL HOTELS. INFO: MARK AT DELMARVASDC@COMCAST.NET**
- JUNE 29 NATIONAL DRIVE YOUR OLD TRUCK DAY SPONSORED BY VINTAGE TRUCK MAGAZINE
- SEPTEMBER 13 **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY - YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR A DRIVING ACTIVITY IS WELCOME. CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER WITH YOUR IDEAS FOR THIS AND OTHER CHAPTER EVENTS.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 12 CHAPTER GATHERING IN GILBERT

The April chapter event is hosted by Gary and Sandie Keating. Meet at the Gilbert Historical Museum, 10 S. Gilbert Rd., at 9 am, Saturday, April 12. Admission is \$3.00 when you mention Studebaker. The Museum is a collection of displays and artifacts showing the settling and developing history of the town of Gilbert. There is a parking lot at the southwest corner of the Elliot/Gilbert intersection. Everyone driving a Studebaker should arrive early to secure the street-facing parking spaces. The Museum takes about 1.5-2 hours to see completely. For information about the venue google Gilbert Historical Museum.

At 11:30am we will drive north 1/4 mile to Joe's BBQ, 301 N. Gilbert Rd., for lunch and meeting. If you are unable to join us at the museum, feel free to come for lunch or drop in for the meeting. For information contact Gary at 480-209-8279 or gary@draftingequipment.com

A big welcome to the Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club who will be joining us.

APRIL 13 BOARD MEETING

Officers and board members will meet at the IHOP, Loop 202 and Dobson Rd. in the Riverview Plaza at 4:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend. For more information contact Ed Smith at edcollects@cox.net / 602-290-1045

OTHER HAPPENINGS

APRIL 5 CAR SHOW AT BG HIGH SCHOOL

The Barry Goldwater High School, 2820 W. Rose Garden Lane, Phoenix hosts a free car show from 11am - 3pm to benefit the senior class. Free t-shirt when you register online at <http://www.gbhscarshow.weebly.com>

Their advertising features Mike Barany's Golden Hawk. Join Mike and Steve Fein for a worthy cause.

APRIL 5 CCV SHOW, SCOTTSDALE APRIL 6 CCV SHOW, MESA

The Christ Church of the Valley is holding free car shows at their valley campuses and two are scheduled for April. The first, on the 5th, is at the Scottsdale campus, 19030 N. Pima Rd. and goes from 3pm-7pm.

The second is on the 6th at the east valley campus at 1330 S. Crismon Rd., Mesa from 9am-12pm.

Each show features custom trophies in several classes and free food and beverages for exhibitors. Go to <http://www.ccvonline.com/Arena/default.aspx?page=17525> to register.

*Name badges are available for \$5.00 for pin back or \$6.00 for magnet back.
Contact Chris at ccollinsaz@cox.net or 602-995-5311 to order yours.*

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311		1 AAHC Meeting	2	3	4	5 BGHS Car Show
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Visit to Gilbert Hist. Museum
13 Board Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Happy Easter	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Car Show	26 Payson Prescott Show
27	28	29	30			



I would like to thank the Studebaker people in the **Southern Arizona Chapter** for braving the elements on March 1st to hold our March Madness gathering for the two Arizona chapters. On the only day of rain in months, they were out in the elements to host our gathering and did a fine job. They selected a fun venue, provided a sheltered area for their swap meet and a nice spot to show off the cars. I would also like to acknowledge the out of towners who braved the rain and drove their Studes: John and Kim Rodhouse, Ken and Arlene West and our President and Linda who rode in the back seat of Ken's Daytona, and Malcolm Stinson, who drove from Show Low. Thanks to you all.

Dennis Lynde

It was great seeing **Jon Carter** at March Madness in Tucson, March 1st. He hasn't been able to attend any events, due to an illness, but he looked fantastic! Hope to see you at some of our upcoming chapter events. Take care and best wishes on a speedy recovery.

Linda Smith

Our chapter has great Studebaker People in **Frank and Elizabeth van Doorn**. They will help you get the right part for your car and Frank is always willing to help with any questions on your Studebaker. They like to get the old '41 Champion out to show what a great car that Studebaker can be. They always promotes for the goodness of the club both here in Arizona and in their other home in Nebraska.

Ed Smith

You can acknowledge a member for an accomplishment, for giving a helping hand or just for being a good friend. Write the editor a brief note with the name of the person you would like mentioned in this column and why.

This N That

On March 22nd several Chapter members participated in the Catch-a-Wave Car Show sponsored by the Kiwanis Nuevo Club of Tempe at the Kiwanis Park in Tempe. The show is held on the grass which is a plus for a car show. The show proceeds benefit the organization's youth programs and charities. Attending were Dan Kuhl, 1959 Scotsman pickup, Ed Smith, 1951 Stakebed, John Rodhouse, 1950 2R5, Joseph Guthrie, 1956 pickup and Neil Bell, 1960 Hawk. Two non-chapter Studes were also displayed, a 1962 Lark convertible and a 1950 custom bullet nose.

CELEBRATE!



April Birthdays

2	Ruth Cushing	14	Shirley Seher
5	Lorilee Kroulik	16	Tim Painter
5	Karen Mensing	19	Jerry Kaiser
5	Louise Stanford	19	Mary Schouten
7	Barbara Karas	20	Carol Aden
10	Lynda Caviar	24	Barbara Grainger
11	Dale Sexton	25	Chris Eastburn
12	Linda Cathey	27	Chester Bradfield
13	Donald Aden		

April Anniversaries

8	Steve & Paulette Fein
12	Bill & Peggy Eastburn
16	Pete & Betty Bell
19	Kevin & Anita MacFadden
25	Pete & Karen Mensing
26	Sam & Francene Hurt
30	David & Terry Ker

TECHNICAL INFORMATION...

CHANGING OIL IN YOUR STUDEBAKER

By Malcolm Berry

When you are changing the oil in your Studebaker, it's always a good idea to get the engine fully warmed up before you drain the old oil. Every time you change the oil, you need to replace the oil filter also. If your Studebaker is a late 1962, 1963 or 1964 model, it has a spin-on type oil filter. It's a good idea to punch a small hole in the bottom of the old filter. This will let the oil drain out without making such a mess. When the oil is drained out of the old filter, unscrew the filter and replace it with a new filter. I like to fill the new oil filter with oil before I install it so that the engine does not run dry for a few seconds.

Another type of oil filter is one mounted on the top of the engine. To change the filter, remove the top, pull out the filter and remove the dirty oil. Be sure to wipe the inside of the housing clean before you install the new filter and replace the top. For either type of filter that you have, once you add the proper amount of new oil, make sure you start the engine and check for leaks around the filter. After the engine has run for a few minutes, shut the engine off and recheck the oil level.

Most oil on the market is not good for older cars. When buying oil, make sure you buy oil that is specifically for older cars. The brand I use is Brad Penn Oil.

Reprinted from the *Egbert Express*, newsletter of the Northeastern Michigan Chapter, Sharon Krueger, editor.

THREE DAYS IN COTTONWOOD

Submitted by Malcolm Stinson

The Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club is planning a weekend of fun in Cottonwood, Arizona from May 9th to May 11th, 2014. We will arrive at the View Motel located at 818 S. Main St., Cottonwood. The price they are giving us is between \$54.00 and \$83.00 per night, depending on how many beds you need. Phone 928-634-7581. Be sure to make your own reservations for Friday the 9th, and Saturday the 10th and mention the Studebaker group. They will hold this price until April 8th, 2014.

Friday the 9th, we will check in to the motel before 4:30 P M, at about 5:00 we will all drive on to the Georgie's Café for supper and friendship. The café is located at 517 N. 12th St., phone 928-639-0751. After dinner you are on your own.

Saturday the 10th, we will leave at 08:00 and go for breakfast at the same Georgie's restaurant. After breakfast, we'll drive up through Jerome and on to the Gold King Mine. Don Robertson will greet us and answer any question you may have about all the things he has on display. Try and get Don to fire up the huge gas engine, it's a hoot. After spending about 2 to 3 hours there, we will drive on down to Jerome for lunch (on your own), shopping in antique shops, chocolate candy store, ice cream store and what ever you may find there.

Then back to the motel to get ready for a real fun night at the Blazin M Ranch and dinner show. You will have a ball here, great food and great country music with some comedy mixed in.

Sunday the 11th, at 08:30 we will leave for breakfast, at the same Café. After breakfast we will go to the Clemenceau Heritage Museum. This is quite an interesting place, I think all will enjoy it. After this you are on your own, you may want to go back home, or some may want to take the Verde Canyon Railroad train ride before leaving. Their phone number 800-582-7245 if you would like to call them. Or take in the Tuzigoot Indian Ruins.

I need to know 30 days in advance how many plan to join us so that the Café can plan to feed us all and I must know with a check how many plan to join us for the Blazin M Ranch dinner and show. The cost of the dinner and show is: Below 65 years old, \$35.95; For Seniors 65+, \$32.95; Children 3 to 12 years, \$19.95. Now, if we can muster up 20 or more at least by April 10th, we can get a group rate as follows: Below 65, \$31.45; Seniors 65+, \$29.50; Children 3-12, \$17.96. If you will let me know ASAP with a check made out for the top rate, I will make a list as to who paid and if and when we get 20 or more I will see to it that the overage is returned to you. **Make check out to ASC** and mail to 1794 Turkey Lake Road, Show Low, AZ 85901.

Name _____ of people @ \$35.95 \$ _____
 _____ of Seniors @ \$32.95 \$ _____
 _____ of children @ \$19.95 \$ _____

Total number of people _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Any questions call 928-368-7442 or e-mail swstudebaker@live.com

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET MORE INFORMATION

The Karel Staple Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club is hosting the Pacific Southwest Zone meet in Sacramento May 16-18, 2014.

This zone meet includes a rare opportunity to see the famous California Highway Patrol Academy on Friday, May 16. This tour will include "Fleet Ops" where new vehicles are equipped, the academy grounds, lunch in the cafeteria, a docent-led tour of the new museum and, hopefully, some extra special activities including the cadet training skid pad.



Fleet Ops is the facility that installs thousands of dollars of technology into every new CHP interceptor

sports utility pursuit vehicle that is based on the Ford Explorer.

The tour is on Friday, May 16, and tentatively scheduled from 9-3. There will be walking. There are only 40 tickets available for \$25.00 each. This includes lunch, a donation to the CHP museum and a donation to our club's education fund. Registration at the zone meet is required.

The zone meet is being held at McClellan Park (formerly McClellan AFB). Accommodations are at the Lions Gate Hotel; 3410 Westover Street, Sacramento, CA 95652; (866) 866-7100.

Additional information and registration are available at our club's web site: <http://www.hawktalks.com/>

Betty and Perry Knopf
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Karel Staple Chapter

THE WEASEL

By Robert Ray

On December 7, 1941 Japan gave cause for the United States to get into WWII. Studebaker had already been building trucks for European countries but now it became a real military style truck. Then came the building of Studebaker built Wrights Cyclone R-1820 engines used mainly in the B-17 Flying Fortress bombers. There was an Englishman, Geoffrey Nathaniel Pyke, who was pushing for a vehicle that could be used in the snow that covered Europe during the winter months. Colonel Dwight David Eisenhower was in charge of the War Plans Division in the U.S. and on April 11, 1942

got the push to produce a snow machine approved. Studebaker still had some room in their factories and design engineers with time to do the job. On May 17, 1942 Studebaker was given the challenge to design and build such a vehicle.

It took 34 days and two prototypes were built. They used the 170ci Champion engine with a 12 volt electrical system in the rear. In testing it was found that the weight in the rear caused it to dig in when going up a hill, so the motor was moved to the front. They also had a problem of throwing off the tracks, so they went to 32 boogie wheels instead of 16 (boogie wheels are those little wheels the tracks ride on). Many more changes were made and it was ready to go. About 1000 model T23/M29s started coming off the production line in late summer. Because these units could go over any type of land (swampy, sand and snow) they got named "Weasel". Only seven months from the start a water version was built on December 17, 1942 and by July of 1943 the model M29C amphibious Weasel was in production. Another thing of interest, they had seat belts on all seats.

The three different books I found that gave information about the Weasel have a 10,000 units produced difference. Two of the books list 15,124 units built while the other book says 25,124 units built. The war was getting near the end and the war department gave the auto industry the green light to start building cars on July 1, 1945 but Studebaker was still building the Weasel by contract until August 1945. There are reports of Weasels still being used in the 1980s and the Army used them into the 1950s which would put some of them in Korea.

None of the books mention Weasels being built in Dover, Delaware but a tour is listed for Tuesday during the International SDC meet that includes where the Weasels were built. I'll have to go and find out about that.

Reprinted from *The Hawkeye Headliner*, newsletter of the Iowa Hawkeye Chapter, SDC, Robert Ray, editor.

Editor's note: A seminar on the history of the Weasel is scheduled for Monday during the meet and includes a lecture by the grandson of the owner/manager of the WWII Weasel Factory near Dover Air Force Base. A must for history buffs.

Many Weasels live on throughout the U.S. and Europe as hobby vehicles for military collectors. A company in Iowa manufactures new tracks for Weasels at a cost of \$10,000 a set.



Photo courtesy of Liberty Auto Restoration, Elk Horn, Iowa. Visit <http://www.libertyar.com/> for more photos.

ASC EVENT IN PALM SPRINGS, MARCH 13-16

The Southern California Chapter of The Antique Studebaker Club hosted a gathering in Palm Springs which drew members of the GCS Chapter to enjoy the activities of the weekend. Frank Wenzel and Kent Vandenberg hosted two evening events at their memorabilia filled home and Studebakers ranging from 1919 to 1956 toured Friday and Saturday. Friday's tour was to a wonderful preserve, the Wildlands Conservancy at Whitewater, just outside Palm Springs. Saturday's tour was a trip to the Fire Memories Museum in Banning. This very nice museum is a worthwhile stop on your way to or from southern California.

Chapter members in attendance were Gary and Sandie Keating (in the photo Gary is posing with their handsome 1941 Commander), Malcolm Stinson, who drove his 1940 President, Chuck and Chris Collins who toured with Ed and Wenda Wenger in a 1932 Dictator, Bob and Mimi Halgren driving a 1937 coupe, Paul Vigne and Frank and Kent.

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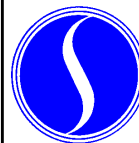
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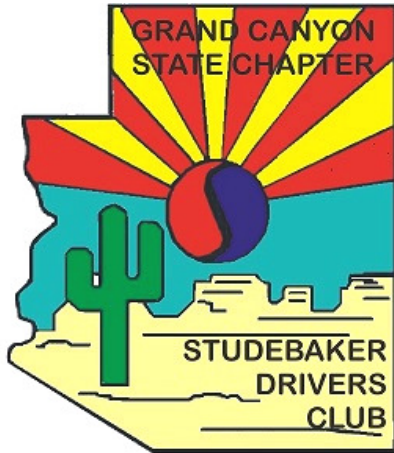
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APRIL REMINDERS

- 12 Chapter event at Gilbert Historical Museum and Joe's BBQ.
- 13 Board Meeting at IHOP, Mesa.

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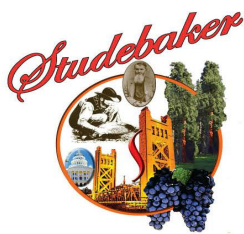
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Karel Staple Chapter
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 Div 5: GT Hawks
 Div 6: Avanti's

Div 7: Trucks
 Div 8: Non-Stock, Stude powered
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