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## A LITTLE-KNOWN CAR FACT

Porsche actually introduced their first four door sedan in 1952 - as a Studebaker.

The early fifties were a tough time for Studebaker. It was into this period that Porsche built and shipped a four-door, V-6 sedan to South Bend for testing.

Porsche referred to the model as the '542' - when it reached the Studebaker facilities it was known as the 'Z-87'.

In 1956, Studebaker's director of experimental engineering, John DeLorean, put the kibosh on the project with a decidedly negative report.



Reprinted from June, 2014 *Skinned Knuckles*, Neil Maken, editor.  
Photo courtesy of [curbsideclassic.com](http://curbsideclassic.com)



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

Another SDC meet has come and gone and, as always, it was very enjoyable. As you know from the GCSC hosting the 2010 meet, there are many details involved in making a meet of this size successful and fun for the participants. Once again, this goal was achieved in Dover.

This year, at the presidents, regional managers and zone coordinators meeting, we were presented with Chapter Support Program information from the marketing committee chaired by Tom Curtis. Did you know the SDC provides the following for chapters?

- Chapter liability insurance
- Chapter event insurance
- Quarterly membership reports for local recruiting
- Free chapter event ads in *Turning Wheels*
- "Join Your Local Chapter" ads in *Turning Wheels*
- National level SDC brand advertising
- National membership duties and elections
- Phone book style membership roster
- New chapter chartering assistance
- Annual chapter presidents' round table at international meets

We also learned the results of the survey conducted earlier this year on the SDC site and through *Turning Wheels*. They will be published in August.

Other information given out at the meeting was a packet with materials for chapters to use in advertising International Drive Your Studebaker Day to members and the public. Included was a resource developed by Bob Shaw, chairman of IDYS committee, about Studebaker Myths and Misconceptions which you can read on page 9. You are invited to print the page to carry with you in your Studebaker to help in explaining these myths when you hear them or you can print it from the pdf file here:

<http://www.northstarwheel.com/resources/studebakermysms.pdf>

Also mentioned at the meeting is the importance of all chapter members to be a member of the SDC and this is for insurance reasons. If you are in arrears with your SDC dues please renew, either through the chapter treasurer, online at the SDC website or using the application in a past *Turning Wheels*. And, remember if you no longer wish to receive the magazine, you can join/renew for \$10.00 which gives you all the privileges of membership, just no magazine.

Hope to see you soon. Keep cool.

Chris



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



**G**reetings Everyone. It was nice to see a good representation from Arizona at the 50<sup>th</sup> International Meet in Dover, Delaware. I am sure a good time was had by all and those that missed it missed it. There were a lot of interesting things mentioned at the meet. First, there was over 250 cars on the grass show field and about another 50 or so around the area. 129 vehicles were judged with the strongest showing in the Avanti class. There were several Weasels maybe because that is where they were outfitted for the part of the war they were to be used in. There was a real nice Studebaker Sprinkler wagon that is normally drawn by a couple of horses but they said it would be too stressful on the aging animals.

That reminds me of a couple of other things that were brought up. They said that with just over 11,500 memberships worldwide there are 30,000 vehicles which equates out to about 2.5 vehicles per membership. I think I have seen some of those ½ cars. They even went so far as to say that of those 11,500 memberships, about 40% are non participants. I guess they mean they don't show up for meeting, events or outings. They stated that over 80 % of members are computer literate and to tie in with the aging horse they said that the average age of a member is 71 years young.

If You Drive One, You will Buy One. During the run down of stats there was a constant reminder that we are a great club with a great manufacturer with great variety of vehicles. We all know what it is like to own a Studebaker and have a good assortment of examples in the Grand Canyon State Chapter; however, we need to let others know just how great they are. Invite others to join us no matter what they have now, or what they say they like, or what they think they are looking for and let them get to know Studebaker. If They Drive One, They will Buy One.

I started to look for judges at the Dover event and a young gentleman asked if he could be a judge. I said sure and gave him the time and location for the judges training. He showed up the next morning and sat through the training asking a few questions. Then, on Thursday morning he was up at the Judges Breakfast at 7 am and ready to work. He was assigned to a team and told his first job was to talk with the owner about their car so the other judges could do their thing and he stuck his chest out and affirmed "I can do that". After several cars I collected him to help with the Special Interest vehicles and he beamed. We judged the weasels and others and he got right into looking at every condition detail. His comment after telling me what he thought about the cleanliness was "I think they need a better Toothbrush". Oh, I should tell you that this young gentleman is Aiden and he is 10 years old. He has also asked me to put him first on the list to be a judge next year in St. Louis.

Get you Studebaker out there and let the other guys see it. Remember, Studebakers are Great, Studebaker People are the Greatest, If They Drive One, They will Buy One.

**Ed Smith**



This Studebaker water wagon is owned and was restored by the Reist family of Pennsylvania.

Photo courtesy of Gary Sanders.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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 1955 Commander

Referred by Malcolm Stinson

**Second Quarter, 2014 Treasurer's Report**

Submitted by John Rodhouse

**A**s of 7/11/14 the Chapter has \$4376.69 in Checking and \$5314.59 in Money Market.

In the second quarter we had income of \$754, comprised of Chapter dues, National Dues and *ECHO* ads.

The expenses have been \$1111.14, comprised of SDC dues, door prizes for events, *ECHO* printing and postage, memorial donations, International Trophy sponsorship, Mel Martin's (June event), March Madness deposit and event supplies.



## Chapter Honors Moms and Dads

By Linda Smith

A combined tribute to our Chapter Mothers and Fathers was held at Martin's Auto Museum on Saturday, June 14, 2014 with a pot luck Brunch. We had everything from biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, egg casseroles, home-made muffins, plates of ham and bacon, sweet rolls, potato salad, watermelon, fruits and Dunkin Donuts coffee and donuts. Thanks to everyone who brought food to share.

Ed started our event by reading a poem for all of the Mothers and Fathers in our chapter. We had 38 present and 7 Studebakers. We also had our picture Match Game. We had some very young



pictures and identified them; they received a glass mug stuffed with a T-shirt. We also hosted members hobbies and collectables. Richard Dormois brought in a collection of his 1938 cars/trucks. John Rodhouse brought his collection of Avon car/truck bottles. Claudia Robinette brought in her collection of Snow Babies (first time revealed). George Gezelius brought in his Russian memorabilia and newspaper clippings. Chris Collins had a collection of Studebaker books and Brian Millette brought in his rare coin collection



handed down from his grandfather and father and pictures of old Studebaker dealerships. Denny Lockmon brought in his collection of Studebaker models.

Malcolm Stinson invited GCSC members to join the Arizona Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club, August 15-17 at his Studebaker Ranch up in the cooler country of Show Low. Pitch a tent, park your motor home or pull you camping trailer up for three days of fun, food and driving. Malcolm has arranged some great sites to visit and opportunities to mingle with other members on his 40 acres. See page 8 of the May ECHO and page 6 of this issue for updates or contact Malcolm at 928-368-7442 or swstudebaker@live.com

We had our 50/50 drawing. Mike Barany won \$37.50 which he turned around and donated to our Veterans fund of pennies. Thank you Mike, that was very generous. The rest of the 50/50 was given to the museum for their generous support. We had more penny donations from Ken and Arlene West who wrapped 16 feet of pennies and taped them together, thank you very much. If you haven't donated your pennies yet you have a few more months. We plan on presenting a donation to a Veterans organization in November. We had some great door prizes. Thanks to the Eastburns for their support and generosity.

The Studebaker National Foundation presented a plaque to the Martins for all of their support to the foundation and Studebakers.

I want to thank everyone who came and contributed to our first ever pot luck Brunch. We will have to do this again without the tables collapsing!!! You had to be there.

Attending were Bill and Judy Barker and 3 family members, John and Evelyn Verrill, Malcolm Stinson, Paul and Phyllis Setaro (1962 GT Hawk), Lorilee Kroulik, guests Sebastian Scopellite and friend (1961 Lark convertible), Mike and Mary Barany (1956 Golden Hawk), Willard and Ruth Pike, Chris, Rachel, Aubrey and Chloe Eastburn, Bill and Peggy Eastburn (Champ Pickup), Michell Eastburn, Brian and Aleta Millette (1956 President), Denny Lockmon (1953 Champion), Paul Vigne, George Gezelius, Claudia Robinette, Richard Dormois, Sherry Watson, Ken and Arlene West (1966 Daytona), John Rodhouse, Ed and Linda Smith (1951 Stakebed), Chuck and Chris Collins.



Photo courtesy of Sebastian Scopellite

The 1961 Lark convertible was recently restored by Sebastian Scopellite for his sister. This was its debut appearance at a Studebaker event. Other Studes shown are 1962 GT Hawk, Paul and Phyllis Setaro; 1956 Hawk, Mike and Mary Barany; 1966 Daytona, Ken and Arlene West; 1951 pickup, Ed and Linda Smith.

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUGUST 2-3** 40TH ANNUAL PAAC CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET & OLD ENGINE FIRE UP AT WATSON LAKE, PRESCOTT. FOR INFO AND CAR SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION GO TO <http://www.paacaz.com> OR CONTACT CHARLES AT 928-776-8144
- AUGUST 15-17** ARIZONA STATE CHAPTER OF THE ANTIQUE STUDEBAKER CLUB INVITES GCSC MEMBERS TO JOIN THEM FOR A WEEKEND IN SHOW LOW. SEE PAGE 8 OF MAY *ECHO* FOR DETAILS WITH AN UPDATE IN THIS ISSUE OR CONTACT MALCOLM AT 928-368-7442 OR [SWSTUDEBAKER@LIVE.COM](mailto:SWSTUDEBAKER@LIVE.COM)
- SEPTEMBER 13** **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. A VISIT TO THE BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM IS PLANNED ALONG WITH A POT LUCK PICNIC. SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS OF CHAPTER'S OBSERVANCE OF THE DAY. TO CARAVAN: WEST SIDERS MEET AT THE ARIZONA MILLS HARKINS THEATER PARKING LOT RIGHT OFF HWY 60 AT 8:30 AM TO LEAVE AT 8:45 TO JOIN THE MEMBERS AT THE HOLIDAY INN BY 9:00. EAST SIDERS MEET AT THE HOLIDAY INN AT COUNTRY CLUB AND US 60 BY 9:00 TO LEAVE BY 9:15 FOR THE ARBORETUM. IT SHOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO HOURS TO REACH OUR DESTINATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [lindagsmith@cox.net](mailto:lindagsmith@cox.net) OR 602-618-7691**
- SEPTEMBER 27** 6TH ANNUAL COOL CLASSIC CAR SHOW HOSTED BY THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER AT SPANISH LANDING WEST OFF HARBOR DRIVE IN SAN DIEGO. SEE INVITATION FROM CHAPTER ON PAGE 8 OF THE JUNE NEWSLETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 13 OF ONLINE NEWSLETTER.
- OCTOBER 18** **ORPHAN CAR SHOW AT LOS OLIVOS PARK. MORE INFO TO COME.**
- AUGUST 16-22, 2015** SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET HOSTED BY THE MISSOURI/ILLINOIS GATEWAY CHAPTER AND AOAI AT THE SHERATON WESTPORT CHALET. 314-878-1500 MENTION STUDEBAKER FOR SPECIAL MEET RATE OF \$115.00/NIGHT OR MAKE ONLINE RESERVATIONS AT <http://bit.ly/gatewaystude2015>
- JUNE 26-JULY 2, 2016** SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET IN WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND AT CROWN PLAZA HOTEL.
- JUNE, 2017** SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET WILL BE HELD IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.



## Technical Information .....

### Diagnosing Play in Steering Column

By Malcolm Berry



If you notice excessive play in your steering wheel, this could be caused by several things. One of the most common causes is play in the bell crank assembly. Either the bearings are worn or the pinch bolt is loose. How you determine this is to have someone move the steering wheel back and forth while another person looks underneath the car and watches the bell crank assembly. If it is worn, you can easily see the up and down movement. It's a common problem that the bearings are worn out because putting grease in the fitting in this unit is commonly overlooked.

To repair this, you must remove the bell crank assembly and replace the bearings and bell crank shaft. These parts are readily available from any Studebaker parts supplier.

The repair of this unit is listed in the Studebaker Shop Manual under "Steering Linkage".

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST 15-17 ASC SHOW LOW EVENT

You are invited to join the Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club in Show Low for three days of fun in the cool north country. See Malcolm Stinson's invitation in the May newsletter. There has been a change in the itinerary. The drive after breakfast will take everyone to the X Diamond Ranch and the museum. Here you take a step back in time with antiques and artifacts from the old west. Find out about the pioneers, preachers and outlaws, like the Clanton Gang, Butch Cassidy, etc. There is an archaeological site to check out, also, and a person on site to tell about it.

Then when you leave there, you will drive back to Rt 260, turn left, take another left in 3-4 miles on Rt 373 and drive on to Greer. Lunch will be at the Rendezvous Diner. After lunch, there will be a visit to the most interesting Butterfly Lodge Museum. After the museum, you will drive back to Show Low and the Studebaker Ranch for true New England style clam chowder and a pot luck.

Please contact Malcolm with the number of people attending at 928-368-7442 or [swstudebaker@live.com](mailto:swstudebaker@live.com) so he can plan for food.

### SEPTEMBER 13 DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY

A great outing for International Drive Your Studebaker Day has been planned for our members and guests. The Southern Arizona Chapter, Antique Studebaker Chapter and the Arizona Avanti Owners are welcome to join us for this DYSD.

Our destination is the Boyce Thompson Arboretum, a two hour drive east on the Superstition Freeway. It has repeatedly been voted the "Best Day Trip" by Arizona residents. The Arboretum is located at Highway 60 Milepost #223 near the historic copper mining town of Superior.

Arriving from Tucson? Take Oracle Road North to Highway 79, and continue through and past the town of Florence to the junction where Highway 79 meets Highway 60, then turn right and drive another 12 miles East on Highway 60 to the front gate.

Adult Admission is \$8 for adults, \$3 for ages 5 to 12; children under age five are admitted free along with anyone that has a Parks pass.

Let's have a pot luck so bring a dish to share and the meat of choice. We will have a gas grill to utilize and we can use the tables in the picnic area. Trails are Wheelchair Accessible. It is pet friendly.

Take a look at what the Arboretum has to offer.

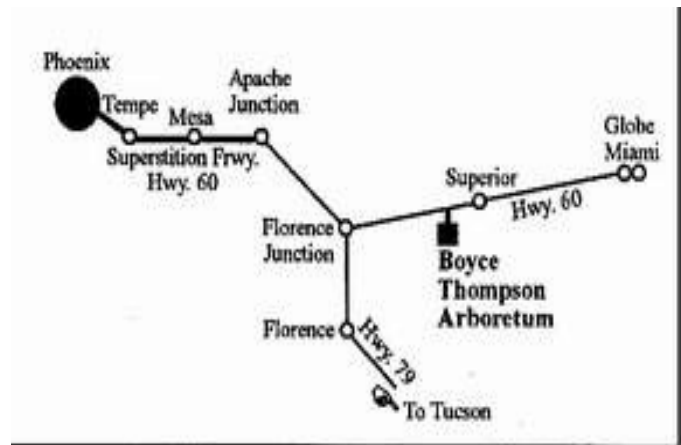
**Garden Information:** The Hummingbird-Butterfly Garden is the first specialized collection visitors encounter along the main trail; others include the Desert Legume Garden, Cactus Garden, Curandero Trail, Wing Memorial Herb Garden, Eucalyptus Forest and Demonstration Garden.

**Plant Information:** 3,200 different desert plants are encompassed within the arboretum, from A to Z. Most can be seen along the 1.5 mile main trail.

**Animal Information:** A ground squirrel hops across your path, a Harris Hawk lands on a saguaro limb, a lizard does "pushups" to expose his blue abdomen from a prominent rock. More than 230 bird and 72 terrestrial species have been tallied over the years as both permanent and migratory Arboretum residents.

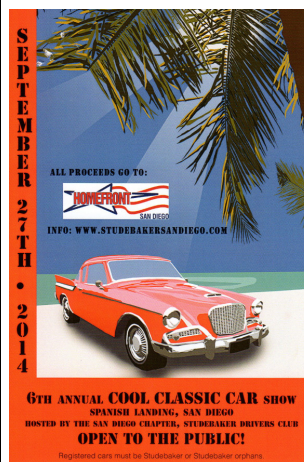
**Desert Information:** Visitors are surprised to learn that Boyce Thompson Arboretum is more than a collection of Sonoran Desert species. Learn more about our African, South American, Asian and Mediterranean collections.

Check out their website at  
<http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>



### SEPTEMBER 27

### COOL CLASSIC CAR SHOW



The San Diego Chapter is holding their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cool Classic Car Show at the Spanish Landing West, on beautiful San Diego Bay and is open to all Studebakers and Studebaker related vehicles. There is plenty of shade and great scenery to photograph.

If you plan to go and want to caravan over, please contact Ed or Linda Smith. The registration form is located at the end of our newsletter on page 13 online.

Any questions or comments about the upcoming events, please contact Linda Smith at 602-618-7691 or [lindagsmith@cox.net](mailto:lindagsmith@cox.net)

\*\*Linda requests donations of items for goody bags we will give out at future events. Bring with you to any event.\*\*

**Keep America Beautiful, Drive a Studebaker!**



## 50th International SDC Meet in Dover, Delaware

During the week of June 29th through July 5th, the Studebaker Drivers Club held its 50th International meet in Dover, Delaware at the Dover Downs Hotel & Casino. The meet, which was hosted by the DelMarVa Chapter, was quite an undertaking for one of the newest and smallest SDC chapters but they did a great job of organizing and executing the event.

The area is replete in attractions and the tours were evidence of all that could be visited in the area including our nation's capital, QVC Network Studios, the NASA Space Flight Center and beaches among many more. Driving tours were also scheduled including one to the WWII Weasel Factory.

Seminars abounded, too, with the usual ones for members wanting to have their cars judged as well as for those interested in judging, both conducted by the chief judge and our chapter president, Ed Smith.

Many attended meetings held throughout the week including ones for the SDC board, newsletter editors, chapter presidents and the Studebaker National Foundation.

And for many, the focus of the meet was the swap meet and there was plenty to see with the banquet room completely filled with vendors selling new old stock, reproduction and used parts. In addition, the parking lot just outside the indoor vending area had more vendors with lots of goodies.

The highlight of the meet was, of course, the concours on Thursday when 255 Studebaker and Avantis were presented on a grass field to the delight of the participants with about another 90 vehicles in the parking lot. Approximately 129 were judged of which several achieved perfect 400 point scores.

Among chapter members attending, Malcolm Stinson and Ken Michael were the only ones to have their vehicles judged. Congratulations to both on earning first place awards in their classes. John Rodhouse's parents, Jack and Kathy from Massachusetts, entered two Avantis and one earned a first and the other a second. Congrats to them, as well. Some of you may recall they helped John with judging at our Zone Meet last October.

Arizona members earning awards in other areas were June Kaiser, a second in senior by-monthly newsletter competition, and Frank Wenzel and Chuck Collins both earned first place awards in the South Bend/Studebaker watch judging. Colin Fort and Larry Swanson were recognized for their many years of service to SDC.

A special mention was made at the awards banquet that David Dowd drove the same car to this meet as he drove to the first SDC meet fifty years ago. Another recognition made at the banquet was the longest distance driven in a Studebaker which went to Carl and Herman Thoms of Redwood City, Calif. who drove their 1951 Commander over 3,000 miles to attend the meet.

The 2015 meet will be held in St. Louis, Missouri August 16th - August 22nd.

## In Remembrance....

It is with sadness we report the passing of Dick Leisinger, a chapter member who had a passion for Studebakers and drove his 1962 GT Hawk often. At 85 years of age, he was very active in the car hobby, particularly in Prescott, but he would drive down frequently for valley chapter events.

Printed below is the obituary printed in *The Prescott Daily Courier* on June 24th.

**Lt. Col. Richard W. Leisinger, Ret.**, passed away suddenly June 4, 2014. Col. Leisinger resided in Prescott for over 20 years.

Col. Leisinger had many commendations and medals in his 21-year career in the U.S. Army. He was passionate about the American Flag, his antique Studebaker cars, poker nights and his Subway sandwiches.

He is survived by his five children, Robin Pennington of El Paso, Texas, Roxanne Chastain of Palmer Lake, Colo., Ross Leisinger of Tonapah, Nev., Rozalind Graham of Broken Arrow, Okla. and Reed Leisinger of Pasco, Wash.

He was also a proud grandpa of nine grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

*I met Dick here in Prescott. We have an occasional Studebaker lunch and Dick usually came. He was an interesting guy. Lots of stories. We will miss him.*

*Steve Piper*



Arizona Chapter members attending the 50th annual SDC meet were Jerry Kaiser, Keith Muske, Lew Dandurand, Ken Michael, Ed Smith, Denny Lockmon, Chuck and Chris Collins, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Paul Vigne, Dale and Norma Sexton, John and Kim Rodhouse, Malcolm Stinson, Larry Swanson, Chuck and Louise Stanford, Bruce and Maggie Wheeler, David Miller, Chester and Nancy Bradfield, Al and Anna Riedel, Frank and Liz van Doorn, Bob and Mimi Halgren, Frank Wenzel, Kent Vandenberg and Stuart Tritt. Former members Harold and Deanna Manley also attended and it was good seeing them.

To view a lot of photos and videos from the meet visit Bob Johnstone's site at <http://tinyurl.com/ppo2kbv> A cool way to experience the highlights of the meet.



## CELEBRATE!

### July Birthdays



- 3 Marc Robbins
- 5 Karen Gandy
- 7 Al Karas
- 8 Ken Michael
- 9 Sam Cathey
- 10 Curtis Lee
- 12 Toby Haberman
- 12 Richard Hahn
- 13 Mary Powell-McConnell
- 14 Mike King
- 14 Richard Rampt
- 14 Phyllis Setero
- 15 Francene Hurt
- 15 Paul Vigne
- 16 Bob Schouten
- 17 Sharon Ware
- 17 Frank Wenzel
- 21 Wenda Wenger
- 25 Charlotte Maddux
- 25 Sherry Watson
- 27 Jan Widhalm
- 28 David Miller
- 28 Claudia Robinette

### July Anniversaries

- 4 Will & Maryanne Eastburn
- 9 John & Laurie Moore
- 11 Walter & Kitty Jazwinski
- 14 Paul & Phyllis Setero
- 16 Ike & Virginia Quigley
- 17 Frank & Elizabeth van Doorn
- 18 Bob & Betty Williams
- 22 David & Virginia Miller

## CELEBRATE!

### August Birthdays



- 2 Delores Duble
- 2 Rachel Eastburn
- 5 Betty Bell
- 7 Elizabeth vanDoorn
- 9 Chris Collins
- 12 Walter Jazwinski
- 13 Fred Gooch
- 15 Vicki Piper
- 19 Kitty Jazwinski
- 19 Mack Rasor
- 19 Malcolm Stinson, Jr.
- 20 Steve Piper
- 26 Joanna Worster
- 27 Curt Curtis
- 28 Ed Wenger
- 30 Ed Smith
- 31 Michell Eastburn

### August Anniversaries

- 1 Willard & Ruth Pike
- 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 Dale & Norma Sexton
- 31 Ken & Arlene West

## This N That.....

June Kaiser shared this news: "Jerry and I went to the opening day matinee of *Jersey Boys*, the story of four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the iconic 1960's rock group, The Four Seasons. There was a 1947 Studebaker Champion Starlight Coupe in the opening scene and a 1953 Studebaker 4 door sedan in the closing scene. Great movie."

If you are traveling near South Bend, Ind. this summer, be sure to visit the Studebaker National Museum. The newest exhibit is "Studebakers Cousins" which examines Studebaker's corporate siblings and subsidiaries - Packard, Pierce-Arrow, STP and more.

## Children's Birthdays

- August 24  
Chloe Eastburn  
(daughter of Chris and Rachel)
- August 29  
Domenica Eastburn  
(daughter of Will and Maryanne)



## CHAPTER NAME BADGE

Order your Chapter name badge with a pin back by contacting Chris Collins at [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto: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.



## Studebaker Myths and Misconceptions

Studebakers have not been made since 1966. Over the passing years many myths and misconceptions have persisted. Here are ten myths that are often repeated and the facts to hopefully set the record straight once and for all.

### Myth #1: Studebaker was owned/made by Hudson/AMC/Ford/Chrysler, etc.

**Fact:** From 1852 through 1966, 1954-1962 were the only years in which Studebaker was a division of a larger corporation. The Packard Motor Car Company purchased The Studebaker Corporation in 1954 and formed The Studebaker-Packard Corporation. That company manufactured both Packard and Studebaker automobiles and trucks through the 1958 model year, when Packard production ceased. The Corporation dropped Packard from the name in 1962 and became The Studebaker Corporation until Studebaker automobile production was terminated during the 1966 model year. More Studebaker company history at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Studebaker>

### Myth #2: Studebaker V-8 motors were designed and/or made by Ford/Cadillac/AMC/Chevy, etc.

**Fact:** Studebaker designed, cast, machined and built its own V-8 motors beginning in the 1951 model year through 1964. The Studebaker 289 c.i. V-8 was introduced in the 1956 model year, seven years before Ford introduced their 289 during the 1963 model year. It is true that a Cadillac intake manifold can be modified to fit a Studebaker V-8 but there were no ties between the Cadillac Division and Studebaker. For the 1965-66 model years only, all Studebakers were manufactured in its Hamilton, Ontario, Canada plant with V-8s and sixes sourced from General Motors' McKinnon Industries engine plant.

### Myth #3: The famous 1953 Studebaker Starlight (not starlite) coupe and Starliner hardtop were designed by Raymond Loewy.

**Fact:** The actual designing of the '53 Studebaker was done by Bob Bourke, who worked for the Raymond Loewy design firm.

### Myth #4 : The Avanti was made in Canada.

**Fact:** Avantis were never built in Canada. 1963 and 1964 Avantis were built at the Studebaker plant in South Bend, Indiana. After Studebaker closed its South Bend (US) manufacturing, the Avanti (name, molds, parts, etc.) was sold to private individuals who produced the Avanti II and other Avanti configurations. The post-Studebaker Avantis are not officially "Studebakers", but the cars and their owners are welcomed and appreciated by the Studebaker Drivers Club. More Avanti facts: [www.aoai.org](http://www.aoai.org)

### Myth #5: My (buddy/relative) had a 1955 Golden Hawk (or 1961 Silver Hawk).

**Fact:** Golden Hawks were ONLY produced in '56, '57 and '58. The '56 G.H. had a Packard 352 V-8 engine (but never supercharged and never with two 4 bbl carbs). '57 and '58 G.H. had a McCulloch supercharged 289 c.i. Studebaker V-8. Other '56 Hawks included Sky Hawk, Power Hawk and Flight Hawk. Silver Hawks were ONLY produced in '57, '58

and '59. All 1960 and 1961 Hawks were simply Hawks, with no other identifiers. '62-'64 had the Gran Turismo Hawk (not Grand Torino, which was a Ford). '63-'64 GT Hawks could be ordered with a Paxton supercharged engine.

### Myth #6: Parts for Studebakers are impossible to get.

**Fact:** Of course, there are a few exceptions but by and large, parts are plentiful and easy to get from a large number of Studebaker parts vendors. For NOS, used and reproduction parts sources visit [www.studebakervendors.com](http://www.studebakervendors.com)

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**Fact:** Studebaker was famous for its economical sixes BUT Studebaker also built a number of sporty and HIGH-PERFORMANCE cars. Powerful, stock-block Studebaker straight eights competed favorably in The Indianapolis 500 Mile Race during the 1930s. The 1953 coupe has been declared a work of art. In 1955, it was the sporty Speedster, and then became the basis for the entire Hawk line through the 1964 model year. High-performance R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 Avanti engines that could be (and were) factory available in any Studebaker car model in '63 and '64, as were 4-speed transmissions. The Avanti was famous on the Bonneville Salt Flats and Ted Harbit and his '51 Stude-powered "Chicken Hawk" is a 7-time NRHA champion and a member of the NHRA Hall of Fame. For more performance info check out [www.racingstudebakers.com](http://www.racingstudebakers.com)

### Myth #8: Studebaker didn't build "big" trucks.

**Fact:** Not true. Studebaker did build heavy trucks, including diesel powered until truck production ended in 1964 model year. Studebaker also built the highly-regarded "US-6" 6x6 military trucks that helped win WWII.

### Myth #9: All Studebakers were built in South Bend, IN.

**Fact:** While South Bend is the revered ancestral home of Studebaker, the company also had manufacturing plants in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and Los Angeles (Vernon), California. In addition, Studebakers were assembled in a number of countries around the world including Australia.

### Myth #10: It is hard to find anyone that knows how to fix or advise on Studebakers.

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