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All-Arizona Studebaker Gathering "March Madness"

Saturday, March 14, 2015
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
at South Mountain Park
10919 S. Central Ave., Phoenix

Car Show! Fun Judging! Swap Meet! Dash Plaques! Raffle!

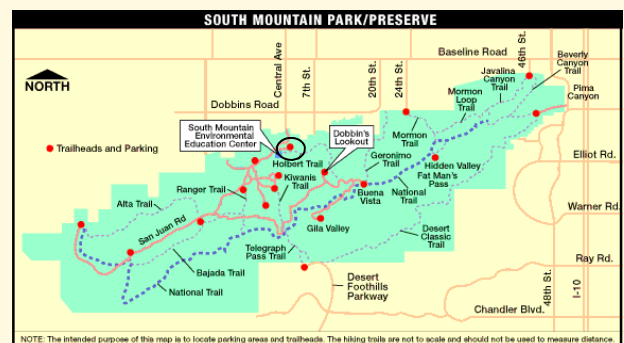
All Studebakers and related makes welcome!

No entry fee or registration required!

Information: Linda Smith at
602-618-7691
or lindagsmith@cox.net

Directions to South Mountain Park

- ♦ From I-17 going south, exit 7th Ave./Central Ave. Stay on Frontage Road to Central, turn right to go south.
- ♦ From I-10 going east, exit 7th Ave. Go south to Baseline Road, east on Baseline to Central Ave., turn right to go south on Central Ave.
- ♦ From I-10 going west, exit Baseline Road, turn left, go to Central Ave. and turn left (south).
- ♦ Take a left after passing through the entrance. Parking is in the Holbert Trail picnic area. Watch for signs.



From the Editor's Pen.....

The Chapter's big event of the year, the All Arizona Studebaker Gathering, is less than 2 weeks away and I hope everyone is planning to attend. You are encouraged to drive your Studebaker, if you can, but if it isn't ready for the road please come out anyway to see all the Studes. You can participate in or watch the activities planned for the day, visit with other Chapter members, check out what the vendors brought to sell and generally have a good time. Be sure to bring lawn chairs, shade and plenty of water because it is usually a bright, sunny and warm day. And, you are welcome to donate a nice item for the raffle; just drop it off at the registration table. Please tell your neighbors and friends about the event and invite them to come to the park to see our unique vehicles.

Thank you to this month's contributors: Linda Smith, Ed Smith, Dan Kuhl, Neil Bell, Denny Lockmon, Steve Fein, Scott Grainger, Michell Eastburn and Dave Kinkel.

Thanks to Chris & Rachel Eastburn for renewing their Premier Irrigation ad. Please check out our advertisers ads for products or services you may need.

Happy Studebaking. See you soon.

Chris

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If you wish to have a magnet back on your badge, the price is \$6.00 each.

2015 Chapter Dues

Thank you to all of the members who have renewed their 2015 chapter dues. If you have not yet paid your chapter dues, be sure to remit them ASAP so you will continue to receive the newsletter. Please send your dues with a completed application to be sure all information is current and correct and that you list the Studebakers you own.

If you are not sure if your dues are paid, please contact Chris Collins at ccollinsaz@cox.net or 602-995-5311. And, if your SDC dues are not current, you can include those with your chapter dues.

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From the President



Just how unique or special is your Studebaker? Tell me your story.

Do you have the one that is pulled by the big Clydesdales? Do you have the first one ever built or the last one? Do you have that one special one that was owned by someone famous like Mr. Ed, the Muppets, George Bush, Senior or Spock? How about the Avanti driven by Dick Van Dyke, Alice Cooper, Sandy Koufax or Ian Fleming?

Many people think that there has to be something special, eye stopping, strange or over the top before their vehicle is unique or special.

For instance, the 1939 Champion was special because it pulled the Studebaker Corporation out of receivership and doubled sales. During WWII, Studebaker made the US6 truck, engines for the B-17, and the unique Studebaker Weasel war time tracked vehicle, thusly Studebaker was ranked 28th in the value of wartime production contracts among US corporations. The post war vehicle design included the eye stopping 1947 Starlight Coupe. The flat back trunk design and wrap around rear window made people wonder if it was coming or going. Detroit's thinking was changed after Raymond Loewy's '53 low slung sports coupe, (one of the most impressive of modern cars) was introduced. A most intriguing new model of 1963 was the Lark Station Wagon with a slide-away roof panel and then there was the everlasting Hawk, and finally the Avanti, ahead of time and too late. All of these were special in one way or another.

Your Studebaker is special because it had major advances before other automobiles did like disc brakes, standard seat belts, a built in roll bar, a sun roofed station wagon, first to offer rear seat belts and Studebakers received design awards for years.

Not everyone who owns a Studebaker has one of these one of a kind features but everyone who owns a Studebaker has some uniqueness about the vehicle we drive. It might just be that you are the first and only owner or that it has exceptionally high or low mileage. Maybe it was the way it had to be modified or simply what happened during an adventure you had with it.

Your Studebaker is special because it is yours. It might not be the model that all people like or a color that stands out but it is yours. You have a Studebaker that is different from others because you have put you into it.

Bring your uniquely yours Studebaker out to the March Madness event at South Mountain and take home an out of the ordinary designed and built fun award.

Bring a specially built valve cover and race other expressly designed valve covers to the end of the track.

Here is a chance to attempt to outride others on our simple car rodeo course. As Studebakers are different by design this course will be different. Come out and try it out.

We invented cool. Bring something cool for the Chinese Raffle, and then show your coolness as you take home prizes from this Chinese Raffle, or merely stay cool watching all the activities and chatting with fellow Great

CELEBRATE!



March Birthdays

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|----|--------------------|----|---------------------|
| 3 | Richard Phegley | 21 | Ruth Pike |
| 6 | Virginia Steinmetz | 22 | Donald Grobengieser |
| 9 | Joan Hahn | 23 | Betty Williams |
| 11 | Robert Mitchell | 24 | Norman Marineau |
| 11 | Joan Painter | 28 | Joseph Guthrie |
| 19 | Chet Gandy | 28 | Mike Lynch |
| 20 | Michael Holub | 31 | Linda Zimmerman |
| 20 | Lisa Lynch | 16 | Brian Dersh |

March Anniversaries

- | | |
|----|----------------------|
| 3 | Larry & Pat Swanson |
| 15 | Bill & Dina Dishman |
| 16 | Larry & Ruth Cushing |
| 23 | Walter & Nicki Ready |



Children's Birthdays

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| 29 | Aaron Rasmussen
(son of Ron & Stephanie) |
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Studebaker people. What better way could you spend a Saturday in the Valley of the Sun? Cool Cars and Great People.

Studebakers are great. Studebaker People are the Greatest. Come join the other great people and bring your Studebaker to show originality, variety and its uniqueness at the largest municipal park in the world, South Mountain Park. Have fun helping us selecting award winners and eating some kind of food. See you there.

Ed Smith

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DRIVERS CLUB INC.

GOLD RUSH DAYS PARADE

FEBRUARY 14, 2015

By Linda Smith



It was Valentine's Day and a great day for a parade. We won the best Auto Convoy prize and received the leather award shown here. If anyone would like to hang it in their Studebaker room, just let me know.

The weather was amazing in Wickenburg. We had eight Studebakers show up for an annual event that the Grand Canyon State Chapter participates in every year. Participating were Buddy Wright in his 1953 2R5 Pickup, John & Kim Rodhouse in their 1950



2R5 Pickup, Steve Fein and his grandson, Alex in Steve's 1966 Cruiser, Scott Grainger and his 2 adorable pups, Sam n Annie, in his 1951 Land Cruiser, (LC), Neil and Ruth Bell in their 1960 Hawk, Larry Malmstrom in his 1956 Power Hawk and Leon & Doris McBride and guests in their 1941 Land Cruiser with Ed & Linda Smith in their 1951 Stakebed leading the caravan. During the parade our Studebaker sign was flying in the wind along with the flags on the other Studebakers. The crowd cheered as we drove by waving and honking our horns.

Afterwards we drove back to Surprise to have lunch at the 5 & Diner Deluxe. There we were joined by Paulette Fein, Bill and Peggy Eastburn, Michell Eastburn and Larry Swanson. A short

membership meeting was held with the president giving updates on upcoming events and asking for ideas for Drive Your Studebaker Day.

Thanks everyone that participated in the parade and joined us for lunch.

And, more from Scott Grainger:

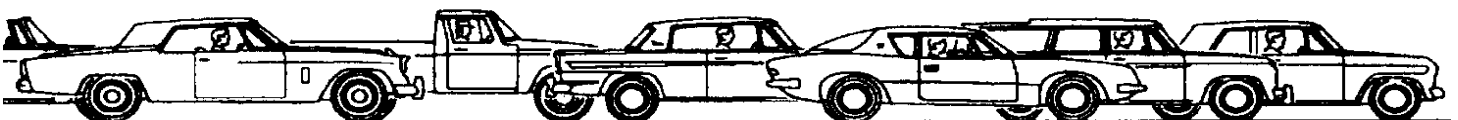
A wonderful day for a parade! Not too warm, no wind and LOTS of folks to watch our band of Studes in the parade. Sam n Annie (my Maltese pups) and myself had a great time.

The parade has been lengthened some since I was in it the last time with Toto. The pics that I have taken show the 8 Studes ready to take-off with signs and flags, to the stop at the parade beginning point and then shots during the parade. I'd estimate the total length as about 1 ¼ miles of great looking vehicles, horses, women, kids, wranglers of all shapes and sizes; and that doesn't count the large crowd of parade watchers lining the highway and streets of old town Wickenburg. I have driven in a large number of parades over the years and I think the organization of the Wickenburg parade is perhaps the best from a participants point of view primarily because there are numerous points along the parade route where announcers provide information to the crowd about each entry and several of the announcers provided personal commentary on Studebakers in addition to the script provided, especially regarding "bullet nose sedans!". Lots of "thumbs up" given for LC along the way and some for Sam n Annie too. After the parade was a lot like many parades, if you don't know where you are you may find yourself wandering about unfamiliar neighborhoods as you search for a road back to the highway. There are some cool very old homes in Wickenburg!

Many of us met for lunch after the parade at the 5 & Diner on Bell Rd. near the river (I don't know what town we were in as they all look so much alike in that part of town). A handful of Stude "head bolts" that didn't make the parade met us for a good lunch and opportunity to just enjoy one another's company.

A big thanks to Ed & Linda Smith, our esteemed Prez and VP, and John & Kim Rodhouse for investing the time and energy into the many preparations necessary to make the parade a good time for all of us. Next year I plan to be driving "Indy" in the parade.

To see Scott's photos visit: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Studebakers-Grand-Canyon-State-Chapter/189897701040009>



GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 3** AAHC MEETING AT SURPRISE FORD, 16825 W. WADDELL RD. (303 & WADDELL). DOORS OPEN AT 6PM, MEETING AT 7PM. FOOD WILL BE SERVED. PLEASE RSVP TO 623-204-9172. DOOR PRIZES INCLUDES TICKETS TO GOOD GUYS SHOW.
- MARCH 7** JOIN ASC, ANTIQUE STUDEBAKER CLUB FOR OUTING TO GOLDEN ERA TOY & AUTO MUSEUM IN COOLIDGE, 297 W. CENTRAL AVE AT 11AM FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT TAG'S CAFÉ. TO RESERVE FOR LUNCH OR FOR INFO: LINDA AT 602-618-7691
- MARCH 8** CHAPTER BOARD AND OFFICERS WILL MEET AT IHOP, MESA RIVERVIEW PLAZA, 202 & DOBSON RD AT 5:30PM. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. INFO: ED AT 602-602-290-1045
- MARCH 7** 7TH ANNUAL FALCON FIELD CAR SHOW HOSTED BY EAST VALLEY SENIOR RODDERS. \$25 ENTRY FEE BY MARCH 2ND. GATES OPEN AT 7:30, ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:30. STUDEBAKERS CAN ENTER ORPHAN CLASS. INFO: 480-326-9295
- MARCH 14** ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARK, 10am-3pm. CAR SHOW, FUN AWARDS, SWAP MEET, RAFFLE. SEE PAGE 6 FOR INFO OR CONTACT LINDA AT 602-618-7691 OR lindagsmith@cox.net
- MARCH 15** LOS ANGELES CHAPTER HOSTS ANNUAL WINTER MEET AT MURPHY AUTO MUSEUM, 2230 STATHAM BLVD, OXNARD, CALIF. FROM 9AM-3PM. INFO: 818-606-0267.
- MARCH 19-22** SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, ASC ANNUAL PALM SPRINGS MEET. HOST HOTEL: THE CURVE PALM SPRINGS HOTEL, 333 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE. PET FRIENDLY MOTEL. TIRE KICKING, MEET & GREETINGS, GROUP MEALS, DRIVE TOURS. RSVP TO FRANK WENZEL BY MARCH 12 AT 760-322-8762. \$25/PERSON PAYABLE ON ARRIVAL.
- APRIL 11** BARRY GOLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL "GREATEST SHOW ON TURF" FREE CAR SHOW TO RAISE MONEY FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT 2820 W. ROSE GARDEN LN., (101 & 27TH AVE.) FROM 11AM TO 2PM. LUNCH & T-SHIRT PROVIDED. RAFFLES. REGISTER AT <http://www.bghscarshow.com> OR CALL 623-445-3037 FOR ASSISTANCE.
- APRIL 24-25** CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW, GREEN VALLEY PARK, PAYSON. FRIDAY: REGISTRATION (\$25 OR \$35 DAY OF SHOW), CRUISE & BURGER BURN. SATURDAY: CAR SHOW, RAFFLE, AWARDS. STUDEBAKER CLASS. TO REGISTER CONTACT KEN AT 928-970-1700 OR SEE PAGE 13 ONLINE. THERE ARE MANY HOTELS IN THE AREA; BOOK ASAP.
- MAY 1-3** ROUTE 66 FUN RUN. ROOMS MAY BE SOLD OUT IN SELIGMAN. DRIVE UP TO KINGMAN ON SATURDAY FOR A FANTASTIC CAR SHOW. FOR EVENT REGISTRATION & INFORMATION VISIT <http://azrt66.com/>
- AUGUST 16-22** 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. REGISTRATIONS AT <http://bit.ly/gatewaystude2015>
- SEPTEMBER 12** INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. YOUR IDEAS WELCOME.
- SEPTEMBER 24-26** RUN TO PINES IN PINETOP. SEE INFORMATION FROM MALCOLM STINSON ON PAGE 8 OF JANUARY NEWSLETTER.
- OCTOBER 9-11** PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET HOSTED BY TUMBLEWEEDS CHAPTER AT FIESTA HENDERSON CASINO HOTEL, HENDERSON NV. \$79 BY 9-8 AT 702-741-1800. VISIT <http://www.lasvegasstudebakers.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 7 ASC VISIT TO TOY MUSEUM

Rescheduled from February 28.

The Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club invites GCSC members to join them for their outing to the Golden Era Toy and Auto Museum, 297 W. Central Avenue, Coolidge at 11:00am. A fee to the museum is \$5.00 per person. Bring a jacket as there is no heat in the building.

After the tour join them for lunch at Tag's Cafe. Please notify Linda at 602-618-7691 if you plan to attend as a count is needed for the café.

We want to combine some of our events with both the Antique Studebaker Chapter and Southern Arizona Chapter and the board would love to hear your comments. If you can't make one of your own chapter's event, try another chapter's! We all love Studebakers. Enjoy!.

MARCH 14 MARCH MADNESS

A fun filled day is planned at a great venue so bring your Studebaker car or truck out and enjoy the day in the sun with your fellow chapter members.

We are planning a great day of activities. Fun awards will be presented; come out and see the winning Studebakers. There will be a raffle again this year, so please help us out by donating something special that someone else just can't resist. We will have a food vendor available or bring your own food and drink. Bring your lawn chairs, shade and water, too. Also planned are an obstacle driving course, swap meet, valve cover races on a new track, music and more.

APRIL 11 BGHS "Greatest Show on Turf"

The Chapter will attend the Barry Goldwater Car Show, Greatest Show on Turf, Saturday 11th from 11 am to 2 pm. Barry Goldwater High School is at 2820 W. Rose Garden Lane, Phoenix (101 and 27th Ave.). The show raises money for academic programs at the school through sponsorships.

The event is free and lunch and a t-shirt are provided to participants. The show will feature a noon flyover by the Deer Valley Airport which will be dedicated to veterans and armed service members. A Kidzone will offer activities for children 8 and under.

To register visit <http://www.bghscarshow.com> or call 623-445-3037 for assistance. Let's try for a minimum of twelve Studebakers and 20 would be terrific.

Happy
Spring!

ALL-ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING MARCH MADNESS MARCH 14, 2015 SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARK 10919 S. CENTRAL AVE., PHOENIX 10:00 AM - 3 PM

FUN JUDGING - You still have time to plan and make an award for fun judging at the meet. Use your imagination to make a fun award such as these that were given in the past: Best Color Scheme or Hub Caps or Speedometer or The Money Pit or Slowest Studebaker. There are many more ideas like this that can be used as inspiration for an award. On show day you look at all the Studebakers on display and decide which one best fits your award. In the afternoon there will be an awards presentation when you will present the award.

SWAP MEET - Items to sell can be vended in the display area from a parking space, the trunk of your Studebaker or from the bed of a truck.

RAFFLE - Donations of Studebaker and non-Studebaker items are needed for a successful raffle. Themed baskets are always popular along with models and other fun items. Bring your donation to the registration table when you arrive.

VALVE COVER RACES - Make and bring a racer using a Studebaker valve cover. Here are the rules:

1. Total weight cannot exceed 10 pounds. There will be an official scale.
2. Must be a Studebaker valve cover.
3. Total length must not exceed 10% over stock length of original valve cover.
4. Dimensions may be no longer than 12" high or 12" wide.
5. No sharp edges or sharp protrusions on the racer.
6. Must be gravity powered. Absolutely no other power source allowed.

You can also bring a pinewood derby creation; kits are available at a Boy Scout or hobby store.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Your help is needed to put on another successful March Madness. Contact Ed at 602-290-1045 or Linda at lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691 to volunteer to help in the following areas:

- Setting up canopies and tables.
- Setting up raffle and selling tickets.
- Registering participants.
- Directing participants to car show parking and swap meet parking.
- Setting up valve cover race track and obstacle course.
- Please arrive at the park at 8:30 am to help with set up.

Traffic cones are needed for the obstacle course and if you have any the chapter could borrow, please contact Linda Smith at lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691.

PAST EVENT REPORTS THE GREAT ONE

By Dan Kuhl

If you only like Studebakers, this show is not for you; but if you like brass, chrome and plastic bumpers, the Motoring Thru Time Car Show held at the Heritage Park in downtown Phoenix is for you. There are horse-drawn carriages, cars, trucks, motorcycles, fire trucks, and camp trailers from 1890 to 1990. There was even a four-door sedan or two on display, and right at home with all of the other historical vehicles. The show was special this year, celebrating the Park's 35th Anniversary with ice cream and cake served to everyone who wanted to indulge, while listening to the band play.

There were 100 plus vehicles that participated in the event. Participating from GCSC was: Dennis Roeper and Mater; David Kirkel and his '63 Hawk; Joseph Guthrie and his custom 56 pickup; Neil and Ruth Bell and their '60 Hawk; Dan Kuhl and his '63 Avanti; and ASC member Dave Recker and his '24 Light Six Coupe. Also attending with his Porsche 914 was John Rodhouse.

I have attended "The Great One" for five years and continue to have a "Great Time". For more information about the show visit the Motoring Thru Time website.

From City of Phoenix Parks & Rec: The one time People's Choice award can food drive was a great success with 490 pounds worth of food items being donated to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance - hats off to all those who donated! St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is most appreciative. The vehicle with the most cans was a 1928 Model A Huckster exhibited by Ed Behie, 2nd place was a 1965 VW Beetle Convertible exhibited by George Meyer, and 3rd place was a 1960 Studebaker Hawk by Neil & Ruth Bell.

Congratulations, Neil and Ruth!

March Madness Trophy Award Making event held at John Rodhouses' on February 22nd turned out to be very productive. We didn't have many chapter members show up to help but the ones who did had their thinking caps on and we were able to produce over 20 fun awards to be given away to lucky winners on March 14th, 2015 at South Mountain Park in Phoenix.

Present were Claudia Robinette and Richard Dormois, Gregg Avery, Luz Luzano, Gregg's mother, who also helped make some awesome trophies and thanks so much for bringing your hot glue gun, Ed and Linda Smith and our gracious host John Rodhouse who also provided pizza and beverages.

Thanks to John and Kim for offering their garage so we could work our magic.

Hope to see you at March Madness this year and you might just win a one of a kind trophy!

New in the Garage

Scott Grainger: Meet Indy, named by the previous owner after where she was built in 1928. She is a 52W 4 door sedan.

Erskine (named after the Studebaker President, Albert Erskine), was built by Studebaker from 1927-1930. The Erskine marque was intended to be an entry level smaller vehicle for Studebaker. Erskines were built in Canada and Indiana.

Indy is an original 6 cylinder 3 speed automobile. The 140 ci engine has not been rebuilt. She has not been restored. She runs, drives and stops!



Mark and Joan Ellingson: We have two additions to our Studebaker family - a 1949 1/2T, slightly modified, has blower, been chopped and tubbed, probably wouldn't qualify as stock and a 1962 Champ from Lions Dragstrip, Laguna Beach, Calif. Both kind of unique.

Don and Sheri Engstrom: 1952 Commander HT

"Something about that car, when I look at it, captures my heart." Don



Photo taken by Kim Rodhouse.

This N That.....

Chapter members attended several shows in the valley were during the past two months. **Neil Bell** reported he was at the 5th Annual DRHS Car Show for Cheer, January 10th, at Desert Ridge High School, Mesa. He and **Ruth** also displayed the Hawk at the Motoring Thru Time show in downtown Phoenix on February 7th. Most recently, he had the Hawk out to the Chandler Classic Car Show on the 28th. In all the photos from these shows, two thing stands out in each - the Hawk and the Chapter's feather banner. Good job, Neil.

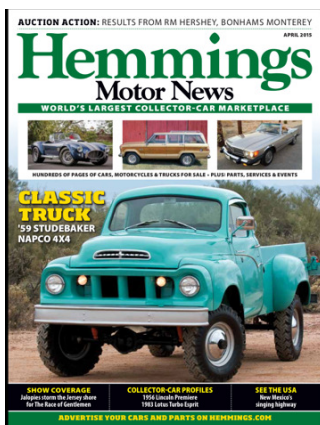
Dave Kirkel displayed his 1963 GT Hawk at the Wickenburg Gold Rush Days Car Show on February 13th. After the show he drove the car to the train yard for a photo op. He also participated in the Motoring Thru Time show in Heritage Park.

Denny Lockmon and **Frank van Doorn** displayed their Studes at the Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council's United We Drive Car Show on February 22nd.

Photos from all the shows mentioned above can be viewed on page 14 of the online edition of the *ECHO*.

Thanks to all for keeping our marquee in the public's eye. Please send the editor a note if you attend all makes shows with your Studebaker.

An email was received recently from **Deanna Manley**, a former member who now lives in Iowa. "We enjoy reading about the chapter and receiving the *ECHO* keeps us in touch. We installed a furnace in our shop this year and are restoring the '32 Commander slowly, but surely. The high today is 26 with a wind chill of 16 but our shop is a toasty 50!! **Deanna and Harold**" Deanna also reports her parents, **George and Carol Van Zee**, are doing pretty well, just tired of being stuck inside.



Damon Bruns' 1959 Studebaker NAPCO 4x4 is featured on the cover of the April *Hemmings Motor News*. There is also a two page write up about the truck inside. Congratulations, Damon.

Larry Swanson will conduct the next West Valley Pops Band concert on March 29th at the Performing Arts Center, 15550 N. Parkview Place, Surprise. The performance is free and begins at 3pm but please be early to get a seat. The 100 piece pops band will be playing the great music of the big band era during this concert. To read about the band visit <http://www.westvalleypopsband.com/>

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

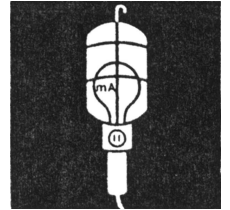
The tip this month is not so much technical as helpful for Arizonans who have not yet completed their tax returns. If you have finished your tax returns, then keep this information in mind for next year.

The Motor Vehicle Division offers an online vehicle license tax report that offers a quick way for vehicle owners to see fees paid in the previous year. This includes specialty vehicles along with your modern and collector vehicles. Information is available for only the previous year. Visit <http://servicearizona.com/> to obtain vehicle tax paid in 2014.

Thanks to Steve Fein for this tip.

Tool of the Month - TROUBLE LIGHT

Appropriately named because it is nothing but trouble. Supposedly made to illuminate dark recesses, it will, when positioned to do so, immediately reposition itself to shine directly in your eyes, making it impossible to see at all. If you do manage to shine it into a dark spot, it will invariably fall on your face burning you with it's red hot 'safety shield.' It is an inanimate object, but demon possessed!



- Submitted by Jeff Cassel Reprinted from the North Star Wheel, Robert Stude, editor.

Studebaker — Builder of Champions

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

<http://www.okobojicc.com/the-occ-experience.php>
The Okoboji Classic Cars Experience. Excellent video of an excellent museum in Iowa. Watch for the Stude(s). Thanks to Steve Fein for the link.

The Beer Bottle Boys If you like beer, you'll like this! And if you don't like beer, you'll still like this! Click on the link below and enjoy!
<http://tinyurl.com/mu53bo7>
Thanks to Dan Kuhl for the link.

<http://tinyurl.com/nzud2ck>
A woodworking site features a custom fastback Studebaker with beautiful wood grain.
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<http://kwqc.com/2015/02/03/classy-collection/>
The Studebaker model collection of Richard Pianca of Iowa is featured in a TV news segment.

A South Bend Truck Partner

By Dan Kuhl

The year is 1920; the place is South Bend, Indiana. Edwards Iron Works (EIW) is organized into a company. Much like the Studebaker Manufacturing Company, EIW is a family concern. It is started by W. Howard Edwards, President, and his brother James E. Edwards, Treasurer. I.E. Edwards is Vice-president and F.E. Edwards is Secretary. The company begins in a small wooden structure as did the Studebakers 70 years earlier.

The plant, located at 2025 South Main, became one of the largest structural steel manufacturers in the Midwest. Early on, the business expands sufficiently that additional manufacturing facilities are needed. To accommodate the needed space the Edwards brothers agree the old family log cabin should be razed to make room for the expansion. The family's great-great grandfather had built the cabin in 1832.

The business continued to grow from a regional force to a national provider of steel products. In 1929 the company had to move to larger quarters eight blocks south of the old factory. At their new address EIW developed a close relationship with Studebaker. In 1930 Studebaker expanded their truck line. EIW furnished cabs, bodies, and special equipment for the Studebaker built trucks. Production of these truck parts complimented EIW's leadership in the existing business of manufacturing truck semi-trailers. Another significant happening in 1930 was the construction of Notre Dame Stadium. Under the direction of Knute Rockne, the "House That Rockne Built" was completed in six months with EIW providing much of the structural steel used in the project.

As with all industry, the 30's were a difficult time for Studebaker. In March, Studebaker went into receivership with a \$6,000 claim against the auto-maker by Edwards Iron Works. In December, Studebaker sought the services of W. Howard Edwards to manage the truck division, a position he filled until February 1936. Under his leadership, Studebaker released the popular cab-over-engine type truck that beat the competition to market by two to three years. In May 1936 the same Mr. Edwards bought out his brothers to form a new corporation.

Soon after this latest incorporation, EIW announced plans for a new travel trailer manufacturing facility located in an old Oliver farm equipment building located on Walnut. Upon completion, the plant would be the largest factory in the world devoted entirely to the building of travel trailers. The new trailer would be known as the "Edwards Home-mobile". Ralph H. Wise was hired on as Chief Engineer; he came to EIW after designing the 1937 Hudson, International trucks, and the 1934-35 Studebaker trucks. Two years after starting the trailer business, it failed in 1938 with another down-turn in the economy. EIW continued to prosper in their other steel manufacturing activities. They continued to assist Studebaker on various projects. Most noteworthy was the mini-box used in the Champion coupe to convert it to 1/4 ton cargo carrying small truck. It was called the Coupe-Delivery and was manufactured from 1939 to 1941. The smallest truck offered by Stude-

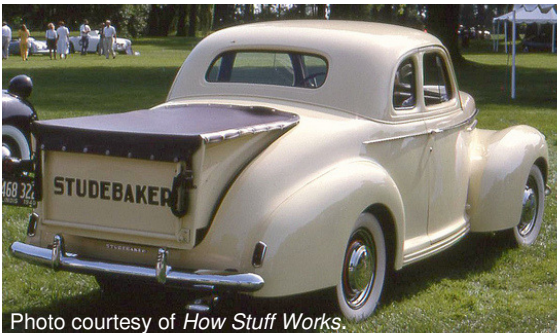


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baker in 1940 was the one-ton Fast Transport. As it had 10 years earlier EIW helped Studebaker fulfill its truck customer obligations.

Sadly, in 1951 Edwards Iron Works was purchased by COPCO Steel out of Detroit, Michigan. And as with Studebaker, the new owners were plagued with big corporation woes that included bouts with labor strife that continued into the 60's.

Editor's Note: Another example of the Coupe-Delivery is featured on the back cover of the March, 2015 *Turning Wheels*.

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