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Studebaker often featured fathers and sons who worked for the company in their advertising.





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# The Connells of South Bend are traveling...

They've left the job of building Flying Fortress engines at Studebaker to their Dad

GEORGE CONNELL is in the Marine Corps. His brother Francis is in the Navy. Both are in the air service.

Only a little while ago they were one of numerous family groups in the Studebaker factories—headed by a father who has seen active service as a Studebaker man for over 28 years.

War has separated many of the famous fatherand-son teams that have long made fine craftsmanship one of the great traditions of Studebaker's home community.

Boys who worked with their fathers on the Studebaker production lines are now seeing military equipment bearing the Studebaker nameplate in grim action in fat-off places. Some write home to tell how heartening the quality of Studebaker craftsmanship is to the mee-at-arms of our Nation and its Allies.

Steadily, off to the fighting fronts, from the Studebaker factories, move ever-increasing quantities of Wright Cyclone engines for the mighty Boeing Flying Fortress—tens upon tens of thousands of big multiple-drive military trucks—as well as other vital war matériel.

It's reassuring to every Studebaker man—on the production line or the firing line—to know that each shipment Studebaker makes today is helping to hasten the dawn of a safe, new tomorrow. After victory comes, still finer Studebaker motor cars and motor trucks than ever will be built.

# STUDEBAKER

Builder of Wright Cyclone engines for the Boeing Flying Fortress, big multipledrive military trucks and other vital war matériel



On his Studebaker job over 28 years
Charles R. Connell began his Studebaker career before
either of his air-crew sons were born. From early boyhood,
their ambition was to follow in their father's footsteps in
the Studebaker plants. That has been a typical family experience in Studebaker's home community for over 91 years.

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

On May 4th Chuck and I attended a meeting at the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) hosted by Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum (HEP) to explore introducing a restoration technology curriculum at EVIT. The school has automotive and collision programs now and adding a restoration program would be helpful for local restoration shops in need of trained workers. With the very active car culture in the Phoenix area there is a big demand for such workers. Whether you have plans to restore your Studebaker or simply maintain it, skilled technicians familiar with vintage vehicles will be needed. When you are at a car show or cruise-in make an effort to engage the young people who stop to admire your Stude. One of them may become the technician who repairs it one day.

Please welcome a new advertiser, Keri Baker, who is also a new member. Keri has a property management company and if you have a need for such as service, keep her in mind. Remember to check with our other advertisers, too, for services they provide.

Thanks to this month's contributors.

Chris

## About the Last Month's Issue.....

May's colorful printed newsletter. Sadly, this will not be a regular occurrence. One of the staff at Staples made an error in printing the order and the result was the newsletter you received. Because it was their error, the chapter was charged the normal black and white copying cost; however, the actual cost would be over double the usual cost. In addition, the weight of the paper made each newsletter two ounces which necessitated additional postage for the second ounce.

Please remember the *ECHO* is available on the web site each month and you can always see the newsletter in color there. No matter how you receive you newsletter, whether by mail or electronically, I hope you enjoy reading it. Your submissions are appreciated and I know all of our readers would like to see articles about your Studebaker, why you like Studebakers, your travels in a Studebaker or how you became a Stude nut. It's all good. Hope to hear from you soon.

Studebaker — Builder of Champions

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# From the President

What a month we just finished. I know it doesn't sound like much but there was a lot going on that, as a Studebaker driver, you could get involved.



with. The Route 66 Fun Run was a fun run if you like a change of climate and a lot of rain. One thing the rain did for the run was introduce you to new people because it was too wet to stay out at your car all day. The rain quit just as most of the cars would normally show and then we got down to seeing other vehicles except the fluorescent Orange one, boy did it stick out. The Studebakers stuck out also because one of them won Best of Class, Dennis Lynde's Hawk.

The next weekend was a relaxing one at Safford with the Antique Studebaker Club. Interesting to see a working open pit mine and learn the history of the local area. Looking down into the pit and watching ants moving about was ok until you got closer and closer then you realize that those ants are the size of at least four Studebakers. People opened their doors to us and extended all courtesies as the news spread through the town that we were here. Do you know how many parts you can find for your car when you are not looking for them all mixed in with other old stuff and still sticking out like a sore thumb.

They say it is a fine line that separates a fisherman from a man standing on the bank with nothing to do, so too is it a fine piece of steel that separates a Studebaker person from all the other more common so called classic autos. The gathering at Mixteca proved to be quite an attraction for the Saturday Night gathering of car people. A couple of cars parked next to us then as more and more Studebakers showed up the other cars moved and the best looking corner in the parking lot belonged to the Studebakers.

Another long weekend came about as a zone meet was held in Reno, "The Biggest Little City in the World". The wind and cold had some effect on the gathering of Studebakers but it was not enough to put things at a standstill. A long string of them proceeded to a military vehicle museum where you could see one of the actual trucks used in Hogan's Heroes. There were a lot of different jeep type vehicles made by Ford, Willys, Jeep and others but who knows the difference? One of America's five greatest auto museums, the National Auto Museum was visited where you could see the old 1961 Beatnik Bandit, 1938 Phantom Corsair and cars from celebrities like Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra, Al Jolson, Andy Griffith, and the Smothers Brothers.

The next day found even more Studes going to an Aircraft Museum and a private auto museum that had mostly '32 Fords in it. Surprising how people think it is cool to put the big engines into these Fords but it is such a crime to do the same with a Studebaker. One of the worst things about the Reno Zone meet was there was not a car from Arizona out of the 70 plus that showed up.

The month ended with a great Studebaker show



# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Dave & Keri Baker 3708 W. Rosewood Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85029 602-579-5716 hysteria38@cox.net 1960 Lark, 1961 Champ

Don & Nancy Juday 9541 W. Briarwood Circle N Sun City, AZ 85351 623-505-3879 ncjdlj@aol.com 1964 Daytona 2 dr Hardtop

The Judays are also members of the Black Hawk Chapter in Illinois.

at La Palma sporting over 85 vehicles. There is always a good variety here and just enough parts to find what you looking for without spending all your time looking. Lots of prizes, raffles (over \$200 in the 50/50) and food. Most of all there is lot of fun with some of the Greatest Studebaker People.

As we get older things sometimes change besides our looks. I was listening to three ladies talk and heard the first one say she was standing in front of the refrigerator with a jar of mayonnaise in her hand and she couldn't remember if she was taking it out or putting it back. The second lady chimed back with I know what you mean as I was standing on the stair landing and could remember if I was going up or down. The response from the third lady came with authority as she stated she didn't have that problem rapping her knuckles on the wooden table and then quickly saying, "That must be the door, I'll get it."

Thank goodness the Studebaker maintains it beauty forever. Let's get them out and help others to remember them.

Ed



September 10th, 2016

# MAY HADDENINGS

Submitted by Linda Smith

# **ROUTE 66 FUN RUN**

# **APRIL 29 - MAY 1**

we chapter members journeyed up to Seligman on Friday, April 29th for the 29th annual Route 66 Fun Run. Four members met at Ken and Arlene West's residence in Carefree at 8:30am and enjoyed breakfast and coffee before hitting the road. We took US 74 up to Wickenburg, then US 89 towards Yarnell and Congress where we picked up another member in Kirtland. In Chino Valley we had lunch at the Bonn Fire Restaurant, filled our tanks and got on our way



again towards Seligman. When we arrived in Seligman we checked in and received our official Route 66 packets. The Wests and the Smiths decided not to stay in Seligman on Friday night and drove to Kingman to be ready to watch the race begin with the cars entering the official start gate. Just as we parked our vehicles, it started raining. Ken West has been attending the Fun Run for 27 years and he said this year was the first time it rained and it rained all day but it didn't stop us!!

The PowerHouse facility which houses the Route 66 Museum had on display only one vehicle: a 1950 Bullet Nose Champion 4 dr Studebaker along with some other Studebaker items. It was a great museum.

The cars were judged and given a red sticker on the windshield. Dennis' GT Hawk had a green sticker also but no one could tell us why. We had our thoughts that he was a winner and on Sunday in Topock his car won first place in the Studebaker/Packard division. Congratulations, Dennis!

Everyone had a great time despite the rain and wind. We will do it again. Thanks to our chapter members who participated this year. They were: Ken and Arlene West in their 1966 Daytona; Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar in

their 1963 GT Hawk; Scott Grainger and Bonnie Lee in their 1951 Land Cruiser (LC); Lewis Krause from Bagdad in his 1951 Champion Custom Business Coupe and Ed and Linda Smith in their 1951 Stakebed Truck.

Thank you, Dennis for some of the photos on the Chapter's Facebook page; the rest were from me. Hope you enjoy the pictures.

# CRUISE NIGHT AT MIXTECA MAY 14

Several Chapter members met at Mixteca Mexican Food, 6731 W. Bell Rd. on May 14th for the weekly cruise-in. Our host was Michell Eastburn and she put together a great event. She had fresh popcorn, food from Mixteca, chips and dip and even desserts. Nine Studebakers turned out: Ken and Arlene West in their 1963 Daytona; Steve and Paulette Fein in their 1966 Cruiser; Dan Kuhl in his 1959 Scotsman pickup; Mike Barany in his 1956 Hawk; Paul and Phyllis Setaro in their 1962 GT Hawk; Bill and Peggy Eastburn in their 1964 Champ pickup; Neil Bell in his 1960 Hawk; Dave Baker in his 1960 Lark and Ed & Linda Smith in their 1951 Stakebed truck. Richie and Delores Fein, Alan Tudor, Steve Mills, John Wiley, John Kroulik and Kolton Kroulik were there to look over the vehicles on display. An interesting car was parked among the Studes for a short time - an Oldsmobile with a Studebaker bullet nose front end.



See the Chapter Facebook page for photos taken by Steve Fein. Thanks, Steve.

Young car enthusiasts check out the Stude-bakers.

# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 4 CHAPTER MOTHERS AND FATHERS WILL BE HONORED AT EVENT AT DEER VALLEY

AIRPORT RESTAURANT, 7TH AVE & DEER VALLEY RD. MEET FOR BREAKFAST AT 9:00 AM FOLLOWED BY SHARING HOBBIES, GUEST SPEAKER AND MORE. THE BREAKFAST BUFFET IS \$10.99 PP. COME EARLY FOR TIRE KICKING AND VISITING. DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER IF YOU CAN FOR A DISPLAY IN PARKING LOT. MORE

INFO: lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691

JUNE 26 - JULY 2 52ND INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY OCEAN BAY CHAPTER IN WARWICK, RI

HOST HOTEL: CROWNE PLAZA, WWW.CROWNEHOTELWARWICK.COM / 401-732-6000 MEET INFO: JANE AT 508-512-7991. SEE *TURNING WHEELS* FOR REGISTRATION FORM.

REGISTER NOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

JULY 4 FABULOUS PHOENIX FOURTH FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS, STEELE INDIAN SCHOOL

PARK, 3RD ST. & INDIAN SCHOOL RD., 6PM-10PM. LIVE MUSIC, FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS, ANTIQUE & CLASSIC VEHICLE EXHIBIT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOUR STUDEBAKER PLEASE CONTACT TAMMY PARKER ASAP AT 602-534-8659 / tammy.parker@phoenix.gov FOR A REGISTRATION APPLICATION. NO COST TO EXHIBIT BUT BY FREE PRE-REGISTRATION AND APPROVAL ONLY. ALL ARE WELCOME TO

COME OUT TO ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES.

JULY 8 7TH ANNUAL COLLECTOR CAR DAY, A NATIONAL EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE HOBBY.

JULY 16 CHAPTER GATHERING AT ORGAN STOP PIZZA 1149 E. SOUTHERN AVE, MESA. MEET

AT 4PM FOR PIZZA AND MUSIC FEATURING THE MIGHTY WURLITZER PIPE ORGAN. CASH OR CHECK ONLY. ATM IN LOBBY. RESERVED SEATING FOR GCSC, SAC AND

ASC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. INFO: lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691

AUGUST 6-7 PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL CAR SHOW, PARTS EXCHANGE AND

OLD ENGINE FIRE-UP AT WATSON LAKE, PRESCOTT, 7AM TO 4PM BOTH DAYS W/CAR SHOW 8AM TO 3PM. VISIT http://paacaz.com/wls\_flyer.html FOR ENTRY FORM AND INFO.

AUGUST 27 SAN DIEGO CHAPTER'S 8TH ANNUAL COOL CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT SPANISH LANDING

EAST PARK ON BEAUTIFUL SAN DIEGO BAY. CAR SHOW, PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDG-ING, RAFFLES, SWAP MEET, DAYTONA DINER FOR LUNCH. FREE ICE CREAM DURING THE AWARDS PRESENTATION. OPEN TO ALL STUDEBAKERS AND STUDEBAKER RE-LATED VEHICLES. BOB AT 619-851-1126 OR bobhalgren@hotmail.com SEE PAGE 14 FOR

REGISTRATION FORM.

SEPTEMBER 10 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. GCSC MEMBERS WILL JOIN ASC

FOR A WEEKEND TOURING IN THE PRESCOTT AREA. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE DETAILS. RSVP TO LINDA BY SEPTEMBER 1st AT lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691

SEPTEMBER 23-26 RUN TO THE PINES 2016 SHOW IS FULL BUT REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR 2017 WILL

BE MAILED TO YOU IF YOU MAKE A REQUEST OR IF YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR THIS

YEAR'S EVENT. VISIT http://www.runtothepinesaz.com/event-info/

OCTOBER 16 ORPHAN CAR SHOW HOSTED BY ROADRUNNER CHAPTER, VMCCA AT LOS OLIVAS

PARK, PHOENIX. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

NOVEMBER 19-21 19TH GOOD GUYS SOUTHWEST NATIONALS AT WEST WORLD, SCOTTSDALE. INFO:

https://www.good-guys.com/swn-2016

MAY 3-6, 2017 53RD SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET, SOUTH BEND, IND. MORE INFO SOON.

OCTOBER 20-22, 2017 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET HOSTED BY THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### JUNE 4 MOTHERS AND FATHERS CELEBRATION

The Chapter will honor its mothers and fathers at a gathering on Saturday, June 4th at Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 7th Ave. & Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix. Meet for breakfast at 9:00 am followed by sharing hobbies, guest speaker, door prizes and more. The breakfast buffet is \$10.99 per person or order from the menu. Come early for tire kicking and visiting. Drive your Studebaker for a display in the parking lot.

The speaker will be Lance Andrew McGraw from American National Insurance who will talk about collector car insurance.

Bring an example of a hobby you enjoy to share.

Need more information? Contact Linda at 602-618

-7691 or lindagsmith@cox.net

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### SEPTEMBER 10 DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY

We know that is true and wish others would believe in Studebaker as we do. One way to do this is to get your Studebaker out so others can see it and how it makes you feel to be driving one. The International Drive Your Studebaker Day will provide an opportunity to do just

that.

Our proposed plans are to join the Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club members September 9th to 11th for a weekend in the Prescott area. The host hotel will be at the Apache Lodge, 1130 East Gurley, Prescott, AZ (928-445-1422) with its newly renovated rooms and good parking at \$59 or \$79 a night.

During the weekend there will be a tour of the 1920's to 1930's movie lot in the Dells areas, a visit to Harley Dave's, a visit to a collection of 50 plus Oldsmobiles with a 1952 Centennial Studebaker Commander Hardtop thrown in. There will be a visit to the Sharlot Hall Museum with the original Arizona Territory Governor's home, a visit to the Smoki Museum and scads of antique stores along the famous Whiskey Row on Montezuma Street.

The Casa Bonita and Golden Corral offer good dinner menus. The Junction will offer a convenient place to eat our breakfast and plan our days events each morning.

For those not wanting to spend 3 days in Prescott, we will meet on Saturday morning at 0730am at the Quik Trip station at I-17 and Thunderbird and caravan up to Prescott. We'll meet the others in Prescott at a predetermined location.

Please RSVP to Linda at lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691 before September 1st. If your plans are to stay for the 3 days call the Apache Lodge and make your reservations.

# **June 2016**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-5311			I	2	3	4 Chapter Breakfast
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13		15	16	17	18
19 Fathers' Day	20 Ist Day of Summer	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 52nd Studebaker	28 Drivers Club Inter	29 national Meet, Wa	30 wick, Rhode Island	<b> </b> June 26 - July 2	2

#### DACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET

By Linda Smith

he 2016 SDC Pacific Southwest Zone Meet was held May 19-22 at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno, Nev. and was hosted by the Sagebrush Chapter. Ed and I flew to Reno, May 19th and went over to the Atlantis to see the Studebakers on display and for the tour led by tour master, Ralph Capurro. He wrote up a book and handed it out to all who went on his tours. Great job, Ralph. The first tour was to a private museum of military vehicles, weapons and old memorabilia owned by Mr. Harrah's son. It was very interesting.

After that we drove over to the largest sporting goods store called Scheels. It is similar to Bass Pro Shop but larger. In the middle of the store is a huge Ferris wheel which actually works. It's a super nice store with two overhead fish aquariums, one with fresh water fish and the other salt water fish. Beautiful fish in both.

Friday, more Studebakers arrived and at 3pm we headed out on another tour with 15 Studebakers in the convoy. We went to an Airplane Museum with Vietnam helicopters, Desert Storm airplanes and WWII bombers. It was an amazing collection of flying machines and they all still fly. The hangar was filled and we had a great time listening to the mechanics tell us about each airplane and the stories of how these planes and helicopters played their role in the different wars.

From there we went to another private automobile museum. This owner loved Fords in the 1930-1940's era. This tour went through some beautiful back roads with awesome houses and landscapes.

Then we went on to attend the Ice Cream social at the National Car Museum which started out with horse drawn carriages and electric cars and now has some of the most beautiful vehicles I have ever seen. It was pretty special when we went down one street and came across a 19xx Studebaker donated by one of our Grand Canyon State Chapter members, Larry Vahe. That was very surprising. It was a great museum to tour.

Saturday was the judging by people's choice. The weather was very cold and windy with some showers throughout the day. The hospitality room was on the 16th floor of the Atlantis Hotel filled with goodies to eat and much needed hot coffee. They also had some great items for the silent auction but we didn't get anything!.

The Saturday night banquet was held in the Atlantis ballroom. The food was delicious and the quest speaker, Mr. Layne McAvoy as Mark Twain, was awesome. The winners of the judging was announced and the Pierce Arrow won six awards. It was a beautiful vehicle. The long distance award was awarded to a member from Washington state who drove 14 hours and 850 miles in his Studebaker. The hard luck award was won by members that couldn't make it because of snow and ice on the Donner pass. They were driving their Studebaker but turned around and went home.

Other Chapter members who attended were Bruce Sandburg and Delores Shurtz from Benson. It was a good show and we had a great time.

# CELEBRATE!



# June Birthdays

2	Lou Fencl	21	Sue Gregory
4	Jon Carter	22	Pete Bell
6	Ed Costell	23	Charley Haverstick
7	June Kaiser	23	John Rodhouse
11	Willard Pike	25	Mimi Halgren
12	Peggy Eastburn	25	Carol Vahe
17	Kent Vandenberg	26	Bill Barker
18	Jim Lawrence	27	Sid Rosen
21	Ruth Bell	27	Jere Tudor
21	Richard Dormois	29	Larry Swanson

# June Anniversaries

1	John & Linda Zimmerman
2	Jim & Jaclyn Parise
3	Chester & Nancy Bradfield
3	Jerry & June Kaiser
3	Sam Powell & Lenka Hospodka
3	Al & Anna Riedel
6	Mike & Mary Barany
7	Chuck & Chris Collins
8	Don & Vicki Becker
8	Norman & Janice Marineau
8	Buddy & Elaine Wright
16	Mike & Lisa Lynch
17	Rich & Sue Gregory
19	Larry & Carol Vahe
22	Bob & Mimi Halgren
22	Tim & Julie Watson
25	Richard & Linda Hertline
26	Ted & Jan Widhalm
28	Bruce & Nancy Brundage
28	Dave & Jean Kirkel



# Children's Birthday

D.B. Willis Son of Eric & Amanda



This Pierce Arrow won many awards at the Zone Meet.

# Letters.....We Get Letters

Bob Rays' article about the 1952 Type N proto type mentions at the end that he does not know what became of it. This relic languished at the proving grounds west of South Bend for many many years and was in really bad condition like many others. It was ultimately rescued from there by South Bend resident Chris Dresbach some years ago. At the time there was a write up on the (SDC) forum about it. Since it was a body only relic and had been dumped on the ground amongst the trees, time was not kind to it and it was badly rusted. I was able to view it a few years ago at the South Bend fairgrounds where it was on display during a Chapter swap or National meet, not sure. It appeared to me that it is too badly deteriorated to be put back together.

Frank van Doorn

A small correction; regarding the link to the Afghan music video featuring a Studebaker GT Hawk. The Hawk belongs to a member of our chapter (Dan Scott) and it is a '64, not a '62. The video shows a lot of the Hawk.

Howard Brown, Los Angeles Chapter President

This email is for all of the participants in the last Barry Goldwater H.S. Car Show. We would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to support our school and fill our football field with one of your most prized possessions. This year the benefits from the show included 157 cars, 469 community members, 45 student volunteers and 3 students who each earned \$700.00 scholarships to a college of their choice. We also have over 200 photos and an awesome video on the website at www.bghscarshow.com

To host this event we have a committee of staff members who devote hours of their time on top of their real job. With this in mind we are reaching out to you to help plan and design next year's show. The areas we need assistance in are: Public relations (corporate sponsors/donations), advertising, judging, and the kids zone. If you would like to offer your services for next year's car show please contact me via email or call (623)445-3032.

Take care, see you next year.

Brian Jacobs

Assistant Principal, Barry Goldwater High School

Be sure to watch the video at the link above. You'll see some of the Studes that members displayed and a shot of Iris, Ed and Linda's dog, advertising next year's show.

#### FREE TURNING WHEELS

Turning Wheels from 1977-2009 have been donated to the chapter and are free to members who wish to have a collection or complete their collection or have spare copies to give away. Contact Chris Collins at 602-995-5311 / ccollinsaz@cox.net

# LA PALMA CAR SHOW & PARTS EXCHANGE

Several GCSC members made the trek to Anaheim for the 42nd annual La Palma Car Show & Parts Exchange. It is the one of the best attended Studebaker shows in the West and Southwest and regularly attracts upward of 100 vehicles and a dozen vendors. This year the official count of Studes parked on the grassy lawn of the park was 88, of which 4 were shown by Chapter members. Malcolm Stinson displayed his 1928 President Roadster; Frank Wenzel and Kent Vandenberg showed their newly acquired 1931 4 Seasons Roadster; Bob and Mimi Halgren brought their 1953 custom and Ed and Linda Smith displayed their 1951 Stakebed truck.

In Division 1, Frank and Kent's '31 won Best of Division and Malcolm received a first place award. Congratulations to all.

Selling much needed Studebaker parts were John Kroulik, Mike Lynch, Sebastian Scopellite, Josh Lynch, Kolton Kroulik and Chuck and Chris Collins.

Other Chapter members attending were Steve Fein, Richie Fein, Don and Sheri Engstrom, Rich Gregory and former members Colin Fort and Richard and Lynn Phegley.

From Mike Lynch:

La Palma is always an awesome meet to attend! The people are great and there's always lots of beautiful and interesting vehicles. It's great to see old fiends and make new ones. The swapping always brings out a treasure trove of hard to find parts. Round it out with a mild day of weather and it couldn't have been a nicer day for another "Studebaker Adventure". Thanks to all who work so hard to make La Palma a great meet!

# Web Sites of Interest .....

http://datsunforum.com/1571-2/ The link between Studebaker and Nissan revealed.

http://tinyurl.com/zvg9g9x Hemmings blog article about Studebaker factory project.

http://qteaser.com/millenials.mp4 A fun video.

#### **CHAPTER NAME BADGE**

Order your Chapter name badge with a 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.

# PORTABLE AC FOR YOUR VINTAGE RIDE!

By Jim Boehnlein

ant to stay cool and still drive your favorite vintage car all summer? Don't want to sweat while sitting at summer car shows or, God forbid, while waiting for the tow truck? Well, after a year of thinking, designing and testing I was fortunate to come up with an inexpensive system (well under \$600) that allows me and my passengers to stay cool, while keeping the family Studebaker on the road year round.

Starting out I had four requirements:

- The installation had to be removable portable.
- It couldn't look "Red Neck it had to be neat. 2.
- It had to cool the cab without bleeding any power away from the car's 66 year-old engine.
- The installation had to be accomplished with the drilling of as few holes in the car are possible. At total of ten were required and all but one were quarter inch diameter, the last being the outlet duct scoop over the rear window deck that was approximately 4" by 10" in area.

So, by the end of last summer, I purchased a new 6,000 BTU Haier window air conditioner at Big Lots for only \$75. I then purchased a 1,500 watt Champion portable generator on Amazon for \$189.95. I installed a very modest trailer hitch purchased at Harbor Freight for less than \$40 and I was ready to get started.

My first headache was the generator box (to be mounted on the trailer hitch). I wanted it to look like a vintage travel trunk on the back of the car. But I could not find anything less than \$200, so I just found some old rusty trunk fittings and made a "fake" vintage travel trunk from scratch utilizing old aluminum sheet metal from discarded road signs. Then I had a mount weld up (\$77) that mated the 18"by 16" generator box to the car's trailer hitch using only one pin and two quarter inch bolts with wing nuts. I then added six venting screens in the box for air flow including an 110VAC Collin fan (\$5, Walmart). I then carefully cut a 4" by 10" rectangular hole in the rear window deck plate and fabricated a removable sheet metal cold air outlet scoop vent. I mated that with standard AC transitional flange material to go from the vertical rectangle to the necessary horizontal 8" diameter duct (inside the trunk) connecting the duct work and outlet to the AC unit.

The generator box and outlet duct completed, I turned my attention to creating a trunk mount for the AC unit itself. I found an existing (factory hole) in the trunk for one side of the mount hold down and drilled a guarter inch hole

near the spare tire slot for the other side. I then fabricated an AC mounting plate (wedge) allowing the AC unit (facing the cab) to sit at an angle of around 20 degrees (front side up) lining up the AC cold air outlet of the AC with the cold air duct assembly already mounted on the bottom side of the rear window deck plate. I purchased two feet of 8" diameter AC flex ducting with two 8" band clamps (\$20) and connected the AC to the duct system. I

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then fabricated an exhaust duct from hot condenser



side of the AC unit (facing the rear) adding an internal 110 VAC exhaust fan (\$5, Walmart). This ducted the hot air out of the trunk to the outside air. To do this required leaving the trunk open approximately 3" so I fabricated two removable side vent flanges made from rubber rain gutter covers (\$20, Lowes). I used a combination of four 6/32" bolds and some Velcro to hold these two side flanges in place. The trunk male latch rests directly on a

sticky pad attached directly to the top of the hot air exhaust duct assembly.

The entire portable AC system can be removed in ten minutes at the end of summer!



More photos from Jim's AC project are on page 13 of the online edition.



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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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8:30 - 2:30	Swap Meet
9:30 - 12:30	People's Choice judging, Raffles, 50/50
11:00 - 1:30	Daytona Diner open for lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Awards/Complimentary ice cream bar open
2:30	Show concludes

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