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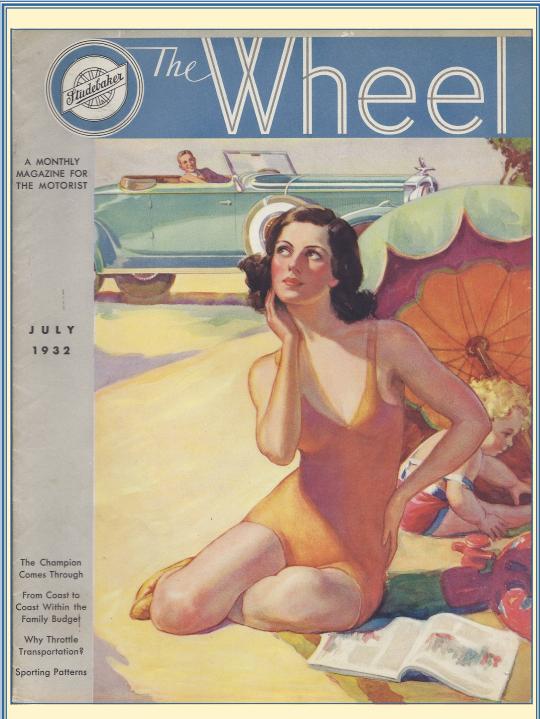
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1932 Roadster

Rumble seat, jaunty radiator emblem, leather upholstery, speed & power. \$915 to \$1750 at the factory.



From the Editor's Pen.....

This issue is a combined July and August edition and includes information about early fall events. The next issue will be published after the first of September because Chuck and I will be traveling. I hope to have it out before our Drive Your Studebaker Day event. However, if it is not you will receive an email reminder. In the meantime, take a look at the information on page 6 about the Chapter's DYSD plans and see if you can join in the activities. It's not too early to reserve a room at the Apache Lodge.

One of the truly enjoyable aspects of attending the International SDC meets is visiting with SDC members from all over the country (and outside the country, too) that one sees only at the meet. Those friendships are as precious as the ones make in our local chapter. Another fun aspect of the meets is seeing different parts of the country. Chuck and I have really enjoyed exploring areas of the U.S. we have never visited before. In Rhode Island and Massachusetts we experienced lots of traffic congestion but also saw how friendly and helpful the people were. We had a wonderful time.

Thank you to this month's contributors. Please send articles, etc for the next issue by August 20th. *Chris*

Condolences....

The Chapter extends its condolences to Cindy Marion and her family on the passing of Kelly Marion. Kelly suffered a fatal fall on the 9th.

Kelly had been a firefighter and was a long time lover of Studebakers, owning several throughout the years. He will be missed by many in the Studebaker community.

If you would like to send Cindy a card, her address is 218 W. CN Rock Street, Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641

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.

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From the President

Well, here it is. A hot summer and hot car. It seems that we are always saying things like it wasn't this hot last year, or it seems to be hotter earlier this



year but in reality is it the weather or are we just noticing the heat in a different way. One thing for certain is the Dry Heat does make a difference. The humidity Linda and I encountered during this summer's travels offered no escape in the sun or shade.

Those who attended the June event for Mother's Day and Father's Day were treated to some good insight about a few fellow members as they spoke about their hobbies. We appreciate that there is a wealth of knowledge available to us outside of the Studebaker world. Studebaker People are the Greatest.

The International Meet in Warwick, Rhode Island was very well done. With a welcome night, and tours, seminars and meetings it seemed like nothing different until you added the best weather with just the right amount of breeze to keep the humidity bearable. They parked 187 cars on a grassy hillside making it look like a huge colorful fan. Then, 92 of them from a Goat Wagon, to some of the nicest Antiques in a while, to a Doctor's buggy, to an assortment of modifieds proceeded through the judging lines in only 3 and ½ hours. This left plenty of time for everyone to enjoy this excellent weather and viewing all of the outstanding Studebakers, including a Motor Home that has now been through all 48 states with 230,000 miles and is a daily driver. They hope to still be driving it when the highway to Hawaii is completed. There was also a '53 with 900 hp. and a Gravely Tractor. Studebakers are Great.

Taking a Studebaker to an International clear across the country can be a very challenging thing to do. Linda and I made it. The entire 3000 miles through people OOD and AUD over our Studebaker as we proceeded through state after state and construction zone after construction zone. The rough roads, when not under construction, would almost beat you to death as you struggled to keep the truck and trailer completely in your own narrowed lane while semi after semi zipped pass.

Trailering the old Stude sounded like a better idea than 6,000 miles in a small cab with the dog. A newer truck has a better ride and air conditioning and room for the snacks, in general more comfort; however 6,000 in 10 days, which we have now stretched into 45, is still an interesting ordeal. This has given rise to the looks you get when you tell people you brought a car all the way across the country. Through all the traffic, construction, weather, extra fuel and rest stops we trudged toward the east coast. Fuel stops took longer as people wanted to talk about the truck on the trailer and how rare it was. We didn't have to worry about the hotel we stayed in because everyone was looking out for the Studebaker.

The most common question that came about was what year is it, probably because they didn't want to sound ignorant about what kind it was. The next thing almost eve-



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim Humphreys 1625 W Sage Street Tucson, AZ 85704 520-444-9473 jhumphreys76@msn.com 1950 Champion, 1956 Golden Hawk

Last month we welcomed Don and Nancy Juday to our chapter. Thanks to Al Riedel for referring them.

ryone says is they are pretty rare you never see them. Then they want to tell you about the ones they remember or had a chance to buy but didn't. We even had people turn around and come into a park we were trying to have lunch in just to look at our Studebaker. All in all, you have to plan not to have a set plan as everyone wants to talk about the Studebaker.

With these observations and recent comments made at the international about our Studebakers and the club we belong to, we know that we have to get more word out about Studebakers. We are told that we need to find younger members to keep the club flowing and we start looking at 20 year olds, most of whom have never heard of anything called Studebaker. So why do we look back this far when those that are 50 to 65 are more likely to be interested in our club as they are looking for things to fill the void of not working and finding something to take up more of their free time with the kids now gone and retirement close. Most of this era will tell you about the Studebaker that they had or about someone else who had a Studebaker.

We can also try to get our own cars out more often. Upcoming events like Drive Your Studebaker Day asks us to get your Stude out and Drive it. If you don't think you can make the trip with your car to Prescott at least take it out to breakfast or the donut shop or the coffee house. Maybe lunch is more your thing or even dinner as we can eat and still get home before dark. If all else fails, go to these same places wearing you Studebaker shirt with a picture of your car and strike up a conversation. A copy of the *ECHO* or *Turning Wheels* helps to show just how strong our club is. Studebaker People are the Greatest.

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JUNE HAPPENING

Submitted by Linda Smith

CHAPTER MOTHERS AND FATHERS CELEBRATION

The Chapter hosted the annual Mothers and Fathers Celebration June 4th at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 7th Avenue & Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. We met at 9:00 for breakfast which was followed by members sharing examples of one of their hobbies. Scott Grainger brought a scrapbook collection of Toto articles and said he hopes to do more writ-



ing, mainly true stores. Bonnie Lee displayed a beautiful quilt and said she plans to make a Route 66 quilt with t-shirts. Steve Fein showed his collection of dash plaques and told us how we can make a dash plaque scrapbook for ourselves. Gary Keating brought an 1848 revolver which has an estimated value of \$1400.00. Ed Smith showed several examples of his collectible tin and wind-up toys.

The Rodhouse family introduced our newest member, Callan, and Scott and Bonnie announced their marriage on November 12th at 2:30 pm in their backyard.

Malcolm Stinson gave a presentation on a proposal for the 2018 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet.

Lance Andrew McGraw from American National Insurance Company spoke to the members about collector car insurance. He encouraged policy holders to know what is covered and what re-

strictions the policy may have. He announced a 10% fleet discount created for GCSC members. You can contact Lance at 480-771-5099.

Other guests were Steve and Leslie Stauffer from Anthem Automotive located across the street from the Deer Valley Airport. Steve explained they perform a lot of 'old school mechanics' including repairing carburetors and give very fair pricing. If you would like to check out this business their phone number is 623-547-5255.

Door prizes were given to Ike Quigley, Neil Bell, Chris Collins, Chris Eastburn, Judy Barker, Rick Melms, John Rodhouse, Chuck Collins, Kim Rodhouse, Lorilee Kroulik, Peggy Eastburn, Al Riedel and Steve Fein.

Michell Eastburn hosted a surprise baby shower for John, Kim and baby Callan Rodhouse. They received lots of items which will benefit Callan for some time. Thanks, Michell, for this very nice Studebaker gesture. Thanks to all the members who kept this secret and for participating.

Members present: Steve & Paulette Fein with their 1966 Cruiser; Richie Fein; Al & Anna Riedel; Denny Lockmon; Rick Miron in his 1956 President; Gary & Sandie Keating; Chuck & Chris Collins in their 1963 GT Hawk; Carl & Esther Reid and Esther's sister Lydia, 1963 GT Hawk; Rick Melms & Carol Ward; Fred Stallone in his 1951 Studebaker; Neil & Ruth Bell in their 1960 Hawk; Ken & Arlene West in their 1966 Daytona; Brian & Aleta Millette; Bill & Judith Barker; Richard Dormois; Claudia Robinette; Leon & Doris McBride in their 1941 Land Cruiser; Ike & Virginia Quigley; Chris, Rachel, Aubrey & Chloe Eastburn; Mike & Sue King; Paul & Phyllis Setaro in their 1962 GT Hawk; John, Lorilee and Kolton Kroulik; Bill & Peggy Eastburn; Michell Eastburn; Scott Grainger & Bonnie Lee; George Gezelius; Sherry Watson; The Rodhouse Family, John, Kim and Callan; Malcolm Stinson; Buddy & Elaine Wright and Ed Smith in his 1951 Stakebed Truck and guests: Lance Andrew McGraw and Steve & Leslie Stauffer.

Thanks to everyone for attending and making this another successful Studebaker event.

Thank you.....

Kim, Callan, and I would like to thank everyone who attended the baby shower for Callan. He has been using all the items, definitely the diapers.

We are very blessed to have all of you in our lives and would like to especially thank Michell and Peggy Eastburn for setting it (up).

John Rodhouse



John introduces Callan to GCSC members.

Thank you

Our thanks to all members who were at the Mothers/ Fathers Day event on June 4th. We are newer members and Carol and I had a very good time and met many good people.

I've been a member of two other car clubs but mostly all men. Such husband, wife and family participation really impressed us. It showed us that Studebaker people are the Greatest.

Thanks, again. See you again.

Rick Melms and Carol Ward

GDAND CANYON STATE CHAPTED

PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL CAR AUGUST 6-7

SHOW, PARTS EXCHANGE AND OLD ENGINE FIRE-UP AT WATSON LAKE, PRESCOTT, 7AM TO 4PM BOTH DAYS W/CAR SHOW 8AM TO 3PM. FOR ENTRY FORM

AND INFO VISIT http://paacaz.com/wls_flyer.html

AUGUST 21 GCSC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEET. LOCATION TO BE

ANNOUNCED. INFO: ED AT EDCOLLECTS@COX.NET

OR 602-290-1045

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 13 FOR REGISTRATION FORM. THE HALGRENS INVITE GCSC MEMBERS WHO ARE ATTENDING THE SHOW TO A GATHERING AT THEIR HOME IN LA MESA FRIDAY EVENING FROM 6-9PM. THE ADDRESS IS 9350 EL TEJADO RD, LA MESA. CALL BOB OR MIMI TO LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE COMING AT 619-851-1126 OR 619-251-5638 OR bobhalgren@hotmail.com

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 DE-TAILS. RSVP TO LINDA BY SEPTEMBER 1st AT lindagsmith@cox.net or 602-618-7691 DYSD T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SDC STORE@THE MUSEUM. \$15 EA. BLACK WITH DYSD LOGO. VISIT http://studebakermuseum.org/store/sdc-merchandise/

OR CALL 574-235-9714

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/

3RD ANNUAL LAVEEN HERITAGE CAR SHOW HOSTED BY THE LAVEEN LIONS CLUB OCTOBER 15

WILL BE HELD ON GRASS AT LAVEEN EDUCATION CENTER, 5001 W DOBBINS RD.

\$25 REGISTRATION FEE BY OCT. 1. INFO: ART DOWNS AT 480-239-0886

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

PARK, PHOENIX, WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

GCSC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN CELEBRATING THE MARRIAGE OF BONNIE **NOVEMBER 12**

LEE AND SCOTT GRAINGER IN MESA. PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS.

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

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

53RD SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET, SOUTH BEND, IND. WATCH TURNING WHEELS FOR MAY 3-6, 2017

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION SOON.

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

IN CLOVIS. CALIF. ENJOY WESTERN HOSPITALITY IN CHARMING OLD TOWN CLOVIS. POKER RUN, CAR SHOW, JUDGING, SWAP MEET, VALVE COVER RACING, TOUR.

INFO: www.sdcsanjoaquinvalleychapter.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 10 **DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY**

Studebaker—SMART TO BE SEEN IN SMARTER TO BUY

e 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 see 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 members of the Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Stude-

baker Club 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 morn-

For those not wanting to spend 3 days in Prescott, you are encouraged to come for a shorter time - one or two days. Meet on Saturday morning, the 10th, at 7:30am at the Quik Trip station at I-17 and Thunderbird (2750 W. Thunderbird Rd.) to caravan up to Prescott. We'll meet the others in Prescott at a predetermined location.

There will a time when we can park around the square and show our Studebakers in Prescott.

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. Studebaker.

CELEBRATE!

July Birthdays

7	Linda Hertline	15	Paul Vigne
8	Ken Michael	17	Sharon Ware
12	Richard Hahn	17	Frank Wenzel
13	Mary Powell-McConnell	22	Don McCoin
14	Mike King	25	Charlotte Maddux
14	Richard Rampt	27	Jan Widhalm
	Phyllis Setero	28	David Miller
15	Francene Hurt	28	Claudia Robinette

July Appiversaries

4	Will & Maryanne Eastburn
11	Walter & Kitty Jazwinski
14	Paul & Phyllis Setero
16	Ike & Virginia Quigley
17	Frank & Elizabeth van Doorn
22	David & Virginia Miller
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Children's Birthdays

August 24 Chloe Eastburn

(daughter of Chris & Rachel)

August 29 Domenica Eastburn

(daughter of Will & Maryanne)

August Birthdays

2	Delores Duble	17	Carol Stamm
2	Rachel Eastburn	19	Kitty Jazwinski
4	Richard Miron	19	Malcolm Stinson
5	Betty Bell	20	Steve Piper
7	Thomas Ennis	27	Curt Curtis
7	Elizabeth van Doorn	30	Ed Smith
9	Chris Collins	31	Michael Davis
12	Walter Jazwinski	31	Michell Eastburn
13	Fred Gooch	31	Tom Stamm
15	Vicki Piper		

August Anniversaries



1	Willard & Ruth Pike
5	Larry & Jan Malmstrom
5	Gary & Phyllis Olson
5	Mike & Willie Shearhart
7	Ron & Vicky Crowe
17	Steve & Vicki Piper
24	John & Peg Akin
26	Bill & Mary Cervini
31	Gary & Sandie Keating
31	Dale & Norma Sexton
31	Ken & Arlene West



52ND INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

une 26th through July 2nd SDC members enjoyed all of the events and festivities planned by our hosts, the Ocean Bay Chapter, with the assistance of members from the Nutmeg and Tri-Spokes Chapters. Sunday, many attendees were already arriving especially vendors who spent the day setting up for the opening of the swap meet that afternoon which continued the entire week.

Monday, the national SDC board met, the first tour was taken and Welcome Night was held with coffee and desserts for the guests.

Tuesday had many meetings including those for editors, presidents, regional managers and zone directors, international meet committee, the Studebaker National Foundation and, in the evening, the membership meeting. In addition to a tour to Newport, there were seminars and band practice.

Wednesday, the ASC board met, the band practiced for the second time in preparation for the evening concert, more tours and seminars and a craft session were held. In the evening, after the always entertaining Studebaker band played, the SDC auction was held.

Thursday was concours day when Studebaker cars and trucks filled the show field, this year the motel's expansive grassy lawn, the band played again and a ladies luncheon was held. The evening featured the ASC auction and the SDC Fun Night activity.

Friday, one last tour was held, this one to the state's capital, Providence. It was the last day for visiting the memorabilia and hospitality rooms and the vendors. A well attended Awards Banquet was the highlight of the evening.

Saturday, those who had not left after the concours on Thursday or on Friday said their good byes and members of the host chapters finally had time to relax after working so hard to insure .

It was a wonderful meet and was the last of the week long meets. It is hard to phantom how all the traditional activities SDC members have enjoyed at the meets for many years will be squeezed into fewer days.

The 2017 meet will be held May 3-6 in South Bend with the Doubletree Inn serving as the host hotel. The location of the 2018 meet was announced and it will be held in late August in Tacoma, Washington. If you have not had the opportunity to attend an international SDC meet or have not been to one in a while, start thinking about one or both of these upcoming venues.

GCSC members attending the meet were John, Kim and Callan Rodhouse, Ed and Linda Smith, Chuck and Chris Collins, Richard Dormois, Frank Wenzel, Kent Vandenberg, Bob and Mimi Halgren, Malcolm Stinson, Larry Swanson and Sid Rosen and Joshna Alexander.

It was good to see former chapter members Mark and Lynn Klinger who drove their 1957 Golden Hawk from their home in Maine. The Klingers are the innkeepers of the Sleepy Time Motel in Auburn, Maine.

MORE INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET NEWS

There were 408 registrations representing 818 members. 92 Studebakers were judged and 94 vehicles were registered for display. However, 231 vehicles were counted on the show field.

Malcolm Stinson's 1940 President and Frank Wenzel's 1931 President each earned 390 points for a first place in Division 1. Congratulations!

Long serving SDC secretary Nita Ketchum retired and Cindy Foust, Keystone Region Chapter member, was elected to fill the position.

At the SDC membership meeting Wednesday Becky Bonham, former executive director of the Studebaker National Museum was awarded the Harry Barnes award for her exceptional contributions to further the Studebaker legacy. Bob Palma, editor of The Studebaker Co-operator column in *Turning Wheels*, was awarded an SDC Service Award for his contributions to the Studebaker community.

Patrick Slebonick, the new executive director of the Stude-baker National Museum, reported three new and long-time on the wanted list Studebakers are now on display. They are a 1940 Commander coupe with 1800 miles, a 1955 Speedster and a bobsleigh.

The 2017 SDC International Meet chairman, Bob Henning, reported the meet in South Bend will run four days, May 3-6, the host hotel will be the Doubletree Inn, there will be no Fun Night or Awards Banquet, Ladies Luncheon and memorabila displays will continue, judging will be held Thursday and Friday and there will be a car show on Saturday with Studebakers and other makes cars. There will be possibly one tour to visit Building 84. It is hoped the shorter schedule will entice more members to attend.

SDC is implementing a Constant Contact program to foster more communication between the SDC and the chapter officers, the members and vendors. To be included on the email mailing list please be sure Cornerstone Registration has your current email address. Their contact information is on the back page of *Turning Wheels*.



The SDC band played before the membership meeting Tuesday. Chapter member Larry Swanson can be seen playing the drums. Glenn Shull is the band leader and plays the trombone.

Grand Canyon State Chapter Treasurer's Report Quarter 2

Submitted By John Rodhouse

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Ending Balance as of 4/24/16	\$	3,675.55
Receipts Chapter Dues National Dues	\$ \$ \$	100.50 25.00 125.50
Disbursements ECHO June Event Hemmings goodies Outstanding checks from April	\$ \$ \$	307.29 27.01 177.86 512.16
Ending Balance as of 7/14/16	\$	3,288.89
Cash on Hand	\$	177.00
Money Market Ending Balance as of 4/24/16 (YTD interest @ .05%) Ending Balance as of 7/14/16	\$	5,319.19 0.66 5,319.85

Web Sites of Interest

http://tinyurl.com/zselt5x Five "car shows".

http://www.chonday.com/Videos/trugotakl4 Turn your truck into a tank with an all wheel track system.

Thanks to Steve Fein for the two links.

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



WILL UNLEADED FUEL HURT OUR STUDEBAKER ENGINES?

SUBMITTED BY STEVE FEIN

ngines built before the early 1970s used leaded fuel and did not have hardened valve seats needed for unleaded fuel.

After tests were conducted by the U.S. Army, the Post Office & some large fleet operators (in the mid-70s) it was found that unleaded fuel did not cause a problem in vehicles that were not continuously operated over 3500 rpm or under heavy load (towing) conditions.

If you don't always drive at high speeds (over 3500 rpm) or do a lot of towing you should not have a problem with unleaded fuel in your Studebaker.

If you are rebuilding the heads on your Studebaker, installing hardened valve seats is an option even though it's not a requirement.

If you are not rebuilding the heads and need lead, you can purchase an additive with lead for your fuel.

HARRY BARNES AWARD, MINNIE BARNES AWARD & SDC SERVICE AWARDS

Submitted by the Service Awards Committee

S DC'S award program recognizes members and chapters who have given outstanding service to the club and their community.

Harry Barnes, who founded the Studebaker Drivers Club in 1962, believed strongly in the idea of giving back and established the Minnie Barnes Award in honor of his mother to be awarded to the individual or chapter that best exemplified this principle. After he passed away, SDC renamed it the Harry Barnes Award, in his honor, to be given to an exceptional SDC member. In 2005, the Minnie Barnes Award was re-established to be awarded to the chapter making a significant contribution to their community. In 2012, the SDC Board of Directors established another classification - SDC Service Awards - to be given to additional members or chapters showing exemplary service and leadership.

There are so many SDC members who stand out in their willingness to help others and to promote our cars and the Studebaker Drivers Club. There are also many chapters involved in community service projects. It's time to show these great Studebaker people that we appreciate them!

Please take the time to send in your nominations for those who deserve this recognition.

Just email the name of your nominee with a brief description of their contribution to the Service Awards committee members:

Susan Thomason thomason2@earthlink.net
Larry Swanson studepubs@aol.com
Don Cox studebaker don@yahoo.com

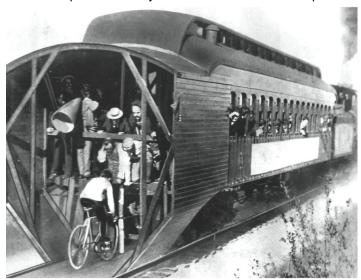
The committee is also looking for additional com-

mittee members. Let us know if you can help.

Mile-a-Minute Murphy and Then Some

By Dan Kuhl

chose this title to pique your interest and the fact that it is written the Indianapolis 500 Race weekend; and I have some topics that really wouldn't stand alone in separate articles.



In 1899 Mile-a-Minute Murphy rode his bicycle on a wooden track laid down between the rails of a railroad. Murphy believed he could use the vacuum created behind the train to attain never-before speeds on a bicycle. He was able to meet the test using "drafting" which is used extensively at the Indianapolis 500 to reach unbelievable speeds. Murphy is credited with originating this technique, used throughout the automotive racing world.

Now, for some hints to help maintain your Studebaker. The first deals with the nuisance of cats. At one time there were 13 cats in my yard, some of which urinated on my cars. I tried moth balls, but in the heat of Arizona they would sublime to a gas and would be gone in a couple of days. I decided to try something else odiferous — the answer was dryer sheets clothes-pinned to the car at strategic locations. Yes, they do work; I recommend Purex Brand.

The next product I recommend is Hoppe's Elite Gun Cleaning Solution for making your carburetor look brand new. At the recommendation of a Buick friend I tried it, and boy does it really help give your engine bay a final touch for the next car show. Be sure to use a cotton ball and tweezers to get into those really small nooks and crannies. The only problem is that the solution is a little expensive.

My third tip deals with vapor lock. Everyone has heard of using kerosene in the gas tank or electric fuel pumps, but has everyone heard of ceramic coating the exhaust manifold on your Champion six-banger? The other day I was watching U -Tube and a saw a '40 Packard coupe that a gentleman was showing after he had just finished its restoration. When he opened the hood with the engine running he put his hand on the manifold without burning it. He said the exhaust manifold was covered inside and out with ceramic; he stated this would definitely help in preventing vapor-lock.

The last tidbit deals with the car show I attended at 67th and Bell on Saturday, the 28th of May. The show was by far the largest I have attended at this site. There were numerous trailers parked at the edge of the show that were used to bring in the trailer queens. The big draw was a fund raiser for Officer David Glasser who recently died in the line of duty. The point of this tidbit is I thought I had heard everything but how wrong that thought was. While sitting next to my Avanti, three people strolled by laughing. One stopped to speak to me and in a dead-serious voice said, "they really should have put the Avanti body on backwards; with no grill I think it would look better the other way". I have owned an Avanti for 27 years and still look forward to the next visitor.

References: America Goes A-Wheeling by Harvey Geiger, Spring 2016, *Strut and Axle* published by the Owls Head Transportation Museum. Photo from *Wikipedia*.



Dave Kirkle shared this photo of JFK riding in a 1960 Lark during his presidential campaign.

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