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MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

**HOSTED BY THE CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD
AT THE HOME OF KEN & ARLENE WEST,
36620 N. 18th Street, Phoenix**

Time:

12 noon to 2 or 3 PM, but come early and stay late and enjoy the day.

Food:

It's a pot luck with the club furnishing hamburgers, hot dogs, the fixings, sodas and water. Members, please bring a side of your choice - salads, chips, desserts. Table ware will be provided.



Seating:

We have quite a few places to sit, however, it's a good idea to bring lawn chairs if you have them, just in case.

Entertainment:

We will have Studebakers parked around the property to view and discuss. Bring your car, truck, wagon and display it with the others. What a great way to gain information or pass on information about your vehicle. Doesn't matter if it's a show car or a major project, all are invited. There's a lot of knowledgeable people in the club and those of us needing/wanting information need to tap that source.

***Optional event:** There is a car show in Cave Creek every Saturday morning at Venues, a local restaurant in the city circle from 8 AM to 11 AM. It would be great to show up with a group of Studebakers to park with the hot rods and brand Xs. Anyone interested? Call or text me (602-819-9826) and we can make arrangements to meet for coffee/breakfast and then proceed to the house for the meeting after.

Remember that every Saturday evening there are car shows at the Pavilions in Scottsdale and at Bell Rd. and 59th Ave., so you can make a whole day of "Studebaking" and showing off our hobby if you wish.

We are looking forward to having you all join us. ~ Ken & Arlene

See page 7 for directions to the Wests home.

From the Editor's Pen.....

If you haven't voted yet for PSW Zone Director, the ballot is reprinted again on page 8 along with candidate statements. Please vote.

Hope you will attend one of the Studebaker activities during the month of March. First up is the March Studebaker gathering in Tucson with easy access to the event venue from I-10 at Orange Grove Rd. And, if you are driving your Studebaker please join in the economy run and see how frugal you are. You could win a nice prize for your driving skill. The details on page 6.

Then, on March 24th the Chapter officers and board hosts at the home of Ken and Arlene West a member appreciation picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings are on the menu; just bring a side dish to share. There be door prizes and plenty of time for Studebaker talk and meeting members who may be new to you. As much as we love our Studebakers, it's the people who make our Chapter great.

Be sure to register now for the Barry Goldwater High School car show on April 6th. This is a great event for sharing our passion with a younger generation.

Thanks to all of the contributors this month.

Chris

GOODY BAG ITEMS WANTED

The Chapter board is asking members who have some of the items typically found in car show goody bags on hand that we will gladly take those items for creating goody bags or to give as door prizes at Chapter events. We are also looking ahead to the 2020 zone meet.

Bring items you wish to donate to any upcoming Chapter event. Peggy Eastburn will be happy to answer any questions about quantities or appropriateness. See her contact information below,

New Member Challenge

When a Chapter member recruits a new member to join SDC and/or the GCS Chapter, he/she will have Chapter dues paid for 2019. Just ask the new member to mention your name on the application where it asks "Referred by".

If you need recruiting materials, such as past issues of the newsletter, SDC brochures and business cards, please contact the editor.

The ECHO is the official newsletter of the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC and is published 11 times per year. Contributions are welcome and encouraged. Please submit articles, tech tips, etc. by the 20th of the month preceding publication. Other newsletter editors are welcome to use any material with proper credit given.

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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. -Charles Dickens



February was one heck of a beautiful month here in the great 'Valley of the Sun'! Wickenburg once again welcomed us with a wonderful parade where we took the Automobile Convoy Award. Thank you to those members that attended the membership meeting following and enjoyed delicious pizza and salad.

The Southern Arizona Chapter is working hard to plan our 2018 March Madness event. Please plan on joining our fellow Arizona Studebakers drivers for a fun filled day. Chapter members are encouraged to participate in a fun, yet competitive, economy run to Tucson, so air-up those tires and tune-up or tune-down those Studes.

The month of March will also include our Chapter Appreciation event. Ken and Arlene West have graciously opened their humble abode to host a lunch and car show. See Upcoming Events for more details.

Site selection for the 2020 Zone Meet is ongoing, members are encouraged to offer any suggestions to Larry Vahe, the event chair.

Well Wishes to
Carol Elliott
Mary Powell-McConnell

PASSINGS

LOWELL FOLLENDORF

We were saddened to hear Lowell Follendorf passed away in November. You may recall Lowell had a beautiful 1951 burgundy Champion Starlight Coupe and it so impressed participants he received two awards in the fun judging at our 2017 March Madness event. Lowell had bought the car in April, 2016 off eBay, partially because it had a unique provenance - it was once owned by Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee.

DICK EICHOF

Former member Dick Eichof passed away in February at his home in Denver. Dick and his wife, Mary Beth, were Chapter members for several years before moving to Colorado to be near family. Dick was well known for showing his M5 pickup at the Pavilions cruise-in most Saturday nights. After moving to Denver he acquired a very pretty 1941 street rod, seen in the photo below.

Lowell and Dick will be missed by the Studebaker community.



THE ANTIQUE STUDEBAKER CLUB SPRING EVENT

Submitted by Richard Dormois

Saturday, April 28, 2018 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, you are encouraged to enjoy what we think may be the premier collector vehicle gathering of the year. Help us make it so! The Arizona State Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club and Becker Automotive Restorations will host this event at 1985 East 5th Street, Tempe AZ 85281 (5th Ave. and Smith Rd. between Rio Salado Parkway and University Avenue). Mark it on your calendar now and make it a priority. You will probably be glad you did.

Take this opportunity to show your Studebaker related car or truck or horse drawn vehicles of all years, 1852 to 2008. You are encouraged to show them in whatever condition they may be in. This is not just a display of show vehicles and the judging will be PEOPLE'S CHOICE with some very handsome awards. Just vote for what you like best! We have fifty spaces reserved on the show field on the west side of the complex and the east side of the building is for parking of trailers and "Brand Xs".

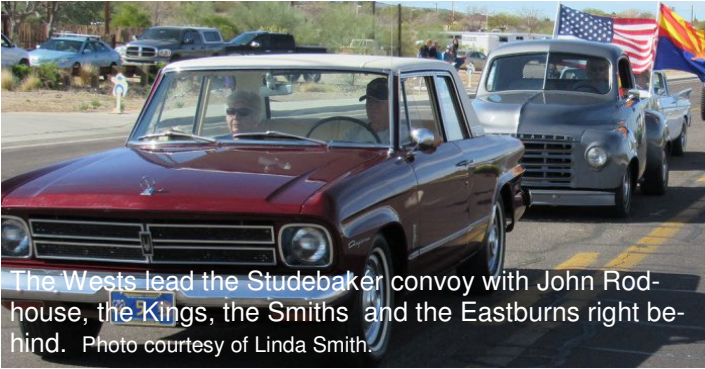
No pre registration is required and the event, including the 12:00 noon catered luncheon, is FREE. The guided facility tour of projects in progress is at 11:00 AM.

Just show up at 9:00 AM with your ride and your family and friends and enjoy the day. We expect to finish about 2:00 PM so you can have the rest of the day to enjoy the other Saturday events in the Valley such as the Pavilions car show just a short drive up Loop 101.

Although membership in any organized car club is not necessary, we are pleased to invite the Grand Canyon State Chapter and Southern Arizona Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, the Avanti Owners Association International and The Packard International Motor Car Club to join us.

Questions or if you would like to sponsor a trophy for the event, contact Richard Dormois at 702 461 3679 or 1938studeman@earthlink.net

GOLD RUSH DAYS PARADE



The Wests lead the Studebaker convoy with John Rodhouse, the Kings, the Smiths and the Eastburns right behind. Photo courtesy of Linda Smith.

Beautiful weather treated the drivers of six Studebakers to a wonderful parade experience Saturday, February 10th. One of the several events during the annual three day Gold Rush Days in Wickenburg, the parade is one of the largest in Arizona with over 100 entries including classic automobiles, floats, marching bands, youth groups and 1,000 horses. It attracted the usual large crowds which showed their appreciation for our group with lots of whistles, thumbs up and cheers. At the end of the day, it was announced the Studebaker contingent won the award for best automobile entry.

Kudos and hats off to everyone who participated.

They were Ed and Linda Smith joined by Ed and Linda Costell, 1959 Lark station wagon; Ken and Arlene West, 1966 Daytona; John Rodhouse, 1950 2R5; Mike and Sue King, 1959 Silver Hawk; Michell Eastburn driving her brother's 1953 Coupe; Chris and Rachel Eastburn and children, 1963 Champ pickup. Ted and Jan Widhalm were seen on the parade route cheering on the Studebakers.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2018 - BARROS PIZZA, SURPRISE

President Michell Eastburn welcomed members and guests at 1:04 PM and thanked the six families who participated in the Wickenburg Gold Rush Days Parade earlier. She previewed the All Arizona Studebaker Gathering, "March Madness", hosted by the Southern Arizona Chapter at Freddy's Frozen Custard, 3725 West Orange Grove Road, in Marana on March 10 and the Studebaker Gas Economy Run leaving Chandler Boulevard and Interstate 10 about 8:00 AM en route to the event. Valve Cover Race Track will be provided by our chapter. She previewed the Barry Goldwater High School Car Show, 2829 West Rose Garden Lane, Phoenix, April 6, 2018, 6 PM to 9 PM and told of a Member Appreciation event to be hosted by the Chapter and held at the Ken and Arlene West home beginning at noon. Chapter will provide meat and fixings and members should bring side dishes. Details will be in newsletter.

Vice president Peggy Eastburn said we have received an invitation via Sid Rosen from an entity at 1600 West Main Street in Mesa to display our Studebakers there at a museum within ten days of now and leave them there for several days. The contact person may be Tommee Ranger. Linda Costell cautioned that we should be certain they have insurance on our cars as she had a very bad experience doing that and lost a Corvette. (Richard followed up on the invitation, toured the building, spoke with Mr. Ranger and learned the venue is not quite ready for Studebakers to be displayed there.)

Secretary Richard Dormois reminded us the Grand Canyon State Chapter will join the Antique Studebaker Club for their Spring Event at Becker Automotive Restorations, 1965 East 5th Street in Tempe, (Smith Rd. and 5th St.) April 28, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM with People's Choice Judging of ALL Studebaker related cars and trucks with hosted buffet luncheon and tours. Award sponsorships are still available. Register at the gate for this free event. Michell will chair a brief membership meeting there after lunch.

Richard also reported that, as of this morning, eighteen people and ten Studebakers are registered for Studebakers Touring the White Mountains, May 13-18 2018. He brought the members up to date on the progress of the 2020 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet Committee. Ed Smith, Dan Kuhl and Richard Dormois have investigated sixteen hotel/convention properties from Elko, Nevada to Tombstone, Arizona. Most have failed to garner further consideration because they are too expensive for Studebaker pocketbooks. Holiday Inn in Mesa and The Windmill in Surprise are still being given consideration. If you have an idea, tell chairman, Larry Vahe at 58pkhawk@cableone.net The committee meets next at the Windmill on March 6th at 10 am.

Editor/membership chair Chris Collins said 115 of 165 members have renewed their membership in the chapter for 2018 and she appreciates the ongoing support for the ECHO newsletter. Keep the articles coming. She encouraged members to vote in the current election for Studebaker Drivers Club Board of Directors representative from the Pacific Southwest Zone. GCSC members Malcolm Stinson and Ed Smith are candidates. Mr. Smith said he was reluctant to speak without Malcolm there, but did say a few words about his qualifications and what he has to offer. Ballots appear in the ECHO and are due to SDC VP Don Jones, April 1, 2018.

Michell adjourned the meeting at 1:37 PM. Cheerfully Submitted, Richard Dormois, Secretary

Attending the meeting were Neil Bell, Ed and Linda Smith, 1959 Lark station wagon, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Ed and Linda Costell, Larry Swanson, Steve and Paulette Fein, George and Judy Stout, 1963 GT Hawk, Chuck and Chris Collins, Bill and Peggy Eastburn, 1965 station wagon and Michell Eastburn.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 4** GCSC BOARD AND OFFICERS WILL MEET AT RODEHOUSE RESTUARANT, 2425 S. 24TH ST., PHOENIX AT 1:00PM. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. INFO: 602-803-1359 OR michell.eastburn@asu.edu
- MARCH 10** ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING, AKA MARCH MADNESS, HOSTED BY SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER, WILL BE HELD AT FREDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD AND STEAK BURGERS, MARANA MARKETPLACE, 3725 W. ORANGE GROVE RD. (EXIT 250 OFF 1-10) FROM 10AM-3PM WITH VALVE COVER RACES (SEE RULES ON PAGE 6), RAFFLES AND MORE. BRING A CHAIR. GCSC MEMBERS DRIVING STUDES CAN CARAVAN AND COMPETE IN AN ECONOMY CONTEST. SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS. CONTACT JOHN LEWIS AT lewishoot@cox.net FOR EVENT INFORMATION.
- MARCH 15-18** ASC SOCAL CHAPTER MEET IN PALM SPRINGS, HOST HOTEL: QUALITY INN, 1269 E PALM CANYON DR. CALL 760-323-2775 FOR RESERVATIONS . PET FRIENDLY. MEET & GREET, TOURS, MORE. FOR INFO OR TO RSVP CONTACT FRANK WENZEL BY MARCH 11 AT 760-774-3377. \$25 PP PAYABLE ON ARRIVAL.
- MARCH 24** GCSC MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC AT KEN & ARLENE WEST HOME, 36620 N. 18TH ST., PHOENIX. CHAPTER WILL PROVIDE BBQ AND FIXINGS, MEMBERS BRING SIDES/SALADS OR DESSERTS. TABLE SETTINGS AND DRINKS FURNISHED. DRIVE YOUR STUDE FOR A BACKYARD CAR SHOW. SEE PGS 6/7 FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- MARCH 25** LA CHAPTER HOSTS CLASSIC STUDEBAKER CAR SHOW AT BOB'S BIG BOY, 8876 CORBIN AVE., NORTHRIDGE, CALIF. 9AM-3PM. REG. FORM AT www.studebakersla.com
- APRIL 6** GOLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL CAR SHOW ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD., 6-9PM. ENTRY FEE IS \$10.00 AND ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND. REGISTER AT CAR SHOW WEBSITE bghscarshow.com. YOU RECEIVE A T SHIRT AND A FREE DINNER MADE BY THE SCHOOL CULINARY DEPARTMENT. REGISTER NOW AS FIELD WILL FILL FAST. SCHOOL ADDRESS IS 2829 W. ROSE GARDEN LANE, PHOENIX.
- APRIL 21** 7TH ANNUAL CRUISE-IN FOR THE VETERANS AT YAVAPAI COLLEGE, 100 E SHELDON ST, PRESCOTT FROM 9AM-3PM. \$30 DONATION BEFORE APRIL14TH. SEE PAGE 13 FOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATION OR CALL STEVE AT 928-713-0978.
- APRIL 28** CHAPTER WILL JOIN ASC FOR SPRING EVENT AT BECKER AUTO RESTORATIONS, 1965 E. FIFTH ST, TEMPE FROM 9AM-2PM FOR CAR SHOW WITH PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDGING, WALK & TALK TOUR OF PROJECTS IN PROGRESS, BUFFET LUNCHEON AT NOON. AWARD SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE. CONTACT RICHARD AT 702-461-3679.
- MAY 13-18** STUDEBAKERS TOURING THE WHITE MOUNTAINS. TOUR THE SHOW LOW AREA FOR 5 DAYS. HOSTED BY MALCOLM STINSON: 928-368-7442 or e-mail at swstudebaker@live.com SEE PAGE 14 FOR REGISTRATION FORM.
- MAY 19** CHAPTER MEETING AT DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.
- MAY 27** LA PALMA ALL STUDEBAKER CAR SHOW AND PARTS EXCHANGE, 8AM-3PM AT LA PALMA PARK, ANAHEIM (HARBOR BLVD & LA PALMA, SOUTH OF 91 FWY). \$30 FEE FOR JUDGED CARS, \$25 FOR DISPLAY, \$25 SWAP SPACE. ADD \$5 AFTER MAY 8. INFO: BUD AT 562-458-9991. HOSTED BY BCOIE CHAPTER, SDC. SEE PAGE 16 FOR REG. FORM.
- AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 1** 54TH ANNUAL SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET IN SEATTLE/TACOMA. REGISTER AT http://www.sdcmeet.com/Content/Docs/2018_SDC_Registration_Form.pdf

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 4 BOARD MEETING

The Chapter officers and board will meet Sunday, March 4th at Rodehouse Restaurant, 2425 S. 24th St., (24th St. and University Dr.), Phoenix at 1:00pm. Members are welcome.

MARCH 10 ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER MEET

March for Arizona SDC Chapters signifies its the time of the year again for the all state Studebaker gathering (March Madness) and in 2018 we will meet at Freddy's Frozen Custard/Steakburgers, located at 3725 W. Orange Grove Rd, (Orange Grove & Thornydale Rds.), Tucson on Saturday March 10th from 10am to 3pm. Freddy's is located in the Marana Marketplace and is easily accessible from Orange Grove Exit 250 from I-10.

In addition to a Studebaker car and truck display, there will be awards, a raffle and valve cover races so bring your racer and compete for prizes. Please be sure to have your fire extinguisher to place at your front left tire of your Studebaker and bring chairs. Information? Contact John Lewis at 520-954-0904 or lewishoot@cox.net

MARCH MADNESS ECONOMY RUN

GCSC members who drive their Studebakers to Tucson for March Madness can meet for an Economy Run to leave at 8:00 am from the Chevron gas station next to Cracker Barrel at Chandler Blvd & I-10. Fill up your tank here, then everyone will caravan to the Arco station, 3825 W. Orange Grove Rd. just across from the Marana Marketplace, to fill up again. The Studebaker which uses the

least gasoline will win the challenge and the driver receives a nice gift. The driver in the Studebaker using the most gas wins the Gas Hog Award. The classes for the vehicles will be in direct proportion to the number and type of Studebakers entered.

The tourmaster is Ken West and he will have an entry form for each driver and will calculate mileage by using Google map date. Contestants are responsible for filling tanks at the starting point and Ken will monitor the filling at the end point. If you have questions you can call or text Ken at 602-819-9826. Brand Xes are welcome to join the caravan, but will not compete for prizes.

MARCH 24 MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT



The Chapter board and officers will host a member appreciation picnic at the home of Ken and Arlene West on Saturday, March 24th with festivities beginning at noon. See the cover for details and page 7 for directions to the West's home.

VALVE COVER RACES AT MARCH MADNESS

You have time to make a valve cover racer for the All Studebaker Gathering in Tucson on March 10th Using a Studebaker valve cover, here are a few rules to follow.

1. Must be a Studebaker valve cover.
2. Total weight cannot exceed 10 pounds. There will be an official scale.
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.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146				1	2	3
4 GCSC Board Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10 March Madness
11 DST begins	12	13	14 π Day	15 ASC Spring Meet in Palm Springs, 15-18	16	
18	19	20 1st Day of Spring	21	22	23	24 Member Appreciation
25	26	27	28	29	30 Passover Begins Good Friday	31

UPCOMING EVENT

MARCH 24 MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

Directions to picnic/meeting: 36620 N 18th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85086 -

Most GPS devices will get you close. Some are very good and some will get you very lost. Those that designed the street layout in this area did not follow any sort of established guidelines.....or were very intoxicated. We will try to have some SDC signage posted also to follow. Google Maps is very good.

The main cross roads are Carefree Highway & 16th Street. There is a traffic light at that intersection. 16th Street only goes North from Carefree Highway, so going the wrong way is impossible. North on 16th Street 1 mile there is a stop sign at Cloud Road. Continue straight on 16th Street another 1/4 mile to Delores, noted by the neighborhood mailboxes on the corner. Turn east on Delores, it doesn't go west, so it should another easy one. Now it gets exciting. You will remain on paved roads at all times. If you find yourself on a dirt road, you're lost. Continue East on Delores until you see 2 stucco posts, one with a roadrunner on top and the other a coyote. Turn right, (south) on the paved, narrow road just before those stucco posts. Looks like a driveway to the house on the corner, but it's not. It's 18th Street and you will follow it south through a dip and around the corner to the 3rd house. The American Flag will be flying at the gate. Just drive in and we will get you parked either in the front yard or back yard. There's lots of room to spread out.

Should you find yourself in the dirt or just disoriented, simply call us, 602-819-9826 or 602-819-9702 and we will get you redirected or come find you, whatever it takes.

We are looking forward to having you all join us.
Ken & Arlene

MOTORING THRU TIME

Five Chapter members participated in the annual Motoring Thru Time and Heritage Festival at Heritage Square in downtown Phoenix on Saturday, February 3rd. Showing their Studebakers were Dan Kuhl, 1963 Avanti R2; Dennis Roeper, M16 Tow Mater; Ed and Linda Smith; 1959 Lark station wagon and Gary and Sandie Keating, 1962 GT Hawk. John Rodhouse displayed his 1972 Porsche 914.

Also on hand were a 1965 Cruiser and 1957 Packard 4 door sedan, the owners unknown.

Photo of Smiths Lark courtesy of Linda Smith.



CELEBRATE!



March Birthdays

6	Virginia Steinmetz	22	Donald Grobengieser
9	Joan Hahn	23	Kellie Lepore
9	Lynn Sullivan	23	Dana Tietz
11	Joen Painter	24	Norman Marineau
11	Robert Mitchell	28	Mike Lynch
16	Brian Dersh	31	Linda Zimmerman
20	Michael Holub	20	Lisa Lynch

March Anniversaries

2	Walter B. & Nicki Ready
7	D. J. & Maddie Gaughan
11	Larry & Pat Swanson
15	Bill & Dina Dishman
16	Larry & Ruth Cushing
17	Paulus Musters & Janet Miller

Children's Birthdays

29	Aaron Rasmussen (son of Ron)
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Belated Birthday Wishes To

Bonnie Grainger	February 16
Tim Halchuck	February 18

2018 Chapter Dues are Due

This is the last call for 2018 Chapter dues. Please remit your dues soon so you don't miss out on the newsletter and hearing about Chapter events. You can send a check for \$15.00 for electronic delivery or \$18.00 to receive it through the mail. You also have the option of paying through Pay Pal using your credit or debit card. (Some members have noticed they become signed up for automatic renewal – you can uncheck that option when you pay.) Thanks to Peggy Eastburn for calling members to remind them about their dues.

Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership in the Grand Canyon State Chapter.

UPCOMING EVENT OF INTEREST

The Kiwanis Nuevo Club's annual Catch-A-Wave Car Show will be held Saturday March 17th at Kiwanis Park, Mill and Baseline Roads from 10am-2pm. Visit www.kiwanisnuevo.org or call 602-501-4646 for information.

Pacific Southwest Zone Director Election

Printed on the right is the ballot for the Pacific Southwest Zone director election for the 2018-2020 term. Candidate statements are below. Please vote.

My name is Ed Smith and I have been nominated for the position of National Director for the Pacific Southwest Zone. My wife Linda and I live in Goodyear, Arizona with our very well known Jack Russell Terrier named Iris. I have been with the Drivers club since 2000 and have served as the Grand Canyon State Chapter president for 6 years. Throughout that time, I encouraged all members to suggest and participate in activities as everyone has a voice and need to be heard. I also served as the Chief Judge for SDC for four years during which time I was able to show that Drive through Judging created less stress on judges and members and frees up more time for viewing the cars and socializing.

My goal with the SDC is to help the club continue to grow and spread the Studebaker name through the car collector world. I attend numerous all makes events and continuously promote Studebaker. I tell others of the Studebaker "Firsts" and how some of those got other manufactures to where they are today.

I strive to bring joy to all those that (at some time in their life) have owned, operated or known someone with a Studebaker.

I hope that you will consider voting for me as your Pacific Southwest Zone National Director. I will continue to try to make our club thrive. I have always thought that Studebakers are Great and that Studebaker People are the Greatest.

The Studebaker Drivers Club has been around a long time and has seen many things change through its lifetime. I feel that for it to continue for many years to come it must constantly make some changes but must still maintain its uniqueness. Changing board members occasionally helps to energize the workings of the club.

Everyone is different with different concepts of what should be done and how. If I am elected I will solicit everyone's help in finding ways to revitalize this club.

Ed's contact information is
edcollects@cox.net or 602-290-1045.

Over the last 4 years that I have been your Zone Director, I have helped several members and was very pleased that I could help. I am here to do whatever I can to assist any of you in the Pacific Southwest Zone and welcome a call or e-mail from anyone.

Please feel free to contact me at any time at 928-368-7442 or swstudebaker@live.com

Malcolm J Stinson Jr., Pacific Southwest Zone Director

Also, see page 7 in the December *Turning Wheels* for statements from the candidates.

2018 SDC Election Ballot for Pacific Southwest Zone

This Election is for the position of **National Director** for the two-year term beginning April 15th, 2018 through April 14th, 2020. Candidates are listed alphabetically. Current SDC members and their spouses, if applicable, each get one vote and must live in the **Pacific Southwest Zone**.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than April 1st, 2018 and sent to

Don Jones
SDC Vice President
P.O. Box 229
Concord, VA 24538

Emailed ballots must be sent to keydetsdj@aol.com no later than 11:59 P.M. EDT, April 1st, 2018. If you wish to download a ballot from the SDC web site, go to www.studebakerdriversclub.com and click on the image of the ballot box, and then follow the instructions.

Results of the election will be posted on the SDC Forum and published in *Turning Wheels*.

Official Ballot – 2018 SDC Election National Director, Pacific Southwest Zone (for term April 15th, 2018 through April 14th, 2020)

_____ Ed Smith
_____ Malcolm Stinson

Printed Name (self)

Signature

Printed Name (spouse)

Signature

Address

SDC# _____
(preferred but not required if address given)

Members voting for these candidates must be current SDC members and live in the Pacific Southwest Zone which consists of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah, MX-BCN, BCS.

THE
Studebaker
DRIVERS CLUB INC.

STUDEBAKER AND THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

By Jon Stalnaker

I spent a good portion of my life caring about two American icons. The Postal Service (formerly known as the Post Office Department) and the Studebaker Corporation. The Post Office dates back to Benjamin Franklin and Studebaker was building vehicles long before the day of the automobile. Postal history tells us that many of the roads in this country were created so that mail could be delivered to rural addresses. And as far as the western migration, many of the wagons traversing America were built by Studebaker.

Studebaker was a huge wagon and carriage manufacturing company. Their company motto and reputation were built on giving the customer more than they promised. As the Post Office Department expanded their delivery area, they needed vehicles to haul it. Studebaker was certainly a logical choice to deliver these vehicles and they were familiar with government contracts. They had the facilities to mass produce and a reputation for quality. While they were not used exclusively, they certainly produced their fair share of the desired vehicles.

It was the late 1890s and early 1900s that the horseless carriages, or what would later be known as the automobile, became all the rage. In the beginning they were toys for the wealthy but the introduction of the Model T Ford in 1908 changed everything. Cars were now affordable to the everyday person and the competition of the Model T Ford brought many an enthusiastic entrepreneur into the automobile business. Studebaker reluctantly got into the automobile business in 1902 with an electric car. They hesitated because they were so successful building horse drawn wagons that they weren't even interested in these new-fangled horseless buggies. They were certainly in a good position to be successful as their manufacturing plants were big enough to handle the job.



They went in partnership with other car manufacturers such as Garfield and Everitt, Metzger, Flanders and it was 1913 before Studebaker ventured out alone putting their name on an automobile. They were tasked with building motorized postal vehicles and added their take on what would eventually become part of the American scenery.

Studebaker decided to give up on automobile production in the early '60s. Competition from the "Big Three", GM, Ford and Chrysler, eventually forced the independent automakers out and Studebaker was one of the casualties. But...in 1963, they were awarded a contract to build a fleet of Post Office delivery vehicles. Studebaker completed that contract after they stopped building cars in South Bend, building a total of 4238 vehicles for the Post Office.

The Zip Van was built specifically for city delivery. Studebaker built the frames and

provided it's inline 6-cylinder motors and automatic transmissions for power. They had a unique dual pedal system that allowed the trucks to be driven from a standing position or seated in a fold-up seat. This allowed carriers on dismount delivery routes to easily jump in and out of the vehicle to deliver the mail to boxes that could not be reached from a seated driving position. This type of delivery has long ago been deemed too dangerous and is no longer an approved method of delivering mail. The bodies were built by the Met-Pro company in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. The two parts were assembled together and distributed to Post Offices throughout the United States. By the time the Post Office Department morphed into the Postal service, all Zip Vans were long retired. As a side note, the name Zip Van was used to publicize the new Zone Improvement Plan, or Zip Code that was created at the same time period. Yes, I remember the days before zip codes.

Studebaker went on to produce automobiles in Canada for model years 1965 and 1966. Studebaker cars were no more. Soon, the Post Office Department would also be no more. Today's Postal Service replaced it. We still get our mail like we did under the old system, however, Studebakers are no longer being made. But they are not gone. Thanks to about 12,000 members world wide, Studebakers are being restored and maintained for all to see. And, the best part is that they are still being drive.

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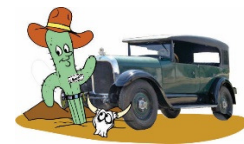
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