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Raymond Loewy's Blueberry-Topped Cheesecake

12 oz. softened cream cheese

3/4 cup sugar

2 eggs

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1/2 cup water

2 cups fresh blueberries, washed and drained

1 9-inch frozen honey-graham cracker pie shell

Preheat oven and baking sheet to 350° F

In a bowl, beat cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, and eggs until smooth and well-blended.

Pour into pie crust and bake for 30 minutes or until filling is firm. In a small saucepan, combine remaining sugar and cornstarch. Add water, stirring until smooth.

Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat and stir in blueberries. Spread blueberry mixture evenly over cream cheese filling.

Refrigerate 3 hours or until ready to serve.

Recipe from Avanti Magazine.

From the Editor's Pen.....

This month's cover pays homage to the Avanti, Palm Springs, Raymond Loewy and blueberries. Mr. Loewy is actually in the picture - he is standing next to the woman in the red dress. He was known as a pretty good cook and the *Avanti Magazine* features one of his recipes in each of its quarterly issues. Although I have not made the cheese-cake yet, it is on my to-do list.

As we approach fall and cooler weather (hopefully) the calendar starts filling up with chapter events and other car related activities. We will optimistically presume the temperature on October 6th will be temperate for an outing to the Pavilions Saturday cruise-in. Perhaps not so for Drive Your Studebaker Day but you will see the activities planned are mostly indoors with the opportunity to drive to the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Museum, then to lunch and finally back home. Depending on where you live, that should give your Studebaker at least a minor workout. However, don't let the lack of a Stude keep you from joining your Chapter friends for the day.

Thanks to September's contributors: Michell, Peggy, John, Dan Kuhl, Scott Grainger and Steve Fein. Check out the photos of cars for sale on page 13.

Drive Your Studebaker! Chris

CHAPTER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

Lections are around the corner and nominations are being taken for all offices and board positions. Although current officers and board members may run again for their offices, competition is encouraged and it is hoped some of you will decide to help out your chapter by running for a position on the board.

Contact any board member or the chairman of the nominating committee, Ed Smith, to talk about a position you might be interested in. Ed: 602-290-1045 or edcollects@gmail.com

TURNING WHEELS 1983 TO 2009 IN NEW BLUE STUDEBAKER BINDERS and several hundred "Vintage" loose *Turning Wheels* and *Antique Studebaker Review*. We shall NOT CHERRY PICK. We shall not ship. You win. ALL OR NOTHING. THE PRICE IS RIGHT.

Come on down! ENJOY. <u>F R E E</u>. We shall help load your truck in Mesa, Arizona, USA. Contact Richard Dormois at 702 461 3679.

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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

It's always amusing to see the look on the faces of car enthusiasts when I say "well, my Studebaker doesn't have a motor, it's a wooden wagon". I am the proud owner of an early 1900's Studebaker Jr Goat Wagon and nobody's looks or comments can take that pride away from me. As Studebaker owners we all need to be proud of what we have. Not all of us have show Studes, not all of us even have running Studes but nonetheless we are all proud Stude owners.

I only recently (the past few years) have owned my Studebaker Jr. Now, don't get me wrong, I learned to drive in a Studebaker and have ridden in more than most could ever image. I have Studebaker in my blood, have since the day I was born and I will always defend, support and promote the driving, towing, pulling and showing of Studebakers. I encourage all of us as Studebaker owners/drivers/enthusiasts to always support those who enjoy the hobby and teach those who want to learn. I never like to hear, "well, my Studebaker isn't running right now" that is never an excuse to not join in the comaradarie of monthly chapter events. Our Chapter is about more than just show cars, our Chapter is about Studebaker enthusiasts coming together for the common love of Studebakers.

September 8th is International Drive Your Stude-baker Day and I encourage all members to take a second look at your Stude this day, heck maybe take a selfie with it, and clean it up, drive it, push it out into the driveway, tow it out to the chapter event, and show your Studebaker pride extra on this day! I hope you are all able to join us at the Harley Davidson Museum on this date, I'm sure there are a few shiny bikes that will catch your eye and some awesome food at the North Mountain Brewery to follow.

Stick around for the upcoming months for the comeback of Trunk-or-Treat and a trip to The Dwarf Car Museum.



Michell's early 1900's Studebaker Jr Goat Wagon.



WELCOME BACK!

Max & Frances Waun 15802 S. Gilbert Rd. Lot 134 Chandler, AZ85225 480-726-2024 1960 Hawk

Well Wishes to

Carol Elliott Sue King Mary Powell-McConnell Carl Reid

Thank you.....

Thank you all so much! Not only for the kind words but for all the years the club has supported me. I know I was slow to open up but I can't imagine life without you all!

I'm getting my resume cleaned up and hoping to get a job in a lab for research. We'll see!

Thank you all!

Shayna King

Shayna recently graduated from NAU with a BS in Biology and Minors in Chemistry and Psychology. She was involved with chapter activities while in high school and created the 2013 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet logo. During her college years she would help out whenever she could while home.

Shayna, the Chapter is proud of your achievements. Good luck in your future endeavors.

2020 Zone Meet Update

by Larry Vahe, Meet Chairman

Your 2020 committee has been meeting on a monthly basis trying to narrow down the venue for the 2020 zone meet. We are meeting next month at another venue and have at least two contenders in the running. We hope to have a final selection made and announced at the Christmas dinner this December.

What we still need are some more ideas for logos. We have had several submitted, most recently one from Alan Tudor, so please put pencil to paper and submit your ideas to me (or any other committee member). The person suggesting the logo chosen for the meet will be awarded a complimentary banquet dinner at the meet.

If you have any other suggestions for making this a memorable meet please let us know.



THE MIGHTY WURLITZER AND PIZZA

Submitted by Michell Eastburn and Peggy Eastburn

Thank you to all forty Chapter members, friends and families who congregated at Organ Stop Pizza on July 14th. A special shout out to Scott and Bonnie Grainger for driving Toto and Brian Kovac for driving his 1962 GT Hawk to this event.

Christmas in July was fun as usual with the nice mix of seasonal music, Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer, Ghost-busters, Greek music, Little Mermaid (including bubbles) and Thriller!

Enjoying the delightful music emanating from the mighty Wurlitzer Organ and the enticing pizza pies were Jim Pruitt, Michell Eastburn, Richard Domois, Claudia Robinette, Scott & Bonnie Grainger driving Toto, Jim Clever, Marilyn Clever, Martha Kasapis, Scott & Marlene Benson, John, Kolton and Makenna Kroulik, Bruce & Pat Slifer, Lori Slifer, Kyra Tidball, George Gezelius, Al Riedel, Denny Lockmon, Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, Ike & Virginia Quigley, Barbara Russell, Dale & Norma Sexton, Mike King, Shayna King & her mother Rhonda, Chris & Rachel Eastburn and Aubrey, Chloe & Preston and niece, Bill & Peggy Eastburn, Brian Kovac, 1962 GT Hawk (Brian is a new SDC member and lives in Florence).

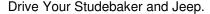


The Summer Pizza Meet

Submitted by Scott and Bonnie Grainger

It was a hot one, the weather outside the Organ Stop Pizza Emporium; it was chilly inside as the organ played lots of old and fun tunes. I took a quick break and went out to take photos of the Studebakers on the lot. It was a quick trip. There were only 2 Studes as you can see from the photos. Bonnie and I drove Toto. It was a quick trip for us. The Hawk seems to be trying to crawl under the meager shade of the nearby thin tree and not having much luck. It appeared as though a good time was had by all. For sure Bonnie and I enjoyed it. The seating is pretty tight there so we weren't able to get up and dance as we often enjoy doing.

We trust that you are enjoying your summer. We are in the midst of preparing our LC for the Great Race next summer. She has an issue with the fan clutch that I am working on and also am changing out the instruments to something similar to Larry Vahe's Avanti or a Hawk. It'll be nice when I get done.



Photos courtesy of Scott Grainger.



2018 MUCSLE CAR & CORVETTE NATIONALS



Studebakers have been stealing the show the past couple of years at the Muscle Cars & Corvette Nationals (MCACN) held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Ill. In 2018, the show dates are November 17 and 18 and once again Studebakers will be represented and hopefully a member of our own chapter, John Kroulik, will be there showing his special Studebaker. As many of you know, John rescued a 1963 R2 Lark from Chuck Naugle's Stude Acres called "The Whistler" which ran on area drag strips in the 1960s. John has been working on the car for many months but now is feverishly trying to make the Lark sufficiently ready to show at MCACN. In the future, there will

be many articles written about John's remarkable achievement preserving this piece of history and we hope he will regale us with a story about the restoration at one of our Chapter meetings. For now, you can read the saga of the Whistler here: http://forum.studebakerdriversclub.com/showthread.php?70141-1963-R2-Lark-quot-The-Whistler-quot

John isn't the first member to have a vehicle represented at MCACN. The show features performance vehicles and last year along with Super Larks and Super Hawks there were Avantis which were featured in a time line for historical perspective including Chapter member Dale Sexton's 1997 AVX model.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UDCOMING EVENTS

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 MEET SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION IN *TURNING WHEELS*.

SEPTEMBER 8

DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. TOUR OF HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM, 13850 N. CAVE CREEK RD. (NORTH OF CACTUS RD.), PHOENIX, AT 11:00AM FOLLOWED BY A CARAVAN TO THE NORTH MOUNTAIN BREWING CO., 522 E. DUNLAP FOR LUNCH, MEETING, DOOR PRIZES & LONGEST DISTANCE DRIVEN IN A STUDEBAKER PRIZE. MORE INFO: 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com SEE PAGE 6.

SEPTEMBER 23

GCSC BOARD AND OFFICERS MEET AT DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT, 7TH AVE & DEER VALLEY RD., PHOENIX, 1:00PM. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME. INFO? PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 6

STUDEBAKER NIGHT AT MCDONALD'S AT THE PAVILIONS, SCOTTSDALE. PLEASE NOTE WE NOW HAVE 15 SPACES RESERVED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE STORE. THE CHANGE IS DUE TO CONSTRUCTION. ARRIVE BY 5:00 PM. MORE INFO: SEE PAGE 6 OR CONTACT PEGGY AT peggyeastburn@hotmail.com / 623-936-6116

OCTOBER 18-20

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET IN PALM SPRINGS, HOSTED BY BCOIE, L.A. AND SAN DIEGO CHAPTERS. PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE STUDEBAKER NATIONAL FOUNDATION. REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 17 AT MEET HOTEL, 760-323-2775, AND FOR THE MEET – SEE PAGE 14 FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM OR ON GCSC WEBSITE. CONTACT FRANK AT carbuffps@yahoo.com / 760-774-3377 OR DON AT 951-529-0873.

OCTOBER 21

28TH ANNUAL ORPHAN CAR SHOW AT LOS OLIVAS PARK, 28TH STREET & DEVONSHIRE (NORTH OF INDIAN SCHOOL RD.), PHOENIX FROM 9AM TO 2PM. \$15 ENTRY FEE, \$20 DAY OF SHOW. DASH PLAQUES, FUN DOOR PRIZES AND AWARDS. CHAPTER WILL PROVIDE LUNCH, WATER AND A CANOPY FOR PARTICPANTS. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHAIRS. MORE INFO: 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 27

CHAPTER MEETING WITH TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT. VENUE AND TIME TBA.

OCTOBER 28

CHAPTER MEMBER JIM MCDONALD INVITES MEMBERS TO A TRUNK OR TREAT SHOW AND SHINE EVENT AT HIS CHURCH, THE RED MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH, 6101 E. VIRGINIA S., MESA (NORTH OF 202 AND EAST OF RECKER RD.). IT RUNS FROM 4:30 UNTIL 7:30 PM WITH FOOD TRUCKS AND FUN STUFF FOR KIDS. BRING A COUPLE OF BAGS OF CANDY FOR THE KIDS. JIM AT 480-467-9136. SEE FLYER ON PG 15.

NOVEMBER 10

AHWATUKEE SWIM CLUB AND THE ISLANDS CAR SHOWS. MORE INFO IN OCT.

NOVEMBER 17

TOUR TO VISIT DWARF CAR MUSEUM IN MARICOPA, LUNCH AT NEARBY RACEWAY GRILL. MEET AT 9:00 AM AT CRACKER BARREL, I-10 & CHANDLER BLVD. INFO: 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com SEE OCTOBER ECHO FOR DETAILS.

DECEMBER 1

CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY AT LAKEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 103RD AVE. & THUNDERBIRD RD., SUN CITY. DINNER AT NOON WITH MEAT AND FIXINGS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER, SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS BY MEMBERS. ANNUAL AUCTION FOLLOWS. CONTACT PEGGY TO RSVP AND TO VOLUNTEER AS TABLE HOST AT 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

JANUARY 19, 2019

WINTER GATHERING AT MARTIN AUTO MUSEUM. CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET, CATERED LUNCH. TO RSVP AND FOR INFO: 623-936-6116 /peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 8 DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY

Take your Studebaker out Saturday September 8th for a Drive Your Studebaker Day adventure. To begin the fun, drive to the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Museum at the Buddy Stubbs Harley Davidson dealership, 13850 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix (north of Cactus Rd. Exit Thunderbird Rd. east from I-17 or Cave Creek Rd. south from the 101). Plan to arrive around 11:00 am when the museum opens and to look around for an hour or so. The museum has 3,000 square feet of motorcycle history featuring more than 130 rare machines from 37 different manufacturers. Admission is free. Visit: https://www.buddystubbshd.com/museum We'll park to give the public optimum viewing pleasure.

Then, it's on to lunch at the North Mountain Brewing Co. at 522 E. Dunlap Rd., Phoenix (just west of 7th St.) to arrive by 12:30 pm. We'll caravan from the museum turning right onto Cave Creek Rd., traveling approximately 4 miles to Dunlap. Turn right onto Dunlap and then turn right at 522 into the parking lot. There are a few front row parking spots available to continue our Stude show.

The group room has been reserved for the Chapter and you can order from the menu for burgers, sandwiches, salads, appetizers and pizza. A large variety of beer brewed at the Brewing Co. is available, too. A short chapter meeting will take place after we eat.

Visit www.northmountainbrewing.com for information about the venue.

This event is for all members whether you drive your Studebaker or not. Join us at the HD Motorcycle Mu-

seum at 11 am and then to eat at the Brewing Co. by 12:30 am. If you can't make it for both activities, come to the activity that best fits your schedule. For more information contact 623-936-6116 or peggyeastburn@hotmail.com



SEPTEMBER 23 GCSC BOARD MEETING

The Chapter board and officers will meet Sunday, September at 1:00 pm at Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 7th Ave. & Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix. All members are invited. For more information contact Peggy at 623-936-6116 or peggyeastburn@hotmail

OCTOBER 6 CHAPTER DISPLAY AT MCDONALD'S

Chapter members are invited to display their Studebaker and related cars and trucks at the Rock and Roll McDonald's at the Scottsdale Pavilions, 9140 E. Talking Stick Way, east of Pima Rd. Due to construction taking place at the store we will not have 20 spaces reserved as originally planned but there will be 15 spaces on the west side of the store marked by yellow tape at 6:00 am for all day. Plan to be there by 5:00 pm but you can come and go any time during the day. If more that 15 Studebakers show up you can park facing the reserved spots.

Thanks to Richard Dormois for organizing this event. Info: Peggy at peggyeastburn@hotmail.com / 623-936-6116

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146	. • • .	A	UTUMI	5		I
2	Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 DYSD
9	10 Rosh Hashanah	 Patriot's Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Yom Kippur	19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn
Bd. Meeting	24	25	26	27	28	29

2018 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET

October 18-20 Palm Springs, Calif.

he 2018 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet in Palm Springs is coming up fast and, if you haven't' done so yet, there's still time for those who plan to attend to make reservations at the meet hotel, the Travel Lodge (formerly Quality Inn) at 760-323-2775 by September 17th for the meet rate of \$85.00.

Register for the meet using the form on page 14 or on the GCSC web site (www.grandcanyon sdc.com) by September 17 to save a late fee for registrations made after that date. If you want a meet t-shirt be sure to order one when you register.

If you arrive on Thursday you will be treated to a Welcome Party and Dinner in the evening at the Van-Wenzel Car and Memorabilia Collection.

Friday, registration and hospitality continues with Friday evening activities on your own, including a Ride & Dine on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Bring a jacket.

Saturday activities include the car show and Swap Meet at Sunrise Park with a food vendor on site and the banquet dinner and awards presentation in the evening.

The three Southern California SDC chapters hosting the meet are eager to see a large display of Studebakers and members. They are friendly hosts and the weather will be very nice. Plan now to visit Palm Springs and join in a pleasurable weekend of Studebaker overload. For further information you can contact Frank Wenzel at 760-774-3377 or Don Cox at 951-529-0873.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT. 4/27/18 - 8/19/18

Submitted by John Rodhouse

Ending Balance 4/27/18 \$3,829.73

RECEIPTS

Chapter Dues	78.00
Chapter Dues - Paid via Pay Pal	499.00
May / June 50/50	64.00
ECHO Ad	<u>25.00</u>
	\$672.00

DISBURSEMENTS

ECHO Printing & Postage	373.40
May Event Supplies	65.00
June Event Supplies	15.66
National SDC Meet Award Donation	100.00
PSW Zone Meet Award Donation	75.00
Name Badges	28.70
South Mountain Park Deposit (March Madness)	360.00
	\$1,017.76

Ending Balance as of 8/19/18 \$3,483.97 Cash on Hand \$181.00

Money Market

Ending Balance 4/27/18 \$5,3243.66 Interest @.05% \$<u>1.21</u> \$5,325.87 Ending Balance 8/19/18

CELBRATE!

September Birthdays

3	Jean Kirkel	16	David Ker
6	Steve Fein	17	Ike Quigley
7	Jan Malmstrom	19	Paul Horvath
8	Marlene McCoin	19	John Wiley
9	Chuck Collins	21	Scott Benson
9	Kimberly McDonald	21	Shelley Levin
10	Kolton Kroulik	22	Chuck Stanford
11	Gary Keating	26	Carmen Curtis
13	Meridith Tietz	27	Julie Hope
16	Bryce Denen	28	Mike Shearhart
	•	30	Mary Cervini

September Anniversaries

- Don & Kathy Parkey
- 5 John & Evelyn Verrill
- Jerry & Virginia Steinmetz
- Chuck & Louise Stanford 9
- 10 Mike & Violet Borens

Children's Birthdays

16 Karsten Rasmussen



CHAPTER FUNDRAISING

An art print of a Studebaker M truck, attractively framed by Bill Eastburn, will be raffled at the Chapter holiday party, December 1st. Tickets will be available at all up-





Photos courtesy of Steve Fein.

coming chapter events and are being sold for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. See Richie Fein or a board member to purchase your tickets.

The Chapter board is ordering 25 of the Studebaker themed t -shirts in gray and common sizes with a price of \$15.00. They will be available by Orphan Show, October 21st. If you wish to purchase kids, small or very large sizes shirts or one in another color please see Peggy at a meeting or contact her at 623-939-6116 or peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

STUDEBAKER MUSEUM AND SAH SELECT THE WORLD'S 10 MOST INFLUENTIAL CARS

By Daniel Strohl

They range in status from iconic to mundane and in age from ancient to fairly modern. Some seem relatively straightforward while others appear almost out of left field. Yet the 10 vehicles selected for the Studebaker National Museum's latest exhibit share two traits: None are Studebakers, and all of them helped shape automotive history.

As opposed to many of the museum's exhibits, 10 Cars That Changed the World, which opened last month, doesn't feature cars selected by the museum's staff. Instead, museum officials, working from the concept expressed in the exhibit's title, enlisted the members of the Society of Automotive Historians (SAH) to choose the 10 via ballot. They came up with about 70 suggestions, ranging from the 1939 Oldsmobile with its automatic transmission to the 1986 Ford Taurus with its aerodynamic design.

Andrew Beckman, archivist for the Studebaker National Museum, told *Design News* that only three or four vehicles – the Ford Model T, the Volkswagen Beetle, the World War II Jeep, and the first minivan – made the final list relatively unanimously. "But beyond that, there was no majority," he said. "No one's ballot completely agreed with anyone else's."

One would expect many of the 10 to date from the earliest decades of the automobile industry. Indeed, in addition to the Model T, the exhibit also includes an example of the Curved -Dash Oldsmobile, which introduced mass production to the automobile industry just after the turn of the Twentieth Century, and a 1912 Cadillac Model 30, the car on which Charles Kettering's electric self-starter debuted.

However, others date to as late as the turn of the Twenty-First Century. The front-wheel-drive Mini and the Citroen DS both featured innovative technology that would soon become widespread; the first-generation Ford Mustang, on the other hand, showed other automakers how to market successfully to specific demographic groups; and the 2001 Toyota



Prius, though not the first hybrid, at least thrust alternative powertrains into the spotlight.

The task of rounding up examples of the 10 vehicles on the SAH list fell to museum staff. The 1901 Curved-Dash Oldsmobile came from the R.E. Olds Museum in Lansing, Michigan; the 1984 Dodge Caravan from the Fiat Chrysler collections.

In addition to the exhibit, the museum will host at least a couple of related talks by SAH members during the exhibit. Don Capps – who recently spoke on the myth behind how Germany got its silver racing color – will discuss the Jeep's role in winning World War II on July 18. Then Ed Garten, the vice-president of SAH, will discuss the Volkswagen Beetle's journey toward icon status on August 15.

The exhibit itself will run through January 6. For more information, visit StudebakerMuseum.org. Also see Andy's column on page 9 in the August *Turning Wheels*.

Reprinted from July 3rd, 2018 Hemmings Daily emagzine. Photo courtesy of the Studebaker National Museum.

Technical Information

Transmission Mounts

On automatic equipped cars 1956 to 1966, there is a ½" thick spacer on the rear motor mount on the left, or the driver's side. It is there to insure the starter and steering box do not have a clearance problem.

Many times, the old mount will have sagged, become soft and pressed down around this spacer. When the mount is changed, the spacer sticks to the old mount and is hidden under grease, grime and dirt. It often is thrown away and the new mount is used without it.

When this happens, the shifter on the steering post does not line up properly and the throttle pressure control rod is way out of adjustment and your shift points are not where they should be. Do not forget to re-install that spacer when it has been removed.



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THE LION'S GROWL

By Dan Kuhl

As you have already guessed it, I try to write interesting articles that are Studebaker related. And believe it or not, it is so easy because Studebaker is still everywhere in our automotive culture, even though it has not been manufactured for over 50 years.

The other day, I was going through the cars for sale on eBay when I spotted a '62 Champ with Lions Drag Strip

Champ

on the door. It was a cool looking truck but didn't grab my attention until I spotted a reference to the same drag strip in the current issue of the *Buick Bugle*, news magazine for the Buick Club of America. This article was about drag racing the '38 Buick Century "Straight 8" at Lions. These cars could do 100mph, hence the name Century, but with a little tweaking these long strokers can do 118 in the quarter mile.

Well, my interest was piqued, so I searched the web for information about Lions Drag Strip. I found some great information and some racing videos on YouTube. They are worth checking out.

Lions opened October, 1955 in Wilmington, Calif., just outside of Long Beach, after a local judge became concerned about the dangers of street racing. He contacted some local charities to assist in paying for a drag strip 's construction. The new strip was named after the very prestigious Lions Club charity: The logo was a growling lion holding a dragster with the slogan "Drive the Highways...Race at Lions".

Soon after it opened racing legend, Mickey Thompson be-

came the manager. He turned the strip into a huge success when he instituted Saturday-night drag racing under the lights. The strip was known as the best in southern California, and went by the name "The Beach". Its location near the ocean supposedly gave the strip its "rarified air" that the racers so fondly coveted.

In 1965 an episode of the Munsters, "Hot Rod Herman", was filmed at Lions. And, it was at this drag strip that the Christmas tree race starting system was first employed. Until its use races were started with flags. On December 2, 1972, after 18 years of operation and 18 racing fatalities the track closed after hosting "The Last Race". Gates opened at 8 AM on the 2nd and closed at 1:30 AM the following morning.

Yes, the "Growl" has been silenced, but there is much to remember. Was the eBay Studebaker truck part of this historic racing scene? The owner selling the truck did not know. He claimed it is painted as he bought it. In any case, the paint sure put some growl in that old Champ pickup.

(Footnote of interest: Mickey Thompson and his wife Trudy were murdered in 1988. The case remains unsolved. Another footnote: Chapter member, Mark Ellingson, owned the truck for a short time before selling it at Hot August Nights.)

References: The Web and July, 2018 Buick Bugle

1953 COUPES AT 2018 BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS



On August 14th, Brandon Liggett drove his 1953 coupe to 326 mph at mile four on the long course.

Brandon's '53 is the black one, fourth from the left.

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The Studebaker National Foundation has \$1,500.00 scholarships available for qualified students. Please visit http://www.studebakernationalfoundation.org to download an application.

You can also contact Brian Millette at 602-300-5313 or abmillette@cox.net if you have questions about the SNF scholarship program.

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FOR SALE - STUDEBAKER CARS, TRUCKS AND PARTS - WANTED

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STUDEBAKERS FOR SALE

1985 AVANTI in Avanti white with a Fawn interior. Car is located in Maricopa, Ariz. This beauty has only 54,000 miles and is in pristine condition. We recently made the White Mountain run and had no problems. We have owned it for 3 years and it is currently being maintained by a Corvette specialist. It is in perfect condition and is ready to be shown. Serial number is 12AAv123XF1004198 and it was one of 96 made in 1985. For a complete set of pictures go to the internet and look up BOB JOHNSTONES AVANTI DATA BASE. Go to 1985 and to 4198 you will find a De Pere ad and about 25 pictures, it is where we bought it. Car has all the options available starting with a sunroof, Recaro seats, power seats, power windows and a Blaupunkt am\fm stereo system. The list just goes on, power locks, power steering, spare tire (never used). All of the running gear is Chevy 305 small block. Inside it has wood trim, a Nardi steering wheel. The under carriage is original and untouched. The fiberglass body is solid and straight and shows no sign of any body repair. It has been repainted and has very few scratches and still retains its luster. I am only asking \$25,000 for this beauty. I just turned 75 and am running out of steam. Terry Finkle 630-707-8697 terry@yourtaxteam.com (3)

1963 Avanti. Avanti red w/black & fawn interior. Supecharged w/4 spd & hillholder. Fresh paint. Chrome wheels w/vintage Crager Mags. This Calif. Avanti has great provenance. \$27,500 Dan Kuhl 602-757-2625 (1)

1952 1 ½ ton truck. New tires, paint, truck bed, this truck has been done really well. This truck has the 245 Commander engine and runs well. However, about 3 months after he had done this he passed and his wife needs to sell it. \$15,000.00 or reasonable offer. He had spent a lot more but make an offer. Malcolm swstudebaker@live.com / 928-368-7442 Located in Show Low. (1)

1951 Champion Starlight Coupe,

The 6 cylinder Champion engine runs really good/ has O D. The interior is not Studebaker but it was very nicely done. The car can be used as is but a paint job would top it off. Malcolm swstudebaker@live.com / 928-368-7442 Located in Show Low. (1)

1963 R1 Avanti in Avanti red. Restored to stock 2008-10 by the late Allen Barth. Restoration featured in Avanti magazine. 119K miles. Engine rebuild 8K miles ago included lowering compression. AC. HD springs, PW, PS, PB, AT, Twin Traction. Recent upgrades include tinted windows, exhaust system, carburetor, AC compressor, alternator, radiator fan, front brakes, power steering system, ignition and double insulation for interior. Radio doesn't work, very slight paint imperfection on hood. Interior is near perfect. Factory and previous owners documentation, calendar featuring car, car cover, original AC compressor, carburetor, radiator fan and several years of Avanti magazine included. \$41,000.00 Tim Painter paintim613@aol.com (1)

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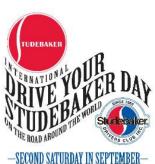




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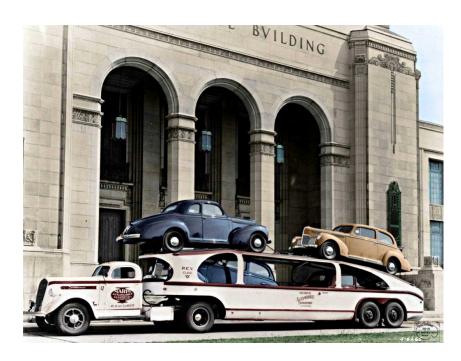


REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8 Drive Your Studebaker Day

23 GCSC Board and Officers Meet

See pages 5 & 6 for details.





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GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are for one year beginning on January 1.

Chapter dues are (check one)

_____\$18.00 yr to receive the newsletter by mail or \$15.00 yr to receive the newsletter electronically If joining during the year, dues are prorated at \$1.50 per month.

Your dues include eleven issues of the award winning *ECHO*, a Chapter roster and the best club activities throughout the year.

Membership in the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. is compulsory to be a member of the Grand Canyon State Chapter of SDC, Inc. If you are not a member of SDC, add SDC dues to your chapter dues which the treasurer will remit for you. SDC dues are \$24.00 for new members, first year only. To renew your SDC membership, add \$31.00; both include *Turning Wheels* magazine. Or \$10.00 for membership without the magazine.

Any questions can be directed to the address below or to Chris Collins at 602-995-2146 or ccollinsaz@cox.net Please make check payable to the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC and send with this form to: GCSC, P. O. Box 37464 Phoenix, AZ 85069-7464.

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STUDEBAKERS FOR SALE. SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS.



1963 Avanti R1 for sale by Tim Painter.



1940 President for sale by Denny Lockmon.





1951
Champion and
1952 1 1/2T
Truck
for sale by
Malcolm
Stinson.





1963 R2 Avanti for sale by Dan Kuhl.

Studebaker Fun In The Sun Registration

The Southern California SDC Chapters of Beach Cities-Orange Inland Empire, Los Angeles, and San Diego, welcome you to beautiful Palm Springs for the 2018 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet October 18 – 20, 2018.

The meet is open to all Studebakers, Packards, Pierce Arrow, and EMF.

Activities

Thursday: Meet registration at the host hotel and a Welcome Party including dinner at the VanWenzel Car and Memorabilia Collection (included in registration).

Friday: An optional evening Ride & Dine on the world famous **Palm Springs Aerial Tramway** up to 8,516' with dinner and a magnificent view of the Coachella Valley below. Bring a jacket!

Saturday: Car show at Sunrise Park, the best venue in Palm Springs for a show, and a banquet dinner and awards presentation at the **Indian Canyons Golf Resort**

Host Hotel

Quality Inn; 1269 E. Palm Canyon Drive; Palm Springs, CA 760-323-2775

Room Rate: \$85.00 + tax/night, a fantastic value during peak season in Palm Springs!

Mention "Studebaker Zone Meet" when making your reservation.

Reservation deadline is September 17, 2018! Trailer parking available.

The Palm Springs weather in October is ideal, averaging a morning low of 61° and a daytime high of 93° with a minimal chance of rain.

RV Parks

Happy Traveler RV Park 211 W. Mesquite Ave; Palm Springs 760-325-8518

Emerald Desert RV Resort 76000 Frank Sinatra Dr; Palm Desert 877-624-4140

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A - Pre War Studebaker
B - Post War 1947 - 1952
C - Post War 1953 - 1958
D - C & K Coupe 1953 - 1961
E - Lark 1959 - 1966

F – GT Hawk 1962 – 1964

G – Avanti 1963 – 1964 H – Avanti II 1965 & Newer I – Studebaker Truck K – Custom/Modified

L – Studebaker Related and Special Interest

GENERAL REGISTRATION

Early (before Sept 17, 2018) per family Late (after Sept 17, 2018) per family Early/late registration based on postmark date	\$35 \$40	Saturday Awards Banquet (Italian Buffet)x \$39.95/person =
Parts Exchange Space – Outdoors 15x15 CONCOURS JUDGED (per car) Stude Year/Model CONCOURS DISPLAY (per car) Stude Year/Model Car Corral (for sale) Optional Friday Evening Palm Springs Aerial Tr	\$10 Class \$12	Meet T-Shirt (Adult Sizes) S M \$15 = L XL \$15 = 2XL 3XL \$17 = Meet T-Shirts Must Be Pre-Ordered; Not Available at the Show TOTAL ENCLOSED:
Address:	City:	How Many?AdultsChildState:Zip:Are Your Bringing a Trailer ?

Registration Deadline is September 17, 2018. Please return fees (payable to BCOIEC-SDC) and registration form to: Debbie Stockey; 17410 Golden Maple Lane; Yorba Linda, CA 92886

For additional information, contact Meet Chairmen Frank Wenzel 760-774-3377 or Don Cox 951-529-0873

In consideration of accepting this entry, I and any passengers, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for my heirs and my executors, and/or myself waive and release any and all rights to claims or damages I may accrue against the persons and organization affiliated with this event, and release the City of Palm Springs and BCOIEC-SDC, SDC-Los Angeles, and SDC-San Diego and any member of the event staff or volunteer, for any and all injuries and/or property damage that may be suffered by me, my passengers or my property, as a result of participating in this event, including driving to and from such event, participation in the event, parking at or near the event.

In addition, I acknowledge that California State Law requires that I carry proof of current vehicle insurance and that the show organizers require adherence to this law for participating vehicles. ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER FOR SAFETY PURPOSES. I acknowledge that I am over the age of 18 years old and have read and understand all of the above.

Signature of Participant	Date

SHOW AND SHINE Trunk or Treat

October 28th, 2018 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm

Please bring a couple bags of candy for the kids

Red Mountain Community Church will be having annual fall Show and Shine with a Trunk or Treat. Classic, custom cars, vintage trailers and classic motorcycles are all welcome. This is a great event to bring the whole family to with **free** inflatables, large blowup slide, pony rides for the kids and much more.. **Please bring a couple bags of candy for the kids**

We will have Food Trucks so bring some cash for your dinner. Red Mountain will provide a free lemonade & bag of kettle corn for each car entry. If you would like to reserve space for a club or group just call. Registration is free and available on our website RMCChurch.org/showandshine. Day of registrants are welcome and will be first come first serve.

Information or Questions call Jim McDonald @ 480-467-9136

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East of Recker Rd

Bring registration below day of show or we will have paperwork available that day.

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Phone	Club Affiliation		
Make/Model/Year			
Date	Signature		

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, the entrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Red Mountain Community Church, its property, owners, agents, members, volunteers, and anyone else connected with the management of this event from and against all liability for any loss that the entrant or their guests, or family members may incur including personal injury or property damage or as a result of any claims, demands or judgments arising from the entrants' involvement.