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Snow Day

By Sam D

Snow is falling to the ground,
Piling up in enormous mounds.
School is canceled for the day.
Children run outside to play.

Snowballs are thrown in the air.
No one has any care
About school-only fun,
Because the day is a snowy one.



CHALLENGER 4-DOOR SEDAN in Arctic White

COMMANDER 4-DOOR SEDAN in Golden Sand

CHALLENGER 2-DOOR SEDAN in Laguna Blue

From the Editor's Pen.....

This month's cover features advertising art for the introduction of 1964 models and although most of us won't experience the snowy weather this winter, we can appreciate the scene. I borrowed a couple of stanzas of a poem written by a 12 year old who was hoping for a snow day which happened the very next day after he composed the poem.

With dues being due many of you would be paying on the web site using Pay Pal. Currently, the web site is being updated and won't be available for a while. Please check from time to time to see if it is up for you to use Pay Pal. Alternatively, just send a check for your renewal.

The Chapter board is seeking a member who would be interested in serving as the webmaster for the chapter website. Contact Michell if you would like to help with this important job.

Thanks to our contributors: Michell Eastburn, Steve Fein, Richard Dormois, Richie Fein and Dan Kuhl. Thank you, also, to all who have contributed throughout the year to help keep out newsletter informative and interesting. Your input is appreciated.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays to all.
Chris

GCSC AND SDC DUES

Grand Canyon State Chapter dues for 2019 are due in December. You can mail a check for your yearly dues or you can pay them through Pay Pal by visiting the Chapter web site (<http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com>) and clicking on the link on the front page. You have the choice of \$18.00 yearly dues for which you receive your on the web sitenewsletter through the mail and \$15.00 yearly dues for which you receive your newsletter electronically.

All members with an email address has been receiving the newsletter electronically plus a paper copy if proper dues were paid. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically exclusively, please indicate this when you renew. Your dues are less when you receive the newsletter via email and you save the Chapter the cost of having a paper copy printed. Please consider this option when you renew.

Please check that your SDC dues are current as all members of the GCSC must be a member of the national organization for insurance purposes. If you do not wish to receive *Turning Wheels* you can remain current

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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

Season's Greetings as I write this for the 12th and final month of 2018. Seems as though this year has flown by, but then again don't they all. Reflecting on this past year I hope that good times were had by all at our numerous chapter meetings, cruise-ins and car shows throughout the Valley of The Sun and beyond. I would like to thank the chapter members and families for participating, volunteering, supplying, hosting and supporting the Grand Canyon State Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club this year, it has been a pleasure serving as your President.



Looking to the near future our Winter Gathering will be held on January 19th. This event will be one that you won't want to miss. Usually Mother Nature provides us with a beautiful morning to allow for a beautiful showing of cars where people's choice awards will be presented. Don't forget there will be swapping at the event as well. A catered lunch will be available to attendees and a membership meeting to follow.

Going forward we must keep in mind that our chapter is hosting the 2020 Zone Meet. Larry Vahe is the Meet Chair and has assembled several chapter members to support him with numerous committees. Contact Larry or a board member if you would like to assist or have some awesome ideas to offer for a theme and/or logo.

Once again thank you members of the Grand Canyon State Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club for supporting, encouraging, volunteering and participating in all things Studebaker, for without you this club would not be a club.



YOU!

Thank you for your chapter membership.

New Member Challenge

The Chapter renewed the Member Challenge for 2019. 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".

Members acknowledged for their referrals were Chuck Collins, Linda Smith, Malcolm Stinson and Bruce Sandburg. Thank you for promoting the Chapter.

Well Wishes to

Dave Baker
Mary Powell-McConnell
Keith Muske
Esther Reid
Rosalie Torske

GET A MEMBER GET A MONTH!

The best resource for recruiting new club members is YOU! Now we want to reward you. For every new member you get we'll extend your SDC membership by one month! Here's how:

- When you get someone to join make sure they mention your name to get credit.
- No limit! 12 new members = 12 added months!
- New members only or have not been an SDC member for 3 years or more.

Applies to full memberships only. Effective through 12/31/19

NEW "Get Members, Get Months" promo!

The SDC has always been appreciative of its members who put forth the effort to bring new folks into the club. Starting right now, SDC wants to reward you for that continuing effort. This membership recruiting promotion is simple. For each new member you get signed up your own SDC membership will be extended one month. As the ad indicates, when you get a new member (or a former member who has not been in the club for at least 3 years) to join with a full membership (with Turning Wheels) just have them give Cornerstone Registration YOUR NAME AND/OR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER to get another month added to your membership.

Thanks in advance. Go get-em! Don't forget, first year dues are just \$24.00.

NOVEMBER EVENT - THE DWARF CAR MUSEUM VISIT

Cheerfully Submitted by Richard Dormois GCSC Secretary

At about 9:30 AM, four Studebakers and other brands took off from the Cracker Barrel, I-10 and Chandler Boulevard headed for Ernie Adam's Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa. The sign said "Maricopa 26 Miles". It was. We moved another twenty miles or so through cotton, cattle feed and melons but sparsely inhabited Pinal County until arriving at 52954 West Half Moon Road.

Ernie and thirteen finished and under construction dwarf replicas of several American production cars powered by engines of other countries, mostly Asian, welcomed us. Mr. Adams has been building dwarf cars since 1980 in the Phoenix area and currently in Pinal County where he moved buildings from Phoenix and constructed some on the current property. Although several rooms in the main steel building quarter the dwarf cars, a myriad of interesting, once driven, motor cars and trucks of domestic manufacture, adorn the twenty acre expanse. Most of our membership ventured outside to examine and photograph an array of refrigerators, washing machines, farm implements, vintage tools and miscellaneous interesting junk. I think about twenty eight people signed Ernie's guest book and enjoyed snacks and bottled water. There is no admission, but a slotted box with a sign indicating this is a non profit museum and donations are welcome. Ernie, who lives on the property with his wife, said folks are usually pretty generous and the museum is a popular destination for tour busses and visitors from many other countries. He made himself available all the time we were there and shared historic stories about the place and his adventures driving the dwarfs throughout the Midwest attending collector car events. Over the years he has been recognized at most of our local car shows including the Orphan Car Show we attend every year at Los Olivos Park in Phoenix.

About 11:30 AM we took off for the NASCAR themed Raceway Grill a short ways away on Papago Road, also with a Maricopa address but remote from most habitat. This is essentially a sports bar on steroids where we enjoyed lunch off the varied menu and quite an array of memorabilia, vintage license plates and examples of car parts on the walls and ceiling.

Michell called her membership meeting to order about one and reviewed the Holiday Party, December 1 at the Lakeview United Methodist Church in Sun City and our catered Winter Gathering with car show awards at the Martin Auto Museum, January 19, 2019. Richard made a strong push for our hosting the All Arizona Studebaker Meet, "MARCH MADNESS" at South Mountain Park on March 2, 2019. Food there but bring a picnic if you want and enter the valve cover races.

Encourage your friends in the chapter and those in the Southern Arizona Chapter to make this the best March Madness ever. Michell followed up by urging folks to pick a category on a Studebaker, make a trophy to match, judge it and present the award. Ed Smith promoted the Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Day Parade entered by the Antique Studebaker Club and the Thanksgiving pot luck dinner hosted by Bonnie and Scott Grainger after the parade at their home in Mesa.

Peggy Eastburn accepted reservations for the Holiday Party, promoted the framed M5 fund raising image and Studebaker T shirts sales and accepted 2019 Chapter membership dues and passed out drawing tickets for door prizes.

Callan Rodhouse drew door prize tickets and several members won very nice prizes. Thank you, Callan.

Mike King accepted ballots for the election of 2019 chapter officers to be announced at the Holiday Party, December 1.

Richie Fein sold 50/50 tickets and Don Parkey won \$27.00 of the \$54.00 pot and donated it to the Chapter. Peggy said \$20.00 of it could be used for a Winter Gathering Trophy at Mel Martin's.

Michell concluded the membership meeting at about 2:30 PM.

Attending were Steve & Paulette Fein, Richie & Dolores Fein, Ed & Linda Costell, Mike & Sue King (1957 Silver Hawk), Bill & Judy Barker, Michell Eastburn, Bill & Peggy Eastburn, Claudia Robinette, Richard Dormois, Garry Klinger (1952 Commander SLC, Ed & Linda Smith (1959 Lark Station Wagon), Robyn & Ervin Souder (1955 President), Don Parkey, Jim Clever and friend Bill Peterson, Jim & Sharon Carlin and friends Carolyn & Norm Thomason and John & Kim Rodhouse and family.

See photos of all events on the Chapter Facebook page and Chapter web site. Enjoy!



Dolores Fein demonstrates why Ernie's creations are called "Dwarf Cars". Photo courtesy of Steve Fein.

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 DRIVERS CLUB INC.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DECEMBER 1** **CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY.**
- DECEMBER 16 CARS AND CIGARS 2018 AT OLIVER SMITH JEWELER, 8767 N. SCOTTSDALE RD., 12PM TO 3PM. IF INTERESTED IN DISPLAYING YOUR STUDEBAKER SEND YOUR NAME, MAKE, MODEL AND YEAR OF CAR TO pvolny@cox.net. SHOW IS FREE. ENJOY TACOS, A GOOD CIGAR AND MUSIC. IF NO CAR TO DISPLAY, GO TO VIEW BEAUTIFUL VEHICLES.
- JANUARY 6** **GCSC BOARD AND OFFICERS MEET AT RODEHOUSE RESTAURANT, 24TH ST. & UNIVERSITY, PHOENIX, 1:00 PM. MEMBERS WELCOME. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com**
- JANUARY 19** **WINTER GATHERING AT MARTIN AUTO MUSEUM. CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET, CATERED LUNCH. TO SPONSOR AN AWARD FOR \$20.00 OR TO RSVP AND FOR INFO CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 /peggyeastburn@hotmail.com SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFO.**
- JANUARY 20 SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL BANQUET AT TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH WITH AUCTION, AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS. TIRE KICKING FROM 10-11:30AM AND LUNCH FROM NOON TO 1:30 PM. ADULTS \$33.00, CHILDREN (4-11) \$14.00. MAKE RESERVATION AND PAYMENT BY JANUARY 16 TO CHUCK STANFORD, PO BOX 12913, TUCSON, AZ 85732 QUESTIONS: CHUCK AT 520-888-1563
- FEBRUARY 2** **CHAPTER WILL HAVE LUNCH, CAR SHOW AND MEETING AT ARIZONA ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB, 7509 N. 12TH ST., PHOENIX. PHYLLIS AND PAUL SETARO, HOSTS. FOR INFO: 623-936-6116 /peggyeastburn@hotmail.com**
- FEBRUARY 9** **GOLD RUSH DAYS PARADE, WICKENBURG. CHAPTER WILL PARTICIPATE. MAKE PLANS NOW TO DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER OR OTHER VINTAGE VEHICLE. MEET FOR LUNCH AFTER AT BARROS, SURPRISE. FOR INFO CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com**
- MARCH 2, 2019** **ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING - MARCH MADNESS - AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARK. START THINKING ABOUT MAKING A FUN JUDGING AWARD (YOU CHOOSE AND MAKE A FUN AWARD - AS AN EXAMPLE: BEST POKER HAND ON THE ODOMETER AND THEN AWARD IT TO YOUR CHOICE OF WINNER) AND/OR CREATE A VALVE COVER RACER. YOU ARE WELCOME TO DONATE A RAFFLE ITEM. FOOD VENDOR OR BRING YOUR PICNIC LUNCH. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com**
- MARCH 14-17 ASC SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER SPRING MEET, PALM SPRINGS. HOST HOTEL: THE TRAVELODGE, 1269 E. PALM CANYON DR. 760-323-2775 FOR RESERVATIONS AT \$105/NIGHT BY FEBRUARY 14. RSVP TO FRANK WENZEL AT 760-774-3377BY MARCH 9 FOR MEET AND GREET ON 14TH. \$25 PER PERSON DUE UPON ARRIVAL.
- SEPTEMBER 11-14 55TH SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET IN MANSFIELD, OHIO AT THE RICHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. MORE INFO ON HOTELS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON IN *TURNING WHEELS*. QUESTIONS: DAVE HAMBLIN AT 419-947-1360 / daveh2949@centurylink.net
- SEPTEMBER 27-29 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET IN SACRAMENTO AT THE LIONS GATE HOTEL. \$89 PER NIGHT W/BREAKFAST AND PET FRIENDLY \$50 FOR ENTIRE STAY. 916-426-9593. MENTION STUDEBAKER CAR CLUB PRICING. CALL CHAIRPERSON LINDA BARNARD AT 916-213-8989 FOR INFORMATION.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 6 GCSC BOARD MEETING

The Chapter board and officers will meet Sunday, January 6th, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Rodehouse Restaurant, 24th St. & University, Phoenix. All members are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Peggy at 623-936-6116 or peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

JANUARY 19 WINTER GATHERING

Saturday, January 19th, GCSC will be returning to the Martin Auto Museum for the annual Winter Gathering and Meeting. The day's events begin at 10:00 am with a car show in the museum parking lot with people's choice balloting and a swap meet. You can set up a swap area in your truck bed or car trunk or at a table near your parking space.

While all this happens in the parking lot, you can also take self tours of the museum, enjoying 60+ vehicles of many eras and brands (including a 1931 Studebaker Commander) along with tons of memorabilia and a carousel. Visit <https://www.martinautomuseum.com/> for a preview of the museum.

At noon, a catered lunch from Jason's Deli at \$15.00 per person will be served. Make your reservations to Peggy: 623-936-6116 /peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

After lunch, there will be awards presentations, door prizes awarded, 505/50 drawing and a short meeting.

If you wish to sponsor a People's Choice award for \$20.00 please contact Peggy.

MARCH MADNESS FUN JUDGING AWARDS

For March Madness, the All Arizona Studebaker Gathering, chapter members can create an award to give a Studebaker owner. Examples of awards being created for this year's meet are Best Working Clock, Longest Distance Driven in a Studebaker, Oldest Studebaker; other examples might be Best Wheel Covers, Shiniest Bumpers Well, you get the idea. Think of some aspect of a Studebaker for which you could give a prize, create an award using your imagination and materials you have on hand, on the day of the event find a Studebaker that best fits the criteria and be ready to give it the driver.

This information can help you get a head start on preparing your award in plenty of time for March Madness which will be held March 2nd.



MEETING HOSTS WANTED

If you would like to host a Chapter meeting or event, please contact a board member and tell him/her what you have in mind.

2020 PSW Zone Meet

To submit suggestions for a venue for the 2020 Zone Meet or an idea for a logo or to volunteer to help, please contact the meet chairman, Larry Vahe, at 58pkhawk@cableone.net or 480-694-3899.

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146			Dec. 24, 1962 Studebaker Drivers Club formed.			I Holiday Party
2 Hanukkah Begins	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 1963 Studebaker announces closing of SB plant	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 1963 SB production of Lark types, Hawks end	21 First Day of Winter	22
23 30	24 Xmas Eve N Y Eve 31		26 1963 Last Studebaker Avanti built	27 1963 Last non-military truck built	28	29

WE HAVE GOT A PROBLEM

By Richard Dormois

Vice President, Studebaker National Foundation

Chartered as a Non Profit Public Benefit Corporation, the Studebaker National Foundation has a problem and, hopefully, you can help solve it while benefiting yourself, a friend or a loved one. Primary among our three objectives is providing educational scholarships to qualified students seeking higher education in a field related to automobile preservation or restoration. Note that I said, "related to". Each scholarship application is reviewed on an individual basis by our liberal scholarship committee which determines if your field is related and makes a recommendation to the Board of Directors. A lot of weight is placed on the letter you write to the committee.

Most of us think of someone seeking a scholarship as being a young person entering college out of high school. The Studebaker National Foundation scholarship is offered to any qualified student, regardless of age or where they are on their educational journey. For instance, if a qualified high school senior wishes to enter an accredited college or university in the hope of learning about something automotive, he or she will likely qualify for a scholarship. On the other end of the spectrum, if someone is seeking a PhD in a related field and needs help financially, submitting an application for a Foundation scholarship is encouraged. It needs to be made clear here that the scholarship is currently fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for each semester, trimester or quarter and upon successful completion of each, the student is encouraged to reapply. Several have, to take them through to graduation.

While the student or the student's sponsor should be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club, the Avanti Owners Association International or the Antique Studebaker Club when the scholarship is granted, the course of study nor the college or university need be Studebaker related.

All this being said, WE STILL HAVE GOT A PROBLEM. We simply are not receiving scholarship applications, although our treasury can accommodate them. I think one of the reasons is that the Advertising arm of the Studebaker National Foundation is not doing an adequate job of getting the word out. We have been in the business of helping people get through college for fourteen years and too few have been helped. I am reaching out to you through this newsletter to help us turn this around.

Look at www.studebakernationalfoundation.org, complete the application and send it to the Studebaker National Foundation treasurer Brian Millette, 41633 N. Emerald Lake Dr., Anthem, Arizona 85086 without delay. Contact him at abmillette@cox.net or 602-300-5313 with questions.

A big Thank You to Larry Swanson of Sun City West, Arizona for helping us distribute this article to you.

The Studebaker National Foundation does much more than scholarships and I'll tell you more about that in the next article. Be safe.

CELEBRATE! December Birthdays



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|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Alan Tudor | 16 | Larry Malmstron |
| 2 | Pat Swanson | 17 | Kathy Parkey |
| 3 | Bill Eastburn | 17 | Linda Saar |
| 4 | Rosalie Torske | 21 | Vicki Becker |
| 4 | Arlene West | 21 | John Zimmerman |
| 5 | John Lewis | 22 | Sharon Mitchell |
| 5 | Dennis Lynde | 25 | Keith Muske |
| 7 | Jerry Elliott | 28 | Russ Ware |
| 8 | Helen Andersson | 30 | Jack Sullivan |
| 10 | Don Parkey | 31 | Elaine Wright |
| 12 | Maryanne Eastburn | | |

December Anniversaries

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|----|-----------------------|
| 2 | Richard & Joan Hahn |
| 2 | Tim & Joyce Wright |
| 3 | Jack & Lynn Sullivan |
| 3 | Dana & Meridith Tietz |
| 27 | Russ & Sharon Ware |
| 30 | Jerry & Carol Elliott |

Children's Birthdays

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Allison Carter
(daughter of Jon) |
| 12 | Makenna Kroulik
(daughter of John & Lorilee) |
| 21 | Sadie Tietz
(daughter of Dana & Meridith) |

CHAPTER FUNDRAISING



T-shirts featuring the Studebaker script, a bullet nose car, a trio of saguaros and a symbol of Arizona's notorious heat, the buzzard, are available for \$15.00 and can be ordered in various colors. If you wish to order one for yourself or for kids

please see Peggy Eastburn at any meeting or event or contact her at peggyeastburn@hotmail.com / 623-936-6116

CHUCK NAUGLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In commemoration of the second anniversary of Chuck's passing, his daughter, Pat Naugle-Daniels has started another scholarship to help a student attending classes in an automotive related field. If you would like to help fund the scholarship, you can send a check to Brian Millette at the address in Richard's article.

MEET THE FOUNDER OF THE MARTIN AUTO MUSEUM

Since 2012, the Grand Canyon State Chapter has been hosting its Winter Gathering in January at the Martin Auto Museum. Everyone who attends can take a self tour to view all of the great vehicles on display noting what's new since the previous visit. The following biography of the founder of this fabulous auto museum tells you how he got started collecting the vehicles and his vision for the museum. It was printed in a recent e newsletter published and distributed by the museum staff.

From an early age, growing up in Iowa, Mel was imbued with a strong sense of responsibility. As a young boy he delivered newspapers to help his family make their mortgage payments. In his early teen years, his family relocated to Mayer, Arizona where Mel pumped gas at his father's filling station. At the age of seventeen Mel moved to Phoenix where he opened a garage named M & M along with a towing service. Over the years he continued to add more tow trucks and expand his business. Eventually Mel started an Automobile Auction Company. His love of cars continued to spur him on to other car related businesses.



An expert car mechanic, Mel can trouble shoot and repair almost every vehicle both on and off the road these days. By 2005, Mel's dream to exhibit a large and diverse population of vehicles under one roof became a reality. Mel saw a need to preserve vehicles in their original state. With typical zeal, he undertook this project in the hope of sharing his vision with young people across Arizona. Today, the Martin Auto Museum is a culmination of years of collecting and uniting over 75 vehicles that represent the exciting history of the automobile.

Not content to just showcase the cars, Mel arranged for lesson plans from pre-K through 12th grade to be included on the website. All focused on the history of the automobile throughout the ages. His goal: students would experience, first hand, the dynamic narrative of each automobile, connecting it to the decade and point in time in which a significant historical event had taken place. Learning would come alive on this unique journey.

In addition to waiving the entrance donation for students from all corners of the state, Mel participates in food drives for St. Mary's Food Bank with canned goods in lieu of the requested donation. He has welcomed retirees from assisted living facilities to enjoy a tour down memory lane, professional party planners to consider holding functions at the Museum and most recently hosting a group of visually impaired visitors to enjoy the museum by using their hands to identify the cars.

The Museum is Mel's passion, one he most generously shares with scouts, schools, and service men/women. Mel is an enthusiastic participant in the Festival of Lights Parade each December with a variety of hand picked vehicles cruising majestically down designated streets adorned with lights to enhance their beauty.

Mel's vision, his energy and enthusiasm have gifted Arizona with a unique glimpse into the history of the automobile. If you have not yet paid a visit to the Martin Auto Museum, plan to do so at your earliest convenience – it's a remarkable opportunity to frequent the past through beautifully restored vehicles.

Adopt-A-Car Program

Please consider the Martin Auto Museum "Adopt A Car Program" if your pastime includes lavishing attention on beautiful cars!

Reprinted from the September, 2018 issue of Martin Auto Museum e newsletter. Photo courtesy of the MAM.



Photo courtesy of Dan Kuhl.

STUDEBAKER WAS ALIVE AND WELL AT GOODGUYS 2018

~~~~ ANOTHER AD ~~~~

From Bob Schouten.....

Mary passed away and I am moving to a smaller home. **My toy car and truck collection is for sale.** There are over 360 pieces of all sizes, some very old. Includes 85 Studebaker models. Shelves and display cases included. Best Offer. Contact Bob at 602-316-7245.



Photo of models illustrative only.

MEET THE TEST YOU WILL NOT BE SORRY WHEN YOU BUY THE BEST POST-WAR LORRY

By Dan Kuhl

I recently read an article in a collector car magazine describing how the post-war Studebaker trucks were ahead of their time. This is not to take anything away from the post-war Studebaker cars that have received so many accolades.

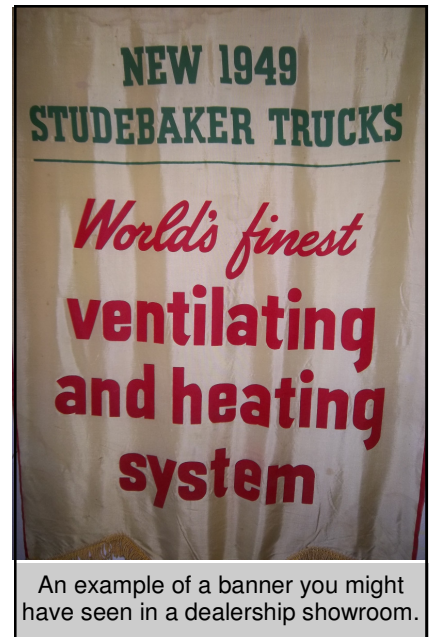
The R-Series trucks were brand new following the very successful M-Series that started prior to World War II. Robert Burke's group decided to come up with an all new truck series that had no basic design features found in the Studebaker cars.

To refresh your memory as to what made these trucks so special and ahead of the other brands plying the roads of the world, the following should be considered note worthy. Studebaker debuted their "Super Line for '49" R-Series truck in the spring of 1948. It featured a double-wall pickup box, the only one in the marketplace. Studebaker also moved the running boards inside of the cab, making the cab very modern looking, again the only one in the marketplace.

And last but not least, was the new truck's modern for the day ventilation-climatizer ventilation system that brought air into the cab through the grill. With the Climatizer the system was able to keep cab occupants comfortable under any "normal" weather condition. The other manufacturers were still installing cowl vents to keep the air moving in the cab with separate heaters mounted under the dash that were unable to warm the fresh air coming in through the vent.

Other changes included under-hood accessibility to dash gauges, wipers, and Climatizer, and the truck's over-all low profile that made most of the trucks in the marketplace look like outdated beasts of burden.

So why use the term Lorry? Well, because so many of the boys returning from the War passed through England and were very familiar with the Studebaker Lorries that carried them into battle. Although lorry is an old term it meets the test so often heard at car shows, "Studebaker was definitely ahead of its time".



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TECHNICAL INFORMATION



SOME TECHNICAL RESOURCES

By Frank Philippi

This seems fairly obvious but, if you work on your Studebaker, you need to have access to specs, instructions, "how to" stuff, and the rest. The first thing you should have or acquire is a copy of the Shop Manual for your car. It also helps to have the Body and Chassis manuals to identify parts more easily. These are all available from Studebaker vendors who advertise in *Turning Wheels*.

Each month's *Turning Wheels* also has the Studebaker Cooperator in which various technical questions sent in by members are answered. The SDC page www.studebakerdriversclub.com has a resources section, as well, that includes the subsection "tech tips, specs, and data," and there is a lively forum in which questions are asked and, hopefully, answered correctly.

And last, but not least, the web page known as Bob Johnstone's Studebaker page www.studebaker-info.org has a lot of material available to us.

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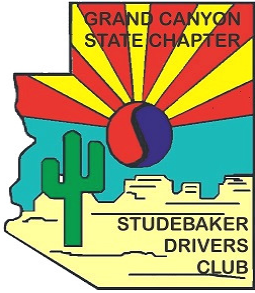
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