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From the Editor's Pen.....

An important piece of Studebaker history goes on the auction block in August and the Studebaker National Museum is interested in procuring it for its collection. This item is one of the five Studebaker Indy cars and was raced in 1931, 1932 and 1933. Richard Quinn wrote briefly about the history of the car to be auctioned: "Car #37 (the Valpey car) was owned by Ab Jenkins but considered part of the team. It ran as an independent in '31 as the Hunt Jenkins Special. It was driven by Tony Gulotta and was ahead of every other car on the track with only 33 laps to go but was wrecked as victory seemed almost assured. It won the Pike's Peak Hill Climb also in 1931 (driven by Chuck Myers) and set a new record in the unlimited class.

In 1932, still numbered #37 it was driven by Zeke Myer to a 6th place finish. In 1933 Studebaker used new aerodynamic bodies on its four cars but the Jenkins car (now #47) got a new radiator shell but used the old '32 body. It was driven by L. L. "Slim" Corum to a 12th place finish."

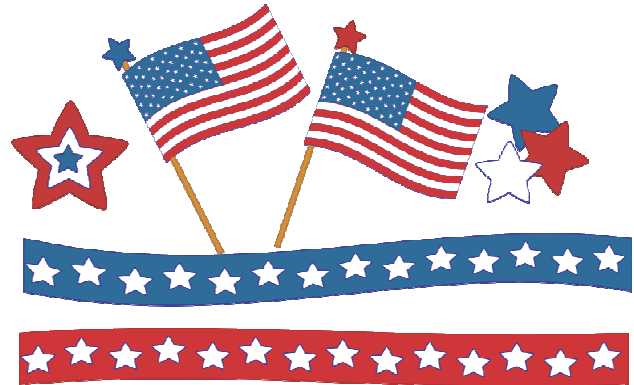
On page 8 is a letter written by Don Jones, SDC vice president, about the museum's quest to acquire the car and how you can help make it happen with a pledge. The SDC has made a pledge and you too can help with a

pledge. You would pay the pledged amount only if the Museum's bid is accepted.

The next newsletter will be the September issue; please send your submissions by August 20th. Thank you to Richard Dormois, Michell Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Don Jones, Richard Quinn, Jerry Blount and Karel Staple Chapter for the material in this issue.

Chris

The Chapter is in need of someone to take care of the website. Please contact Michell if you are interested.



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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President



Summer time = Construction time!

Not that there isn't construction year-round here in the Valley of The Sun, summer time is more often the best times for road construction, especially in the outskirts and other states. Please slow in work zone and remember that everyone wants to get to their destination whether it be vacation or simply home after a day of work. Below are a few tips for your summer travel through construction zones, whether it be in a Studebaker or another vehicle. Stay safe out there.

If you come across a construction zone this summer, it is important to remember these basic safety tips:

- Pay attention to and follow all directions on posted signage.
- Stay calm and focus on the driving
- Turn on your headlights to increase your visibility
- Drive the recommended speed limit or slower and do not resume normal speed until posted sign instructs you to
- Keep a safe stopping distance between you and the driver in front of you
- Never pass on the shoulder or the median
- Stay patient through delays
- Be aware of where construction workers are working
- Be aware of machinery and equipment.



It is also good to know how construction zones are laid out, so that when you are approaching one you know what to expect:

- Advanced Warning Area: This is the area before coming up to a construction zone. Usually there will be posted signage telling you when the construction begins, the length of delays, and where the construction ends.
- Transition Area: This is the area right before a construction zone where you will reduce your speed or merge lanes.
- Buffer Area: This is the buffer space between the transition area and where the workers are to give drivers time to correct their actions.
- Work Area: This is the area where the actual construction is happening.
- Termination Area: This is the area between the end of the construction zone and where drivers can resume normal activity.

Enjoy your summer, stay cool, stay safe, and try not to get into too much trouble. Hope to see you all at Organ Stop Pizza on July 13th and then for our cruise-in for Drive Your Studebaker Day in September.

Condolences

The Chapter sends its heartfelt sympathy to Scott Grainger and family on the passing of Bonnie.
She was well liked for her congeniality and kindness and will be missed.

A Passing

Lew Dandurand, a long time member of the Southern Arizona and Grand Canyon State Chapters passed away June 10th; Lew was 91 years old.
After retiring in 1990 his favorite pastime was restoring Studebakers and he restored many. Cars Lew worked on can be found in all corners of Studedom.
Lew and Ileen, before she passed away in 2001, enjoyed attending Studebaker meets across the country and Lew continued to enjoy them with friends in the ensuing years.
We will miss Lew at Chapter events.

CHAPTER NAME BADGE

Order your Chapter name badge with a pin back by contacting Chris Collins at ccollinsaz@cox.net or 602-995-2146. The price is \$5.00 each.
If you wish to have a magnet back on your badge, the price is \$6.00 each.
The name badges are available in the traditional brass and black with the SDC logo or a blue plastic with the Chapter logo.



HONORING OUR FATHERS

By Richard Dormois, GCSC Secretary

Upon a perfect Saturday, June 15, 2019, at about 8:30 AM, twenty eight Grand Canyon State Chapter members and guests and thirteen beautiful Studebakers and other collectibles were welcomed by Consignment Director Dallas Rameriz and Office Manager Sara Nevels at **STREETSIDE CLASSICS** at 614 East Auto Center Drive in Mesa, Arizona. Our group enjoyed two hundred and forty domestic and imported vintage, classic and street rod machines from all eras and manufacturers consigned there. (Learn more about Streetside Classics below.)

Michell Eastburn set up a sumptuous breakfast buffet with pastries, fresh fruit and beverage and kicked off her Membership Meeting at a little before ten. Robert Jarosch representing the Jorasch Insurance Agency in Mesa, Arizona, spoke about insurance coverage of all types of collector cars, tractors, motorcycles and why it would be a good idea to insure with his company. He distributed informative brochures.

Michell and Peggy Eastburn shared their recent experience at the historic Stewart Motors facility in Phoenix, the commercial development it has become and the planned residences under construction. Peggy showed pictures which included her family decades ago.

Chris Collins brought the membership up to date on activities of the 2020 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet Steering Committee and the need for a loan of fifteen hundred dollars from the Grand Canyon State Chapter. Linda Smith moved and Gary Keating seconded that the Chapter make that loan and it was approved. Chapter Treasurer John Rodhouse wrote the check and gave it to 2020 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet Treasurer Edwin Smith.

Ed Smith outlined the 2020 All Arizona Studebaker Meet, "March Madness" and said the Southern Arizona Chapter were thinking about having it at the Canoa Ranch resort in Green Valley, Arizona, roughly forty five miles north of our border with Mexico and asked if there were any objections to that. No one objected.

Michell reminded members of upcoming events - Drive Your Studebaker Day at Mixteca's, October outing to Danzeisen Creamery, November to the Commemorative Air Force in Mesa and the Holiday Party in December. She distributed gift bags to all the moms (previously goody bags had been distributed to the dads), gave out Life Saver gifts to Paulette Fein and Carl Reid and the Studebaker Drivers prize to Bill & Judy Barker who drove their 1949 pickup. Peggy Eastburn won \$32.50 in the 50/50 raffle and door prizes were given to a number of the members.

After the meeting was adjourned seventeen members drove to Rhodium 45 at 45 W. Southern Avenue in Mesa for a tour of the facility. You can read more about this business on page 7.

Attending were Steve & Paulette Fein; Alan & Jere Tudor, 1950 2R pickup; John Rodhouse & Callan, 914 Porsche; Richard Dormois; Claudia Robinette; Dale Sexton, 1997 AVX; Denny Lockmon, 2005 Crossfire; Chuck & Chris Collins; Kevin MacFadden; 1970 GTO; Russ & Sharon Ware; Gary & Sandie Keating, 1934 Commander; George Gezelius, 1951 Champion; Carl Reid, 1963 GT Hawk; Garry Klinger, 1952 Commander SLC; Bill & Judy Barker, 1949 2R pickup; Ed & Linda Smith, 1951 Stakebed; Michell Eastburn, Studebaker Goat Wagon; Bill & Peggy Eastburn; Chris Eastburn & Preston, Champ pickup; Will Eastburn.



Sandie Keating, center, visits with (l to r) Paulette Fein, Jere Tudor, Peggy Eastburn and Chris Collins. Is she telling them how much she and Gary enjoy their 1934 Studebaker street rod?

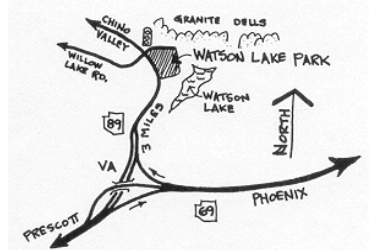
Streetside Classics is a consignment dealership based in Charlotte, North Carolina with showrooms in Tampa, Florida, Nashville, Tennessee, Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia and Mesa, Arizona. Upon my initial visit to the facility some time ago, Sales Associate Pam Contes shared the relatively simple business plan with me. If you desire to consign your car with **STREETSIDE CLASSICS** what you want to get out of it is agreed upon, the car is displayed at a Streetside showroom for an agreed amount of time, maintained and sold by their staff for whatever they can get above your asking price. If the car doesn't sell in the agreed amount of time, you can renegotiate or take your car back with no hassle. I am told this is working as the dealerships across the Country are doing well.

Submitted by Richard Dormois



GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY 4** FABULOUS PHOENIX 4TH FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS. CLASSIC AND ANTIQUE CAR ENTHUSIASTS CAN VIEW SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE CARS DURING THE FESTIVIES AT STEELE INDIAN SCHOOL PARK ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF INDIAN SCHOOL RD. AND CENTRAL AVE., PHOENIX FROM 6PM TO 10PM. THE EVENT IS FREE WITH LIVE MUSIC, FUN CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS, THE VEHICLE EXHIBIT AND FIREWORKS AT 9:30PM.
- JULY 12** THE SEMA ACTION NETWORK (SAN) ANNOUNCED THAT THE COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY WILL BE OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED ON JULY 12. THE DATE MARKS THE TENTH CONSECUTIVE COMMEMORATION IN WHAT IS NOW AN ANNUAL EVENT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE VITAL ROLE AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION AND COLLECTION PLAYS IN AMERICAN SOCIETY. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE NEWS.
- JULY 13** **CHAPTER WILL MEET AT ORGAN STOP PIZZA, 1149 E. SOUTHERN AVE., MESA FOR PIZZA AND GREAT MUSIC FROM THE MIGHTY WURLITZER AT 4:00 PM. BRING CASH. NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED. ATM AVAILABLE. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT ACTIVITY TO INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MORE INFO ON PAGE 6 OR PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / pegg yeastburn@hotmail.com**
- AUGUST 3-4** 45TH ANNUAL PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB WATSON LAKE SHOW. CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET, RAFFLES AND OLD ENGINE FIRE UP. 8AM-3PM. VISIT www.pacaz.com
- AUGUST 4** **GCSC BOARD AND OFFICERS MEET AT RODEHOUSE RESTAURANT, 24TH AVE. & UNIVERSITY RD., PHOENIX, 1:00 PM. MEMBERS WELCOME. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 OR pegg yeastburn@hotmail.com**
- SEPTEMBER 11-14** 55TH SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET IN MANSFIELD, OHIO AT THE RICHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. REVIEW INFORMATION AT <http://www.sdcmeet.com/> OR IN *TURNING WHEELS*. QUESTIONS: DAVE HAMBLIN AT 419-947-1360 / daveh2949@centurylink.net
- SEPTEMBER 14** **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY AT MIXTECA MEXICAN FOOD, 67TH AVE. & BELL RD., PHOENIX FOR A CRUISE-IN AND DINING. MEET AT MIXTECA'S AT 4:00PM TO PARK FOR STUDEBAKER DISPLAY. BRING CHAIRS AND WATER. THE PATIO AT MIXTECA HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR A MEETING AT 6:00 AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO HAVE DINNER AT THE RESTUARANT. INFO: 623-936-6116 OR pegg yeastburn@hotmail.com /**
- SEPTEMBER 27-29** PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET IN SACRAMENTO AT THE LIONS GATE HOTEL. \$89 PER NIGHT W/BREAKFAST BEFORE 9/17/19. PET FRIENDLY, \$50 FOR ENTIRE STAY. 916-426-9593. MENTION STUDEBAKER CAR CLUB PRICING. CALL CHAIRPERSON LINDA BARNARD AT 916-213-8989 FOR INFORMATION. SEE PAGE 13 FOR REG. FORM.
- OCTOBER 12** **COOKIES WITH THE COWS. TOUR OF DANZEISEN CREAMERY, 63RD AVE. & BROADWAY RD., PHOENIX AND CAR SHOW IN PARKING LOT. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW OR CONTACT PEGGY AT pegg yeastburn@hotmail.com / 623-936-6116**
- NOVEMBER 2** **CHAPTER TO VISIT ARIZONA COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE MUSEUM AT FALCON FIELD, MESA. MEET IN PARKING LOT AT 9:30AM, MUSEUM OPENS AT 10:00. LUNCH AND MEETING TO FOLLOW AT TOM'S BBQ, 5005 E. MCKELLIPS RD., MESA. MORE INFO: PEGGY AT pegg yeastburn@hotmail.com / 623-936-6116**
- DECEMBER 7** CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY. CONTACT PEGGY TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A TABLE HOST. peggyeastburn@hotmail.com / 623-936-6116



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 13 ORGAN STOP PIZZA

Meet at Organ Stop Pizza for rollicking entertainment from the mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ and yummy pizza pie at 4pm. Tables have been reserved for chapter members and their guests. Please note, no credit cards are accepted, only cash or check. There is an ATM on site.

The organist plays many genres of music, takes requests and has a Christmas in July set. Bring friends and family and enjoy this unique instrument and the talented musician who plays it.

The Organ Stop is located 1149 E. Southern Ave., just west of Stapley Rd. in Mesa.

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

AUGUST 4 GCSC BOARD MEETING

The Chapter board and officers will meet Sunday, August 4th at 1:00 pm at Rodehouse Restaurant, 24th Street and University Rd., Phoenix. All members are welcome to attend. For more information contact Peggy at 623-936-6116 or peggyeastburn@hotmail

JULY 12, 2019 COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

SEMA COLLECTOR CAR DAY EVENT

On Friday, July 12, and Saturday, July 13 The Martin Auto Museum will celebrate the SEMA Collector Car Appreciation Day from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Plan to spend time enjoying a tour of the museum.

Please bring a canned food or water bottle donation for St. Mary's Food Bank and receive a raffle ticket to enter for a prize of a gift bag containing a variety of car related products.

The museum is located at 17541 N. Black Canyon Hwy., Phoenix on the east frontage road north of Bell Rd.

You can call the museum at 602-298-2377 if you need further information.



CELEBRATE!

July Birthdays

7	Linda Hertline	15	Francene Hurt
8	Ken Michael	15	Paul Vigne
9	Kent Musgrave	17	Sharon Ware
12	Richard Hahn	17	Frank Wenzel
13	Mary McConnell-Powell	22	Don McCoin
14	Mike King	27	Jan Widhalm
14	Phyllis Setaro	28	Claudia Robinette
14	Richard Ramp		

July Anniversaries

4	Will & Maryanne Eastburn
11	Walt & Kitty Jazwinski
14	Paul & Phyllis Setaro
15	Tony & Kellie Lepore
16	Ike & Virginia Quigley
17	Frank & Elizabeth van Doorn
21	Ed & Laurie Sumner

Children's Birthdays

July 30	Felicia Eastburn (daughter of Will & Maryanne)
August 24	Chloe Eastburn (daughter of Chris & Rachel)
August 29	Domenica Eastburn (daughter of Will & Maryanne)

August Birthdays

2	Rachel Eastburn	19	Kitty Jazwinski
5	Betty Bell	19	Malcolm Stinson Jr
6	Brian Bosshart	20	Steve Piper
7	Joyce Wright	22	Butch Summers
8	Thomas Ennis	23	Patrick Eastburn
7	Elizabeth van Doorn	27	Curt Curtis
9	Chris Collins	29	Jon Follendorf
12	Walt Jazwinski	30	Camille Miles
13	Fred Gooch	30	Ed Smith
15	Vicki Piper	31	Claudia Robinette

August Anniversaries

5	Larry & Jan Malmstrom
5	Gary & Phyllis Olson
5	Mike & Willie Shearhart
14	Don & Nancy Juday
17	Steve & Vickie Piper
24	John & Peg Akin
26	Bill & Mary Cervini
31	Gary & Sandie Keating
31	Dale & Norma Sexton
31	Ken & Arlene West





CHAIRMEN/ WOMEN NEEDED

To host a successful Zone Meet, many hands are needed to accomplish all that goes into the event. Several members have already volunteered to chair the various committees representing the many activities involved with hosting a zone meet. There are three committees without a chair and you are welcome and encouraged to volunteer for one of the following:

- ◆ Goody Bags
- ◆ Raffles/Silent Auction
- ◆ Signage

If are interested in helping out by heading up one of these committees please contact Larry at 480-694-3899 or 58pkhawk@cableone.net

As we approach 2020 and then into the new year there will be news about how each of you can assist in making this one of the best zone meets ever.

"Rhodium 45" By Richard Dormois

At about noon on June 15th, seventeen members drove to Rhodium 45 at 45 West Southern Avenue, Mesa where founder Larry Read had invited our club to his "Vehicle Storage and Lounge". Mr. Read entertained us with a brief history of this entity and his history in several lubrication ventures in North and South America. He mentioned that in 2017 his companies, "Oil Changers" and "North American Lubricants", serviced fifteen million vehicles.

Mr. Read described the five cars displayed in the main salon. The 1931 Hudson President was built for and driven by President Herbert Hoover, served time in Panama and in the Bill Harrah Museum in Reno, Nevada. Larry purchased it in the recent Hostetler dispersion in Indiana and said to be valued at eight hundred thousand dollars. The 1934 Hudson Terraplane dedicated to Aviator Amelia Earhart is valued at five hundred thousand dollars according to Mr. Read. The butter cream 1936 Ford Roadster in Pebble Beach Concours condition seems to be perfect in every way and valued at seventy five thousand dollars. The iconic Pepto Bismol pink 1959 Cadillac deVille Convertible has been in a plethora of displays and parades in California and Arizona and was featured in the Clint Eastwood film "Pink Cadillac" filmed in the gaming industry in Nevada. I too had the pleasure of working with Mr. Eastwood on that film in Sparks, Nevada. The 1939 Buick Business Coupe, 1940 and 1941 Ford pick up trucks find duty in "The Great Race" Mr. Read had been involved in for decades and the '41 Ford is competing as I compose this article.

Continued in next column.

2019 PSW ZONE MEET

On behalf of the Karel Staple Chapter SDC, we would like to invite you and your members to our 2019 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET in Sacramento, California. Our zone meet will be held September 26th thru September 29th, 2019. It will take place at the Lions Gate Hotel at McCellan Business Park.

Thursday, September 26th will be our "Open Tour" day. We have arranged discounted entry to the California Auto Museum, Sacramento Zoo and the Aero Space Museum of California. These discounts will be given with your Studebaker badge.

At the Aero Space Museum, we have the opportunity to park and display our Studebakers on the tarmac by the planes. This will occur Thursday only between the hours of 9 am to 2 pm (time may change due to local television coverage).

Friday, we are looking forward to feeding you at our "Meet and Greet".

Saturday is our car show followed by our banquet with awards.

Sunday - Hope you had a good time and drive home safely.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Regards,

Johna Pierce

Karel Staple Chapter President

Lisa Hale

Karel Staple Chapter Vice President

Other Highlights:

- ◆ Guest Speaker on Friday who will talk from 2 to 3 pm about the Lincoln Highway
- ◆ Friday Meet and Greet features complimentary sliders, coleslaw and beverages for two per registration
- ◆ Swap Meet on Saturday
- ◆ Memorabilia Display
- ◆ Valve Cover Races
- ◆ President's Meeting

See registration form on page 13.

The state of the art 20,000 square foot storage facility is expected to quarter 117 collector cars with twenty one industrial lifts to be erected in July 2019. Charge for vehicle storage may range from two hundred and twenty dollars a month to four hundred and forty dollars a month depending upon the value of the vehicle.

Larry continued to lecture while the staff was serving us a luncheon of sandwiches, chips, salads and any beverage we preferred. The lounge seats sixty comfortably sans liquor license so any adult beverage may be served to guests complimentary.

Larry encourages our members to drop by anytime Wednesday through Sunday, right on the corner of Center and Southern in Mesa, Arizona.

(Editor's note: Richard also wrote about the staff at Rhodium 45 and you can read about them on page 14.)

Important Museum Announcement on the 1931 Studebaker Indy Car

By Don Jones as posted to the SDC Forum 6/26/19

Yesterday the Studebaker National Museum Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting made the decision to pursue acquisition of the 1931 Studebaker Indy Car. This car, as you know, is being sold at the Gooding Auction being held in Monterey, Calif. on August 16-17, 2019. You can read much of the history of this car on this thread: <https://forum.studebakerdriversclub.com/showthread.php?111494-Studebaker-Indy-car-37-to-be-auctioned-Aug-16-17>.

This is probably the most important Studebaker vehicle sold in this country in the past 50 years and is expected to be one of the highlights of this Gooding sale. The sale of this vehicle will no doubt set the record for the highest price of a Studebaker ever sold. With this said, the Board of Trustees, pledged and committed a significant amount of funds for this purchase. However, they do not believe that at this time they have accumulated enough to actually purchase this car.

There is a RESERVE on the car which is unknown and that is part of the problem along with the fact that many of these type vehicles are being purchased by overseas buyers and also that none of the other Studebaker Indy cars are available for purchase on the open market. To my knowledge this is the first time one of these cars has crossed the auction block.

The Museum Board has asked me to post this to the Forum where many SDC members, friends of Studebakers and others can see it, and ask for your help in bringing this car home to South Bend. I have made a significant pledge to assist in the Museum's efforts to acquire this car. Now I am asking you to join me, the members of the Board of Trustees and friends of the Museum to help us bring this car back to South Bend. At this time, the Museum does not want Checks, Money Orders or Cash for this project. What they want is a PLEDGE. To participate in this effort all you need to do is email Patrick Slebonick, Executive Director of the Museum at: PSlebonick@studebakermuseum.org Information to include is your PLEDGE amount, name, address and phone number. If the Museum is successful in making this acquisition, then you will be asked for your PLEDGED amount.

Please join the Board, friends of the museum and me in making this purchase possible. By the way, the Museum will be present at the Gooding Auction to make their bid hoping they have enough from all of us to make it happen. If you have questions please email at: keydetsdj@aol.com and I'll do my best to answer them.

Thanks for supporting this effort to bring "Ole 37" Home.



Read more about the #37 racer in this Hemmings article: <https://tinyurl.com/y54bxwdo>

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Door Jamb Courtesy Light Switches by Jerry Blount

Door jam switch #285641 has been used on Studebaker cars from 1942 thru 1966 and on trucks from 1949 thru 1964. (Only exception is Avanti which uses #1351043.) The correct replacement switch is no longer available new but Studebaker parts sources are supplying a similar universal switch which fits and works just fine, but looks somewhat different. For a daily driver this replacement switch would never be an issue but one of my customers is doing a full restoration on a 1955 Speedster. This car would demand the correct appearing door jamb switch.

The switch is not complex and only provides a ground function to complete the dome light circuit. Typically, disassembling, cleaning and light lubrication is all it takes to make these switches work. They seem to be common enough to find used, so if yours is damaged find another used one. Even though the Studebaker part number never changed, there are two different styles of faceplate shapes used. One, which seems to be the earlier ones, had a basic oval shape. The ones which seem to be the later examples have rounded sides but a somewhat straight top and bottom.



They are totally interchangeable but at least you would like to match the other switches on your car. They are simple to take apart: just bend the tab that hold it together and remove the internal components. Clean the plunger, spring and contacts as needed, lightly lubricate and reassemble.

Avanti switches are unique in that they can't ground to the body so they have a separate ground wire connection to complete the circuit. The Studebaker aftermarket does supply a switch that has a terminal that attaches to the switch mounting location to thus ground the switch body. Not quite the original but it works. (Later Avanti II models did use this very aftermarket door jamb switch with a small notch filed in the switch mounting opening that allowed

the wire terminal to fit under the switch mounting screw.)



A MINI-CHERNOBYL, MAYBE

By Dan Kuhl

When someone mentions nuclear reactor, you should at least think of Palo Verde, 60 miles west of Phoenix, or the aircraft carriers and submarines in the U.S. arsenal. In 1958, the Ford Motor Company was thinking of a nuclear powered automobile, the Nucleon.

In 1958 there was no War on Terrorism when nuclear power appeared to be the answer to all of our country's energy needs. The Nucleon was going to tap into this very popular scientific optimism and make it readily available to the driving public. As can be seen by the drawing, the Nucleon is a very futuristic concept of a cross between the Ranchero and Econoline van. With one exception, the riding area was located far forward of the front axle, maximizing the distance from the radioactive core located at the rear.

The Ford engineers envisioned Nucleon recharging stations similar to today's electric recharging stations frequented by Teslas. Similar to the process at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, the decay of the radioactive core in the Nucleon would create heat that would turn water into steam that would power two turbines, one to propel the Nucleon and the other to generate electric power. A cooling loop returned steam to reusable water. Airflow accessed through vents in the roof of the riding compartment cooled the steam as well as the occupants. Recharging (refueling the core) would be required about every 5,000 miles.

Ford never produced a working prototype of the Nucleon even though it was received with great enthusiasm. Under today's political climate and the sheer number of vehicles on the road, the potential for terrorist acts and serious nuclear accidents would prevent their popularity. And, that is not saying anything about the lack of availability of a small reactor for use in the Nucleon.

So what does the Nucleon have to do with Studebaker? Nothing, other than the fact that Studebaker was "Always ahead of Its Time" in developing new automotive technology and could easily have proposed the Nucleon as a Studebaker project. However, in the late 50s Studebaker was barely keeping its head in the game, searching for a product line in and out of auto manufacturing that would put the corporation in the black. Pushing reality aside, it is always fun to think about what might have been - a prototype Nucleon vehicle decaying in the Studebaker Test Track graveyard waiting for discovery and restoration, followed by display in the Studebaker National Museum. You know, it could have been!!



1958 Ford Nucleon

Footnote:

Because I was employed by the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency for 33 years, I know the science of reactor safety pretty well. There are a couple of situations not discussed in the two references. A LOCA is a loss of coolant accident. This type of situation can be very serious and lead to a core melt-down. This is also true if the neutron absorbing boron rods can not be lowered into the core to lower reactivity. Lastly, a Chernobyl style disaster is not possible because all reactors in America must be constructed with a containment barrier in accordance with a NRC license. However, the containment could be melted through creating a contamination disaster on a public highway.

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Director of Security, Robert Groves 74 is responsible for the physical plant and all emergency situations. He is a retired Bank Examiner for FDIC and earned a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration from Geneva, University in Pennsylvania Robert has two grown sons and a daughter and lives comfortable in Mesa, Arizona. Robert has a nice collection of vintage Cadillacs and Pontiacs.

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