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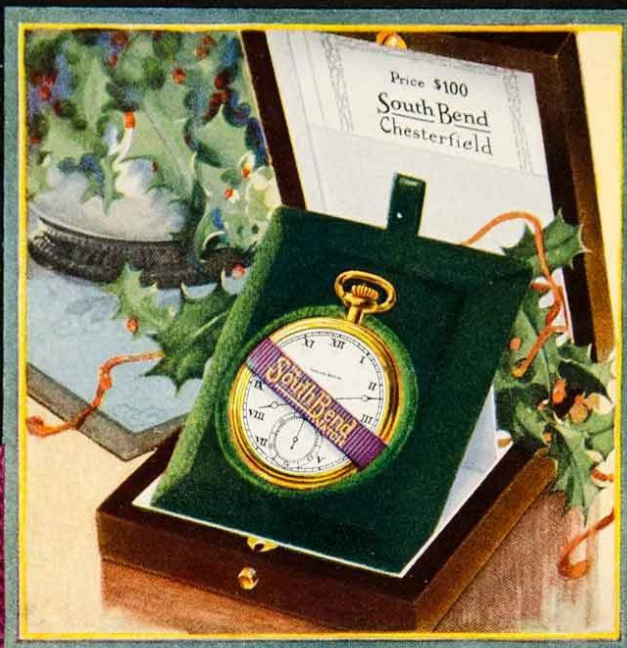
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Thanks to all who contributed articles throughout the year, the advertisers and the members who secured new advertisers for the newsletter. Looking forward to 2020 your editor hopes to see continued support for the newsletter with even more articles and other items of interest to our Chapter members.

A new advertiser was secured by Joen Painter. Thanks, Joen. Please welcome Camelback Ford. Remember to check our advertisers if you have a need for a product or service they provide.

When renewing your membership for 2020 please consider receiving your newsletter exclusively by email as most of you already receive it in your email box. You will help the Chapter conserve resources if you do not also receive it in your home mail box. Thank you.

This month's cover is an advertisement that would have been placed by the South Bend Watch Company in an upscale magazine to showcase the Chesterfield watch which you can see retailed for \$100.00 and was "the thinnest 12 size gentleman's watch made in America". A fine watch, one that would have been worn with pride.

Best wishes to all for Happy Holidays!  
Chris

**GCSC AND SDC DUES**

Grand Canyon State Chapter dues are due in December which you can pay with a check or through Pay Pal by visiting the Chapter website: [www.grandcanyonsdc.com](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 newsletter through the mail and \$15.00 yearly dues for which you receive your newsletter electronically.

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Please remember you must be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club to be a member of the GCS Chapter for insurance purposes. If you are not current you can pay your national dues with your chapter dues when you are paying by check or cash or visit the Member area of the SDC website: [www.studebakerdriversclub.com](http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com) to renew.

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# STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

**Season's Greetings** as I write this for the final month of 2019. Reminiscing on this past year I hope that good times were had at our numerous chapter meetings, cruise-ins and car shows throughout the year. As I've said many times this year, I thank the chapter members and families for participating, volunteering, supplying, hosting and supporting the Grand Canyon State Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club during 2019. It has been a pleasure, once again, serving as the President of the Chapter.



Starting 2020 with a bang we will be hosting our Winter Gathering on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Martin Auto Museum. This event should once again be one for the books that you won't want to miss. Make sure you come out and see The Whistler (Restored 1963 Lark) and the Retired Phoenix Police Car (Restored 1962 Lark). People's Choice awards will be presented and buying/selling/trading of car 'stuff' will also take place. A catered lunch will be available to attendees with a membership meeting to follow.

With 2020 soon approaching that means that the 2020 Zone Meet is also soon approaching. Ongoing fundraising will be a goal to help support the cost of the meet: t-shirts, hats, a quilt raffle and a lamp raffle are a few items currently for sale. (see the ECHO for more details) Lots of activities and events have been scheduled and Larry Vahe and the committee chairs have been working hard to get everything set up.

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.



## NEW MEMBER CHALLENGE

The following members will have their dues comp'd for 2020 for recruiting new members this past year to the Chapter and/or the SDC - Peggy Eastburn, Chris Collins, George Stout, Richard Dormois, Ed Smith, Michell Eastburn, Pete Mensing, Butch Summers and Ken Michael. Kudos to all!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

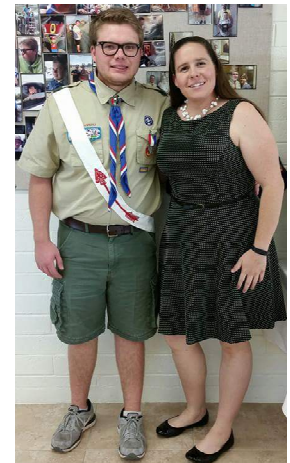
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1939 Commander (2), 1950 Commander  
1950 1/2T Pickup, 1952 11/2T Truck  
1956 Flight Hawk, 1957 Golden Hawk  
1966 Cruiser

## WHO'S WHO

Submitted by Michell Eastburn

This month's 'who's who' is Kolton Kroulik of Glendale, Arizona. Born and raised here in the Valley of the Sun, Kolton is the eldest child of John and Lorilee Kroulik, big brother to Makenna, nephew of Roger Kroulik, grandson of Pete and Karen Mensing and Ivan and Florence Kroulik, all of whom are/were members of the GCSC SDC.

Kolton is a 2015 graduate of Sandra Day O'Conner High School and this month will be graduating Summa Cum Laude from Arizona State University with his bachelor's in Business Law. Currently Kolton works at Discount Tire as a sales representative and after graduation he hopes to continue to work for Discount Tire but has intentions of moving up into the corporate sector.



Kolton owned and operated his very first Studebaker when he was just barely able to walk, a Goat Wagon (Amish reproduction) but has since expanded his collection with a 1958 Packard Hawk and a 1951 SLC (Miss Piggy).

Outside of school and working and Studebakers, Kolton enjoys collecting/shooting guns, working on cars and always learning something new and exciting. When asked what he most looks forward to after graduation Kolton simply stated "starting a career and building a life for myself".

Near and dear to this President's heart, I've known Kolton all his life - pictured is the two of us at his Eagle Scout graduation in 2015.

**Congratulations to Kolton on his graduation with honors from ASU.**



## COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

Several Chapter members and friends met Saturday, November 2nd at the Commemorative Air Force Museum at Falcon Field, Mesa, to see the war time planes and displays exhibited throughout and around the museum. The group was given tours by two docents who shared stories about the planes and the wars in which they were involved. There were many inspirational anecdotes and the members enjoyed the nostalgia. Scott Grainger commented that “the docents and all of the other museum folks that I spoke with were very pleasant and helpful.”

After the tours, everyone adjourned across the street to Tom’s BBQ for a delicious lunch and a short business meeting. Mike King was the recipient of the Driver’s prize, two zone meet t shirts.

Attending were Ed and Laurie Sumner, 1955 Speedster; Mike and Shayna King, 1957 Silver Hawk; Lou Fencil, 1956 Transtar; Gary Keating, 1934 Commander; Garry Klinger, 1952 Commander; Michell Eastburn, 1951 Champion; Scott Grainger, Curly and Shorty in Toto; Bill and Judy Barker; Brian Millette; Richie and Dolores Fein; John, Kim, Callan and Ainsley Rodhouse; Eric Willis and D.B.; Bryce Willis; Steve Mills; Bob Schouten; Peggy and Bill Eastburn.

Visit the Chapter web site and Facebook for more photos.



## WIGWAM RESORT WINE SOIREE

Submitted by Scott Grainger

Chris Eastburn sent a message to me asking if I’d like to take an antique car to the Wigwam Resort Wine Soiree. Sure, sounds interesting, I said. So late in the afternoon of Friday, November 22nd, LC and I drove across town to 300 E Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park. The Wigwam Resort has been there since before Arizona was a State! There is some very interesting history on the walls, lots of old photos of guests arriving by horse drawn carriage and later by wood spoked automobiles similar to Indy!

There were two cars on display after LC and I arrived. LC and the Porsche you see in the photos. Unfortunately, the very bright lights were located very close to the cars and behind them so the photos are a little tough to look at. The mottled appearance of the paint on the Porsche is not an attempt by the builder, Chris Buffington, Vintage Resto, to give the car a camouflage appearance! It is actually a beautiful cream color.

The cars each attracted a lot of attention despite the lighting! A good time was had by all and it was a good opportunity to show off our automobiles. Thanks to Chris E. for arranging it for us.



Thank you to this month’s contributors to the newsletter: Michell Eastburn, Scott Grainger, Dan Kuhl, Mike Lynch, Howard Brown, Susan Lusted and Peggy Eastburn.

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DECEMBER 7** CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY AT LAKEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 103RD AVE. & THUNDERBIRD RD., SUN CITY. SET UP AT 11:00AM. DINNER AT NOON WITH MEAT AND FIXINGS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER; MEMBERS BRING SIDE DISHES AND DESSERT. ANNUAL AUCTION TO FOLLOW. FOOD BANK DONATIONS WELCOME. CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com TO RSVP. INFO: SEE PAGE 6.
- JANUARY 12, 2020** GCSC BOARD AND OFFICERS MEET AT DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT, 7TH AVE & DEER VALLEY RD., PHOENIX, 1:00 PM. MEMBERS WELCOME. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 OR peggyeastburn@hotmail.com
- JANUARY 18, 2020** GCSC WINTER GATHERING AT MARTIN AUTO MUSEUM. 10AM-2PM. CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET, MUSEUM SELF TOURS, CATERED LUNCH AT NOON, \$15 PP. RESERVE FOR LUNCH OR FOR INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com
- JANUARY 19, 2020** SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL BANQUET AT TANQUE VERDE RESORT. 10-11:30 AM TIRE KICKING; LUNCH AT NOON; AUCTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AT 1:30. CAR SHOW, AWARDS, DRAWINGS, AUCTION. MAKE RESERVATIONS AND LUNCH PAYMENT BY JAN.15. TO CHUCK STANFORD, PO BOX 12913, TUCSON 85732. QUESTIONS: CHUCK AT cstanford2@cox.net / 520-888-1563
- FEBRUARY 9, 2020** CHAPTER WILL VISIT *LEGENDS OF SPEED* EXHIBIT AT PHOENIX ART MUSEUM AT NOON ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9. EXHIBIT FEATURES MASERATI, MERCEDES, ALFA ROMEO, FORD AND OTHER RACING CARS. SPECIAL PRICING WILL APPLY TO THIS EXHIBIT COURTESY OF DISCOUNT TIRE AND THE MUSEUM'S GENERAL ADMISSION WILL BE WAIVED ON SECOND SUNDAYS BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER THROUGH MARCH. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW OR 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com
- FEBRUARY 15, 2020** CHAPTER WILL PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL GOLD RUSH DAYS PARADE IN WICKENBURG. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.
- MARCH 7, 2020** ALL-ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING HOSTED BY THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER WILL BE HELD AT FREDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD/STEAKBURGERS, 3725 W. ORANGE GROVE RD. (ORANGE GROVE & THORNYDALE), MARANA FROM 10AM-2PM. PRIZES FOR CARS AND RAFFLES. BRING YOUR VALVE COVER RACER AND CHAIRS. INFO:JOHN AT lewishoot@cox.net / 520-954-0904
- MARCH 12-15, 2020** ASC SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER HOSTS 2020 PALM SPRINGS MEET. HOST HOTEL: TRAVELODGE, 760-323-2775. \$105 UNTIL 2-12-20. DRIVE TOURS, MEET & GREET, GROUP MEALS. RSVP TO FRANK WENZEL AT 760-774-3377 BY MARCH 7.
- AUGUST 5-8, 2020** 56TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET IN CHATTANOONGA, TENN. HOST HOTEL IS HILTON GARDEN INN AND IS SOLD OUT. SEE *TURNING WHEELS* FOR OTHER HOTEL CHOICES OR VISIT <http://www.sdcmeet.com/> MEET CHAIR IS WAYNE LEE: ww.lee@yahoo.com
- OCTOBER 9-11, 2020** PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET AT SHERATON CRESCENT HOTEL, PHOENIX. FRIDAY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A TOUR, LADIES ACTIVITIES AND A FREE WELCOME RECEPTION IN THE EVENING. SATURDAY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CONCOURS, SWAP MEET, SPECIAL DISPLAYS, VALVE COVER RACES, RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION, AWARDS BANQUET AND MORE. MEET T-SHIRTS AND CAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHAPTER EVENTS. SEE PAGE 14 FOR REGISTRATION FORM. INFO: LARRY AT pkhawk@cableone.net / 480-694-3899



*Don't forget to have a fire extinguisher in your Studebaker to place near the left front tire at activities where you show your Studebaker.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER 7 CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY

The Chapter will kick off the holiday season with its annual party on Saturday, December 7th at Lakeview United Methodist Church, 10298 W. Thunderbird Blvd., (103rd Ave. & Thunderbird), Sun City from 11:30 until 4:00 pm with dinner at noon. Table hosts may arrive at 11:00 to set their tables.

The church has asked we not enter the hall before 11:00 am and if you do get there early please wait outside until 11:00. Thank you for your attention to this request.

The Chapter will provide ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and beverages. Members please bring your favorite holiday side dish (appetizer, veggies, salad) or a dessert.

Table host volunteers will provide settings for eight with an optional holiday table cover and centerpiece (tables are round and have coverings but you can use your own, too). If you would like to a host contact Peggy now at her contact information below.

Dinner will be followed by announcements of Member of the Year and 2020 Chapter officers and board. 2020 Zone Meet news will be presented and Michell will bring members up to date on upcoming events.

Next up will be the annual auction with Richard Dormois performing the auctioneering duties. Members are invited to bring items to auction and cash or check for any items for which you successfully bid.

Donations of non-perishable food items for the church's food bank are also welcome.

2020 zone meet merchandise will be available for purchase - t-shirts, caps, raffle tickets and posters. You'll also be able to sign up for various committees at the table set up next to the Chapter/party sign in table.

Please reserve now with Peggy and let her know the number in your party; deadline is December 3rd.

### JANUARY 18 WINTER GATHERING





The Chapter's annual Winter Gathering at the Martin Auto Museum will be held Saturday, January 18 from 10 am to 2 pm. The car show with people's choice balloting and swap meet will be from 10 until noon in the parking lot and a catered lunch will be served at noon inside the museum in the meeting room. Guests are welcome to take self tours of the museum throughout the day.

To RSVP for lunch or to sponsor a People's Choice Award for \$20.00 please contact Peggy.

**If you have questions about any event listed here or to RSVP contact Peggy at 623-936-6116**



## December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Holiday Party
8	9	10	11		13	14
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter
22 Hanukkah	23	24		26	27	28
29	30 Hanukkah ends	31 New Year's Eve				Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146

# OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

## TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS CAR SHOWS

### DECEMBER 8 37TH ANNUAL TOYS 4 TOTZ

The Remember When Cruise Association and Cops Who Care team up to host the annual Toys 4 Totz Car Show in Wickenburg at the Wickenburg Community Center, 160 N. Valentine St. from 9am to 1:30pm. There will be a cruise from Phoenix starting at 8pm from the southwest corner of 67th Ave. and Bell Rd. or drive up on your own.

Entry is a donation of an unwrapped toy. For additional information contact [rwca2011@gmail.com](mailto:rwca2011@gmail.com)

### DECEMBER 14 CHRISTMAS CAR SHOW

Streetside Classics, 614. E. Auto Center Dr. (south of Mesa Dr. off US 60 just east of Larry Miller Ford), Mesa hosts their 3rd annual Christmas Car Show benefiting Toys For Tots from 9am to 1pm. Entry is one unwrapped toy per vehicle or \$10 cash donation. Pre-register at <https://christmascarshow2019.eventbrite.com> The first 150 registered vehicles will receive 1 free lunch ticket (\$11 value to use at one of two food trucks at event). Pre-registered vehicles may arrive at 7:30am. Day of event registration is from 8am to 9:30am.

Festivities include photos with Santa at 10:00, youth 4-12 judge cars at 10:30, raffle tickets for each toy donated (up to 10) and awards at 12:30pm.

All makes and models are welcome. General admission is free.

For more information contact Sara at 480-926-1344.

## STUDEBAKER CORPORATION DOCUMENTARY

Contributed by Susan Lusted, *What's Happening* Editor

Here is a link to view a new documentary about the Studebaker Corporation. It is one hour long and tells the story of the last days of the Studebaker factory site. It includes views of the remaining buildings before demolition in 2006, interviews from former employees, current site developers, and the former mayor who was instrumental in the plan to reuse the site. It also has an update on South Bend's recovery from the closing in 1963, and its growth into the 21st century.

Lou Sabo, photographer, and I, Vince Sipocz, who was editor, spent the last year and a half organizing photos, shooting new video, conducting interviews, and putting it all together. I think you'll enjoy this new look at Studebaker history, see its factories for the last time, and better understand the company's lasting inspiration to the people of South Bend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvKW931UMgM>



## CELEBRATE! December Birthdays



1	Alan Tudor	17	Kathy Parkey
2	Pat Swanson	17	Linda Saar
3	Bill Eastburn	21	Joe Bailey
4	Rosalie Torske	21	John Zimmerman
4	Arlene West	22	Sharon Mitchell
5	John L. Lewis	24	Kevin Studebaker
5	Dennis Lynde	25	Keith Muske
10	Don Parkey	28	Russ Ware
12	Maryanne Eastburn	30	Jack Sullivan
16	Larry Malmstrom	31	Elaine Wright

## December Anniversaries

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



## Children's Birthdays

- 21 Sadie Tietz  
(daughter of Dana & Meridith)

## THINKING OF YOU .....

Maryann Lemley

Butch Summers

Larry Swanson

Maggie Wheeler

Frances Waun - The Chapter sends its condolences to Frances and her family on the passing of Max in early November. Max liked Studebakers and had a 1960 Hawk. He also was a fan of Moline tractors. Max and Frances were married for 68 years.

Contact Chris at [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto:ccollinsaz@cox.net) for an updated roster or to order a Chapter name badge.

Name badges are \$5.00 for pin back or \$6.00 for magnet back in the traditional black on brass or blue plastic.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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

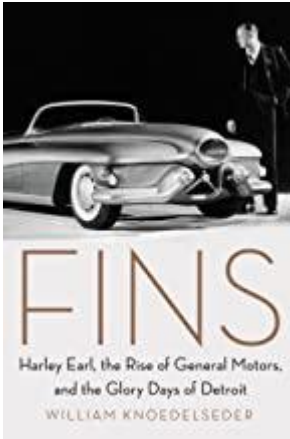
You can also contact Brian Millette at 602-300-5313 or [abmillette@cox.net](mailto:abmillette@cox.net) if you have questions about the SNF scholarship program.



## OUTRAGEOUS, IMPRACTICAL AND SPLENDID

A book review by Dan Kuhl

As you all know I have been writing articles for a long time. My first article was published in 1994. I have written many articles over the years but no book reviews. Because the book that I just finished was outstanding and of interest to all auto buffs, I want to share this book with the Club.



The name of the book, published in 2018, is *Fins* by William Knoedelseder. The book is centered around the remarkable life of Harley Earl, automotive stylist for General Motors, and is peppered with many antidotes from the lives of other engineers and stylists from the ever-changing automobile industry.

His story begins around the turn of the 20th Century with Harley growing up in the hills around Hollywood, dabbling in custom work in the blossoming auto sales business. Tales of his custom designs of movie star's Cadillacs reach GM in Detroit, who asks him to come and design autos for their burgeoning market share.

Harley stumbles along through his career hitting heads with many designers and stylists to create some of the most iconic cars of the 20th Century. Although credited with the first fins on the 1948 Cadillac, some believe it was Frank Hershey, a famous designer in his own right, who becomes disenchanted with Harley's ways and goes to Ford to become the father of the Thunderbird. It was at this time the stage was being set for the most outrageous, impractical, and splendid period in automotive history.

As with other facets of post WWII American life, the auto industry appeared to reach its zenith. In some literature it has been called the "Golden Age of the Automobile". Of course there were the fins, but also there were amazing color schemes, lots-of-chrome, and the race to build the most powerful engine. America was in love with cars, and the manufacturers were trying to give them what they wanted. It was also at this time that Harley completed his Design Dome, the greatest style studio in the world. After viewing it on the web, the Dome is on my bucket-list the next time I visit Detroit. It was also at this time that he brought in the Damsels of Design, the first lady design team in the industry, to help design the interiors of GM automobiles.

Harley Earl was a colorful man with a flamboyant wardrobe that he often accessed multiple times a day. At his death in 1969, following a stroke, Frank Hersey said that he had made one mistake in his career, leaving Harley's design team. That alone speaks volumes for the man who made GM the greatest manufacturer in the 20th Century.

The book would make a great Christmas gift. It is available on Amazon and as an audio book, which I personally use a great deal with my poor vision. I highly recommend the audio version of the book as the narrator adds much color and animation to the story. In closing, Studebaker is only occasionally mentioned as are the other independent auto manufacturers.

## LOFTY ROBINSON AND THE TRAVELLING DASHBOARD

Submitted by Howard Brown, President of the Los Angeles Chapter

Our only International chapter member, Lofty Robertson, made a request of me about a year ago. Since all 1950-1952 Studebaker Champions destined for Australia (where Lofty lives) came equipped with a 1950 Champion dash (and Lofty happens to own a 1951 Champion), he decided he'd like to have a proper 1951 dash in his car. Lofty asked me to find one here, since they are much more readily available. I found one and arranged to hold it to until Lofty could pick it up this year when he came to Mansfield, Ohio for the International Meet and then to Los Angeles.



A few months later, Lofty realized that the 1951 gauge cluster wouldn't fit in the 1950 dashboard, so he asked me to locate a 1951 dashboard. Now the fun begins. I located a 1951 dashboard in Alberta, Canada and after seeing some pictures and agreeing on a price, I had to determine how to get this large metal piece from Alberta to Los Angeles so Lofty could take it home. Studebaker people are amazing! The seller in Alberta just happened to be travelling to Apache Junction, Arizona and agreed to trim the dashboard so we had only the instrument area and bring it with him. I then talked with a few Studebaker people in the Phoenix area (because Apache Junction is near there) and Russ and Sharon Ware of Studebaker Parts.com agreed to bring the dash from Phoenix to Sacramento, Calif. Why Sacramento you ask? Because the Studebaker Drivers Club Pacific Southwest Zone Meet was taking place there and I was attending with Lofty and a few other local chapter members. The Wares brought the dashboard to Sacramento, Lofty brought it back to Los Angeles, where he was staying, carefully packed it in his suitcase (doesn't everyone transport car parts internationally in their suitcase?) and as I write this, Lofty and his dashboard are on a plane going home to Sydney, Australia. A long and convoluted journey, but thanks to a great bunch of Studebaker people, Lofty's car will now be the way he wants it.



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# 1963 STUDEBAKER LARK *The* 'WHISTLER'

FOUND BY, RESTORED BY, AND OWNED BY: JOHN KROULIK, GLENDALE AZ

AHRA WINTERNATIONALS CHAMPION  
CLASS A/CS - ARIZONA RACEWAY  
FEBRUARY 24, 1963



AHRA WORLD CHAMPION  
CLASS A/CS - GREEN VALLEY RACEWAY  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1963



Special Photo by Tom Landrum  
**SPEED MERCHANTS**—A Phoenix Studebaker won Class A compact sedan in the national drag championships last weekend, adding the prestigious trophy are, left to right, car owner Chuck Brashaw, Studebaker dealer and car sponsor Ray Tanner, and driver-mechanic Floyd Mendenhall whose lustrous artistry largely was responsible for the car's soaring competition consisting considerably more horsepower. The Phoenix car powered by an Avanti engine turned 102 m.p.h. without its division.

CHUCK BRASHAW - OWNER  
FLOYD MENDENHALL - TUNER  
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1964



The three photos above were taken by J.R. Bloom.

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Poster and photos courtesy of Mike Lynch.

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4-SPEED

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TWIN TRACTION

FINAL ASSEMBLY DATE 11/27/62

## THE WHISTLER DEBUTS AT MCACN SHOW

November 23 and 24, the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (MCACN) were held at the Donald F. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Ill where John and Lorilee Kroulik debuted to the public a Studebaker Legend, their 1963 Super Lark, The Whistler. The Whistler anchored the Studebaker contingent of two other Super Larks, two R2 Avantis, Frank and Elizabeth van Doorn's Avanti powered 1941 Coupe and the Studebaker National Museum's 1964 Marshal Pursuit along with the chassis of an Avanti being built by Brad Bez and the Power Team engine.

Friday, the 22nd was set up day and the team led by the Krouliks hand lettered the car to look similar to the top race photo in the above display poster which was created by Mike Lynch. Saturday and Sunday a professional sign painter lettered the car to appear as in the bottom race photo.

In addition to the Krouliks and van Doorns, other Arizona Studebaker folks at the show were Mike Lynch, Keith Graham, Chuck & Chris Collins and Rich Gregory. There are more photos from MCACN on page 13.

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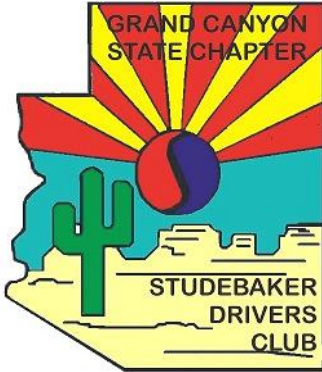
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- 7 Holiday Party  
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# The Whistler



The Whistler was hand lettered to look similar to the car in the poster on page 9.

Each car entered in the show received a sign to identify its show category and vehicle make.

As the car was being lettered by the professional sign painter, copies of the original decals were being applied. In the photo above Keith Graham has the honor of applying one of them.

Below, The Whistler as it raced at Beeline in 1964.

The bottom photo shows how The Whistler appeared after the painter finished the job. Sharp!

Non-race photos courtesy of Mike Lynch.



Photo courtesy of J.R. Bloom.





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