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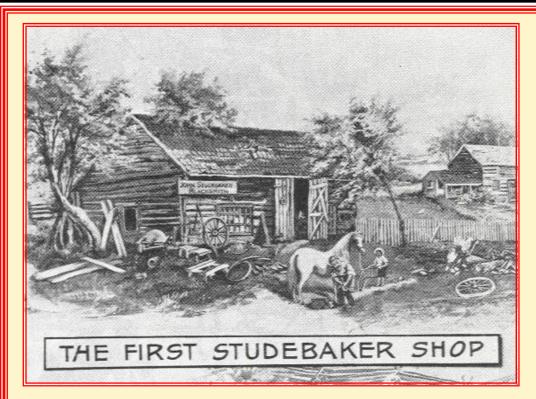
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Happy Valentine's Day!



The first Studebaker blacksmith shop was on the family farm in Ashland County, Ohio where John Studebaker, father of Henry Studebaker, Clem Studebaker, John M. Studebaker, Peter E. Studebaker and Jacob F. Studebaker, brought his family from Pennsylvania in 1835.

Henry, Clement and John Studebaker learned their father John's trade as a wagon builder and blacksmith as soon as they could lift a hammer. On their father's advice Clement and Henry moved west from Ohio to South Bend and opened the blacksmith and wagon building enterprise of H & C Studebaker on **February 16, 1852.** Their total resources were \$68, two sets of smithy's tools and father Studebaker's parting counsel: "Always give more than you promise." Their first day's operation grossed 25 cents, for shoeing a horse. In the first year, they built three wagons, sold two.

The third, younger brother John (J.M.) joined a wagon train bound for the gold fields of California. With 50 cents in his pocket, J.M. was persuaded to make wheelbarrows for the gold seekers. He worked at it for five years and saved \$8,000. Knowing his two brothers needed capital to expand the wagon shop he headed back home.

From the Editor's Pen.....

hank you to GCSC member and new advertiser Gary Keating for his business card ad for Drafting Equipment Warehouse, and to Jon Carter, another Chapter member, for renewing his ad. Please check out our advertisers when you need a product or service they provide.

Many members are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month, but there are other special occasions to observe in February - Valentine's Day on the 14th (don't forget the chocolates for your Sweetie) and President's Day on the 15th. But the very next day, the 16th, commemorates the day two of the five Studebaker brothers opened a blacksmith and wagon building business in South Bend. This historic day marks the birth of the Studebaker Company, which for all Studebaker fans is cause for celebration. Drive your Studebaker!

Thank you to this month's contributors - Michell Eastburn, Carl Reid and Dan Kuhl. The cover story source was 100 Years on the Road, a booklet celebrating Studebaker's first 100 years and the American Automobile web site. Hope to see your submission soon, perhaps a story about your first Studebaker or a fun road trip in your Stude. Be well.

Chris

2021 CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE

- hapter dues are due for 2021 and are \$18.00 for the ✓ newsletter mailed to you or \$15.00 to receive it via e -mail only.
- You can pay your dues with a check and mail it and a completed application (see back page) to the address on the application.
- Or you can pay your dues with Pay Pal by visiting the Chapter web site at www.grandcanyonsdc.com and clicking on the "Membership and Contacts" tab. Scroll to Current Members, choose from the drop down box Mail \$18.00 or Email \$15.00, then click Add to Cart. This takes you to Pay Pal. You can verify the amount and then choose Pay Pal Checkout or Pay without a Pay Pal Account. Then make your payment: you will receive an email confirmation. If you have questions about paying your dues with Pay Pal, please contact Chris at ccollinsaz@cox.net
- Please remember, you must be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club to be a GCS Chapter member. If you are in arrears on your SDC dues, you can add the dues to your check (see back page for the amount) or visit https://sdc.cornerstonereg.com/ to pay.

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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

hough we had a change of the United States of America President, here in our Chapter I am glad to once again serve as your president for another year. In addition, all board members will continue to serve for another year. We are starting off the year a bit slower than anticipated, but sometimes slow and steady wins the race.



For those of you who were able to join us in January, thank you for bearing with us for a "Modified" Winter Gathering and enjoying that much needed vitamin D. Several members stepped up and assisted with parking, setup, break-down and clean-up. Thank you to those helpful hands who assisted the board members.

This month we will be meeting for a cruise-in event in Mesa at Bosa Donuts in lieu of Wickenburg's Gold Rush Day Parade that has been cancelled. Please feel free to join us in your Studebaker, Ford, Dodge, Nash, Chevy, Mercedes, Porsche and/or any other variation of vehicle, as variety is the spice of life.

The board is still diligently planning our All-Arizona Studebaker Gathering March Madness event; be patient as we have had lots of stop signs along the way. Looking forward, we will continue to take it month by month planning events as appropriate.

The Month of February

(Source: https://www.almanac.com)

February comes from the Latin word februa, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year.

Did vou know:

- February is the only month to have a length of fewer than 30 days! Though it's usually 28 days, February is 29 days long in leap years such as 2020.
- January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC); originally, winter was considered a month-less period.
- Originally, February was made the last month of the calendar year. Eventually (c. 450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month.

Condolences

he Chapter extends its sympathy to Laurie Sumner on the passing of her husband, Ed, on January 11th. The Sumners moved from Shingle Springs, Calif. to Phoenix in 2018 and became attending Chapter events regularly in 2019, driving their 1955 Speedster. Ed was also building another Speedster.

We're so sorry for your loss, Laurie.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Richard Gomez 168008 N. Desert Sage St. Surprise, AZ 85378 623-293-8502 richardgomez 39@hotmail.com 1955 Commander

Terry & Jan Kienstad 4759 E. Flossmoor Circle Mesa, AZ 85206 651-592-3473 1952 Commander Convertible

Lovd & Susan Parker 8047 E. Cambridge Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 480-946-3114 modfurnmkr@yahoo.com Studebaker: None yet. I'm a huge fan of '53/'54 "Bourke Coupe". Looking to buy.

> Brian & Julie Serbin 6214 E. Via Los Caballos Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 480-935-3690 serbvet1@cox.net 1963 Avanti R2

WELCOME BACK!

Harold & Deanna Manley 754 S. 29th Ave. E. Newton, Iowa 50208 641-791-9342 hpdlmanley@msn.com 1932 Commander Regal Sedan Model 71 1955 Speedster Deanna wrote: "You can consider us one of your many members who "socially distance".

Shawn Miller P.O. Box 1337 Seligman, AZ 86337 928-642-2154 1955 Commander, 1959 Lark V8, 1960 Champ

Get Well Wishes to

Richie Fein, Janice Marineau, Norman Marineau

GCSC WINTER GATHERING

By Michell Eastburn

Same time, same place, similar people but surely a change of pace. On January 16th the Grand Canyon State SDC Chapter members met at the Martin Auto Museum in Phoenix for our "Modified" Winter Gathering. As we have several years past, members showed-up and showed-out. With 22 Studes, one Nash and one Nova, nearly 60 people gathered for our "Modified" outdoor gathering. Members and onlookers were welcome to browse the Martin Auto Museum at their leisure but for the most part we all enjoyed the cars/trucks and vendors in our beautiful Phoenix weather outside. Members had their choice of water, soda, coffee, and tea while enjoying some breakfast tacos from Rudy's BBQ; snacks

were also available. Though a bit different than years past, members spent the duration of the morning enjoying Studebakers and socially distanced camaraderie.

A short general meeting was held to discuss upcoming events and to hand out a few awards. Thank you to Steve Fein for donating handmade Studebaker clocks that we handed out for people's choice to John Verrill, Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar and Frank and Elizabeth van Doorn. Winner of \$86 from the 50/50 Raffle was Phyllis Setaro and the other half was donated to Rick Simmers of the Martin Auto Museum for his assistance and hospitality. Also we were able to announce and award our 2020 Member of the Year Award to



Garry Klinger who received a custom license plate award that we once again ordered from Chapter member, Stuart Tritt.

Thank you to Ted Widhalm, Carl Reid, Lenny Olsen and Gwen Eastburn for helping with set-up and break down,
Domenica Eastburn for assisting with sign-in/registration, Gwen Eastburn for assisting with food sales/distribution, and
Aubrey and Chloe Eastburn for assisting with 50/50 sales and People Choice ballots.

Participating in the January "Modified" Winter Gathering festivities were Paul & Phyllis Setaro (1962 GT Hawk), Roger White (1955 Commander Sedan), Carl Reid (1963 GT Hawk), Steve & Paulette Fein (1966 Cruiser), Garry Klinger & his dog Truman (1952 Commander SLC), George Gezelius (1951 Champion), Sam Powell & Lenka Hospodka (1955 President), Lenny & Barb Olsen (1937 Coupe Express), Elizabeth & Frank van Doorn (1941 Champion), Tim & Cynthia Phillips (1955 Commander Coupe), Dave Kirkel (1963 GT Hawk), Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar (1963 GT Hawk), Adam DeRosa (1972 Avanti II), John Verrill (1955 C Cab Truck), Chris, Rachel, Aubrey, Chloe & Preston Eastburn (1963 R1 Lark), Larry Pohill with guests (1963 Avanti, 1964 GT Hawk, 1962 Champ, 1960 Lark, 1951 Champion), Will, Domenica, & Gwenyth Eastburn (1960 Champ), Shawn & Michelle Miller (1955 Commander), Kent Musgrave & Jerry Day (1966 Nova Sedan), Denny Lockmon & Maryann Lemley (1940 Nash), John Kroulik, Jaclyn Miller, Michell Eastburn, Bill & Peggy Eastburn, Jim Parise, Lorilee Kroulik, Russ & Sharon Ware, Al Riedel, Ted & Jan Widhalm, Jon Carter, Ike & Virginia Quigley, Richard Hertline & guest. Peggy Eastburn, Gwen Eastburn and Dave Kirkel vended.



What's new? Catching up with friends is a good way to spend time at a Chapter event.

See more photos on Chapter Facebook page.

Most drove a Studebaker but Denny brought his Nash. He says it reminds him of the 1940 President he formerly owned.

Photos courtesy of Michell Eastburn.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CAI FNDAD OF FYFNTS

FEBRUARY 13 CANCELLED! WICKENBURG GOLD RUSH PARADE & ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELLED.

FEBRUARY 13

STUDEBAKER CRUISE-IN AT BOSA DONUTS, 1144 S. COUNTRY CLUB (NORTHWEST CORNER OF COUNTRY CLUB AND SOUTHERN AVE.), MESA. PLAN TO GATHER AROUND 9:30 AM AT BOSA WHICH IS OPEN FOR WALK IN/TAKE OUT ORDERS. THERE WILL BE TABLES SET UP IN THE PARKING LOT FOR YOU TO SIT AND ENJOY YOUR DONUTS, COFFEE, JUICE OR WHATEVER WHILE YOU VISIT WITH YOUR CHAPTER FRIENDS. WATER WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CHAPTER. PLEASE BRING CHAIRS.

GET YOUR STUDEBAKER OR OTHER OLD CAR OUT AND JOIN THE EARLY MORNING GATHERING AND CAR SHOW. OUR PARKED CARS WILL BE EASILY SEEN BY THE PUBLIC ALONG COUNTRY CLUB DR. PLEASE PLAN TO TAKE THE PRECAUTIONS NEEDED TO BE SAFE. HAND SANITIZER WILL BE AVAILABLE. FOR QUESTIONS OR IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 OR AT peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

FEBRUARY 21

GCSC BOARD AND OFFICERS WILL MEET AT 1:00 PM VIA ZOOM CALL OR VIDEO. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. TO JOIN IN THE MEETING CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 or peggyeastburn@hotmail.com TO BE INCLUDED IN NOTIFICATION LIST FOR MEETING DETAILS.

MARCH

ARIZONA AII-STUDEBAKER GATHERING, "MARCH MADNESS", IN PLANNING STAGES. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 or peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

MARCH 18-21

CANCELLED. ANTIQUE STUDEBAKER CLUB SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER 2021 PALM SPRINGS MEET. **CANCELLED.**

MARCH 20

ANNUAL KIWANIS CATCH A WAVE CAR SHOW AT KIWANIS PARK IN TEMPE. INFO AT: https://nuevo.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=170868&module_id=4246

MAY 31

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR LA PALMA CAR SHOW & PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET HOSTED BY BEACH CITIES ORANGE INLAND EMPIRE CHAPTER (BCOIE) AT LA PALMA PARK, ANAHEIM, CALIF. INFO: http://studebakersocal.com/

SEPTEMBER 8-11

57TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY INDY CHAPTER IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND. AT MARION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. SEE HOTEL LISTING IN DECEMBER, 2020 *TURN-ING WHEELS*. VISIT http://sdcmeet.com/ FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION.

If any event plans change we will let you know with an e-mail or phone call and through the Chapter website or Facebook page.

Visit https://arizonaautoscene.com/events/ or https://sites.google.com/view/cruisinaz for car show and cruise-in event listings.

CHAPTER FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

- 2020 Zone Meet t-shirts (M, L, XL, XXL) and caps. \$15.00 each
- Raffle tickets for a beautiful lamp and a colorful Studebaker quilt.
 \$5.00 per ticket or 6 for \$20.00
- T-shirts featuring the Studebaker script, saguaros and a buzzard. \$15.00 each

To purchase raffle tickets, shirts or caps contact Chris at 602-995-2146 / ccollinsaz@cox.net or Peggy at 623-936-6116 / peggyeast-burn@hotmail.com The items will also be available at upcoming Chapter events.



This N That

Hats off to **Chuck and Louise Stanford**, GCS and Southern Arizona Chapter (SAC) members, for their many years of service as Treasurer and Membership, respectively, for the SAC as they take a well-earned retirement from those jobs. In addition, they both celebrated their 90th birthdays and 68 year anniversary this past year. Best wishes to Chuck and Louise.

With the **Stanfords** retirement from the their positions with the SAC, **Bob Miles** takes on the jobs of treasurer and membership. **Randy Goble** will continue as president and **John L. Lewis** (also a GCSC member) as vice president. **Marj Scooros** was elected secretary. **Ann Pearson** will remain editor of *The Copper Starlight*. Congratulations to all.

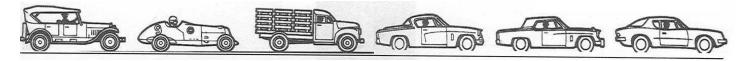
Recently, Hemmings Motor News featured the **1958 Golden Hawk** in an article that touts the performance and beauty of the model. Here is the link: https://www.hemmings.com/stories/article/1958-studebaker-golden-hawk? refer=news&utm_source=edaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2021-01-14

Loyd Parker, one of our newest members, sent exciting information about a new collectible, the USPS 1953 AMT 1953 Starliner 1:25 scale model kit in a collectible tin. This kit is the first in the Auto Art Stamp Series from AMT that brings together two of America's most notable brands with the Starliner portrayed in the United States Postal Service stamp artwork on the commemorative collectible tin.

The kit comes with a number of optional parts that can be mixed and matched to create stock, custom or racing setups and would make an ideal gift for any occasion.



The SDC web site has a new look. Check it out at https://studebakerdriversclub.com/



February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146	I	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 1902-Studebaker sells 1st electric car	I3 Bosa Donuts Cruise-In
Re My Valentine	15 President's Day	16 1852-H&C Stude- baker Blacksmith opens for business	17	18	19	20
2 I Board Meeting	22	23	24 1960-Studebaker opens assembly plant in Chili	25	26	27
28	2-15 1911-Studebaker Corp. formed	•	•	•	•	

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2020 Member of the Year

Submitted by Michell Eastburn

If you have been to just about any chapter event in the past several years you have seen this member and his Studebaker; in fact he always drives his Studebaker to our events. Arriving early and assisting with parking and setup and staying late to break down and clean up is the norm for this awesome member. Though he tends to be on the quiet side, he will always reach out with a helping hand and offer his advice to help fix your Stude. This member continues to support our chapter, and will always participate in raffles, purchase chapter shirts and hats, and even donate to our variety of events.

Though he was raised around Studebakers, and even enjoyed playing in a Studebaker Jr with his brother when they were little, it wasn't until he was on the verge of retirement that he purchased his 1952 Commander Starlight Coupe better known as Blue Goose. In addition to Chapter events once a month, this member will take Blue Goose out for a Sunday drive to the grocery store, and though not his daily driver, Blue Goose rarely sits still long enough to collect any dust.



Garry accepts a custom license plate as his appreciation gift from Michell and Peggy.

If you haven't figured it out yet, **our 2020 Member of the Year is Garry Klinger**. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Garry for his hard work and dedication to the Grand Canyon State Chapter and to the continuation of the Studebakers Drivers Club.



CELBRATE!

February Birthdays

- Anita MacFadden 20 Pete Mensing Will Eastburn 20 Brian Millette Linda Smith 21 Laura Summers
- 8 Nancy Bradfield 22 Sandie Keating 8 Richard Hertline 22 Kevin MacFadden
- 10 Jim Clever 22 Eric Richardson
- 11 Tim Wright 24 Janet Miller
 12 Barbara Trevisanutto 24 Paul Wolff
- 14 Shayna King 25 Harold Manely
- 15 Jim Parise 26 Jim McDonald 15 Brian Serbin 26 Jim Pruitt
 - Amanda Willis 28 Gary Olson 28 Kim Rodhouse

February Anniversaries

- 1 Don & Marlene McCoin
- 3 Ed & Linda Caviar
- 10 Eric & Deanna Richardson
- 16 Bill & Judith Barker
- 17 Paulus Musters & Janet Miller

Children's Birthdays

- 5 Aubrey Eastburn (daughter of Chris & Rachel)
- 14 Callan Rodhouse (son of John & Kim)
- 18 Sydney Tietz (daughter of Dana & Meridith)



10 Digit VIN Issue

arl Reid noticed when his license renewal came up on his 1965 Imperial Crown convertible in 2020 that the renewal notice showed that the vehicle was a 1965 Big Tex trailer. He contacted ADOT and was told that ADOT's computer system was set up to only recognize VINs with 17 digits and not the 10 digit VIN like on his Imperial. He was also told that any change to a vehicle in their system would void the old original title. Carl was referred by Chuck Collins who had a similar problem to a different resource for help

Carl contacted AZ License and Title Services, 9201 N. 29th Ave, Suite 62 in Phoenix, phone # 602-216-2717. They are an authorized provider for ADOT. They were able to correct the vehicle description and provide a new title with the correct vehicle description with the correct digit VIN.

If you have a similar problem with your Stude-baker, this resource may be of help.

Edited from an article first printed in the Mopars Unlimited of Arizona newsletter, Richard Rodger, editor.

Arizona Introduces Bill to Allow Sale of Legacy License Plates

Overview: SAN-supported legislation (H.B. 2262) has been introduced in Arizona to create new legacy license plates replicating examples from the state's past to be available for display on all vehicles. The plates would cost a \$25 fee. Currently, authentic vintage plates may only be displayed on vehicles that are eligible for either Classic Car or Historic Vehicle plates upon authorization from the DMV. If enacted into law, the bill would not impact the state's current specialty license plate offerings, including personalized special plates. The bill currently awaits consideration in the House Transportation Committee.

DON'T DELAY! Please contact the Arizona House Transportation Committee to request support for H.B. 2262:

You may use the following points in your message:

- H.B. 2262 would bring a retro look to modern license plates by allowing consumers to choose one or more of the following designs resembling plates that were previously available in the state:
 - Copper background with green lettering per the appearance of plates issued from 1973 to 1980.
 - Maroon background with white lettering per the appearance of plates issued from 1980 to 1996.
- H.B. 2262 would give consumers new options on what sort of license plates to use on their vehicles and provide classic car collectors a risk-free way to acquire plates that match the vintage of their vehicles.
- H.B. 2262 would bring Arizona in line with other states seeking to promote the growth of the collector car hobby and the marketplace it supports.
- H.B. 2262 recognizes the growing interest of vehicle owners in vintage-style options and offers a desirable alternative to traditional license plates that allows vehicles to be personalized further.

Reprinted from SEMA Action Network (SAN) Automotive News email.

You can find the names of the House Transportation Committee members at https://www.azleg.gov/

SALES LITERATURE FOR SALE

- 1939 "The New Champion A Manual for the Studebaker Salesman" App. 80 pages, \$60
- 1950 "Inside Facts 1950 Engineering Manual for Studebaker Salesmen" 96 pages, \$100
- 1902 "Studebaker Catalogue No. 209 Electric Vehicles" 12 pages, (REPRINT) \$10
- 1935 Champion fold out 17" x 22" 2 sheets, fair condition, \$10
- 1942 Champion color dealer brochure, 24 pages, \$15;
- 1947 "New 1947 Studebakers" color single page trifold, \$5
- 1948 "New 1948 Studebaker" color 17" x 26" fold out brochure, \$12
- 1956 "The Big New Studebaker" color brochure, 16 pages \$12
- 1957 "Studebaker" 22" x 28" color fold-out brochure, \$12

- 1957 "Studebaker Sedans" color brochure, 16 pages, \$12
- 1959 "The Lark by Studebaker" color brochure, 12 pages, \$10
- 1960 "Lark" 18" x 25" color fold-out brochure, \$8
- 1961 "the Lark with Performability" 18" x 25" color foldout brochure, \$ 6
- 1962 "Lark" color brochure, 16 pages, (2 available) \$8,
 \$6
- 1963 "Avanti, Lark, Cruiser, Hawk" 18" x 25" color foldout brochure, (2 available), \$7
- 1965 "Studebaker The Common Sense Car" color brochure, 12 pages, (2 available), \$7
- 1966 "The Smart New Look" 4" x 9" color brochure, 16 pages, (3 available), \$6

As the Pickers say "bundle and save". Kevin MacFadden, 480-215-6810, k.macfadden@yahoo.com

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~~ STUDEBAKER CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE ~~

CARS/TRUCK: 1962 Cruiser, Auto, P.S., P.B., radio, heater, A/C. Seat & door panels and carpet excellent. 259 engine, full flow, shot. No rust, good glass. \$2500. 1951 Champion Starlight Coupe. Rust free. Good front & back glass. No drive train. Roof pushed in, needs body work & interior. No title. \$1500. OBO. 1955 Pickup. 232 V-8, O.D. Cab has no rust. Doors & gate not so good. Fenders, hood & bed good. Kit buildable. \$2000. PARTS: 1964 Lark left front fender solid except battery area. \$125. 1962-63 Right front fender, solid. \$175. Pickup right rear fender with aftermarket spare tire mount, Excellent. \$300. Hawk left rear fender. Excellent. \$300. Hawk dash. Excellent aluminum cover with some gauges. \$300. 1950 Bullet nose sheet metal, N.O.S. \$200. 1950-'51 gas tank, good. \$75. Other gas tanks available. R Series grill, okay. \$5. Transtar cab with doors, some rust. Solid, no glass. \$1200. 8 foot narrow bed. Very good with gate, no fender. \$850. OTHER: Early 30's Packard trunk, \$250. Studebaker hydraulic press, not working. Make offer. 220 volt A/C with heat, 1 1/4 T for your shop, \$150. 1985 Plymouth Grand Fury, Excellent. \$3500. Contact Pete Mensing, Prescott 928-776-7979 Leave message if no answer.

WHEN A BELT HELD UP MORE THAT YOUR TROUSERS

By Dan Kuhl

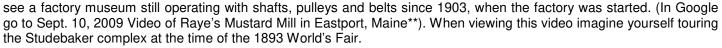
G oing into 1892, Clem and Peter Studebaker were hot enthusiasts for the planned gathering to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the Americas. As part of Indiana's response to exposition officials of all 44 states, the brothers decided to sponsor a Studebaker exhibit the world would remember. With their new Chicago repository, just down the street from the yet-to-be start of Rte 66, the Studebakers felt they wanted to participate in a big way in the successes of the fair. Because of the enormity of the endeavor, the 1892 Chicago Worlds Fair did not actually open until May, 1893.

Even with the downturn in the economy the Studebakers prepared an incredible display of their products and a beautiful souvenir booklet describing, in Currier and Ives style, the factory and their products. In the narrative of the booklet it describes a factory covering 95 acres (72 football fields) that contained: length of line shafting 6000 feet, number of pulleys on shaft 1000, number of dynamos in use 15, number of board feet of lumber on hand 48,000,000, and length of

all belting 7 miles. Dynamos are mentioned here because they were direct current power sources used prior to the widespread acceptance of AC current motors in 1896 (see factory photo at right of factory shafts, pulleys and belts). Thirty types of vehicles were displayed with images of men working in a factory setting that seemed more like a community.

Cottonwood and whitewood were the woods of choice for the vehicles manufactured. The cottonwood tree is very common and readily available in the Midwest, while whitewood is cut from many types of trees including the following: spruces, basswoods, tulip, pines and silver firs. The name whitewood comes from the white grain isolated from the dark sap wood. The importance of the wood cannot be overstated with over half of the Studebaker factory devoted to lumber yards and drying kilns.

Because this technology is so antiquated. a reference is added to a website where one can



A change in the wind was on the horizon. Starting in 1902, Studebaker began to dabble in automobile manufacturing, and by 1911 had jumped in with both feet. However, the first Studebaker automobile produced in its entirety at the old wagon works in South Bend wasn't until April 30, 1920. It was at this same time that the last buggy and farm wagons were built. It is said that had J.M. Studebaker still been living the change to automobiles may not have occurred so quickly.

By 1921 Studebaker was polishing a new reputation for itself. In the July *Co-Operator*, a factory magazine, it was stated that only Ford had manufactured more automobiles during the first half of the year than Studebaker. By 1923 the fledgling auto company had grown so much that the sales for that year alone exceeded the total horse-drawn vehicle sales from 1852 to 1920. And of course, by this time the belt had been relegated to holding up your trousers and operating the cooling and electrical system in our Studebakers.

**One final note, Raye's Mustard is the crème de la crème of mustards. Please try it or donate to the museum.

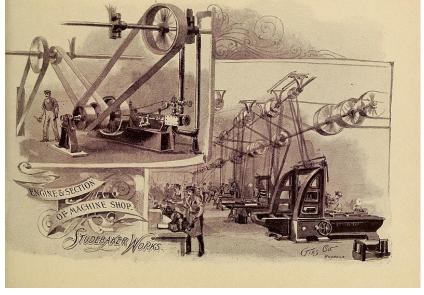
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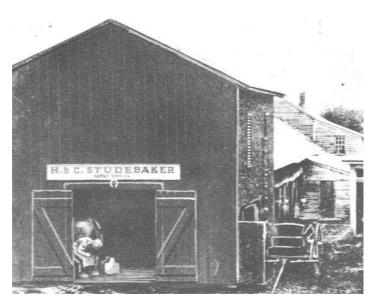
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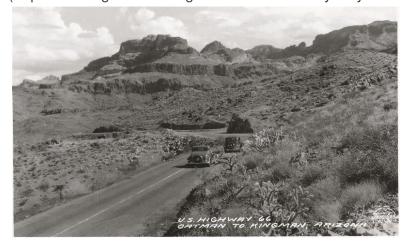
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The way US 66 was

1/14/2021
By David Rookhuyzen / ADOT Communications
(https://azdot.gov/adot-blog/throwback-thursday-way-us-66-was)



As you might have noticed by now, we do love our historical transportation photos.

It's not really for their aesthetic value – though it's hard to mess up a shot of the inherently beautiful of Arizona's land-scape - but rather what interesting tidbits we can glean from them.

Take today's example as two clearly older vehicles make their way down a twisty rural route that is marked as "U.S. Highway 66, Oatman to Kingman, Arizona."

The thing that caught our attention (and which might have caught yours as well) is that the road between those two communities today is not a US nor a state route. Instead, the Oatman Highway is a county road. But the photo clearly identifies this as part of the famous "Mother Road," US 66. So... what happened?

To root out this puzzle we turned, like we so often do, to our exhaustive history of transportation in Arizona. Here we learn many of the basics of US 66's story: How the Arizona portion developed out of the National Old Trails Highway in the 1910s and the Santa Fe Highway in the 1920s, how many followed it west in the 1930s in the mold of "Grapes of Wrath," and how following World War II it became a main route to carry vacationers and job-seekers alike between Chicago and Los Angeles, and how it was finally decommissioned in Arizona in 1985.

Finally, after much digging, we found what we were looking for. In the early 1950s an improvement project rebuilt 170 miles of US 66 in the state to help undo the damage from the hordes of vehicles that now used it. As part of these improvements, US 66 was routed away from Oatman in 1952. The new alignment was meant to eliminate a twisty, hazardous section of highway and replace it with something safer. It would turn out to be one of the earliest of many realignments away from communities in coming years as the interstate system came into being.

Submitted by Michell Eastburn.