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April is Keep America Beautiful Month -

> Drive Your Studebaker!



# Announcing 1941 Studebakers

A Big New Studebaker Champion in the Lowest Price Field!

Distinctive New, Luxury-Laden

Studebaker Commander and President!

RIDING the crest of Studebaker's spectacular 1940 success come these three dramatically distinctive, brand-new Studebakers for 1941...a bigger, longer, wider, roomier, new Studebaker Champion in the lowest price field—a glamorously beautiful new Studebaker Commander Six—a luxury-laden new Studebaker President Eight,

Slip-stream styling

Raymond Locwy, designer of the smart interiors of the Boeing Stratoliners, styled these Studebakers in an advanced torpedo mode. You have your choice of singletone or contrasting-color Deluxtone exteriors and interiors in the new Studebaker Champion, as well as in the Commander and President Sedans and Land Cruisers.

Remarkable gas economy

These safe, sure-footed, easyhandling new Studebakers for 1941 are engineered to equal or excel the record-making Studebakers of 1940 in gas economy. And the 1940 Studebakers defeated all others cars in the Gilmore-Yosemite Sweepstakes—the Champion averaging 29.19 miles per gallon, the Commander 24.72 miles per gallon, the President 23.40 miles per gallon with lowextra-cost overdrive.

See your local Studebaker dealer now and go for a revealing Studebaker trial drive Prices begin on a level with the three other large-selling lowest price cars. Low down payment, C.I.T. terms

#### From the Editor's Pen.....

Welcome to new advertiser Chuck Collins who has a website selling Studebaker models and toys, Studebaker and South Bend watches and memorabilia. Please check the ads on page 10 when you have a need for products and services our advertisers provide.

Last month you read Ed Smith, who had been serving as the Pacific Southwest Zone Coordinator, had been appointed Zone Director when the former director moved from the zone. A new Zone Coordinator has now been appointed to replace Ed and he is Dan Scott, a member of the BCOIE Chapter in California. Congratulations to both.

Your newsletter received an Honorable Mention in the *Old Cars Weekly (OCW)* Golden Quill competition. Thank you to everyone who contributes to make our newsletter relevant and interesting and to OCW for the recognition.

Thanks to this month's contributors: Michell Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Steve Fein, Tony Urich and BCOIE Chapter.

Drive your Studebaker. *Chris* 





## **NEW MEMBER CHALLENGE**

When a Chapter member recruits a new member to join SDC and/or the Grand Canyon State Chapter he/she will have Chapter dues paid for 2022.

Just ask the new member to mention your name on the application where it asks "Referred By".

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## STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

With nearly 30 Studebakers and over 80 people, the Modified March Madness Studebaker Gathering event went off without a hitch, once again. March Madness would not have been a success without everyone who partici-



pated; thank you members for making this event an awesome one. We may not have been at South Mountain Park like years past, but our modified event couldn't have been hosted any better than at the private collection of Larry Polhill. Thank you, Larry! Thank you to the Arizona Avanti Owners Association for joining us and donating to support our event. I hope that everyone had a great time.

The board continues to plan events throughout the spring and will be enjoying the outdoor weather as long as we can. This month we will gather in Mesa at Rhodium 45 to enjoy cars and coffee and more cars. And upcoming months will take us to Danzeisen Dairy Creamery store for waffles and stack shakes and Organ Stop Pizza to hear the Mighty Wurlitzer.

The past few months it has been really awesome to see lots of new faces and new Studebakers. Shout-Out to those members who have joined our Chapter recently and to those who have been past members and have finally decided to share their Studebakers with us all. I must not forget about our seasonal members who have been missed this winter, I know soon enough we will see them again. For those members headed to higher ground for the summer, safe travels and have an awesome summer, send some cooler weather our way, we'll need it!

#### **April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month**

Follow these safety tips for a safe ride every time:

- Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe location.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter" and/or Google Maps navigator.
- Avoid scrolling through apps, including social media, while driving.
- Remind your friends and family: If you're in the driver's seat, it's the only thing you should be doing.
- If your driver is texting or otherwise distracted, tell them to stop and focus on the road.

## "Just for Fun" Days

- Apr. 1: Sweet Potato Day
- Apr. 6: International Pillow Fight Day
- Apr. 7: National No Housework Day
- Apr. 17: Blah, Blah, Blah Day
- Apr. 21: Go Fly a Kite Day
- Apr. 26: National Richter Scale Day
- Apr. 27: National Sense of Smell Day

This letter from the United Food Bank thanks the Chapter for its \$300.00 donation made in December. The gift was the result of a special raffle conducted at the Holiday Party. Thanks to everyone who participated and made a donation to this worthy cause.



Thank you for your support of the United Food Bank. Your organization's donation of \$300.00 on 12/18/2020 will support our mission to feed hungry people in order to stabilize their lives. With your donation, it helps provide 1,500 meals! Your financial support, when combined with the support of others, helps us continue in our mission of feeding the hungry of the East Valley and Eastern Arizona.

Thank you again for your support! #WEFEEDAZ!

Gratefully,
Grace Cishara
Corporate Engagement & Volunteerism Manager



Kolton Kroulik, Mike Lynch and Pete Mensing enjoy the Studebakers and memorabilia on display at Larry Polhill's Museum during the March Studebaker Gathering.

Thank you to all for renewing your membership in the Grand Canyon State Chapter!



# ALL-ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING

Thank you all for coming out and enjoying our Modified March Madness All-Arizona Studebaker Gathering. Though we had a change of venue and a slight change of pace the event went off without a hitch. A few quick shout outs — thank you to the Arizona Avanti Owners Association for joining us and donating to support our event. Thank you to Patrick, Brischell, Domenica, Shayleen and Gwen Eastburn and Carl Reid for helping with set-up, break-down, registration, ticket sales, the can raffle and food distribution. Also, thank you to Patrick and Brischell Eastburn for the use of their tables and ice chests for the event. And **a GIANT thank you to our gracious host, Larry Polhill**, for opening up his doors and parking spots to accommodate all of us and our hobby.

— Michell Eastburn

**B** y 9:30 am, Saturday, March 13th,Studebakers and their drivers were arriving at Larry Polhill's warehouse and Museum to begin the festivities of March Madness. Over thirty Studebakers and Avantis lined the parking lot and members were mingling and catching up as many had not seen one another or their Studebakers for nearly a year. The Museum elicited much oogling and admiration of the dozens of Studebakers and other collector cars as well as memorabilia adorning the walls and shelves.

The Eastburns and Wrights vended and the Chapter had several raffles, merchandise and Rudy's tacos on which to spend a few dollars. Shortly after noon, President Michell gathered everyone and heartily thanked Larry Polhill for graciously hosting our March event. She introduced the GCSC board and new member Drew Peterson introduced himself. Then raffle drawings took place, the first being the drivers prizes comprised of gas cards and for-the-road snacks won by Larry Polhill, Richard Simpson, Chris Collins and Lisa Lynch. The winner of \$110.00 in the 50/50 drawing was Joen Painter. She also won a can raffle prize along with Denny Lockmon, Carl Reid, Tim Phillips, Steve Piper, John Rodhouse, Patrick Eastburn, Dominica Eastburn and John Kroulik. The final drawings were for the quilt and lamp which were won by Betty Martin and Peggy Eastburn, respectively. Michell thanked everyone for supporting the raffles and for their attendance. See you in 2022 when the Southern Arizona Chapter hosts the All Arizona Studebaker Gathering.

Participants came from all over the Valley, Prescott, Chino Valley, Yuma, Prescott Valley, New Mexico and Montana and included: Ike & Virginia Quigley and 1 Guest, Tim & Cynthia Phillips (1955 Commander Coupe), Buddy & Elaine Wright (1953 2R5 PU), Sam Powell & Lenka Hospodka, Matt Green & Family (5), Charley & Judy Haverstick (1958 Golden Hawk), Will, Domenica & Gwenyth Eastburn (1963 GT Hawk), Chris, Rachel, Aubrey, Chloe & Preston Eastburn w/ Lark (dog) & Ash (rabbit) (1963 R1 Lark, 1963 Champ 4x4, 1959 Larkette), Drew Peterson (1960 Hawk), Loyd Parker, David Emley, Steve Piper & 2 Guests, Dale & Norma Sexton (1997 AVX), Richard Simpson (1971 Avanti), Brian Serbin (1964 Avanti), Bruce Slifer, Lori Slifer, Denny Lockmon and Maryann Lemley (1964 Avanti), Roger & Terri Main (1989 Avanti), John Rodhouse, Chuck & Chris Collins (1963 GT Hawk), John Kroulik (1963 Lark - The Whistler), Jaclyn Miller, Al Riedel, Michell Eastburn (2 Studebaker Jr Goat Wagons), Bill & Peggy Eastburn (1964 Champ), Ron Rasmussen (1967 Scout 800), Carl & Esther Reid (1963 GT Hawk), Dennis Reynolds (1963 GT Hawk), Larry Pohill and crew (1963 Avanti, 1962 GT Hawk, 1962 Champ, 1960 Lark, 1951 Champion), Norman & Janice Marineau (1976 Oldsmobile 98), Tim & Joen Painter, Paul & Phyllis Setaro (1962 Hawk), Patrick, Brischell, Shayleen, Brielle & Patrick Eastburn (1951 Champion), Kolton Kroulik, Bill & Cheryl Simmons, Pete & Karen Mensing, Jim Parise, Lorilee Kroulik, Elizabeth and Frank van Doorn (1941 Champion), Dan Kuhl (1964 Daytona), Mike Barany (1956 Hawk), Jim & Gerry Carr, Steve & Paulette Fein (1966 Cruiser), Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar (1963 GT Hawk), Garry Klinger and his dog Truman (1952 Commander SLC), Bill & Mary Cervini (1963 Wagonaire), Mike & Lisa Lynch (Sherman T) and James Raynovic. ~ Chris Collins







# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALFNDAR OF FYFNTS

**APRIL 10** 

CHAPTER EVENT - CARS AND COFFEE WITH OUR STUDEBAKERS AND FRIENDS IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT OF RHODIUM 45 MUSEUM AND VEHICLE STORAGE AT 45 E. SOUTHERN AVE. AT CENTER ST., MESA, 85210

- ~ STUDEBAKER AND OTHER SHOW CARS PARK IN THE FRONT AREA AND BRAND X PLEASE PARK ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING.
- ~ MEET AND GREET AT 9:30 AM WITH GUIDED TOUR OF RHODIUM 45 AT 10:30 BY LARRY READ, OWNER AND OUR HOST.
- ~ COFFEE AND BREAKFAST SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE. BRING YOUR CHAIRS.
- ~ VISIT http://www.rhodium.com TO PREVIEW SOME OF THE NEARLY 100 CLASSIC CARS AND TRUCKS.
- ~ QUESTIONS: CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 OR peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

APRIL 17

MOTORSPORTS DAY CAR SHOW 10AM - 2PM AT ARIZONA COMMUNITY CHURCH, 9325 S. RURAL RD., TEMPE. \$15 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES T-SHIRT & DASH PLAQUE. MUST REGISTER ONLINE ONLY AT www.azcc.org/events BY APRIL 9TH. LIMITED TO FIRST 200 VEHICLES. CHECK IN 8-10AM. FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE.

**APRIL 18** 

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.

8 YAM

PARKING LOT CAR SHOW AT DANZEISEN DAIRY, 6024 W. SOUTHERN AVE., LAVEEN. ARRIVE AROUND 9:30AM FOR A STUDEBAKER CRUISE-IN ALONG SOUTHERN AVE. BREAKFAST WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE WAFFLE LOVE FOOD TRUCK (waffluv.com) WITH STACK SHAKES, ICE CREAM AND PLAIN AND FLAVORED MILK AVAILABLE IN THE CREAMERY STORE. BRING COOLERS FOR TO GO PRODUCTS. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 or peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

**MAY 30** 

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/ SEE PAGE 6 FOR INFORMATION AND PAGES 14 & 15 FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORM. QUESTIONS? DAN AT 818-558-1791

JULY 18 SUNDAY CHAPTER OUTING TO ORGAN STOP PIZZA, 1149 E. SOUTHERN AVE., MESA. 4:00PM. COME FOR THE SOUNDS OF THE MIGHTY WURLITZER PIPE ORGAN. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 or peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

**SEPTEMBER 8-11** 

57TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY INDY CHAPTER IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND. AT MARION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. SEE HOTEL LISTING IN *TURNING WHEELS*.

**SEPTEMBER 11** 

INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. SUGGESTIONS FOR AN ACTIVITY WELCOME. CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER WITH YOUR IDEAS.

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.

#### **ROUTE 66 FUN RUN WILL BE HELD IN 2022**

A II registrants who signed up to participate in the 2020 or 2021 Fun Run will have their registration transferred to 2022 Fun Run to be held April 29 – May 1, 2022. If you are unable to attend and would like a refund for your registration fee, please email nikki@historic66az.com with your name and mailing address. A high call volume is expected, so email is the preferred method of communication.



The 2021 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet will be hosted by the Beach Cities Orange Inland Empire (BCOIE) Chapter in conjunction with its annual La Palma Car Show and Swap Meet on Sunday, May 30th. The event takes place at La Palma Park in Anaheim.

An additional event has been added for the zone meet on Saturday the 29th - a tour of the NHRA Motorsports Museum in nearby Pomona followed by food and drinks at the La Verne Brewing Co. in La Verne.

For those traveling to the meet and need a hotel, one suggested by the host chapter, approximately 1 mile north of the park, is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fullerton/Anaheim, 212 W Houston Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832. 714-853-1700. This is NOT a host hotel. This hotel provides "Breakfast on the Go" and has plenty of parking in the back for trailers. There are many others nearby.

# A reminder if you attend the meet and bring your Studebaker:

"A fire extinguisher is required for each car, judged or displayed, at any SDC sanctioned Meet. The fire extinguisher must be placed beside the front tire on the driver's side. For Drive through Judging, the fire extinguisher must be visible on the front seat on the passenger side."

# 2021 La Palma / Pacific Southwest Zone Meet Agenda

Saturday, May 29, 2021

3:00 pm

NHRA Motorsports Museum Tour – 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona

5:00 pm

La Verne Brewing Co. Food, Drinks and Conversation 2125 Wright Ave., La Verne, CA

Sunday, May 30, 2021

7:00 am

Registration/ Parking/ Vendor set-up/ Meet set-up 8:00 am

Meet Starts / Selling of Raffle Tickets / Selling of 50/50 tickets

9:00 am

Judging Begins / Café Opens

10:00 am

Raffle Drawing Begins

12:00 pm

Valve Cover Races

2:00 pm

Announcements

2:15 pm

Awards /50/50 Drawing /Grand Prize Drawing 3:00 pm

End of La Palma and 2021 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet

Preview meet at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a836ETps\_\_Y

# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146				April Fool's Day	2	3
4 Easter Passover Ends	5	6	7	8	9 1963-Super Larks & Hawks introduced	l 0 Coffee & Cars Rhodium 45
H	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 GCSC Board Meeting	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25 1962-Avanti sets top speed record of 171.10 mph	26	27	28	29	30	

# TECHNICAL INFORMATION .......

## Removing rusted, broken bolts

By Tony Urich

- If the bolt is sticking out enough to get a pair of vice grips on it, it's not too bad. Soak it with penetrating oil, allow it to sit for a while (3 hours is a good time to wait and put more oil on after 1 hour and again after 2 hours, the longer the better), then try turning it out heating will help.
- 2. If the bolt is flush with the surface, soak it down with penetrating oil giving it time (see #1), then using a left handed drill bit, drill out the center of the bolt. Once you have drilled completely through the bolt, use your screw extractor to remove it. You also can use the penetrating oil as a coolant for the drill bit while drilling.

Left handed drill bits are great. In some cases, the bolt will actually unscrew itself while drilling. This is because you are using the drill in reverse. You must be careful not to use too much speed on the drill. Use approximately 300-400 rpms while drilling.

Trying to use high speeds will ruin the drill hit. By using a very low speed when you start and applying only light pressure to the drill you will be able to start the hold without the bit walking off the bolt.

Left handed drill bits are available in better auto parts and hardware stores.

Reprinted from *The Hawkeye Headliner*, newsletter of the lowa Hawkeye Chapter, Bob Ray, editor.

#### RESTORING A MODEL STUDEBAKER

Q: I just won a Dinky Studebaker President on eBay. It needs some painting and I have never done this on a model.

A: The Dinky is die cast metal. Remove the tires. If bad, replacements are available at Thomas Toys \*\* in Michigan. Soak entire car in lacquer thinner. Scrub with a tooth brush and Brite White white wall cleaner. Air dry. Mask as desired. Use a good quality rattle can model paint. Wait about a week, remove masking tape and remask. When remasking position tape on paper with very little of the tape gummed side exposed, just enough to stick to the model. Apply paint to area not previously painted, wait another week. Remove masking tape and paper. Mount tires. After about 30 days apply a coat of automobile paste polish. Don't use liquid cleaner or polish.

~ Richard Pianca from SDC Forum.

Reprinted from April, 2010 *ECHO*. Richard recently passed away at age 90. He was an avid collector of Studebaker toys and models and is remembered by Richard Quinn in the February, 2021 *Turning Wheels*.

\*\* https://thomastoysantiquetoyparts.com/ for tires and other parts for model toys.

# CELBRATE!

# April Birthdays

_	Rulli Custillig	10	riiii Fairilei
5	Lorilee Kroulik	19	Jerry Kaiser
5	Karen Mensing	20	Carol Aden
5	Louise Stanford	24	Dolores Fein
7	Frank Levin	25	Chris Eastburn
10	Lynda Caviar	25	Bobbi Nall
11	Dale Sexton	26	Linda Costell
12	Deanna Manley	27	Chester Bradfield
13	Don Aden	29	Judy Stout

# April Anniversaries

8	Steve & Paulette Fein
10	Carl & Esther Reid
12	Bill & Peggy Eastburn
19	Kevin & Anita MacFadden
22	Paul & Lee Wolff
25	Pete & Karen Mensing

# Children's Birthdays

24 Ainsley Rodhouse (daughter of John & Kim)





An example of a 1/43 scale Dinky Studebaker President model with original box. Below is an example of a Dinky Studebaker oil tanker, also 1/43 scale.



**FOR SALE: 1955 President 2 door hardtop.** Running and driving, but needs TLC. Pretty solid with very little rust and very complete. Original California built car, originally pink and white 2 tone with grey and pink interior. Original engine, auto and power steering. \$5900.00 Ken West, 602-819-9826.

**Parted out a 1964 Daytona 4 door sedan.** Lots of nice, mostly rust free body parts for sale. Doors, hood, fenders, quarter panels, rear panel, splash pans, door posts, bumpers, and a bunch of other misc. small body parts. Nothing mechanical. Also 2 transmissions. 3 speed OD from a '63 Lark 6 cylinder and a T85C-148, non OD from a truck. An oil pan from ? engine.

Downsizing my accumulation of unneeded parts. Very reasonably priced. More you buy, the cheaper they get. Big discount for taking it all. Ken West, 602-819-9826

#### 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 1
- 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 (1)

#### ~ ~ 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. (1)



# WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

By Dan Kuhl

ittle did Harvey S. Firestone know when he worked for the Columbus Buggy Company in 1893 that he would own one of the largest tire and rubber companies in the world. While working at Columbus he became interested in rubber

tires for buggy wheels which would give a better ride than the usual steel rimmed wooded wheels or even the rope rimmed wheels seen on the 1899 Autocar.



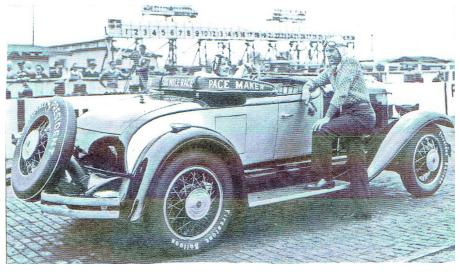
In August of 1900, Firestone opened its first tire factory in Akron, Oh., the soon to be rubber capital, with Goodyear, B.F. Goodrich and General Tires all located there. In the company's early years Firestone became close friends with Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. Henry Ford believed that Firestone tires were good enough to be the tires of choice on new

Fords leaving the factory.

In 1911 there were Firestone tires on the race car that won the first Indianapolis 500. It was soon after this race that Firestone became acquainted with Barney Oldfield "the American Seed King" who was famous for his driving prowess in the early "Brickyard" races. This relationship was capped with Firestone producing the very successful Oldfield tire-line.

1899 Autocon

In the 20's Studebaker began competing at the Indianapolis 500. And, of course, the Studebakers rode on Firestone tires as noted on the 1929 photo of the Studebaker President Pace Car. By 1933 Studebaker had nine entries into



the Indy Race; all but two powered by the 337 cubic inch President straight-eight engine. Of interest, the Studebaker factory teams had one big advantage; they had access to the Studebaker test track west of South Bend where they could hone their racing skills.

From 1922 to 1966 all winners of the Indianapolis 500 rode on Firestone tires. Maybe this record influenced Studebaker to offer Firestone tires on their new cars. My 1964 Daytona came with two ply 6.50 by 15 black wall Firestone tires. I believe these tires were standard issue. Another '64 Daytona that was recently for sale on eBay, left the factory with Firestone 4 ply white wall tires, Item 51D on the 1964 Options and Accessory list. Item 51 (A thru E) were the

tire options available to the Studebaker buyer. Also for that look of originality, I run Firestone bias-ply pie crust tires on my '59 pickup.

In 1978 Firestone was purchased by Bridgestone Tire Company of Japan, the largest tire manufacturer in the world. Many great American companies have met this same demise.

In closing, the Firestone legacy is still with us while Bridgestone sells tires with the Firestone name and interestingly, opened a new technical center in Akron, Ohio, in April 2012.

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Quinn, Richard. "An Exciting Test: Studebakers at Indianapolis in the Thirties." *Collectible Automobile* Vol 36, No 3 (Oct 2019): pp. 48-59.

Numerous web sites.

Note: The pin-back (130 years old) is from my personal collection.



### Studebaker Parts

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# April 2021 FOR SALE - STUDEBAKER CARS, TRUCKS AND PARTS - WANTED

TO PLACE OR CANCEL AN AD: Please contact Chuck Collins by phone at 602-995-2146 or e-mail ccollinsaz@cox.net or write 2410 W. Freeway Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85021-4135. Ads for members are free. Business card ads are \$25 per year. Ads not updated every 4 issues will be dropped.

#### STUDEBAKERS FOR SALE

Jim Pruitt has several Studebakers for sale: 1957 Provincial wagon, 1955 Conestoga wagon, 1962 GT Hawk, 1963 Lark 2 dr. 1964 Daytona HT, 1949 1T truck, 1940ish 1T (no title). Contact Jim with your queries at 480-560-0925.

1955 President – Original Arizona Car. Four Door. White Over Yellow. 259 V8. GM Automatic. 12 Volt Conversion, New Starter, New Carburetor. Car Cover and Service Manual Included, \$15,000.00 Contact: Mr. Samuel N. Powell Sampowell1977@gmail.com 928-213-5292 (1)



1958 Golden Hawk. Only 4 "Mountain Blue Metallic and Parchment White" like this one still exists. In 2013 the engine, supercharger and transmission were overhauled as well as the brake system, fuel system, cooling system and exhaust system at a cost of over \$33,000. Serious inquires only. Charley Haverstick arizonacharley2004@ yahoo.com (1)



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#### STUDEBAKER WANTED

Pre-war Studebaker wanted. Two door preferred. Price range open. Contact Matt Green 928-636-0356 nashmgr@live.com

## **STUDEBAKER PARTS FOR SALE**

A/C unit, Stude v8, compressor and pulleys \$450. Set of sedan (4) nut cover hubcaps \$50: full covers set of (4) \$80. Rear glass shield 64-66 \$50; windshield 62-63? \$75 both driver quality. 232, 259 & 289 Aluminum (billet) cam gear \$100.-64 brake shoes \$75. R-1 carb and rebuild kit \$350. Avanti front sway bar \$50. Avanti power antenna (rebuilt by Genstar) never used \$150. Lark console and base (console needs to be recovered) \$100. 66-67 Chevy V-8 A/C mounting bracket \$85. 64-66 Lark grille used dual headlights \$75. 64-66 Lark V-8 doghouse \$50, 64-66 Lark used radiator V-8 \$75. Subject to postage, shipping and insurance. Call/text 602 -885-2216 or wjazwin@hotmail.com 3

**AVANTI parts for sale.** Many NOS and used parts for 1963/1964 Avanti. Please email Bill Cervini at avanti5010@gmail.com for list. (2)

259 engine from '61 Hawk needs rebuilt but comes with new pistons and the crank has been turned 10/10 also with 4bbl manifold and AC pump and brackets \$300. '53 Coupe grill bars to be painted \$150 for the pair. '54 sedan grill bars and surrounds \$50. each side. Car cooler that hangs in the window very good condition for \$300. New 245 engine rebuild parts Rings, bearings, timing gear, intake and exhaust valves 245 Commander 6 engine \$100. Overdrive Trans. from '50 Commander \$125. '56 Golden Hawk left

side fiberglass fin \$20. GT Hawk headliner bows, very nice \$50. for full set. '56 1/2 ton C-Cab truck back glass 40., glove box door \$20. Studebaker 1.2 ton brake drums \$40. ea. Studebaker V8 Valley pans \$5. ea. 2R5 truck Champ 6 bellhousing \$40. '51 Commander left front door \$45. '51 Commander right rear door \$45. '56 -'61 Hawk grill excellent chrome \$50. '62 Lark grill \$40. very nice. '53 sedan trunk lid \$40. '62-'64 GT Hawk complete set good glass in chrome frames wing windows, side glass. Hawk and coupe center pan for all bucket seats and mounting for console \$30. '59-'60 Lark or '60-'64 Champ truck hood \$40. '59-'60 Lark trunk lid, \$35. good condition. '60-'64 Champ truck left door \$30. ea. '62 Lark Station Wagon upper tailgate \$40. '62 Lark rear quarters \$75, for both or \$40. each no rust. '63 Lark 4 dr front doors \$50 ea. '63 Lark rear doors for Wagonaire or 4-dr sedan\$35. ea. Lots of other parts, if you don't see what you want, call me. I may have it. Large items for pick up, email for pictures at studeblu@gmail.com or contact Jerry at 520-979-0065

## CHAPTER FUNDRAISING **PROJECTS**

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# The ECHO

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#### REMINDERS FOR APRIL

10 Coffee & Cars at Rhodium 45

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#### Studebaker National Museum, South Bend, Ind.





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#### GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are for one year beginning on January 1.

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

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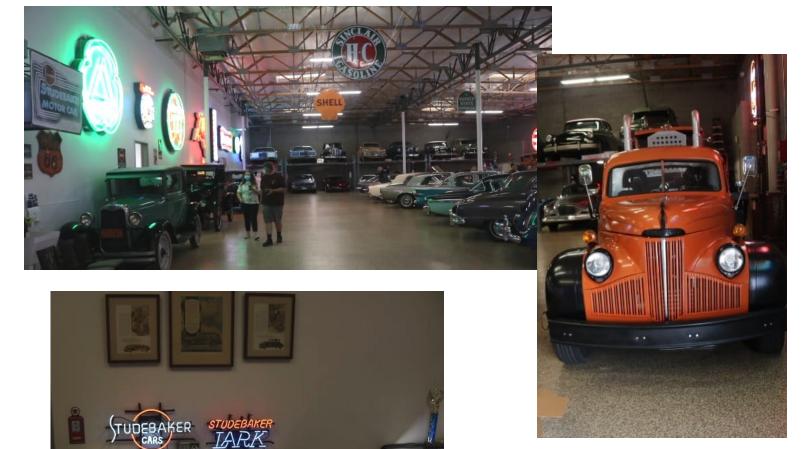
Membership in the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. is compulsory to be a member of the Grand Canyon State Chapter of SDC, Inc. If you are not a member of SDC, add SDC dues to your chapter dues which the treasurer will remit for you. SDC dues are \$29.00 for new members, first year only. To renew your SDC membership, add \$36.00 for 1 year, \$99.00 for 3 years or \$161.00 for 5 years. both include *Turning Wheels* magazine. Or \$12.00 for membership without the magazine.

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

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Sunday, May 30, 2021

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La Palma Park, Anaheim

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Division – 4 - Coupes (C Body) & Hardtops (K Body) 1952 – 1961	Car #2 @ \$25.00	(Display or Judged)	\$		
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