

# The ECHO



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Studebaker Drivers Club

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## The Year

What can be said in New Year rhymes,  
That's not been said a thousand times?  
The new years come, the old years go,  
We know we dream, we dream we know.  
We rise up laughing with the light,  
We lie down weeping with the night.  
We hug the world until it stings,  
We curse it then and sigh for wings.  
We live, we love, we woo, we wed,  
We wreath our brides, we sheet our dead.  
We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,  
And that's the burden of the year.

~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox, 1910

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

What a great job Peggy and Michell did researching and writing up the 50 year history of the Chapter. Peggy has been acquiring newsletters and event photos since its inception and gleaned fun facts to share with the members. Michell did a fine job narrating the history for everyone to enjoy. Especially interesting was the history of the founding members and it was really special to have three of them present for the celebration. Thank you, Michell and Peggy for helping us relive the history of the Chapter. Thanks to Richard Dormois, too, for emceeing and to the founding members for their reminiscing.

Thank you, Jon Carter, for renewing your business ad. Please support our advertisers when you have a need for a product they offer. Note that there is space available for your business card or for a business you feel other members would appreciate knowing about.

Thanks to all who contributed to this month's newsletter: Michell Eastburn, Peggy Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Steve Fein, John Stearn and Tony Urich.

Best wishes to all for a Happy New Year!

Chris

*Studebaker*



**Reminder: To be a member of the GCSC you must be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club.**

If your SDC dues are not current, please visit <https://sdc.cornerstonereg.com/> to renew. Dues are \$36.00 for one year, \$99.00 for three years or \$161.00 for five years. If you no longer wish to receive *Turning Wheels*, there is a membership option without the magazine at \$12.00 per year.

### MEETING HOSTS WANTED

If you would like to host a Chapter meeting or event in 2023, please contact a board member and tell him/her what you have in mind. See contact info below.

### ROSTER UPDATES

Please send any updates to your roster listing to Chris Collins at [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto:ccollinsaz@cox.net). An updated roster is available by e-mail or by calling Chris at 602-995-2146 to have one sent by mail.

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## STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

We are bidding farewell to a year that gifted us our lives back. After two years of lockdown, we all resumed normalcy and the enjoyment of talking to each other face to face. It was fun to be around friends and family and back to office conversations. As we progress into 2023, we can wish for ourselves and our dear ones, good health, happiness and success.



January 21<sup>st</sup> brings our annual Winter Gathering that will once again be hosted at the Martin Auto Museum. This event will be a great start to the new year and you won't want to miss it! Plan on joining our 50/50 raffle and silent auction and don't forget to vote for people choice as well! See the calendar section for more event details. The board is working hard on upcoming events, stay tuned!

Our December 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Holiday Party Membership Appreciation Extravaganza was a blast, thanks to all those that were able to celebrate with us! I hope that we were all able to walk away with a bit of Chapter history, I know I did. A huge thank you to all those who made our December Holiday Party such a success. I'd like to specifically thank Larry Polhill and guests/staff, Kevin and Anita McFadden, Linda Costell, Jan Widhalm, Jim Clever, William Eastburn Family, John Kroulik and all who provided desserts.

Welcome to Tim Phillips to the GCSC Board of Directors and much appreciation to Sharon Ware for the past two years of dedication to the Board of Directors!

While going through about 50 years of memorabilia last month I came across a letter and as reading through it a lot of it applied to today just as it must have back in 1974. "If our club is to survive and continue to grow, it is going to need the support of each and every one of us. So, in summing up, each individual is very important in OUR club regardless of who they are, or where they are. True, we do have many people in our club who do contribute much, much more to the welfare of the club than others. This is true of most any organization. But let us remember that each of us contributes something, so everyone, let your ideas be known. Don't be afraid to offer your assistance, but let's not any of us be guilty of petty bickering or fault finding. It can only hurt us in the long run." As written the in the Second Quarter Volume II, No. VIII ECHO (dated 03/09/74) by Founding Chapter Member Ike Quigley.

Seen at the entrance of the December event venue.



### Welcome New Members!

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1940 Cruising Sedan, 1951 Champion  
SLC, 1963 GT Hawk, 1964 Avanti,  
1966 Cruiser

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1957 President

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since 1982.

## 2023 CHAPTER DUES

Grand Canyon State Chapter dues are due and for 2023 dues for all members are \$20.00 yearly. Among the many benefits of Chapter membership is the newsletter and you will still have the choice of receiving it through the mail or electronically via an email but **please consider having your newsletter sent by email only. This will help contain the increasing costs of printing and stamps (which will increase from 60¢ to 63¢ in 2023) as well as cut down on the labor involved in mailing. Your consent to receive an email copy only would be appreciated.**

Dues can be paid by cash, check or via Pay Pal (see web site for link.) Please complete the application on page 12 if paying by mail or send the information by email if paying via Pay Pal. Your up-to-date information keeps the Chapter roster current.

**PAY PAL USERS:** When the Chapter first set up Pay Pal to accept dues it had a subscription feature which a few members used. Subscriptions are no longer offered and those who have not cancelled their subscriptions, please do so, then pay your dues using the normal Pay Pal check out. Thank you for your assistance with taking care of this issue.

*Keep America Beautiful,  
Drive a Studebaker!*

# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

GCSC members and friends gathered on Saturday, December 10th at Larry Polhill's private Studebaker collection in Glendale to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Chapter. Typically, the December event is for celebrating the holidays and the festive tables and the good cheer were reflective of the season. Along with celebrating the Chapter's founding and the season, the Board expressed its appreciation of the membership with gifts commemorating the occasion and a catered dinner with a variety of delicious food to enjoy.



Prior to dinner at noon, there was time to view the amazing display of Chapter history created by Chapter Historian Peggy Eastburn. In addition, there were plenty of oohs and aahs for Larry's collection of dozens of Studebakers and other vehicles and party-goers were also busy checking out the 24 Studebakers driven to the event, some seen for the first time on the 10th. There was also a lot of appreciation given for the bullet nose holiday themed centerpieces with the bullet nose pieces provided by John Kroulik. John Rodhouse offered everyone who wished to participate a chance to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets while Chris Collins handed out tickets to members driving Studebakers to the event.

Dinner commenced after the Pledge and a prayer and everyone enjoyed a varied selection of food, all deliciously prepared, followed by desserts provided by members and a beautifully decorated commemorative cake. Thanks to Linda Costell, Maryanne Eastburn, Lenka Hospodka, Linda Saar, Anita MacFadden, Carl & Esther Reid and Jan Widhalm for bringing cookies, bars and pies and to Peggy Eastburn for procuring the lovely cake.

The program began with a welcome from the emcee, Richard Dormois, and sincere and profuse thanks to Larry Polhill for hosting the Chapter at his amazing collection and for providing table settings and more for the dinner. Board members were introduced which included a farewell and thanks to Sharon Ware as she retired from the board and a welcome to the new board member, Tim Phillips. Then, Michell introduced three of the founding members of the Chapter: Ike Quigley, Tom Pfeifer and Bill Eastburn. Each told of remembrances of the Chapter's early days and their perspectives of the present and each were presented with a commemorative license plate. Three other founding members were also noted by Michell: Chuck Nagle, Gene Nagle and Bob Thompson and mentioned were the contributions made by Curt Davis and several others active at the beginning.

Then Michell, Richard and Peggy Eastburn presented a narrative of Fun Facts with several historical tidbits about members and events past and present. Finally, Michell wrapped up the festivities with reminders of upcoming events and suggested members could have photos taken with the holiday display in the memorabilia room. Garry Klinger was awarded the Studebaker Drivers prize. The 50/50 drawing for \$180 was won by Jim Pruitt. Congratulations to both.

***Thanks to Larry Polhill, the Eastburn Family, Richard Dormois and all who helped make the event special!***

Attending were Mike & Mary Barany, 1956 Golden Hawk; Garnet & Wei Baril; Jon Carter; Eddie Caviar & Andrea Roren, 1964 GT Hawk; Jim Clever; Chuck & Chris Collins; Ed & Linda Costell; Luis & Debbie Cruz; Roy Cirincione & Nanci; Bryce Denen, Bryan Rapp, 1949 Pickup trailing a vintage boat; Richard Dormois; Michell Eastburn, 1965 Commander; Bill & Peggy Eastburn; Chris & Rachel Eastburn and family; Will & Maryanne Eastburn and family, 1964 GT Hawk; Steve & Paulette Fein; Jon Follendorf; George Gezelius; Richard Gomez; Keith Graham; Scott Grainger & Maria, 1947 M5; Charlie & Judy Haverstick; Lenka Hospodka & Sam Powell, 1955 President; Walt Jazwinski & brother, 1964 Daytona; Gary & Sandie Keating, 1934 Commander; Dave Kinkel, 1963 GT Hawk; Garry Klinger, 1952 Commander SLC; John Kroulik; Kolton Kroulik; Dan & Corlean Kuhl, 1959 Scotsman PU; Denny Lockmon & Maryann Lemley, 1964 Avanti; Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, 1963 GT Hawk; Kevin & Anita MacFadden; Norman & Janice Marineau; Pete & Karen Mensing; Ken Michael; Paul Miller & Camille Miles, Stude Custom; Lenny & Barb Olsen; Tim & Cynthia Phillips, 1955 Commander; Larry Polhill, many Studes; Jim Pruitt & Cindy Gonzales; Ike & Virginia Quigley; Carl & Esther Reid, 1963 GT Hawk; Al Riedel, 1978 Avanti II; Richard Riley; Claudia Robinette; John Rodhouse, 1950 Champion SLC; Paul & Phyllis Setaro, 1962 GT Hawk; Bill & Cheryl Simmons, 1962 Champ PU; Chuck Plevich; Bruce Slifer and Lori Slifer; John Stearn, 1956 Transtar; Malcolm Stinson; George & Judy Stout and son Jeff; Russ Ware with guests Mom, Dad & Sister, 1951 Land Cruiser; Sherry Watson and Tim Watson; Ted & Jan Widhalm; Buddy & Elaine Wright, 1953 2R5. Guests included Tom & Joyce Pfeifer, Dennis & Debbie Polhill, Ernie Recsetar plus several other friends of Larry.



Ike Quigley, Bill Eastburn, Tom Pfeifer

Both photos courtesy of Steve Fein.

For more photos of the Chapter's Anniversary Party event visit Facebook at Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter.

# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JANUARY 8** GCSC BOARD AND OFFICERS WILL MEET AT 2:00 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](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) TO BE INCLUDED IN NOTIFICATION LIST FOR MEETING DETAILS.
- JANUARY 15** SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL BANQUET TO BE HELD AT WHITE STALLION RANCH, 9251 W. TWIN PEAKS RD., TUCSON WITH DOORS OPEN AT NOON AND LUNCH AT 12:30. HAMBURGERS, GRILLED CHICKEN, BEANS, MAC & CHEESE, BREADS AND COOKIES AT \$26.53 PP INCLUDES TAX. MUST RSVP AND PREPAY BY JANUARY 9 TO SAC, PO BOX 12913, TUCSON 85732. INFO: BOB AT 520-465-9873
- JANUARY 21** WINTER GATHERING AT MARTIN AUTO MUSEUM, 4320 W. THUNDERBIRD, GLENDALE FROM 10AM TO 2PM. CAR SHOW, PEOPLE'S CHOICE WITH AWARDS, SWAP MEET, SILENT AUCTION IN EAST SIDE COVERED PARKING LOT FROM 10 TO NOON. LUNCH AT NOON. \$20 PP INCLUDES MUSEUM ENTRY FEE AND LUNCH. 50/50 RAFFLE. DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION AND SPONSORS FOR AWARDS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHAIRS. CONTACT PEGGY TO DONATE OR SPONSOR, TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFO AT 623-936-6116 OR [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) SEE PAGE 6 FOR ADD'L INFO.
- MARCH** ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING. YOU CAN START THINKING ABOUT A FUN JUDGING PRIZE YOU CAN CREATE AND AWARD (THINK ALONG LINES OF CLEANEST WHITE WALLS, HIGHEST POKER HAND ON ODDOMETER, USE YOUR IMAGINATION). DONATIONS FOR CAN RAFFLE ARE WELCOME. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS OR CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 OR [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)
- MARCH 23-25** ASC SPRNG MEET IN PALM SPRINGS HOSTED BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER. HOST HOTEL: VAGABOND INN, 1699 E. PALM CANYON DR., PALM SPRINGS \$145 KING, \$155 2 DOUBLES BY FEB. 24. 760-325-7211, MENTION ASC. MEET & GREETINGS, GROUP MEALS, DRIVE TOURS. \$30PP PAYABLE ON ARRIVAL. RSVP TO FRANK: 760-774-3377.
- SEPTEMBER 12-16** INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET TO BE HOSTED BY THE WISCONSIN REGION CHAPTER IN MANITOWOC, WIS. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION SOON IN *TURNING WHEELS*.

**FOR ALL UNDERLINED EVENTS LISTED ABOVE VISIT THE CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE STUDEBAKERS GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER TO ADD THE EVENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR. OR CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) FOR INFORMATION.**

*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.*

## **GCSC THROUGH THE YEARS - FIFTY YEARS 1972-2022** By Peggy & Michell Eastburn

- ◆ 50 years ago Chapter dues were only \$4.00 annually and this included your membership in the Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council. National SDC dues were only \$6.00. Now, Chapter dues are \$20.00 annually and National SDC dues are \$36.00.
- ◆ The newsletter was named the *ECHO* by Tom Pfeifer and he served as its first editor. Over the years the *ECHO* has been published quarterly, bi-monthly and monthly and has been the recipient of SDC Newsletter Judging awards under nearly all its several editors.
- ◆ The Chapter hosted several shows at Phoenix area malls in the 1980s and 1990s including Christown Mall, Valley West Mall, Maryvale Mall, Town and Country and the Casa Grande Mall.
- ◆ Did you know the Chapter once owned a Studebaker bus? In the early 1980s several Chapter member under the tutelage of Bill Eastburn spent many hours getting it into a drivable and presentable condition. The bus is still on the road in Washington state.

## UPCOMING EVENT

### JANUARY 21 WINTER GATHERING

The 2023 Winter Gathering hosted by the GCS Chapter will once again be held at the Martin Auto Museum, 4320 W. Thunderbird Rd, Glendale (on northwest corner of 43rd Ave. and Thunderbird Rd.) from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Drive your Studebaker for the car show and peoples choice judging. You can bring items to vend from your trunk or truck bed or from a table in the parking lot adjacent to the car show. There will be a silent auction so bring some cash in case you see an item you must have. Please bring your chairs, too.

When you arrive please check in with Peggy at registration in the east side covered parking lot where the car show and swap meet will be held (watch for the feather banners) and receive your wristband for admission to the museum and for lunch. The cost for admission and a sack lunch and drinks is \$20.00 per person.

If you have a nice item to donate for the silent auction or would like to sponsor a peoples choice award for \$20 please contact Peggy.

**Please RSVP by January 19th** to Peggy Eastburn at [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) or 623-936-6116.

Visit the Chapter Facebook page (Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter) to add this event to your calendar.

*Studebaker — Builder of Champions*



### 2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD

The Chapter election was held in November and the results were announced at the Chapter party on December 10th. **Tim Phillips** was elected to serve for 2023 as a member of the board. Please welcome Tim who will join the returning officers and board members.

**Sharon Ware**, who has been on the board since 2020, retired effective at the conclusion of 2022. Many thanks to Sharon for her service the past two years.

Thank you to the **officers and board** for all they do.

### FACEBOOK ADMINISTRATOR AND WEBMASTER

Two behind the scenes members who contribute a great deal to our Chapter are **Linda Smith**, Chapter Facebook administrator, and **Kent Musgrave** who created our current web site and maintains it. Linda faithfully and promptly makes additions to the Facebook page (Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter) as soon as she receives photos and event announcements. Kent keeps the web site ([www.grandcanyonsdc.com](http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com)) up-to-date with news and now has a fun new feature on the site you should check out.

Thanks to Linda and Kent for their commitment to helping keep Chapter members informed.

# January 2023

| Sun                     | Mon                       | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> | 2                         | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6   | 7                                     |
| 8 GCSC Board Meets      | 9                         | 10  | 11  | 12   | 13  | 14                                    |
| 15 SAC Annual Banquet   | 16 Martin Luther King Day | 17   | 18  | 19 RSVPs due.  | 20  | 21 Winter Gathering                   |
| 22 Lunar New Year       | 23                        | 24   | 25  | 26   | 27  | 28                                    |
| 29                      | 30                        | 31   |  |  |  | Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146 |

**NON CHAPTER CAR EVENTS OF INTEREST**

**JANUARY 18 MIDWEEK MOTORHEAD MEETUP**

The Kaiser Frazer Owners Club Desert Region invites orphan car club members and other classic car owners to participate in a new cruise-in the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the fall, winter and spring at the Arizona Golf Resort (AZGR), 424 S. Power Rd., Mesa (Power & Broadway Rds.) from 3pm to 7pm. Fire pits, popcorn and hot chocolate, raffle drawings and DJ Music. AZGR will sell food.

For additional information contact Greg Jessen at greg@legacycarshows.com or 602-312-3394.

**FEBRUARY 11 SUN CITY WEST CAR SHOW**

An all makes and models Car Show hosted by ARC of Sun City West will be held from 8am to 3pm at RH Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 RH Johnson Blvd, Sun City West. A Swap Meet will be held in conjunction with the car show. Entry fee is \$25 in advance for car show or swap meet space. Contact Gary at arcofscw@gmail.com or 219-776-357 for more information and registration or visit ARC at arcofscw.com

**FEBRUARY 18 2023 SPRING CAR SHOW**

Streetside Classics hosts its Spring Car Show to benefit the United Food Bank on Saturday, February 18 from 9am to 1pm at 614 E. Auto Center Dr. Suite 1010, Mesa (off Mesa Dr. & US 60, just east of Larry Miller Ford. Participants should be on-site no later than 9:00 am. Judging begins at 10:00 am and closes at 12:00 pm. Awards will be presented at 12:30 pm. Categories are: - Most Radical - Best Original Build - Best Modified - Best Truck - Best in Show. There is no entry fee; please bring canned food donations for the food bank.

Streetside will be holding two competitions for the car clubs who participate and will award a cash prize if the club has the largest car club member turn-out. Individual members who register before the event will receive extra raffle tickets. Clubs and members can register online at <https://springcarshow2023.eventbrite.com> before Feb. 6 to allow Streetside determine space needed for the club.

**FAREWELL, AVX**

After years of driving their AVX around Arizona and the Southwest, **Dale and Norma Sexton** have sold the car to the Raymond Loewy estate which plans to display it at events around the country. Their AVX was number one of three AvantiEXperimental vehicles built by Jim Bunting and they enjoyed driving and showing it very much. Local Avanti and Studebaker fans will miss seeing the Sextons in their special car.

Jim Bunting is now proposing to build a battery powered Avanti, the Avanti E-Elettrico.

**CELEBRATE!**

**January Birthdays**



- |    |                 |    |                |
|----|-----------------|----|----------------|
| 1  | Delores Shurtz  | 16 | Lenny Olsen    |
| 3  | Phyllis Setaro  | 20 | Garry Klinger  |
| 4  | Adam DeRosa     | 23 | Carol Westfall |
| 5  | Michelle DeRosa | 25 | Roy Cirincione |
| 5  | Nora Gooch      | 28 | John Akins     |
| 6  | Lenka Hospodka  | 28 | Bill Simmons   |
| 7  | Frank van Doorn | 29 | Carol Thompson |
| 12 | Judy Barker     | 30 | Evelyn Verrill |
| 12 | Hugh McDowell   | 31 | Sherry Watson  |

**January Anniversaries**

- |    |                             |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Doug & Bobbi Nall           |
| 5  | Tim & Joen Painter          |
| 8  | Charley & Judy Haverstick   |
| 12 | Jim & Kimberly McDonald     |
| 19 | Ed & Linda Smith            |
| 25 | Fred & Nora Gooch           |
| 28 | Rosalie Torske & Jim Nereau |
| 31 | Chris & Rachel Eastburn     |



**Children's Birthdays**

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 13 | Gwen Eastburn<br>(daughter of Will & Maryanne) |
|----|--|

*Thoughts and Well Wishes to*

Chester Bradfield  
Jim Nereau  
Rosalie Torske

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

Hi Chris,

It was nice to meet you yesterday... I had a great time, the food was superb and I got to chat with a lot of awesome people. The venue was so impressive and fun to explore.

Unfortunately my truck ended up arriving home on a stretcher. I only made it to Black Canyon before I realized that we (my Transtar and I) weren't going to make it much further.

Thank goodness for AAA, they sent a truck out and got us home safely, albeit around 8:30 p.m.. I suspect the issue was due to a load of bad gas, but that's yet to be determined.

Other than that it was a wonderful day with wonderful people.

Thanks to you and the whole group, your efforts are very much appreciated!

John Stearn Chino Valley

## STUDEBAKER CARS FOR SALE

**1964 Daytona Hardtop.** On frame restoration, 289 bored .30 over, half dished pistons, R2 rebuilt heads with stainless valves, R3 headers, new Edelbrock carb 650, electronic ignition, new vintage air/heat, radio converted to am/fm, rebuilt 700r, TT 3:73, 3 core aluminum radiator with shroud, disc & drum brakes, rebuilt front end & steering box, new front springs & re-arched rear with added leaf, heavy duty sway bars front & rear, Erb cam & rebuilt supercharger, R2 water pump, fuel pump plus and electric fuel pump, exhaust system, redone interior and paint. Less than 1200 miles. Built to be a driver but wouldn't take much to be show. \$27,500. Walt 602-885-2216 (1)



**1955 Champion Deluxe** 2 door. Black and Grey metallic, 350 crate SBC, 700R4 automatic, Ford rear end, 12 volt conversion, Vintage Air A/C, Classic instruments, QA-1 performance rear suspension, tinted windows. \$19,000 Don Aden 602-762-0009 parkadenwine6@gmail.com More pictures on myrideisme.com - look for DonandVicky or 1955 Studebaker. (0)

**1964 Gran Turismo Hawk.** Strato Blue with White Vinyl Sports Roof. Blue Vinyl Interior with A/C PS TT Power Shift AT. 74,760 miles. Final Assembly date on production order is 12/17/63 and sold 1/3/64 in Coral Gables. Florida. From estate it needs some storage related tinkering. \$19,750 or BO or trade for an equally nice 1941 Champion Double Dater. Bruce Sandburg, Benson 520-586-9173 (0)



More ads on page 11.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION .....

### CLEANING THE DISTRIBUTOR By Tony Ulrich



If you are tackling a tune-up, I would suggest that before you attempt to replace the points and condenser, that you first remove the distributor. Just remember where the rotor was pointing before you remove the distributor. As you pull the distributor up you will be able to reinsert the distributor without any problems. Just remember to reset the timing after reinstalling the distributor.

Why do I recommend you pull the distributor during a tune-up? So you can remove the points plate, clean, inspect and lubricate the centrifugal advance weights, check the vacuum advance and generally clean up everything in the distributor. This job is really difficult with the distributor in the engine. I have tuned up many Studebakers and am always amazed when I open up the distributor. Most distributors have not been removed since the car was new. The advance weights are normally extremely worn at their pivot points. The pivot holes are normally egg shaped and the weights are cocked off at an angle. These weights are not advancing properly if they are advancing at all. In the majority of cases, they need to be replaced. When the advance weights are functioning properly, the engine is not running at peak efficiency, thereby wasting your gasoline. It's a simple job to replace the advance weights. Carefully remove the advance springs, place a dab of grease on the pivot stud, install the new weights, and replace the advance springs.



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# THE CIGARETTE (CIGAR) LIGHTER IN AUTOMOTIBLES: A SHORT HISTORY

By Dan Kuhl

Earlier this year on April 28, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced a new product standard that would prohibit menthol in cigarettes, like KOOL, and all flavoring in cigars. With smoking back in the limelight it is fitting to broach the cigarette (cigar) lighter in automobiles.

Back in the day when I was a youth I traveled with my parents who were both smokers. On occasion I would hunt fox with my father during the cold and snowing winter months.

Sitting in the car waiting for the hounds to pickup the fox scent, I suffered through the secondhand smoke. On the frequent trips to the grocery store, I would tag along to the Super Value and some times Red Owl Store and wait for my mother to finish her shopping while I inhaled my father's cigarette smoke. He was really into smoking. He even rolled his own with papers and a can of Prince Albert tobacco. This stuff was everywhere! Oh, how I hated cleaning

the ash out of the car after several days of smoking that stuff. Ashes coated the seats and carpeting while the smoke residue coated the glass and headliner with a film. It was a dirty unhealthy habit for everyone involved.

In 1921 the Connecticut Automotive Specialties Company (CASCO) was founded in Bridgeport, Conn. By 1926 the company was producing a pocket lighter and in 1928 came out with an automobile cigar lighter with a cord and reel. By the late 1920s most car manufacturers were offering cigar lighters as an accessory. According to Richard Quinn, Studebaker first offered a cigar lighter in 1931. They would be offered by Studebaker until the company ceased manufacturing cars in 1966.



The ashtray and cigarette lighters were popular in cars of the 50s and 60s, and became a staple, even in the back seat, for years after that. It wasn't until the '90s that automakers started phasing them out amazingly, 30 years after the federal government announced that smoking caused lung cancer. Of course, with this change the price of a pack of cigarettes went up until today you will pay between \$6 and \$12, depending on which state you reside in. Additionally, the cell phone and computer were here to stay and it was apparent the cars needed a receptacle to charge the batteries associated with our new-found electronic toys. Today, a car is not cool if it does not have at least a couple of USB ports. Next week my Studebaker will get a set, Sirius radio and Bluetooth.

Reference: The Web

## GCSC THROUGH THE YEARS - FIFTY YEARS 1972-2022

By Peggy and Michell Eastburn

In addition to the members who celebrated 50 years in the Grand Canyon State Chapter, some Studebakers have also been in the Chapter for 50 years. They include the following.

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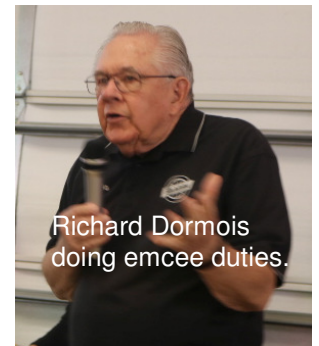
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