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From the Editor's Pen

SDC members are receiving an email inviting them to join **GroupWorks** and if you didn't see the write up about this program in the February *Turning Wheels* you may wonder what it is. GroupWorks is a program for SDC members only to improve communication within the club although participation is optional. Currently those enrolled would have received emails about upcoming events in Studedom, a scam alert from a members, passings, Studes for sale and chat. If this new tool interests you be sure to watch for your invitation.

Larry Michael, an SDC member helping out with the GroupWorks roll-out, sent the following message about the program: "I am writing this to say that I believe SDC GroupWorks is a great initiative and will only help SDC become an even better organization! Any sizeable organization struggles to find a way to quickly and effectively communicate with its members. This initiative provides SDC and its members that important communication system."

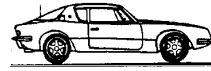
If you have questions, you can reach out to Cindy Sale, the SDC GroupWorks administrator, at cynthiasale525@gmail.com You can also view a Q & A session at <https://youtu.be/AflUo3TPI8o>

I am seeking a 2019 GCS Chapter calendar and if you have one you can part with, please let me know.

Thank you to all who have renewed their 2023 Chapter dues and thanks to Peggy Eastburn for assisting with reminding members whose dues were due.

Thank you to this month's contributors: Michell Eastburn, Peggy Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Dave McMahan, Pete Rutledge, Warren Webb, Kerry Jackson and belatedly, for a March submission, Scott Grainger.

Keep the Studes rolling. 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 2024. 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

*Oh, how fresh the wind is blowing!
See! The sky is bright and clear,
Oh, how green the grass is growing!
April! April! Are you here?*

- Dora R. Goodale



With nearly 30 Studebakers and other classics and well over 75 people, the All Studebaker Gathering March Madness event went off without a hitch. March Madness would not have been a huge success without everyone that participated; thank you members for making this event an awesome one. Additionally, the board would like to recognize a few outstanding helpers that without them the event would not have gone as flawless: Thank you to the Arizona Avanti Owners Association (AAOI) group and several members from our sister Chapter (Southern Arizona) for attending and supporting our March Madness event. A number of members went home with trophies; thank you to all those that sponsored a trophy and congrats to those that added to their trophy collection.

For those who didn't know, I recently acquired a new Studebaker, a 1965 Commander named Arnie (named Arnie as its previous owner is Arnold Studebaker, who is one of the GCSC SDC founding members and the Chapters 1st Chaplain). Arnie has made an appearance at several Chapter events and local car shows the past few months. "O, Canada."

Please plan on joining us this month for our 'Bring Your Own Lunch' (BYOL) picnic at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park with your Studebaker family and friends. We have a Ramada reserved and will be having a short general meeting and the chance to win a driver's award.

The board is working hard to plan some cooler events for our warmer summer months and get started on planning some warmer events for our cooler fall events. If anyone has any ideas on venue locations for Drive Your Studebaker Day in September, please let a board member know.

I'd like to wish safe travels to all our seasonal members on their trips back easterly - will look forward to seeing you all in the fall.



Welcome New Member!

Robert Wagner
8116 N. 11th Place
Phoenix, AZ 85020
602-944-1239
1947 Champion SLC

Referred by Don & Sheri Engstrom

Thoughts and Well Wishes to

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bill Cervini | Richard Dormois |
| Paulette Fein | Bob Halgren |
| Jim Nereau | Rosalie Torske |
| Kent Vandenberg | Frank Wenzel |

PASSINGS

We recently learned that Chapter member **Dave Thompson** passed away this past month. With effort and ingenuity, Dave built an Avanti from what was basically a shell with lots of missing parts. Although not active the past few years, he did show his unique yellow 1963 Avanti at an occasional show.

A memorial gift will be made by the Chapter to the Studebaker National Museum.

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Long time and well-known vendor **Lionel Stone** died at his home in Bellingham, Wash. on March 16th at 92 years of age. Lionel manufactured and sold Studebaker parts from California for many years until his wife passed away in an accident on the way to an SDC meet in 2009 after which he moved to Washington to be near his daughter.

His knowledge of Studebakers will be missed.

## Thank you to all who paid their 2023 Chapter dues.

*If you have not paid your dues, please do so ASAP. Thanks.*



# ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING

By Michell Eastburn

Thank you all for coming out and enjoying our All Arizona Studebaker Gathering March Madness at South Mountain Park on Saturday, March 4th. What an awesome day with over 75 of our wonderful Studebaker Family and nearly 30 Studes and other classics. We couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather to enjoy the scenic view of South Mountain adorned with our Studebakers. Members were able to enjoy a hot dog from Az Desert Dawgs while participating in our 50/50 and can raffles and silent auction. Fun judging was also a part of the day's festivities, winners include:

Green with Envy – Jim Campbell 1963 Avanti

Heart Breaker – Fred & Diane Schlegel 1953 Commander

Most Unique - Gordon Richmond 1960 Lark VI

Oldest Stude - Kent Musgrave 1924 Light 6 EM

Longest Distance Driven in a Studebaker, sponsored by Chris Collins - Chuck Plevich 1958 Scotsman PU

Best Truck, sponsored by Richard Dormois - Buddy Wright 1953 2R5 PU

Winners of can raffle items were awarded their prizes and high bidders of silent auction items were announced.

John Kroulik had the winning 50/50 raffle ticket for \$108.00.

March Madness would not have been a huge success without everyone who participated, Thank you members for making this event an awesome one. Additionally, the board would like to recognize a few outstanding helpers that without them the event would not have gone as flawless:

- Shawn Miller, Warren Webb, Gwen Eastburn and Carl Reid for helping with set-up and break-down

- Patrick Eastburn for the use of his tables and chairs and helping with break-down

- Kolton Kroulik, and Merrell Hatton for running the can raffle and silent auction and to all the members who donated for the raffle items

- Those that participated in our fun judging

Additionally, thank you to the Arizona Avanti Owners Association for joining and contributing - always great to see some new Avantis.

Attending were John Rodhouse, 1950 Champion SLC; Chuck & Chris Collins, 1963 GT Hawk; Michell Eastburn, 1965 Commander, 1900 Goat Wagon; Bill Eastburn, 1964 Champ PU; Peggy Eastburn, 1965 Wagonaire; Don Parkey, 1960 Lark; Garry Klinger, 1952 Commander SLC; Carl & Esther Reid, daughter and grandchildren, 1963 GT Hawk; Fred & Diane Schlegel, 1953 Commander Custom; Hugh McDowell; Keith Graham; Butch Summers, 1948 Champion; Jim & Gerry Carr; Steve Mills, 1961 Hawk; John Kroulik; Claudia Robinette; Richard Dormois; Kent Musgrave, 1924 Light 6 EM; Jerry Day, 1949 Dodge Cornet; Jerry & June Kaiser; Larry Polhill; Jim Campbell, 1963 Avanti, 2007 Avanti; Russ & Sharon Ware, 1951 Land Cruiser; Brice Wills; Eric Willis & DB, 1959 Silver Hawk; Tim Phillips, 1955 Commander, Kolton Kroulik & Merrell Hatton; Jon Carter; Gordon Richmond, 1960 Lark; George Gezelius, 1951 Champion; Scott Grainger & Maria Glasspoole, 1946 M16-52 "Toto"; Larry Northington; Dale & Norma Sexton; Bruce Sandburg & Delores Shurtz;

Richard Hertline, Will & Maryanne Eastburn, Gwen & Felicia, 1960 Champ & 1951 SLC; Jim McDonald, 1951 Commander SLC; Ray Cirincione, '70's T-Bird; Ted & Jan Widhalm; Adam DeRosa, 1972 Avanti II; Mike & Violet Borens; Ed & Linda Costell; Roger & Terri Main; Chuck Plevich, 1958 Scotsman PU; Ike & Virginia Quigley; Patrick,



Fred & Diane Schlegel's 1953 Commander Custom, Don Parkey's Lark, John Rodhouse's 1951 Champion SLC

Brielle and Pat Eastburn; Shawn Miller; Warren Webb; Buddy Wright, 1953 2R5; Duane Cowan; Tory Cowan.

Vending at the event were Russ & Sharon Ware, Chuck Collins, Bill & Peggy Eastburn and John Kroulik.

*"Went there for the first time. Since I moved to Arid-zona (what a good friend calls it-like his sense of humor) I've attended the last few meets in January at the Martin Museum. This one had a great assortment of cars & a good number of parts & stuff to buy. For us up here in Yavapai county it's still well worth the 3 hour drive to attend. Thanks to all that put all their well appreciated effort in another successful Studebaker gathering!" - Warren Webb, SDC member*



# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 15**  
Saturday **MCCORMICK-STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK CHAPTER PICNIC, 7301 E. INDIAN BEND RD., SCOTTSDALE, 10AM TO 2PM. A RAMADA HAS BEEN RESERVED AND THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING. BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH. GENERAL STORE AT PARK SELLS HOT DOGS AND ICE CREAM CONES. NO ADMISSION FEE TO RAILROAD MUSEUM OR MODEL TRAIN BUILDING. TRAIN AND CAROUSEL RIDES ARE \$3. SEE PAGE 6 FOR ADDITIONAL INFO. VISIT PARK AT <https://www.therailroadpark.com/> OR CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)**
- APRIL 16**  
Sunday **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.**
- APRIL 23**  
Sunday CLASSIC STUDEBAKER CAR SHOW HOSTED BY LOS ANGELES CHAPTER AT BOB'S BIG BOY, 8876 CORBIN AVE., NORTHRIDGE, CALIF FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM. \$20 EACH FOR PRE-REGISTERED CAR SHOW ENTRY OR VENDOR SPACE. \$25 DAY OF SHOW. REGISTRATION FORM AT [www.studebakersla.com](http://www.studebakersla.com) OR PAGE 14. INFO: 818-398-6055
- MAY 6**  
Saturday **CHAPTER GATHERING AT WALLY BURGER, 10222 N. 4RD AVE #7, PEORIA (SW CORNER OF PEORIA & 43RD AVES.) AT 11:00 AM. JOIN YOUR CHAPTER FRIENDS FOR GREAT BURGERS, GYROS AND OTHER YUMMY FOOD AT REASONABLE PRICES IN A UNIQUE VENUE FEATURING A SUPER HERO THEME. DRIVE YOUR STUDE FOR CAR SHOW IN PARKING LOT. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)**
- MAY 28**  
Sunday 49TH ANNUAL LA PALMA CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET AT LA PALMA PARK, 1125 N. LA PALMA PKWY., ANAHEIM, CALIF. 8AM TO 3PM \$25 ENTRY FOR DISPLAY CAR, \$30 IF JUDGED. SWAP SPACE, \$25. REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 15. FOR MORE INFO VISIT <http://studebakersocal.com/> OR CONTACT DAN AT 818-558-1791
- JULY 9TH**  
Sunday **CHAPTER MEETS AT ORGAN STOP PIZZA, 1149 E. SOUTHERN AVE., MESA (SW CORNER OF STAPLEY DR. & SOUTHERN AVE.) FOR PIZZA AND MUSIC FEATURING THE MIGHTY WURLITZER PIPE ORGAN. ARRIVE AT 4:00 PM TO GATHER AND ORDER PIZZA. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)**
- SEPTEMBER 9**  
Saturday **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR AN ACTIVITY ARE WELCOME. CONTACT PEGGY AT [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) / 623-936-6116**
- SEPTEMBER 12-16** INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY THE WISCONSIN REGION CHAPTER IN MANITOWOC, WIS. SEE REGISTRATION FORM AND SCHEDULE 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.*

**MIDWEEK MOTORHEAD MEETUP** - The Kaiser Frazer Owners Club - Desert Region invites orphan car club members and other classic car owners to participate in a cruise-in on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Arizona Golf Resort, 424 S. Power Rd., Mesa (Power & Broadway Rds.) from 3pm to 7pm. Fire pits, popcorn and hot chocolate, raffle drawings and DJ music. The Resort sells food, too. For more information contact Greg Jessen at 602-312-3394 or [greg@MidweekMotorheadMeetups.com](mailto:greg@MidweekMotorheadMeetups.com)

**CAFFEINE & CHROME:** Gateway Classics, 23305 N. 23rd Ave, Phoenix. 9am-12pm every Saturday of month.

**CAFFEINE & CLASSICS:** Streetside Classics, 614 E. Auto Center Dr., Suite 101, Mesa. 9am-12pm last Saturday. Both feature free admission to showroom, coffee, pastries and music.

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENT

**When: Saturday, April 15, 2023**  
**Time: 10am-2pm**  
**Location: McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250 (Scottsdale Rd. and Indian Bend Rd.) at Prentice Ramada**

Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL) picnic at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park with your Studebaker family and friends. The McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park is operated by the city of Scottsdale's Parks & Recreation Department. The 30 acre park, located in the heart of Scottsdale, Arizona, is the most unique park of its kind in the country. Take a ride on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad and the 1950-vintage Allan Herschell carousel. Be sure to visit a variety of shops and museums while there.

After our picnic you can head east on Indian Bend Rd. to the Pavilions for the Saturday night cruise-in at McDonald's.



We have Prentice Ramada reserved and will be having a short general meeting. Contact Peggy Eastburn at 623-936-6116 / [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

Visit the venue website for more details: <https://www.therailroadpark.com/>

# April 2023

| Sun                                         | Mon | Tue        | Wed                                 | Thu                     | Fri          | Sat                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Questions?<br>Call Chris at<br>602-995-2146 |     |            |                                     |                         |              | 1 April Fool's Day    |
| 2 Palm Sunday                               | 3   | 4          | 5 Passover Begins                   | 6                       | 7            | 8                     |
| 9                                           | 10  | 11         | 12                                  | 13 Last day of Passover | 14           | 15 Picnic at the Park |
| 16                                          | 17  | 18 Tax Day | 19                                  | 20                      | 21           | 22 Earth Day          |
| 23                                          | 24  | 25         | 26 1962 Avanti introduced to public | 27                      | 28 Arbor Day | 29                    |
| 30                                          |     |            |                                     |                         |              |                       |

### TOUR OF PRIVATE CAR COLLECTION

At the invitation of Paul Miller, a group of Chapter members and friends of Paul's visited Alan Travis and his Vintage Car Collection in Scottsdale on Friday, March 10th. At 10 am, everyone gathered in the garage after first passing the newest vehicle in his collection, a very nice



1931 President Roadster. (Equally impressive is the saguaro residing on the other side of the wall.)

After a look around Alan's workshop, the group was treated to Alan's narrative about his collection, how it came to be, his fastidious restoration of many of the vehicles, the history of each car and tales of his exploits driving and showing the vehicles.

Alan's collection is comprised mainly of pre-1916 vehicles and includes a 1898 Jeanperrin Voiterette Vis-a-vis. Many are American made



but the majority of the collection are French made cars such as the 1907 Renault in the picture at the left which can achieve a speed of 85 mph.

Please note the bicycles on the wall of which there are many in his collection as well as motorcycles of the era.

Enjoying this amazing collection and Alan's hospitality were

Paul Miller and Camille Miles and many friends, Ed and Linda Costell, Linda's sister Molly and husband, Chuck and Chris Collins and friends from the North Star Chapter, Kelly Jackson, Greg Jackson and family members.

A big **Thank You to Paul Miller** for arranging the visit. It was a pleasure to see the cars and hear Alan talk about them.

### ASC SPRING MEET

The annual SoCal Chapter, Antique Studebaker Club Spring Meet was held March 23-25 in Palm Springs with Frank Wenzel and Kent Vandenberg once again hosting the activities. In addition to the meet and greets and meals at their home, a tour to a interesting and unique car and memorabilia collection was provided on Friday and a Palm Springs tour/rally was held on Saturday.

GCSC Chapter members attending, in addition to our hosts, were Ed & Linda Smith, John & Marilyn Cornfoot and Chuck & Chris Collins.

## CELEBRATE!

### April Birthdays



- |    |                 |    |                   |
|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Ruth Cushing    | 19 | Jerry Kaiser      |
| 5  | Karen Mensing   | 20 | Carol Aden        |
| 5  | Louise Stanford | 25 | Chris Eastburn    |
| 7  | Frank Levin     | 25 | Bobbi Nall        |
| 11 | Dale Sexton     | 26 | Linda Costell     |
| 12 | Deanna Manley   | 27 | Chester Bradfield |
| 13 | Don Aden        | 29 | Judy Stout        |
| 16 | Tim Painter     |    |                   |

### April Anniversary

- |    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 8  | Steve & Paulette Fein   |
| 10 | Carl & Esther Reid      |
| 12 | Bill & Peggy Eastburn   |
| 19 | Kevin & Anita MacFadden |
| 25 | Pete & Karen Mensing    |



### Children's Birthdays

- |    |                                              |
|----|----------------------------------------------|
| 29 | Ainsley Rodhouse<br>(daughter of John & Kim) |
|----|----------------------------------------------|

## This N That

Attending the Catch-A-Wave Car Show at Kiwanis Park, Tempe on March 18th was **John Rodhouse**. John drove his Porsche and said there were no Studebakers in the show.

Congratulations to **Richard Dormois** on his promotion to Sergeant in the Salvation Army. He will be sworn into his post on Easter Sunday.

Farewell wishes to **John L. Lewis**, a Tucson resident and GCSC and SAC member who is moving to Sioux Falls, SD soon. He plans to remain a member of our chapters but we will miss seeing him at events. We hope you enjoy your new home.



Frank Wenzel's Pierce Arrow at Manhattan in the Desert Deli, Palm Springs



# LIFT FOR A STUDEBAKER

by David McMahon, Ohio Region SDC

For anyone in the club who frequently attends Studebaker related swap meets, seeing an old-style script Studebaker jack for sale is not uncommon. Now the majority of Studebaker owners really have no need for this type of jack since they date back to a period sometime in the teens or twenties. But since the Studebaker bug is so strong for many members, owning one just as a conversation piece for one's collection happens quite often.

Beyond the fact of their Studebaker connection, what attracts me to these jacks is the fact that the company that made them, The Buckeye Jack Company, was located here in Alliance, Ohio. If you're a serious collector of these jacks like some members like myself are, then you are aware of the fact that Studebaker was not their only customer for this type of jack. The jacks were designed with an ingenious feature so that the front nameplate was a separate piece of metal. When Buckeye secured another customer for their jacks, a simple screw on plate changed the jack to whomever the company was.

The one company that readily comes to mind for us is Packard. In some cases, a Studebaker collector might find the need to add a Packard jack to their collection. And there were more car companies beside these two. My first Buckeye Jack was one for Cadillac that I found many years ago at a local estate auction. Now with the internet and companies like eBay, adding a Buckeye Jack to one's collection can be done with just a click of a mouse.

Because of their Cleveland connection and the fact that they were one of the trio of early luxury cars makers known as the "3 P's", (Packard Peerless Pierce Arrow) I someday would like to add a Peerless jack to my collection.

Buckeye's offerings of jacks spanned a size range from smaller ones than the Studebaker size that we are familiar with, up to rather large and heavy ones for railroad use. I am lucky enough to have a full range of their jacks. In most but no all cases, the mechanical design of the jacks are very similar across the size ranges.

The Buckeye Jack Company has one more very significant connection for me that is a personal one. From what I have researched about my family tree on my dad's side, when my Grandparents first moved to the Alliance area in the early to mid-teens, I believe that my Grandfather's first job in Alliance was at Buckeye Jack. I don't know if it was that specific job that brought them to the Alliance area, or if it was just the first place that hired him. My father was born in 1917 not over a mile from their plant. That plant building is still standing alongside the railroad tracks on the north edge of Alliance.

It is interesting to think that Studebaker, as the manufacture of moderately priced vehicles, provided a jack to their customers that was the same as were the ones provided to luxury car owners like Cadillac, Packard, and Peerless, when you consider that those cars cost many thousands of dollars more. I guess it could fall under the slogan of "Give More Than You Promise".



## RETRO HALIBRAND WHEELS by Pete Rutledge, Newsletter editor, Potomac Chapter

If any of you have been looking high and low for the reproduction Halibrand wheels of the type that were a dealer-installed option on Studebakers in the 1963-64 timeframe, which were previously available from Real Rodders Wheels in CA, they are available again, at long last, after having been sold out and unavailable for at least 4 years. My set of four wheels and spinners is arriving next week and I'm excited.

If you wish to order, the wheels are \$369 each (\$1,476 for a set of 4); a set of 4 matching reproduction Halibrand spinners is \$275.

To order, call Pat O'Brien at Real Rodders Wheels, at 805-402-2212.

<http://realrodders.com/product-category/aluminum/halibrand/>



I am only providing this heads-up as a courtesy to chapter members. I have nothing to gain by promoting these wheels.

## “E” IS FOR EXCELLENCE AND EDUCATION ON THE RADIO

By Dan Kuhl

Studebaker is very famous for their saying: “Always Give a Little More Than You Promise”. Nothing demonstrates this more than the award they won in support of their WWII efforts. Studebaker was given the coveted Army-Navy “E” award for excellence in meeting production and quality goals. (Note: there was no Air Force until 1947.)

Their participation started before the US entered the war after Pearl Harbor. In the late 30s Studebaker was already supplying K-Series trucks to European countries who were preparing to battle the onslaught of Nazism. These “Army Trucks”, as they were affectionately called, were so popular that Stalin copied them in the factories of Russia. And with the new Champion automobile, brought the most profit to the Studebaker corporation since 1929. The importance of this truck is also exemplified in its use in completing a major homeland security project, the building of the Alaskan Highway.

The list of contributions to the war effort goes on. Studebaker’s Weasel is famous for its ability to take soldiers into inaccessible war zones because of its tracked propulsion and later for its use in amphibious situation and, of course, its reliable Champion engine.

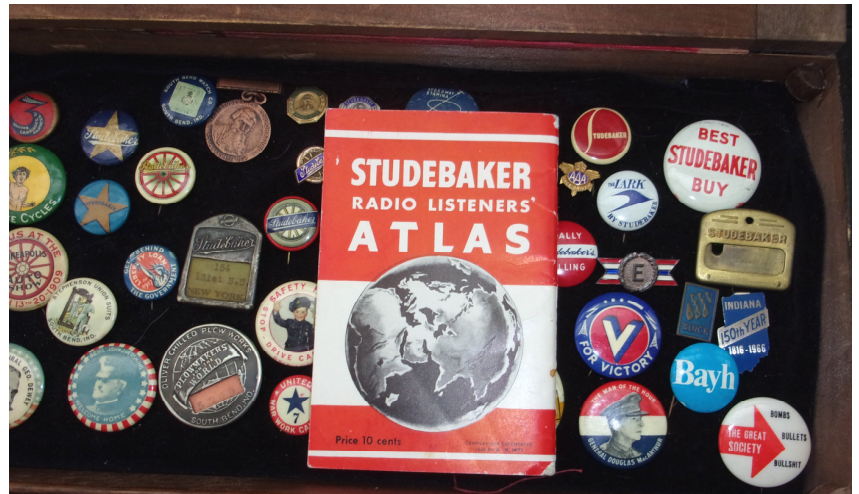
In the late 20s Studebaker built a test track west of South Bend. It was the first of its kind in all of automotive manufacturing. This track, with “Studebaker” spelled out using large pine trees that could be seen when flying overhead, was made available to all of the corporations developing vehicles for the war effort. Also, Studebaker assembled the Lockheed PV-1 medium twin engine bomber that the Navy used to menace Hitler’s u-boat fleet.

The Studebaker war project that garnishes the most notoriety was the Wright Cyclone R-1820 aircraft engine that powered the B-17 Flying Fortress. The Cyclone engine was introduced in 1931. Constantly upgraded, it possessed 575 horsepower in 1820 cubic inches.

In 1942 Studebaker issued a radio listener’s atlas that sold for 10 cents. In the back of the atlas was an ad for the Cyclone engine previously mentioned, and in the front was this statement: “The Roadways of the World are Worn Deep with Studebaker Wheel Marks”. Many companies issued these atlases to help families follow the war effort on the radio and locate where family member’s station during the war. Your author recently watched a 1949 movie, *The Big Wheel*, starring Mickey Rooney, in which he plays a race car driver whose mother invites a friend into her home parlor to listen to the radio - no TV yet!

Besides making me think about the importance of the radio in 1949, the lack of seatbelts and race car drivers driving in street clothes caught my attention. There were at least four racing accidents in the movie demonstrating how the drivers escaped the race car after the crash, and one where the driver was trapped and burned in the crash. They believed until 1956 that cars were safer without seat belts/harness so the driver could escape the too often fiery crashes. In 1956 Ray Crawford walked away from a head-on Indianapolis 500 crash after wearing a seat belt/harness (Note: Studebaker made seat belts available in the their vehicles in 1956). This incident changed the no-seat belt standard. It should also be noted that a racing suit was not used until the late 50’s and these suits did not contain a fire retardant until the mid 60’s. In closing, if you are thinking of watching this movie there are many old cars of the 40’s and great historical photos of the Brickyard to enjoy.

(Notes : The Indiana Historical Society indicated that there was no crash fire suppression equipment available in 1949. There was a first aid station, however. The Track and the museum at the Indianapolis 500 facility were also contacted. Neither knew of any fire fighting equipment in 1949. The photo of the “E” pin and radio atlas are part of my collection.)



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